

**East Pikeland Township
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

February 17, 2022

Minutes

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

Staff: Kim Moretti

Guests: Margaret Hodgkiss-Lilly, Ernie Thivierge, Lisa Vorel, Don Szabo

Al Koons called the meeting to order at 7pm. He welcomed Margaret and Ernie, who have both submitted Volunteer Applications and wish to be considered to fill vacancies on the Board.

Agenda – Al moved to amend the agenda to include a report on Park & Recreation Sponsorships for 2022. All approved.

Andrew motioned to approve the January 20, 2022 meeting minutes. Lindsey seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

1. Park & Trail Maintenance Updates – Al reported that Land Steward, Matt Gisondi, is in the process of purchasing vegetation for several spring planting projects. Matt is using a GPS locator to create a trail map.
2. Woodbridge Trail Development Update
 - Matt and Al have been blazing a trail on the property.
 - Matt is clearing dead/fallen trees from the property.
 - Matt has provided a draft map of the property with potential walking trail and bike trails. Al asked the committee to review and be prepared to discuss in more detail in March. He clarified that the bike trails on the draft map were created by a local mountain biking club and that once approved the club will be responsible for building the trails.
3. French Creek Trail Cribbed Step Building
 - Cribbed steps project – April 30 and May 7 workdays are planned (9am-12noon). Matt is recruiting volunteers for 2 shifts each day.
4. 2022 Events
 - Snow Place Like the FCT – 1/22/22 – was a success with about 75 people participating, mostly children. Al acknowledged Heidi, who did most of the event planning. The committee would like to keep this event on the calendar for 2023.
 - Spring Trail Clean Up – 3/26/22 – Hares Hill Trailhead. Project will include clearing invasives and planting new trees.
 - Yoga in the Park – April through October.
 - Easter Egg Hunt – 4/9/22 at 10am at Kimberton Park. Park & Rec volunteers are needed to help with set-up. Sign-up list will be at March meeting.
 - Easter Scavenger Hunt – April 9 though 16 on the French Creek Trail. Details and new ideas for the hunt list will be discussed at the March meeting.

5. Sponsorship – Al reported that 4 local companies have already committed to sponsorship, including: HA Thomson, Phoenixville Federal Bank, Traffic Planning & Design and Home Furnishings Market. The business list will be further discussed at the March meeting.

New Business

1. French Creek Trail maintenance – Al explained that the trail from Hares Hill Road to the first pedestrian bridge has a stone base from when the bridge was installed and equipment needed to access the site. This stone base is good at combatting the wet conditions on the trail. Al will speak with Matt about placing stone on the trail between the two pedestrian bridges in order to address those wet areas along the trail.

Public Comment:

Lisa Vorel asked for a status update on Ridge Road Park. Al responded that the engineer is working on the NPDES permit application for submission in March. Lisa reminded the Board that she represents 150 people who are opposed to the proposed dog park. Al took exception to her claim since the petition she references was actually asking for opposition to the township's grant applications for the new park and not specifically against the dog park. Lisa thanked him for the clarification.

Resident Don Szabo commented that the township does not need a dog park and community garden as it would only put a burden on the tax payer and create another project to maintain.

Next Park & Rec Board meeting is scheduled for March 17th at 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.