

**East Pikeland Township
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

June 8, 2021

Minutes

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

Absent: Sean McShane

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Al Koons called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the June 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 May meeting minutes. Minutes were approved with changes.

New Business

1. Year of Open Space

- Michelle shared that the Township will be celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Open Space Referendum next year with a Year of Open Space Celebration. Activities will be going on every month of the year. A few Park and Recreation events like the trail clean up will be included on the event list. Michelle also asked if the Board would be interested in sponsoring a Fishing Rodeo in the spring and a mountain bike ride in the fall, which the Board agreed to do with the support of outside volunteers.

Old Business

1. Kimberton Park & French Creek Trail Maintenance

- Kimberton Park: The hockey goals have been replaced, we are seeking a quote to patch the tennis court crack, cribbed steps are being weeded and refilled, bioswales are being trimmed, and the Township has officially signed off on the Boy Scout kiosk project.
- French Creek Trail: started mowing along the tighter trails, will begin mowing along the natural trail to widen for tick prevention, the Overcreek entrance has been cleared of debris and overgrowth, and a tree ID signage project is almost complete.
 - Michelle will share the new park and trail logo with the Board at next month's meeting

2. Woodbridge Trail Development Update

- FCT Connection – Jeff Jones
 - Jeff Jones, East Pikeland resident, presented a plan for the cribbed step project connecting the French Creek Trail to the Woodbridge Property. Based on his plan the project would cost around \$1,500. The Board discussed the project and determined that October would be a good time to hold a build workshop. Michelle will pick two consecutive weekends in October and schedule the build. Wood will be ordered in advance.
- Neighbor walk: needs to be scheduled

- Mountain Bike Meeting: A public mountain bike meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 23 at Kimberton Park Pavilion, . The goal is to find volunteers to help create and build mountain bike trails in the Township. An engineer may need to be involved as well.
3. Regional Trail Committee
 - Michelle announced that Bruce has offered to serve on the Regional Trail Committee. If other members would like to be involved they can contact Bruce or Michelle.
 4. Grants:
 - Hidden River: Michelle reported that the Township has received a \$30,000 Schuylkill River Restoration Fund Grant for the Riparian Corridor at Hidden River.
 - Ridge Road: Michelle announced that the Township would be applying to a new grant, Healing the Planet, for \$25,000. If awarded, the funds will support the Community Garden.
 5. Hidden River Riparian Corridor
 - Michelle updated the committee of the status the riparian corridor; improvements will start this fall and accumulate in a large tree planting event on Earth Day 2022. She has been in touch with the Phoenixville School District and they are interested in partnering with the Township to send students to help with the planting.
 6. 2021 events
 - Summer Concert Series #1, 6/17
 - Heidi, Al, Lindsey, and Bruce will be there by 5:45pm to help. Seating will begin at 6pm, the concession stand will be open.
 - Summer Concert Series #2, 7/15
 - Al, Joanne, and Lindsey will be there by 5:45pm to help.
 - KAMF 9/25
 - Michelle asked what the Board's thoughts on vendors at the event was. After discussion it was decided that because the event would be smaller and only take place in front of the amphitheater vs the whole park, the Board would ask nonprofits to table, but not have other vendors this year.

Public Comment

Lisa Vorel, East Pikeland Resident, asked questions regarding availability of maintenance funds in grants, the porta-potty planned for Ridge Road Park, and specifics about the grant funding that had been applied for and awarded for Ridge Road Park. Michelle responded to the questions.

Bob Stevenson, East Pikeland Resident, asked what the Township position was in regards to the approval of the Ridge Road Park project. Michelle responded and said that the Board of Supervisors and Township are considering the project to be approved.

Don Szabo, East Pikeland Resident, voiced his opposition to the Ridge Road Park project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

The next Park & Recreation meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2021.