

**East Pikeland Township  
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

**June 18, 2020**

**Minutes**

Present: Andrew Batten, Al Koons, Bruce Wunderley, Sean McShane, Joanne Jones, Jerry Miller & Heidi Ferry

Staff: Michelle Rubin & Kim Moretti

Guests: 15 participants on Zoom

Chairman Jerry Miller called the meeting to order at 7pm. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the June monthly meeting was duly advertised and held electronically through the Zoom application via telephone and the internet.

Al Koons motioned, seconded by Bruce Wunderley to approve the May meeting minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously without changes.

**New Business**

1. Yoga in the Park
  - Michelle reported that Yoga in the Park began June 10 with a max of 25 participants with social distancing. The activity has been a success so far, with a full group each time. Yoga is held Wednesdays at 6pm at the Kimberton Park Amphitheater.
2. Drive-In Movie, 6/19
  - The Drive in Movie is planned for the Shoppes at Valley Forge on Friday, June 19. Cars will arrive at 7pm, The Goonies will start around dusk. Michelle reminded the Board that if there's a chance of storms the event will be cancelled, she will try to make the call by 4pm. There are over 4,000 people interested on Facebook, so the event was transitioned to an online ticketing system in order to limit the number to 100 cars, with a few spots for sitting as well. Volunteers are needed from 6:30pm-8pm for parking help. Heidi, Andrew, Bruce, and Jerry are available.
  - Kimberton Fire Company will not hold a drive in movie.
3. Re-opening Updates
  - The Township is following state guidelines for opening recreational facilities, Michelle sent a chart to the Board which details openings in each phase. In the Green Phase all Kimberton Park courts, the playground, and bathrooms would re-open. She also informed the Board the KYAL has been given Chester County Health Department approval to practice in the Yellow Phase with limitations.
  - Large events in the Green Phase will allow for a max of 250 people.

**Old Business**

1. Kimberton Park & French Creek Trail Maintenance
  - Michelle reported that in the Yellow Phase, the Township has been able to re-open the tennis court at Kimberton Park. Trails at the Park and the French Creek Trail have also been open since the beginning of the shutdown.

- Al reported that a few trees along the trail are down from the storm, Public Works will address them.
  - Michelle reported that there will be a joint subcommittee with the Open Space Committee to discuss trails and to make changes to the existing township-wide trail map. She will update the committee when more information is available.
2. Hidden River Park & Preserve Updates
- Michelle shared the results of the archaeological study with the Board—over 400 artifacts were found, some of them prehistoric. This means that there are areas of the property that cannot be disturbed, the Steering Committee and Township Planner will work to create a plan around these new limitations.
  - Once the Master Plan is complete we will hold a public meeting for public comment.
3. Scavenger Hunt
- Heidi submitted a few ideas after last month’s meeting and Michelle found the scavenger hunt from the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A mini-committee was organized to create a few fun scavenger hunts for area residents. Heidi, Joanne, and Bruce were interested in working with Michelle on this project. Themes will involve Township history, nature, etc. and be for people of all ages. Michelle will put Heidi in touch with a member of the Historical Commission for more historic details.
4. Ridge Rd. Park Update
- Michelle reported that she created tabs on the website about the proposed park with the purpose of sharing information with the public. The Board discussed their desire to hold an in-person public comment meeting, but an online meeting may still be necessary depending on COVID. The committee even discussed the possibility of doing an outdoor meeting to make it safer. All options will be considered. The fall newsletter comes out on September 22, in order to advertise the public meeting as widely as possible the Board would like it included in the newsletter. This means the meeting itself would be at the end of September or early October with the backup of a virtual meeting.
  - Michelle also reported that the Township received a copy of a petition by residents to DCNR and DCED to deny our grant applications on the grounds that we were unable to get public feedback before submitting the applications. 94 residents signed the petition. Michelle did inform the contact at DCNR in advance, and will keep the Board informed if she hears anything from DCNR and DCED.
5. 2020 Events
- After discussion the Board decided to cancel all June and July events at the Park and will also not be allowing amphitheater rentals until August. They would like to move forward with August, September, and October events with social distancing and under 250 people.
    - Al suggested a ticket system for any events to limit the number of people, Michelle will look into this.
    - No food will be served at the snack bar, will encourage people to bring their own. Restrooms will be open.
    - Michelle will work to determine how many 6ft boxes the area in front of the amphitheater can hold in order to ensure that we can fit 250 people with social distancing. The boxes for one person would be 36sq. ft. or 6x6.
    - Michelle informed the Board that all 2020 Event Sponsors have been contacted and all were comfortable with redirecting their funds to other township events.
  - August Summer Concert Series, 8/20—Will go on with confirmation from the band
  - Children’s Theater—Board would like to reschedule for a Saturday in September or October. Michelle will discuss with the theater company

- Date Night Movie Night, 8/29—scheduled as planned
- Kimberton Arts & Music Festival, 9/26: The Board has decided to cancel the event this year due to budget restrictions.
- Family Movie Night, 10/3—currently scheduled as planned
- Moon Walk, 10/30—currently scheduled as planned
- Trail Clean Up, 11/7—currently scheduled as planned

### **Public Comment**

- Richard Fried (resident) asked if the Board should discuss Kimberton Art Alliance's interest in amphitheater rentals. Michelle informed him that the Board has ok-ed rentals to start in August, all specific rental queries should be directed to Township staff.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

The next Park & Recreation meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2020.