

**East Pikeland Township
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

April 15, 2021

Minutes

Present: Al Koons, Bruce Wunderley, Andrew Batten, Heidi Ferry, & Lindsey Parsons

Absent: Joanne Jones & Sean McShane

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Al Koons called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the April monthly meeting was duly advertised and held electronically through the Zoom application via telephone and the internet.

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

New Business

1. Winter Event

- The committee discussed adding a new winter event to take place in January. The goal of the event would be to get people on the trail in winter and to create a “giving tree” for wildlife. The event may include crafts, campfire, etc. The committee will continue to discuss. The date selected was January 22, 2022.

2. Hidden River Clean Up/Tree Marking

- Michelle proposed that the Board sponsor a clean up of the Hidden River riparian corridor in the fall to help prep the area for the riparian revitalization project that will start late fall/early winter. The Board agreed and tentatively selected October 16 as the date.
- To plan for the clean up the committee members will go out to the property to scout worst locations this spring/summer. While there they will also help to mark trees that are dead and need to be removed.

Old Business

1. Kimberton Park & French Creek Trail Maintenance

- Line painting at the amphitheater will begin the last week of April. Michelle asked if Board members would consider helping to repaint the lines weekly, those in attendance agreed they could help. Michelle will purchase additional equipment so multiple people can paint at the same time.
- Kimberton Park
 - The park is open and pavilion rentals have started. There was an issue reprogramming the bathroom doors, but that issue has been fixed. The sink in the men’s restroom is broken, hand sanitizer has been placed there until it can be fixed. New bathroom signs have been ordered.
- French Creek Trail
 - Matt is completing tree health checks along the trail. A portapotty will be scheduled for the accessible parking area for May-October.

- Al mentioned that at the Board of Supervisors meeting the Board asked if the trail head parking lots could be enlarged. The committee discussed options to increase parking, specifically at Rapps Dam Bridge, and will continue to look at options.

2. Woodbridge Trail Development Update

- Michelle and Matt walked the property and plotted points for potential trails. Once a rough map is made, the Board will be invited to walk it together sometime in May. Also, Kimber Dr. residents have asked to walk the proposed route as well. Once the path is confirmed a work party will be scheduled to put in the needed cribbed steps. The Township will also be sending a letter to the residents who are accessing the property via ATVs as ATVs are not allowed on Township property.

3. Grants: Hidden River

- The Township has submitted a DCNR Grant for Phase 1 of the Hidden River Park and Preserve project. They are requesting \$607,000 for amenities like the parking lot, paved trail, maintenance building, bathrooms, picnic grove, nature play area, and more.
- The Township has also submitted a \$50,000 grant request to Schuylkill River Greenways for the riparian revitalization project at Hidden River.

4. 2021 events

- Spring Trail Clean Up Report
 - Al reported that the cleanup was successful with around 30 volunteers in attendance. Committee members who attended commented that they liked the new model of everyone working together as a group because it made more of an impact. They would like to keep this model for future trail clean up events.
- Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt Report
 - Michelle shared that the scavenger hunt was successful with at least 30 families participating and that the Township received a lot of positive feedback. The Board would like to see this event stay on the agenda for future years.
- Yoga in the Park Report
 - Heidi reported that the first two yoga sessions were well attended with at least 15 people present.
- Summer Concert Series 3, The Sermon
 - Michelle reported that she had tentatively booked The Sermon to perform at the August concert. She is just waiting on the contract to make it official.
 - The Board also discussed getting food trucks for the event. They would like to get one meal food truck and one dessert food truck for each event. Michelle asked that if committee members had any favorite trucks that they reach out to her to contact. The Board would also like to have the snack bar open as well.

Public Comment

Lisa Vorel, East Pikeland resident, requested to know whether the Township had heard about the Chester County Grant request for Ridge Road park. Michelle responded that grant awards have not been released at this time. Lisa also asked if the plans for Ridge Road Park were complete. Michelle shared that the plans are not yet complete.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

The next Park & Recreation meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2021.