

**East Pikeland Township
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

July 21, 2021

Minutes

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

Absent: Sean McShane & Lindsey Parsons

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Al Koons called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. 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, and also in-person at the Township Building.

Andrew motioned, seconded by Bruce to approve the June meeting minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business

1. Jack Ringenbach – Eagle Scout Project Proposal
 - Jack Ringenbach presented his Eagle Scout Project Proposal to the Board. Jack is proposing to build a new kiosk down by the amphitheater path, replacing the existing kiosk. Jack will fully fund his project using donations and also via leftover supplies from the last kiosk that was built. The Board asked that Jack make the kiosk look like the amphitheater in color, and Michelle commented that the kiosk should be stained, not painted. Also, she asked that he coordinate his work days around the amphitheater rental schedule, as it will be unsafe to leave equipment around during night-time events.
2. Events 2022
 - Michelle shared the tentative 2022 event outline with the Board and confirmed that they wanted to commit to the events listed. The Board agreed that they didn't want to do away with any of the events, and felt comfortable moving forward with them all.
 - January Event—Michelle asked the committee to discuss the new January event as details need to be sorted out for the upcoming Newsletter deadline. The committee will continue to discuss the name and outline via email. Michelle will not be present at this event.
 - Event Sign Up—Michelle informed the committee that next year an event sign up would be implemented with a few volunteers assigned to each event and at times in charge of the events. The Board members thought this was a good idea moving forward.

Old Business

1. Kimberton Park & French Creek Trail Maintenance
 - Kimberton Park: Matt has mowed the swale and wetland area at the park, is working on re-filling the cribbed steps, and will be power washing in the park soon. He is noticing some issues with stormwater and as a result, fungus, growing on the playground mulch, especially the fire truck area. The Board discussed possible solutions for this.
 - French Creek Trail: Matt has cleared the French Creek Trail from Township Line Road to Rapps Dam Road to make it easier to walk and to get the gator through. He

and the Public Works crew took down a few dangerous trees. There has been an increasingly large trash problem on the trail, but especially at the Rapps Dam Trail Head as people seem to either be cleaning out their cars or using it as a dumping area. Michelle also informed the Board that the Valley Forge Sewer Authority had offered to provide stone to improve the trail in the wet spots between the two pedestrian bridges.

2. Woodbridge Trail Development Update

- Mountain Bike Walk 7/26: A second Mountain Bike Walk will be held on 7/26 on the Woodbridge property to gather ideas for trail improvements. Al and Andrew will attend.
- Step Build: The Board discussed potential weekend dates in October for the Trail Build, and settled on the 9th and 16th based on availability. Michelle will ask Matt to price wood at Lowes and Shelleys and to get the wood for the project ordered to ensure its availability.

3. 2021 events

- Fall events, HR clean up, etc.
 - The board decided to move the Hidden River Clean Up to November 6 in place of the Fall Trail Clean Up. The Riparian corridor will be the focus of the clean up. The Board will start thinking about the theme and layout for the Moonwalk as well.
- Summer Concert Series #1 Recap:
 - Al reported that around 300 people were in attendance at the first event and that Uncle Bs sold out before the event was over.
- Summer Concert Series #2 Recap
 - Al reported that there were around 400 people present, one of the best attended concerts ever. Island Noodle was very happy with their sales.
- Children's Theater 8/14
 - Kona Ice will be in attendance, so the concession stand may stay closed. Andrew will oversee the event and can make a decision about the concession stand depending on crowd needs. If it is opened it would only be for drink sales.
- Summer Concerts Series #3, 8/19
 - Michelle will be gone, Al, Andrew, Joanne, and Bruce will be there. Michelle will prepare an event-prep guide.
- Date Night Movie Night, 8/28
 - Michelle and Al will be gone for this event, Andrew and Bruce can oversee. The Board discussed finding a food truck for the event. Michelle will post a poll for movie selection in early August but will send a list of options to the Board to narrow the options down. Andrew noted that we will need to ask the fire company for their light.
- KAMF 9/25
 - Michelle reported that they are currently soliciting vendors for the event. She will try to organize a dessert truck to attend. The Board decided to open the concession stand as long as the Township isn't competing with a food truck. Michelle will ask for permission for performers and vendors to park on the Davis property. Al, Andrew, and Bruce can all be there for set up.

Al asked Michelle if there was an update on the soil test that had been completed of the Ridge Road property. Michelle reported that the Township had not received a report. The soil test would be used

to inform an NPDES permit application, which has not been submitted to DEP at this time. She will inform the Board when there is an update.

Public Comment

Lisa Vorel, East Pikeland Resident, stated her opposition to the Ridge Road Park project and asked a number of questions regarding park plans, maintenance costs, toilet facilities, safety, and project timing. Park and Recreation Board members and Michelle responded to her questions.

Bob Stevenson, East Pikeland Resident, noted that he had been in contact with DEP about the NPDES permit and that LTL Consultants, the Township's engineer firm, would be coming to his property to discuss his stormwater issues. He noted that the Township had been cooperative in this area. In addition, he stated that he believes he has found a zoning issue with the project in regards to keeping of animals based on the 1991 Zoning Ordinance. Michelle encouraged him to reach out to the Township Zoning Officer on the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

The next Park & Recreation meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2021.