

**East Pikeland Township  
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

**March 21, 2019**

**Minutes**

Present: Andrew Batten, Jerry Miller, Sean McShane, Jonathan Work, & Al Koons

Absent: Joanne Jones

Guests: Acen Laird, Allyson Laird, Ascha Laird, Mary Jo Springer, Ben Springer, & Ron Graham

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Meeting started at 7:03pm.

Minutes from the February meeting were approved without changes.

**New Business**

1. Ben Springer & Acen Laird, Park Improvement Ideas

- They wrote to the Township with an idea to put a pocket park in an empty lot in their neighborhood. Unfortunately, the lot is a privately-owned storm basin so a park is not possible here. They were invited to the meeting to discuss their letter and suggest other ideas for park improvements and events.
  - Asked if a walking path with benches around the lot was possible if a park isn't.
  - There is a flat space at the corner of Jonathan and Beacon—could this be something?
    - Michelle will look into options and see what's possible
  - Other park ideas:
    - Inclusive playground
    - Dog Park
  - Event ideas:
    - Community BBQ/Chili Cookoff
    - Trout Rodeo/teaching people how to fish
    - Talent Show/Pet show
    - Game Night

2. Egg Hunt 4/13

- Michelle reminded the committee that the Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 13 rain or shine
  - An American Heritage Girls troop stuffed eggs and will be at the hunt to help hide eggs
  - The committee decided to try staggered start times for parents with multiple kids
  - Caesar will be the bunny again
  - Volunteers should arrive at 8:30am
  - There will be a volunteer photographer there taking pictures this year
    - The Board members asked Michelle to get clearances
- Al reported that this is now the KYAL start day as well, but the two events shouldn't interfere with each other

### 3. French Creek Trail Tree Planting 4/27

- Michelle shared a quote for 200 trees with the Board—it was more than they wanted to pay. A few members suggested other sites to check out. Michelle will do some research and update the Board via email.
- Michelle will make a poster, press release, and advertise the event broadly.

### 4. Kimberton Park Updates:

- The park will open officially the first weekend in April
- A new water fountain has been ordered. We will only replace one broken fountain by the pavilion, the other will be taken out.
- Michelle is also working on commissioning a map of the park
- Al suggested we re-vamp the Kimberton Park sign, either with new paint or a new sign altogether.
- The Board would like to re-do the Park Ordinance and mentioned that they need to discuss the alcohol policy in the coming months so they are prepared for renters.

### 5. Ridge Rd.

- Michelle reported that the Township won't take the property until a plan is in place.
  - The Board discussed getting PennDOT approval for the parking lot and hiring a surveyor to get the process started.
  - Also discussed getting a port-a-potty to sit there year round, and perhaps at the Rapps Dam Trail Head too.

### 6. Crouse

- Ron reported that the Township is in the final stages of sale with the developer for the Crouse Property. He noted that the Board of Supervisors is looking to the Park and Recreation Board for guidance on what to do with the property. The Board of Supervisors are ready to do things, make progress, and move forward with projects.
  - Michelle discussed setting up community meetings to get resident and stakeholder input and ideas as well.
  - She also reported that she has submitted one grant for acquisition funds and is working on a second.
- The Park and Rec. Board would like to hold a walkthrough of the property once it's ours and invite important stakeholders like local sports leagues, etc.

### 7. Community Event Schedule

- Michelle provided each Board member with posters and small handouts with the 2019 event schedule for them to put up around the area.

## **Old Business**

### 1. Graham Property Clean Up Summary

- Sean reported that the clean-up went well—there were 20 volunteers who picked up 19 tires and around 100 bags of glass and debris and also cleared invasives. The volunteers collected 2 huge truckloads of debris.

## 2. Summer Concert Series Lineup

- Lineup
  - Michelle reported that the July series is booked, with the Mighty Manatees
  - Still working on finalizing performers for June and August
  - Michelle also mentioned that the band Less Than Seven will perform at the Date Night Movie Night again.
- Grill
  - Michelle shared a quote for a grill with the Board. They would like to go with a grill with grates instead of a griddle form. Michelle will get more quotes and report back.

## 3. Fitness in the Park

- Still no interested groups, Andrew will reach out to his contacts.

## 4. Sponsorships

- Michelle shared that she received two big sponsors: Cure and Kimberton Whole foods for the Summer Music Series. Citadel will sponsor too, just not sure of what yet.

## 5. 2019 Events & Programs

- Michelle shared more details about the Kimberton Arts and Music Festival. There will be 2 stages with performers throughout the day, a KidZone, craft demonstrations, vendors selling arts and crafts, food, and more.
  - The small stage will be filled with performers chosen from video submissions of area residents and groups. The contest will be announced this spring.

## **Public Comment**

- None.

The meeting was closed at 8:20pm.