

**East Pikeland Township
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

July 16, 2020

Minutes

Present: Andrew Batten, Al Koons, Jerry Miller, & Heidi Ferry

Absent: Bruce Wunderley, Sean McShane, & Joanne Jones

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Guests: 3 participants on Zoom

Chairman Jerry Miller called the meeting to order at 7pm. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the July monthly meeting was duly advertised and held electronically through the Zoom application via telephone and the internet.

Al Koons motioned, seconded by Heidi Ferry to approve the June meeting minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously without changes.

New Business

1. French Creek Trail User Survey

- Michelle reported that 309 people participated in the survey which ran from May 1- June 30, 2020. Results of the survey were discussed, as well as potential improvements. Specifically, the Board will look into how much a port-a-potty would cost to be placed seasonally at a trail head; work to increase grass mowing; improve and maintain Overcreek Rd. entrance; and work on adding additional trails/connect to other area trails. The Board also discussed a “clean the trail week” where the Township could advertise for people using the trail to bring a bag and pick up trash they see along the way. Increased education was also discussed including a re-education campaign about trail rules and etiquette, as well as information on invasives and how to avoid plants like poison ivy.

Old Business

1. Drive-In Movie, 6/19 Report

- The Drive-In Movie was unfortunately cancelled due to weather concerns and will not be rescheduled. The Goonies will be shown at the Family Movie Night in October.

2. Yoga in the Park Check In

- Going well, each week has been a decent turnout. Sheila reached out to Michelle about making a donation to the Township’s Park and Recreation fund at the end of the summer.

3. Kimberton Park & French Creek Trail Maintenance

- Al reported that Public Works did a great job of clearing the trail after the big storm last month. Michelle has heard reports of trash overflowing, will ask Public Works if they can check once more during the week.
- Kimberton Park is completely open, including the bathrooms and the playground.

4. Hidden River Park & Preserve Updates
 - Michelle reported that Ed Theurkauf is still working on creating the final plan, then that plan will be shown to and approved by the Steering Committee. After that a public comment session will be held to get public feedback on the plan, date TBD.
5. Scavenger Hunt
 - Michelle printed two of the children's scavenger hunts and will order brochure holders to be placed at the Hares Hill and Rapps Dam trail heads and at Kimberton Park. Joanne is working with the Historical Commission to get historic info for a history-based scavenger hunt. Until the brochure boxes arrive Michelle will make the scavenger hunts available online.
6. Ridge Rd. Park Update
 - No updates on the grant at this time, still waiting to hear from DCNR. The Board will pick a date in late September/early October for the public meeting, will be broadly advertised.
7. 2020 Events
 - All of these events are subject to cancellation and change depending on the status of the coronavirus in our area.
 - August Summer Concert Series 8/20
 - The band has confirmed that they will play. The area in front of the stage will be painted with boxes, considering 83 boxes for an average of 3 people/box equaling a total of 250 people. Will be using a ticket system, Michelle is looking into EventBright as a platform. Concessions will be closed.
 - The Park and Rec. Meeting for August will be rescheduled as it's on the same night. Michelle will send a poll with dates.
 - Date Night Movie Night 8/29
 - Scheduled as planned with same rules as the summer concert series.
 - Children's Theater 9/12
 - Currently re-scheduled for September with same rules as above. Will need to provide a sound system, dependent on the Theater Company, will watch schools to see what they're going to do.
 - Family Movie Night 10/3
 - Scheduled as planned with same rules as above, will show The Goonies.
 - Moon Walk 10/30
 - Scheduled as planned. Heidi shared a few ideas including holding a pumpkin carving and painting contest, and having them along the trail for people to walk and vote on their favorites.
 - Trail Clean Up, 11/7
 - Scheduled as planned, shouldn't have an issue doing this as people are easily able to social distance
 - Kimberton Arts & Music Festival
 - Everyone has been notified about the cancellation

Al also asked about the status of the Woodbridge Property. He's noticed that it's become a teen hangout with ramps and jumps for bikes built through the property, concerned it could be a liability. Michelle and Al will walk the property in the next few weeks to determine next steps.

Public Comment

- Lisa Vorel asked what would happen to the grant funds if they are received before the Public Meeting on the Ridge Rd. Property. Michelle responded that nothing will be done with that project until after receiving feedback at the public meeting. If funds are received, the Township won't break ground on the project until next year at the earliest.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

The next Park & Recreation meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2020.