

**East Pikeland Township
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

October 15, 2020

Minutes

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

Guests: Evan Stout, Lindsey Parsons, Jesse Parsons, Maple Parsons, Ruby Parsons, Grace Pavoni, Don Zabo, & Matthew Pavoni

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Chairman Jerry Miller called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the October monthly meeting was duly advertised and held electronically through the Zoom application via telephone and the internet.

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

New Business

1. Skate Park Proposal

- Maple Parsons, Ruby Parsons, and Grace Pavoni (township residents) gave a presentation to the Board about the benefits of skate parks and requested that the Township consider installing one at one of the park facilities in the Township. So far, the girls had received over 400 signatures in support of the facility.
 - Al Koons asked how much space a skate park needs. Jesse Parsons responded that a skate park is usually around 10,000 sq. ft. and encouraged the Board to look into an organization called the Skate Park Project which has a lot of information about how to build skate parks.
 - Andrew Batten asked where they thought the skate park should go? The girls said that they would like to see it be built at one of the new park facilities in the Township. He also asked how far away the nearest one is? Upper Providence, West Chester, and Pottstown are the nearest ones to our area.
 - The Board will keep the interest in a skate park in mind, and continue to discuss areas that this type of facility may work in our township.

2. Evan Stout – Eagle Scout Project Presentation

- Evan proposed to build a new kiosk for Kimberton Park near the pavilion for his Eagle Scout project. The kiosk currently there is old, and no longer stable. After some discussion the Board voted approved of his project unanimously, subject to approval from the Public Works Director and Township Manager.

3. 2021 Events & Budget

- The Board discussed community events and park/trail improvements for 2021. The Board determined that they would like to budget for all events in the hopes that we will be able to hold events as usual for next year. Events will include: Easter Egg Hunt, two movie nights, Summer Concert Series, Children's Theater, Kimberton Arts and Music Festival, Halloween Moonwalk, a pet-themed event, and two trail clean ups. They also discussed paring the Art & Music Festival back so it's not such

a big event with three musical acts, and a few art and food vendors. Andrew suggested that the Board look into Puppy Yoga as an event/fundraiser in the future. The Board also discussed the possibility of buying a screen to do our own movie nights. Al Koons and Bruce Wunderley both discussed looking into pricing and options.

Old Business

1. Kimberton Park & French Creek Trail Maintenance

- There has been some recent vandalism in the park, the trash cans were damaged, a swing was ripped, and the Little Library's base was broken. All items have been fixed, and new swings and chains have been ordered. Some screws were missing from the Fire Truck play equipment, and they will be replaced.
- Holes in the natural trail from Rapps Dam Bridge to the first bridge have been filled in with stone.

2. Woodbridge Trail Development

- Michelle and Al Koons have marked a trail on the Woodbridge Property for clearing. The trail will connect Kimberton Rd. to the French Creek Trail. Jerry confirmed that he has marked the property corner near the bridge. Public Works Crew members have started clearing the property of trash and will start to clear the trail. Neighboring properties on Kimber Dr. have been notified.

3. Photo Contest

- The photo contest has been released and will go until October 31. Michelle will put out another blast about it next week. The Park and Rec. Board will vote on winners at the November meeting. Two age groups: 17 and under and 18 and older. There are four categories: I Love the French Creek Trail, Furry & Feathered Friends, Seasons/Weather, and Wild & Wacky.

4. Scavenger Hunt

- Michelle has released three separate nature scavenger hunts at the Rapps Dam Rd. and Hares Hill Kiosks, as well as at Kimberton Park. They seem to be well-liked and have already need to be replenished. Michelle will continue to make sure that the boxes are filled.

5. Hidden River Park & Preserve Update

- The Master Park Plan became official at the October 6 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Now, the grant process begins. There will be a few small grants this fall, but the major ones will be in 2021.

6. Ridge Rd. Park Update

- The public comment session for the draft park plan took place October 1 online, around 50 residents participated. The presentation was put up on the website the day after the meeting and residents had one week to provide additional comments. Changes will be made to the draft plan in the coming weeks to incorporate comments where possible. Michelle is also working to create a new Q&A document summarizing questions from all public meetings and emails.

7. 2020 Events

- Yoga in the Park
 - Will be held until October 28. Still has strong numbers.
- Family Movie Night 10/3
 - Went well with around 200 people in attendance.
- Moon Walk 10/30
 - Volunteers have packed 250 goodie bags. There will be 150 Halloween flashlights for kids. Lights for the bridge have been ordered, the police will help the night of the event. We will wait and see how ticket sales go before advertising to preschools. Volunteers will be needed at 5:30pm at the latest, more info will come in the next week or so.
- Trail Clean Up, 11/7
 - Will meet at Rapps Dam Trail Head, may split up group if big enough.

Public Comment

Don Zabo, resident, commented that he's concerned about runoff on the Ridge Road Park site as well as the expense to the tax payer for the garden upkeep. He feels that Public Works and the Police are already too busy.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

The next Park & Recreation meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2020.