

**East Pikeland Township
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

May 19, 2022

Minutes

Present: Al Koons, Lindsey Parsons, Andrew Batten, Bruce Wunderley, and Heidi Ferry

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Guests: Don Szabo, Alex Neff, Jeff Wallin, Margaret Hodgkiss-Lilly, & Lisa Vorel

Al Koons called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Lindsey motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Seconded by Andrew, unanimously approved.

Andrew motioned to approve the April meeting minutes. Lindsey seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business

1. June Meeting
 - The Board discussed a new meeting date for June. June 8th was tentatively selected and would be confirmed via email.
2. Volunteer Appointment
 - Andrew made a motion to recommend Alex Neff and Jeff Wallin be appointed to the Park and Recreation Board. Lindsey seconded, approved unanimously.
3. Open Space Celebration
 - Michelle invited the committee to attend the Open Space Celebration event in Kimberton Park on Saturday, June 25 at 6:30pm. The Open Space Committee requested that the Park & Recreation Board have a table at the event to share information with the community. Michelle specifically requested that the Park and Recreation Board have a kid's activity available as well. Lindsey and Al are available to attend. The Board will discuss the plan for the table at the next meeting.
4. Thank you to Volunteers
 - The Board discussed different ideas to thank volunteers for participating in work events. Bruce suggested that the Board reach out to local businesses for coupons. Michelle reminded the Board that in the past they had discussed doing an end of the year celebration for volunteers as well. This topic will continue to be discussed.
5. Trail Subcommittee
 - Michelle asked the Board to consider whether they would want to be part of a trail subcommittee made up of Open Space, Planning Commission, and Park & Recreation Board members. Members will be selected once there is a full committee. Bruce gave an update on the Phoenixville Regional Planning Commission trail committee progress.

New Business

1. Kimberton Park & French Creek Trail Maintenance Updates
 - French Creek Trail: Improvements will be made to the wet portions of the trail in the summer if weather permits.
 - Kimberton Park: Still need to fix the light down by the amphitheater, Matt will be working on park landscaping and mulching the playground in the next few weeks.
 - Kimberton Park Tennis Court—Mick Ferry is working on a quote for patching services which will be sent to Michelle.
2. Hidden River Development Update
 - Michelle reported that she is working with an architect to solidify ideas for the farmstead area. A new survey was completed of the farmstead area that will inform new ideas for layout of facilities that better fit the space and provide room for traffic flow.
3. Woodbridge Trail Development Update
 - A little clearing still needs to happen to finish the new trail. Once it is complete, a date will be scheduled to walk the trail with the neighbors. Michelle reported that the mountain bike event may have to be cancelled for August because no progress has been made on creating the course at this time. She also mentioned that either the walking path or eventual mountain bike trail would be named after past Park and Recreation Board member, Sean McShane.
4. French Creek Trail Cribbed Step Building
 - Al reported that the two workdays have been very successful, especially due to the pre-planning and cutting. June 11 is the next workday; the project should be completed then.
5. 2022 Events
 - Food trucks: Michelle reported that Gourmet Jerk Shack will be attending the July Summer Concert Series and the Kimberton Art & Music Festival. Lindsey reached out to Frozen Island about being the dessert truck at the Festival and is waiting for confirmation.
 - Hidden River Tree Planting Recap – Al Koons summarized the event, which was a success with over 60 volunteers in attendance. All trees and shrubs were planted, but not all were sheltered, so a group of volunteers finished that portion during the week. The Board discussed some improvements for the future including starting earlier, getting lunch for volunteers if the event would go over into lunchtime, doing more pre-staging, and streamlining the process by having people do the same tasks. Many agreed that while the information section was long it was also necessary.
 - Yoga in the Park – The Board discussed the fee being charged for Yoga in the Park. The instructor recently increased the fee to \$15. The Board did not like the increase in fee and would like it to go back to \$10. They also asked Michelle to determine how much it would cost to pay the instructors weekly and have it be free for attendees.
 - Kimberton Park Planting 5/28 – Love Your Park Day. New native landscaping will be added as well as a memorial section for fallen veterans. Members of the Phoenixville VFW will be in attendance for the dedication.
 - Summer Concert Series 1, 6/16 – Musician Impossible and Spuds food truck will be in attendance. Bruce, Heidi, and Al have volunteered to run the event.

Public Comment:

Lisa Vorel asked for an update on Ridge Road Park. Michelle replied that there was not update as they were waiting to hear back about permitting. Lisa reiterated that she is representing people who protest the location of the dog park at Ridge Road Park. Al asked Lisa how she communicates with the people she claims to represent; she communicates with them via email. Lisa also commented that she likes the promotions the Township is doing for events and volunteer opportunities.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.