

**East Pikeland Township
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

September 17, 2020

Minutes

Present: Andrew Batten, Al Koons, Jerry Miller, Bruce Wunderley, Sean McShane, Joanne Jones & Heidi Ferry

Guests: John Schott (Planning Commission Member) & John Gayl (resident)

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Chairman Jerry Miller called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the September monthly meeting was duly advertised and held electronically through the Zoom application via telephone and the internet.

Bruce motioned, seconded by Heidi to approve the August meeting minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously without changes.

New Business

Old Business

1. Kimberton Park & French Creek Trail Maintenance

- A resident has reported that the fire truck play equipment is missing some screws and a swing is broken. These items have been reported to Public Works for fixing. The lines in front of the amphitheater are being re-painted every week.
- A new kiosk box has been installed at the Hares Hill Trail Head. Brochure holders have been installed at Rapps Dam and Hares Hill trail heads, as well as the main kiosk at Kimberton Park. Spotted Lanternfly traps have been placed along the French Creek Trail.
- Bruce reported that the Valley Forge Sewer Authority had been on the trail working on their manholes.
- Al reported that there are large holes on the other side of the first pedestrian bridge. Bruce agreed that there are also large holes from Rapps to Township Line Road. The board asked if the holes could be filled with nice rock instead of mulch, which is difficult to walk on.

2. Woodbridge Trail Development

- Will set a date this fall to clear a trail.

3. Photo Contest

- The photo contest has been released and will go until October 31. The Park and Rec. Board will vote on winners at the November meeting. Two age groups: 17 and under and 18 and older. There are four categories: I Love the French Creek Trail, Furry & Feathered Friends, Seasons/Weather, and Wild & Wacky.

4. Scavenger Hunt

- Two children's scavenger hunts have been released online and placed in the new brochure holders at the trail heads and park. The EAC would like to do a tree scavenger hunt as well.
 - Joanne has received a database of historical markers and would like to make a historical scavenger hunt for our area as well.

5. Hidden River Park & Preserve Update

- The public comment session for the draft master plan took place September 9 online with over 30 people participating. Participants asked great questions and some neighbors voiced their concerns about privacy. The Township will continue to be in touch with them as the plan continues. Next step will be the official adoption of the plan at the October Board of Supervisors meeting. We could consider applying for a PECO Green Region Grant due at the end of October for a portion of Phase 1.

6. Ridge Rd. Park Update

- The public comment session for the draft park plan will take place October 1 online, similarly to the Hidden River Park & Preserve session. The presentation will be put up on the website the day after the meeting and residents will have one week to provide additional comments.

7. 2020 Events

- Yoga in the Park
 - Will be held until October 28. It had 28 people yesterday, still seeing great attendance.
- August Summer Concert Series 8/20
 - Performance went well, everyone followed mask and distancing rules. Had close to 200 people in attendance
- Date Night Movie Night 8/29
 - Around 125 people in attendance, a lot of no-shows. Movie went well and everyone followed guidelines.
- Family Movie Night 10/3
 - Will show *The Goonies*, tickets available now. Al, Heidi, Bruce, and Sean will help. Volunteers should arrive at 5:45 to help with ticketing, will take tickets from 6-6:30.
- Moon Walk 10/30
 - Will need a lot of volunteer help that night for the different roles, will know more in the coming weeks. Joanne and Bruce will help Michelle and Heidi with planning/decorating.
- Trail Clean Up, 11/7
 - Will meet at Rapps Dam Trail Head, may split up group if big enough.

Public Comment

Jon Gayl urged the board to add riparian active recreation to the Hidden River Park & Preserve Master Plan. He believes it's an important addition and the one change our Township will have to access the river. He would like to see an engineered study done. Members on the Board reiterated the reasons why it was removed from the map. Michelle reported that based on Jon's comments submitted to her earlier, she had already requested that the riparian access be mentioned in the

Master Park Plan Narrative so it can be assessed again in the future. John Schott said there may also be room to discuss options with the owners of Cromby in the near future as well.

John Schott reported that the Rapps Dam subdivision is being recorded and contains a trail easement. In the past, the HOA next to the property, Covered Bridge Crossing had declined to connect the trail with their private one. This trail could be a possible way to get people from the French Creek Trail safely to the 724/23 corridor. John would like to re-approach them with Michelle and see if there is anything that could convince them to work with the Township.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

The next Park & Recreation meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2020.