

**East Pikeland Township  
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

**January 21, 2021**

**Minutes**

Present: Al Koons, Bruce Wunderley, Heidi Ferry, Joanne Jones & Sean McShane

Absent: Andrew Batten

Guests: Ron Graham, Lindsey Parsons, Lisa Vorel, Jay, Richard, Bob Stevens, Mike Layne,

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Michelle Rubin called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the January monthly meeting was duly advertised and held electronically through the Zoom application via telephone and the internet.

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

**New Business**

1. Re-Organization

- Al Koons was elected as Chair
- Andrew Batten was elected as Vice Chair
- Joanne Jones was elected as Secretary
- Michelle reported that after 25 years of service, Jerry Miller stepped down from the Park and Recreation Board when his term expired December 31. Jerry was a member of East Pikeland's first Park and Recreation Board and played an integral role in the creation of Kimberton Park.
- The Board voted unanimously to recommend that Lindsey Parsons be appointed to the Park and Recreation Board.

2. 2021 Goals

- The Board discussed 2020 accomplishments and set 2021 goals. Main goals include making improvements to existing and new park and trail facilities, expand the trail network and connections, create a Friends of East Pikeland Parks & Trails group, increase event sponsors, put on community events for residents to enjoy, continue seeking grants for park development and improvement, work with the Open Space Committee to update the Township trail map, create a trail plan for Woodbridge, and update the Recreation Ordinance.

**Old Business**

1. Kimberton Park & French Creek Trail Maintenance

- Kimberton Park: Closed for the winter
- French Creek Trail: Still seeing a lot of use with lack of snow.

2. Woodbridge Trail Development

- Michelle has talked with surrounding homeowners about the trail plan for the property, and is also considering other stream crossing methods in order to create other trail options on the property. Michelle will contact DEP to see if there are any rules regarding stream crossings.

3. Hidden River Park & Preserve Update
  - The Township has applied for a PECO Green Region Grant and a TreeVitalize grant for a riparian revitalization project. Erosion on the riparian corridor is worsening with large chasms opening and large chunks of earth falling into the riparian area.
  - Will start applying for Park Development grants in 2021.
4. Ridge Rd. Park Update
  - Michelle has updated the Q&A document summarizing questions from all public meetings and emails and has uploaded it to the website. Plans for the park will be finalized in the coming months.
    - Al asked if Michelle had ever received feedback from the HOA about the trail connection. Michelle reported that she requested feedback from the HOA president and gave a deadline for the feedback. That deadline passed with no comments and a follow up email was not returned. As such, the trail connection will remain connected with signage as was proposed in the draft plan.
5. 2021 events
  - Spring Trail Clean Up, 3/6
    - Will start at Hares Hill Road Trail Head
  - Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt
    - Along the French Creek Trail in the week before Easter, 3/27-4/5
    - Members will brainstorm ideas for scavenger hunt items
  - Yoga in the Park, May 26-September 29
  - Summer Concert Series 1, Rolling Thunder Blues Revue, 6/17
  - Summer Concert Series 2, Chico's Vibe, 7/15
  - Puppy Yoga, July?
    - Michelle will contact a humane society and set a date
  - Children's Theater, TBD, July or August?
    - We are waiting to hear back from the theater, but will be able to set a date once we do.
  - Summer Concert Series 3, TBD, 8/19
    - Still looking for a band for the August concert, suggestions are welcome.
  - Date Night Movie Night, 8/28
  - Kimberton Art & Music Festival, 9/25
  - Family Movie Night, 10/2
  - Halloween Moonwalk, 10/22
  - Fall Trail Clean Up, 11/6
    - Will cover Rapps and Township Line Road Trail Heads

### **Public Comment**

Lisa Vorel, resident, expressed concerns about volunteer appointments and the future Ridge Road Park. She also asked for clarification about the Township and park and recreation budgets. Chair, Al Koons directed her to the Board of Supervisors for clarification.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

The next Park & Recreation meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2021.