

**East Pikeland Township  
PARK & RECREATION BOARD**

**September 20, 2018**

**Minutes**

Present: Jonathan Work, Andrew Batten, Joanne Jones, Al Koons, Jerry Miller & Sean McShane

Absent: None

Guests: Jonathan Gayl

Staff: Michelle Rubin

Meeting started at 7:02pm.

Minutes from the July meeting were approved without changes.

**New Business**

1. Resignation
  - Michelle informed the Board that member, Caesar Muzzioli has resigned from the Board. Members will work to find a new volunteer to fill the vacancy.
2. Phoenixville Area Soccer Club
  - Their representative did not attend.
3. Kimberton Art Alliance Rentals
  - Jonathan Gayl reported that KAA will rent the Kimberton Park Amphitheater on Sunday, September 30 for “Reach for the Stars” with the PA Philharmonic Brass; and on Sunday, October 7 for The Lonely Heartstring Band.
4. Graham Walk Summary
  - Members of the East Pikeland Park and Recreation Board, Open Space Committee, and Environmental Advisory Council attended the walk with representatives from French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust and the West Vincent Open Space Committee.
  - Members of the Board that attended the walk shared that the property is a great new area for trails and that in their opinion the property should be left as natural as possible. It was also reported that the current lessee pays \$750/year in rent.
5. Sponsorship Letters
  - The Board approved a new sponsorship letter to be sent to local businesses this fall. The sponsorship options include movie nights and the new music series.
  - The Board decided to stick with the “Third Thursday” as the night for the music series, and will have meetings before the events if pressing agenda items appear.
  - Board members agreed to follow up with potential “big” sponsors personally. Members will also brainstorm area businesses that would be sponsors.
6. Halloween Movie Night (10/27)
  - Al and Joanne will be gone that Saturday, Andrew and Jerry will be here. The other members will check their calendars.
  - The Board discussed decoration options and came up with a list of activities for the event.

## 7. Planning 2019 Events, Programs, etc. & Budget

- Their board discussed event and program plans for 2019. Specifically, the board would like to do the annual egg hunt, 2 trail clean ups, 2 movie nights, a game night in the park, and a new 3-part summer music series.
  - Michelle also shared that Stride Fitness is interested in partnering with the township to do some free fitness classes in the park next summer as advertising. She would like to partner with more places like this to offer a variety of options.
- In addition to events, Board members voiced their desire to have more financial flexibility to make improvements to Kimberton Park and the French Creek Trail. The board voted to ask the Board for an increase in budget for events and park & trail improvement/expansion.
  - The board is requesting the following budget for 2019:
    - Events: \$25,000 for 9 events including: annual egg hunt, 2 trail clean ups, 2 movie nights, a new 3-part summer music series, game night in the park, and outdoor fitness classes.
    - Park/Trail Improvement and Expansion: \$100,000 (early estimate) to be set aside for the board to not only make improvements to Kimberton Park and the French Creek Trail but also to consider expanding the park system in East Pikeland. Includes: Trail improvements, park improvements, new maps/educational material, trail/bike road signs, dog park, community garden, and consultant fees to create plans for new park facilities.
    - \*The board noted that they will also be seeking sponsorships and grants to offset the cost to the township

## 8. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: Thursday, Dec. 6 @6pm

- Michelle informed the Board that the Township will be hosting a volunteer appreciation dinner at the Kimberton Art Building.

## **Old Business**

### 1. Date Night Movie Night (9/21)

- The Board discussed the event layout, concession stands, and other event details.

### 2. SRT Trail Connection

- Board members discussed options for connecting to the Schuylkill River Trail. They have a few options but need guidance on whether they would need a trail easement or permission.

### 3. Ridge Rd.

- Members discussed uses for the Ridge Rd. lot. More will become clear in the coming months, but the top usage that was discussed was a dog park.

## **Public Comment:**

None.

The meeting was closed at 8:35pm.