

**East Pikeland Township
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

September 15, 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

1. 2023 Projects

- The Board discussed improvements needed to the township park and trail facilities in 2023, as well as events and programs to sponsor.

2. 2023 Sponsorship

- The Board discussed sponsorships for 2022 and 2023; they would like to see the sponsorship total reach \$15,000 in 2023 and seek a few new sponsors. Jeff Wallin will spearhead the efforts and other board members will also approach local businesses. Michelle will provide materials, business lists, and support.

Old Business

1. Kimberton Park & French Creek Trail Maintenance Updates

- Kimberton Park: Removed landscaping near amphitheater and turned it into a seating area; removed broken fountain at pavilion, new one going in along the path; slide to be patched.
- French Creek Trail: Hares Hill kiosk repaired

3. Hidden River Development Update

- Michelle shared a few updated pictures of what the site might look like as imaged by the architect the township has been working with the figure out layout and design of the site. The meadow will be planted in this fall, other improvements are still being discussed. She also reported that the planted trees are doing great.

4. Powder Run Trail Development Update

- Al reported that a walk-through was held with the neighbors of the property with around 6 people in attendance. Neighbors were informed about the new trail and the walk via a letter. There were no concerns mentioned during the walk. There are still a few areas that need improvement, but overall the trail is ready to open. Michelle reported that temporary signage has been put up, but more official signage is in the works. Other issues to monitor include parking and safety in winter.

5. Ridge Road Park Development Update

- No new update, the Township is still waiting on the final NPDES permit.

6. Volunteer Recognition

- The Board continued to discuss the upcoming Volunteer Thank You cookout scheduled for Saturday, October 22 at noon at Kimberton Park. Michelle will send an invitation to all of the people who have volunteered at Township events this year. The invitation will include an RSVP to gauge the number of potential attendees.

7. 2022 Events

- Yoga in the Park
 - Michelle reported that yoga has ended for the year due to low attendance. The Board will continue to discuss this for next year.
- Summer Concert Series 3 Recap
 - A very good crowd. Pizza vendor was great and took our feedback from last time which helped it go more smoothly. The Board wants to ensure that in the future the band plays more covers and less original music.
- Kimberton Art & Music Festival 9/17
 - The board discussed needs for the upcoming festival. Michelle will follow up with the police, Davis family, and KYAL about parking.
- Family Movie Night 10/8
 - Michelle announced that after a Facebook vote, the two movies selected for the double header will be Princess Bride and Jurassic World Dominion. Al, Andrew, and Alex will be there.
- French Creek Trail Fun Run/Walk 10/22
 - Michelle reported that the event would be a 5k along the trail. T-shirts will be given out to participants and prizes for costumes. Volunteers needed.
- Moonwalk 11/4
 - Volunteers will be needed—all hands on deck! Michelle will talk to the police about closing the road. Will discuss more via email and at October meeting.
- Fall Trail Clean Up 11/5
 - Will take place at Hares Hill Trail Head and involve invasive clearing to set the area up for another planting in the spring.

Public Comment:

Lisa Vorel, Township resident, had concerns about the use of the term miscellaneous when discussing the budget. Michelle explained that it was just a phrase used by the board members, not an actual budget line item. She also stated that she represents 150 residents who signed a petition, in part, to oppose the location of the proposed dog park at the new Ridge Road Park.

Chrissy Hallman, Township resident, asked to have Kimberton Meadow's trail sign put back up on their property. Michelle reported that the sign, which was on Township Property, was removed by the Township Public Works crew and will look into the possibility of putting it back up on Kimberton Meadows property or returning it to the HOA.

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