

**East Pikeland Township
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

August 11, 2022

Minutes

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

Absent: Lindsey Parsons & Jeff Wallin

Staff: Michelle Rubin

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

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

Andrew motioned to approve the June meeting minutes. Bruce seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business

Old Business

1. Kimberton Park & French Creek Trail Maintenance Updates
 - Kimberton Park: Park structures have been power-washed and the toilet was fixed after being clogged after the Kimberton Fair. Michelle mentioned that the Township will talk to the Fire Company about the location of the carnival workers next year as their current location always results in damage to the park bathrooms.
 - French Creek Trail: Matt is working on repairs to the Hares Hill Kiosk. Some dead ash trees have been removed from the area around the handicap parking at Rapps Dam Road.
2. Hidden River Development Update
 - Michelle reported that Matt has been checking the new trees regularly. Only a few have been lost so far, they are covered and will be replaced. Michelle is working with RES to schedule the meadow planting for the fall. Kim and Michelle have been meeting with the URDC consultant and an architect to discuss the layout and functionality of the farm site once developed.
3. Woodbridge Trail Development Update
 - The new trail will be called Powder Run Trail, named after the Powder Run Creek that runs through the property. Matt has blazed the trail and will be working on signage. The neighbor walk will be scheduled before the opening date which will be mid-September. Matt has also created a new French Creek Trail Map that includes the new trail.
4. Ridge Road Park Development Update
 - The Township is still waiting on the final NPDES permit. There were a number of public comments on the permit that the township has been working to respond to as thoroughly as possible. A few changes have been made to the plans for the facility as a result of the suggestions made as part of the permit process, but the overall layout of the facility

remains the same. To get started on the meadow establishment, the meadow on the right parcel will be planted this fall, most likely by RES; a plan is still being developed.

5. French Creek Trail Cribbed Step Build Recap

- The project is now complete! The trail will open in mid-September.

6. Volunteer Recognition

- The committee discussed holding the volunteer recognition event on Saturday, October 22 following the fun run event. It will be at Kimberton Park near the amphitheater and will be a cookout. Michelle will invite all of the people who have volunteered with the township this year.

7. 2022 Events

- Yoga in the Park
 - Michelle reported that the attendance for yoga in the park has not been strong this year.
- Summer Concert Series 1 Recap
 - Bruce was the lead and reported that the event was well attended and the band was great, would suggest working with them again. The Spuds food truck was also popular and the owner seemed happy at the end of the event.
- Open Space Celebration Recap
 - Al reported that the band was good for the event, but it wasn't as well attended at the concert series. The date wasn't the best because it competed with other events and graduation parties. The people that were there engaged with the Park and Recreation table and asked questions about the new park plans.
- Summer Concert Series 2 --Canceled
 - Canceled due to heat. The Board discussed future weather cancellations.
- Children's Theater Recap
 - Heidi and Al reported that there was a great turnout for Children's Theater. Kona Ice was busy and people seemed to love it. The committee discussed parking, which is always an issue with this event. The Board decided to end the partnership with Kimberton Art Alliance on this event as they felt it was no longer beneficial to the Township.
- Summer Concert Series 3, 8/18
 - Heidi is the lead. Bruce, Lindsey, and Andrew will be there too. Bruce brought up the idea of partnering with the new Cidery in the village in the future and a discussion about alcohol rules and limitations followed. The Board began to discuss expanding the Art & Music Festival to include village businesses.
- Kimberton Art & Music Festival 9/17
 - Michelle reported that there are 8 vendors lined up and more expected to register. Still don't have a dessert truck, so the concession stand will supply dessert if one can't be found.
- Family Movie Night 10/8
 - Will discuss at the next meeting. Vote will take place in September.
- Snow Place 2023
 - The board selected January 21, 2023 as the next event date.

Public Comment:

Don Szabo asked if the Township needed the cores out of paper towels for crafts. He will collect and drop them off.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.