

**East Pikeland Township
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

February 18, 2021

Minutes

Present: Al Koons, Bruce Wunderley, Andrew Batten, Joanne Jones, Lindsey Parsons, & Sean McShane

Absent: Heidi Ferry

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Al Koons called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the February 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 January meeting minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously without changes.

New Business

1. Matt Gisondi – Park and Open Space Maintenance Steward
 - Matt introduced himself to the committee. He will serve the Township as the Park and Open Space Maintenance Steward and will care for all of the Township’s park, trail, open space, and green stormwater infrastructure.

2. KYAL
 - Al reported that the Township’s lease with KYAL expires at the end of June. The Township will ask KYAL to extend the lease to the end of December in order to be on the same schedule as the Kimberton Fire Company.
 - A KYAL rep will attend the March Park and Recreation Board meeting to give an update.
 - The Township will hold a meeting in early March with KYAL and the Kimberton Fire Company to discuss last year’s season and the 2021 upcoming season.

Old Business

1. Kimberton Park & French Creek Trail Maintenance
 - The Park and Trail are both seeing a lot of use this winter, no major maintenance updates.

2. Woodbridge Trail Development
 - No updates.

3. Park Development Grants
 - Michelle reported that the Township will be seeking park development grants for Hidden River Park & Preserve and Ridge Road Park through Chester County’s Municipal Park and Trail Improvements grant.
 - Michelle also reported that she had applied for a Get Outdoors PA mini grant to acquire snowshoes for people to use along the French Creek Trail via checkout system and for educational winter programs.

4. 2021 events

- Spring Trail Clean Up, 3/6
 - The Board discussed moving the date to 3/27 due to the snow on the ground
- Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt 3/27-4/5
 - The Board discussed the event layout and ideas. Two hunts will be created, one hard and one easy with 10 items per list. Board members will come up with ideas for items and locations and send them to Michelle.
- 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?
 - The Board decided to remove this event from the 2021 lineup
- Children's Theater, TBD, July or August?
 - Michelle still hasn't heard back from the Theater
- Summer Concert Series 3, TBD, 8/19
- Date Night Movie Night, 8/28
- Kimberton Art & Music Festival, 9/25
 - Michelle has booked the event using bands from the 2020 lineup, the event will be from 3-7pm with three, hour long sets. The Board will discuss the art portion of the event at a future meeting
- Family Movie Night, 10/2
- Halloween Moonwalk, 10/22
- Fall Trail Clean Up, 11/6

Lindsey Parsons asked what the new meeting dates would be for June, July, and August as the Summer Concert Series is scheduled to be on the same nights. Al Koons responded that a decision about dates would be made closer to the months affected.

Al Koons asked whether the Township would consider clearing paved trails, Michelle responded that clearing the paved paths in Kimberton Park and along the French Creek Trail would eventually fall under Matt's duties. He also asked if snowmobiling is allowed on Hidden River, Michelle confirmed that activities like snowmobiling and ATV use are not allowed on Township property. He also asked if the dirt being piled in the field was the Township's doing or the farmer caring for the land. Michelle stated that she assumed it was the farmer, but would follow up.

Andrew mentioned that he had a contact to get a free dog waste bad dispenser, Michelle will follow up with him.

Public Comment

Lisa Vorel, East Pikeland resident, requested to know the amount and purpose of the Chester County Grant being sought by the Township for the Ridge Road Park project. She also reiterated her concerns about the Ridge Road Park Project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

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