

**East Pikeland Township
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

March 18, 2021

Minutes

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

Absent: Heidi Ferry & Linsey Parsons

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Al Koons called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the March monthly meeting was duly advertised and held electronically through the Zoom application via telephone and the internet.

Bruce motioned, seconded by Joanne to approve the February meeting minutes. Minutes were approved with changes.

New Business

1. KYAL

- Al Koons summarized a recent check-in meeting between KYAL, Kimberton Fire Company and the Township.
- Scott Grillo, KYAL President, and Chris Guidotti, Treasurer were in attendance. Scott updated the Park and Recreation Board on what the upcoming season looks like for KYAL and summarized planned improvements.

2. FCT connection to 724/23

- The Board discussed potential connection options to make the route from the French Creek Trail to the 724 corridor more safe for pedestrians. In order to get a better understanding of the lay of the land the Board would like to do a walk of the downstream area. The Board also made a simple list of properties they feel the Open Space Committee should pursue for easements to continue East Pikeland's Trail Network.
 - They would also like the Township to consider flashing pedestrian lights at the entrances of the Rapps Dam Bridge.

Old Business

1. Kimberton Park & French Creek Trail Maintenance

- Scout Update: Scout Evan Stout is almost finished with the new kiosk at Kimberton Park.
- Kimberton Park: Matt is trimming back the shrubs and picking up the trash in the park, preparing the park for opening on April 10. Amphitheater rentals are very popular this spring as organizations look for an outdoor venue to host events. The amphitheater bathrooms have been fixed by installing new sink hardware.

2. 2021 Goals

- Al discussed Township strategic planning and reiterated the goals that the committee set for the year, urging the committee members to stay focused on achieving them.

3. Ridge Road Park Trail Connection Update

- Michelle reported that the Kimberston Meadows HOA has voted to maintain the trail connection between their walking path and the Ridge Road Park path. The property line will be demarcated with a small fence, gate, and sign.

4. Hidden River Riparian Grant

- Michell reported that the Township has received a \$10,000 PECO Green Region Grant to improve the riparian corridor at Hidden River Park and Preserve. There are two other outstanding grant applications for the project as well.
 - Bruce suggested that the Township look into the Two for the Trails Grant Program sponsored by Athletic Brewing Co. Michelle will look into the application and consider it for a 2022 application if the Township is eligible to apply.

5. 2021 events

- Spring Trail Clean Up, 3/6
 - Matt will lead the clean up and has selected a few areas at Hares Hill Trail Head to focus efforts this year.
- Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt 3/27-4/5
 - The Board discussed items to find along the trail, Michelle will create the hunt and share with the committee..
- Children's Theater, August 14, 10am
 - A date has officially been set for the Children's Theater, the show will be *Aesop's (Oh so slightly) Updated Fables*.
- Summer Concert Series 3, TBD, 8/19
 - Still seeking bands.

Michelle reported that there is a crew of students who will clean up Spring City Road on Thursday, April 1.

Public Comment

Lisa Vorel, East Pikeland resident, requested to know the amount of the Chester County Grant being sought by the Township for the Ridge Road Park project. Michelle reported that the grant request was for \$100,000.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

The next Park & Recreation meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2021.