

July 19, 2012

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes (PRC)

Attendance: Supervisor John McHugh; PRC members: Supervisor Joe Fenstermacher, Lee Heller, Deb Oldham, Beth McHugh, and Therese Mauchline; Visitors: Honey Brook Elementary Center Principal Jamie Whye, Honey Brook Elementary Center Librarian Michelle McClure, Marty Rettinger, and Chris Mauchline

The meeting came to order at 7pm.

One of the first items of business was electing officers. They are: Lee Heller, Co-Chairperson; Deb Oldham, Co-Chairperson; and Therese Mauchline, Recording Secretary.

The Meeting Time was set for the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Honey Brook Township Building.

John McHugh stated that the PRC has \$60,000 budgeted approximately for this fiscal year but some of that has been already designated. One use of the money is to pay for the paving of the tennis courts. He also stated that Joe Fenstermacher would be the alternate since he is also a supervisor and that John's purpose is to advise the commission. He also stated that this summer, we offered tennis lessons for the youth headed by Lee Heller at the tennis courts on Supplee on Wednesdays. Lee said she had assistance. John said the township should look to offer internships and summer jobs to the Honey Brook teens and college students and Joe Fenstermacher said we needed to look to see if it could be supported financially.

Marty Rettinger, who can be contacted at 610-273-7297 or at marjanren@comcast.net, came to request that the PRC consider pickleball as an activity that we would support. He informed us that pickleball is played on tennis courts that are repainted and it is played like paddle tennis. It is always played with doubles and has limited running so it is popular with the 55+ community. There is a group that meets at the New Holland Park on the tennis courts three days a week, 7-9 (MTW). He asked if we could consider doing it-The lines would be painted on the existing tennis courts and the nets would cost \$150. He told us to either check it out at New Holland Park or go to usapa.org, which is the official site for pickleball. He said that if we do it-then maybe the players could arrange clinics to teach others. After he left, Lee Heller suggested that we ask him to do a demonstration and if possible to have it done during Harmony Day at the tennis courts on Supplee.

Jamie Whye, HBEC Principal, stated that she was the representative from the Twin Valley School District. She is interested in working with the Township on trails. The school would like to have a trail around the ballpark fields that are at the school and have a path to the Honey Brook Library. The trail would be used by the school children and also by the community. They were hoping to have it made for biking and walking and having fitness stations. We also talked about how Chester County wished to have a trail that went from Southern Chester County to

Northern Chester County. Possible funding ideas were grants, that Jamie was willing to help with and Chester County Rails to Trails program. Beth McHugh is going to ask Toni Antonini for the person to contact in the Rails to Trails program as we decided that we would like to potentially present this idea to the Supervisors but would like to hear what making a trail entails. Jamie Whye also brought up the idea that could we co-mingle funds, funds that the school applies for and funds that the Township applies for. This idea needs to be explored.

Doug Eversmeyer, though not approved for this Commission, will still make suggestion/survey boxes for Harmony Day which will be placed at the Library and at the tennis courts on Supplee Rd. Honey Brook Partnership is helping with Harmony Day and Donna Horvath, the business manager from Honey Brook Golf Club, is the chairperson for Harmony Day.

Jamie Whye informed us that she has Excel sheets of community contacts that will be useful to us as we plan events and try to introduce the community to looking on the Honey Brook Township site for activities.

Joe Fenstermacher asked if we should consider raising money for discretionary funds. It was decided that we should explore funding down the road.

It was also decided that we need guidelines for a skateboard and roller skating park and that we should check to see if Honey Brook Borough's site has information on it.

We ended the meeting by voting to look into doing the school trail first and asking that each member tried to think of five people to come to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be August 16, 2012 at 7 pm at the Honey Brook Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted

Therese Mauchline

Recording Secretary