

Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2012

The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee held its monthly meeting on August 16th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Supervisor John McHugh; members in attendance: Supervisor Joe Fenstermacher, Lee Heller-Chair, Deb Oldham, Co-Chair, Beth McHugh, and Therese Mauchline secretary. Visitors: David Diamond and his family: Daniel, Sarah, and Alex. The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

A motion to approve the July 19, 2012, meeting minutes was made by Deb Oldham. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried. Meeting minutes will be posted to website after approval.

New Business

Daniel Diamond, a Boy Scout from Troop 56, St. Peter's Church who is looking for an Eagle project, was present to learn about the trail being proposed between the Honey Brook Elementary Center and the Honey Brook library. The proposed trail goes from the corner of the big baseball field and runs through a property of a gentleman, whose house is behind the library. The students have gone that way or the kids also cut through a farmer's field. It was recommended that the Township Engineer, Mike Reinert be contacted by either John McHugh or Joe Fenstermacher. Paula McGuinness and Mike Greene stated they contacted the man behind the library to gain access to the piece of land they want to use for the trail. They have a verbal agreement with him to use the piece of land in exchange for allowing him to run cable. It was recommended that the Township Attorney be contacted to discuss obtaining legal rights to the trail. There are many entities involved with regard to this project. The hope is that the project would start in the spring of 2013. We will keep Daniel Diamond in the loop and down the road we will discuss his relation with regard to this project. It was recommended to have an outline prepared with regard to what steps are needed and who would be involved, the legal costs, and the need to appoint a steering person. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried. Discussion was made on what percentage of the trail the school is doing and what percentage the library is doing and what percentage the Township would have. Utilizing the services of one construction company was discussed. We will revisit this subject when more information has come about and will also discuss with Jamie Whye, the Honey Brook Elementary school principal.

Lee Heller announced that \$440 was made on the tennis camp and it went 10 weeks. She suggested that next year the camp be offered again but for only 8 weeks as vacations got in the way. This will be recommended next year closer to the time of

tennis camp. Lee had a college student and a high school student assisting and it was recommended that gift certificates be purchased for their assistance. It was asked if the funds raised through the tennis camp could be used as discretionary funds by the Parks and Rec Committee. This will be looked into.

Lee Heller went to New Holland Park to watch pickleball. She talked to Don (?), who is in charge of the Park. A discussion was had that Don will present a demonstration on Harmony Day between 10 a.m. and 12 noon where Don and his players will demonstrate for 20 minutes a pickleball game and then anyone can play. A request came up to paint lines on one of the tennis court sides for pickleball. A recommendation was made for Honey Brook to purchase two (2) nets for \$318.00. One net was requested to be locked up and stored at the park and key to be left with Toni, Township Administrator. The other net would be out so people could play. The committee requested Don Johnson, Dir. of Public Works, would be approached and asked to store them in the Honey Brook Township garage for the winter. Tennis courts are scheduled to be resurfaced.

It was discussed that in 2013, a 3 on 3 basketball tournament be offered. We would want to locate the available basketball courts and playgrounds. In the Spring we would like to recruit high school and college students to help us run the tournament and potentially other activities. Activities that came up: kickball league, cornhole tournaments, garden classes, and raised beds—potentially through the Chester County Food Bank.

A Candy Drop and Pumpkin carving and/or painting were discussed to be offered on Saturday, October 20th, and the rain date would be Sunday, October 21st, 2012. It would take place between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. It was recommended if one purchased a pumpkin at \$1.00, they could participate in the candy drop. Joe Fenstermacher volunteered to do the candy drop and provide the candy. The desired place would be Umble Park at the pavilion. Beth McHugh volunteered to take care of designing the flyers. There was a suggestion with regard to possible locations to leave flyers: Rte 10 Market, Library, Stoltzfus Market (IGA). A recommendation for the content on these flyers was pickleball and candy drop/pumpkin decorating.

In the Fall, the committee would like to offer pickleball. In the Spring the committee would like to offer a garden event, and in the Summer, they would like to offer volleyball. A discussion of a Honey Brook Farmers' Market came up maybe at Suplee Road's Umble Park. How would information get out to the public? Other ideas discussed were street hockey, skateboarding, and skating. A request was made to invite Ed Frankel to the next meeting to discuss the topic of skateboarding as he has worked on this in the past. Joe Fenstermacher volunteered to contact Mr. Frankel.

Future Meetings: Subject to Change

Aug 23rd – Planning Commission Regular Meeting (7:00 pm)
Sept 12th – Board of Supervisor Regular Meeting (6:30 pm)
Sept 18th – Land Preservation Regular Meeting (6:30 pm)
Sept 20th – Parks and Recs Regular Meeting (7:00 pm)

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm and the next meeting is September 20th, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Honey Brook Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Mauchline
Parks and Recreation Committee
Recording Secretary