

**East Pikeland Township
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

April 21, 2022

Minutes

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

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Guests: Ernie Thivierge, Don Szabo, Alex Neff, Jeff Wallin, Margaret Hodgkiss-Lilly, Lisa Vorel,

Al Koons called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Bruce motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Seconded by Heidi, unanimously approved.

Heidi motioned to approve the March meeting minutes. Lindsey seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

1. Sponsorships

- Michelle reported that Kimberton Whole Foods and PA American Water have become sponsors. Total sponsorship for 2022 is \$12,000, double last year. The sponsor banner for events has been ordered along with a stand.

2. Park & Trail Maintenance Updates

- French Creek Trail: Projects include stone improvement planning, marking trees for removal, and the port-a-potty has been delivered to the Rapps Dam Trail Head.
- Kimberton Park: Parts have been ordered to fix the sink in the men's restroom; lights inside the amphitheater have been installed, the new light post will be installed in the coming weeks; Matt will fix the broken LED light by the concession stand; mowing has started in the park; and Matt has made improvements to the rain garden.
- Hidden River: The trees for the tree planting have been delivered and the holes have been dug. The Township recently received another \$10,000 grant from PA American Water for the riparian project. Township staff is working with a new contractor, URDC, to get Phase 1 started.
- Woodbridge: The police cited people using ATVs on the property. Matt led a planting with the Master Watershed Stewards along the stream to prevent erosion.

3. Woodbridge Trail Development Update

- A little clearing still needs to happen to finish the new trail. Once it is complete, a date will be scheduled to walk the trail with the neighbors. The Board is still waiting to hear feedback on the edits they sent to the Mountain Bike group, Michelle will follow up. Bike access at the cribbed steps needs to be considered. Signage needs to be discussed.

4. French Creek Trail Cribbed Step Building

- Michelle reminded the committee that the work dates are May 7 and 14, for two timeslots each day. Board members should email Matt if they are able to help to sign up for a timeslot. Michelle will send an invitation to the Mountain Bike group.

5. 2022 Events

- Event sign up discussion: Board members signed up for events through August.
- Food trucks: Brick and Blaze Pizza will return for the August Concert. Still looking for food trucks for the July concert and September Art & Music Festival.
- Spring Trail Clean Up Recap– small volunteer crew, but planted 40 trees and shrubs.
- Easter Scavenger Hunt, Recap – Michelle reported that the hunt seemed well-received again this year. Six families submitted pictures for a prize. Two were selected at random, one from each age group, and they will receive 4 free Markie’s passes each.
- Easter Egg Hunt Recap – It was a great turn out despite the questionable weather. Andrew suggested that we need a better plan for parking and parking signage for this event as well as other township-sponsored events, and that we need more handicap parking. Michelle will order additional signage for the roads. She will also reach out to the Davis family to see if their property can be used for handicap parking for night events. Andrew also requested that crosswalks be re-painted at the 3 way stop outside of the park entrance. Bruce suggested that we add 5 more minutes between the hunt times so that people have time to get from place to place. More eggs need to be added in the 3-4 age group.
- Hidden River Tree Planting 4/30 – Al Koons reminded everyone about the tree planting and urged people to participate. There are 500 native trees and shrubs to plant. The holes will be pre-dug. All Board members indicated that they would attend.
- Yoga in the Park –Yoga in the Park will take place April through October.
- Kimberton Park Planting 5/28 – Al will be in attendance, still trying to find a local veterans group to work with for the planting. Need to create a flier and find volunteers.
- FCT Run Update – Al reminded the committee that the run had been moved to October. Michelle reported that the run would be a fun run instead of a timed run and that families would be encouraged to attend and wear Halloween costumes. This event is being done in conjunction with Open Space, but may become a Park & Rec event in the future.

New Business

1. Kimberton Park Tennis Court

- The court has a bad crack running across it which makes play difficult for official matches. The township has lost renters this year due to the state of the court. The Board discussed finding a temporary fix for the year and considering moving the court to a different location in the park in the future.

Public Comment:

Alex Neff requested that the crosswalks by the covered bridge on Rapps Dam Road be re-painted and suggested that the tennis court become an area for handicap parking.

Don Szabo commented that flex glue will fix the tennis court crack.

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

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