

**East Pikeland Township
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

June 14, 2022

Minutes

Present: Al Koons, Andrew Batten, Heidi Ferry, Jeff Wallin, Alex Neff, and Bruce Wunderley.

Absent: Lindsey Parsons

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Al Koons called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

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

Alex motioned to approve the May meeting minutes. Bruce seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business

1. July Meeting

- The Board decided to cancel the July meeting and reschedule the August meeting tentatively to August 9. An official date will be selected and updated on the Township website.

Old Business

1. Kimberton Park & French Creek Trail Maintenance Updates

- Kimberton Park: Michelle reported that the crack in the tennis courts at the park have been patched. This will be the last time the township patches it, so the Board should begin to discuss a plan for the court moving forward. The playground mulch has been applied, landscaping weeded, and over the next month or so mulch will be added to the base of all of the trees in the park to protect them from mower damage. In addition, a new park sign has been installed at the park entrance, landscaping will be next.
- French Creek Trail: a number of dead trees along the ADA portion of the trail have been marked for removal. Matt is working on a new version of the trail map which will feature the new trail on the Woodbridge property.

2. Hidden River Development Update

- A temporary fence will be erected around the stone wall to keep people 20ft away as a safety precaution. “No ATV” signs will be placed at park entrance areas. Township staff is working with an architect to come up with design ideas for the farmstead, which will be shared with the Board once solidified.

3. Woodbridge Trail Development Update

- There is a little more clearing work to be done. “No ATV” signs will be added to areas of the property where ATV use is an issue. The Board discussed the new bike course going in in Phoenixville, the Board will plan to visit it once complete. The neighbor walk should be scheduled for July.

4. Ridge Road Park Development Update

- There were a few revisions made to the plan based on feedback from the Conservation District on the NPDES permit. Once a final plan has been approved Michelle will share changes with the Board. The Township is seeking a proposal from RES to install the native meadow on the right parcel of the planned park. The Board would like to begin discussing sponsorship, fundraising, and site operation topics in the fall. The Board asked Michelle to erect a “future home of” sign with grant information.

5. French Creek Trail Cribbed Step Build Recap

- There is still a little more work to be done, but it might not require another work day. A few small trees need to be removed. Board will wait for direction from Matt and Jeff Jones.

6. Trail Sub-Committee

- A number of Board members are interested in the subcommittee which is planned to start meeting in the fall. Interested members included Al, Jeff, Alex, and Bruce, a decision will be made later about who will attend.

7. Volunteer Recognition

- The Board discussed volunteer recruitment, retention, and recognition. Creating or buying a database software that can help with communication and reminders was discussed. The Board also talked about QR codes with links to volunteer opportunities and a volunteer newsletter. A volunteer plan needs to be made. This topic will largely be put on hold until the fall.

8. 2022 Events

- Yoga in the Park
 - The Board would like to see the price stay at \$10 for the year which has been communicated to the yoga instructor.
- Love Your Park Day Recap
 - Al Koons reported that this new event had a good turnout with 12 people in attendance. Volunteers planted native landscaping in the park parking lot and around the flag pole. The parking lot boxes were also weeded and mulched. Matt has been watering the plants to ensure their survival. This will become a yearly event.
- Summer Concert Series 1 6/16
 - All committee members will attend. Bruce is the lead and will be there by 5:15 to begin set up, all other volunteers should arrive by 5:30. Will need to set up the concession stand, help with parking, etc.
 - The Board directed Michelle to purchase ice cream, popcicles, candy, chips, soda, and water for the stand this year. They also discussed making a venmo account so that people can pay with their phones instead of having cash. Michelle will look into it. The Board also asked that Michelle discover how the food trucks take payment so we can work that into the advertising for the event.
- Open Space Celebration 6/25
 - The Board discussed a few craft ideas for the event, will do a sunflower planted in a cup. Al and Andrew will be there. Michelle will check on Lindsey’s availability.
- Summer Concert Series 2 7/21
 - Heidi is the lead, will reach out to Michelle as needed
- Children’s Theater 8/6
 - No update, coming up

Public Comment:

Don Szabo asked for an update on the tree ID posts. Michelle informed him that the Township has decided against making our own posts and will go with metal posts instead. She thanked him for his offer to help. Don also voiced his opinion that Ridge Road is not a good location for the dog park. It should be moved to Hidden River where there are plenty of trees, water, and septic. It will become a burden to the police who should be working to control speeders and protect residents.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.