

Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2012

The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee held its monthly meeting on September 20th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Supervisor John McHugh; members in attendance Lee Heller-Chair, Deb Oldham, Co-Chair, Beth McHugh, and Therese Mauchline secretary. Visitors: Library Board President Michael Greene, Planning Commission member Leslie Siebert, Lion's Club Treasurer Joe Cutolo, Honey Brook Principal Jamie Whye, Little League President Robert McMinimee and Walking Trail Committee members: Jim Finn, Doug Shreiner, and Scott Gardner. Absent was Supervisor Joe Fenstermacher. The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

A motion to approve the August 16th, 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

Trail

Jamie Whye, Honey Brook Elementary Center Principal, presented a proposal from the school's Walking Trail Committee. She handed out packets to the Parks and Recreation Committee which contained the school based names of the committee, the potential benefits, a map outlining the suggested path, and proposal/costs from two companies. The school hopes to add fitness stations in the future. There will be 2 loop and inner loop that the school would mainly use and an outer loop which would connect the library to the trail. The cost for the trail will range from \$22K-33K depending on which loop is worked on, with the more expensive loop being the inner loop. The price does not include surveying that would need to be done. The school is aware that fundraising will need to be done to do this project. The library has a person that can write grants, according to Mike Green. When a survey was done in the spring by the township about what they would like to see in the community, 500 people wanted a bike trail. What is helpful to have in a trail is a flat area and wheelchair accessible. The Trail committee is only aware of one trail in the area which is located at Living God Lutheran Church and that trail is not wheelchair accessible. The Parks and Recreation Committee agree it's a good idea but we need to have a coordinator, and efforts from the community including Boy Scouts. We need to look for grants and the route may change. The Trail Committee wanted to know if they could use township labor and they were advised to attend the Supervisor's meeting, October 10th at 6:30 to support the below motion and present their idea. Right now, the school has zero money for the trail.

Motion

A motion was made by Deb Oldham that 1/3 of the money for the first phase, which is \$33K, comes from the Honey Brook Township. All in favor and the motion passed.

Birdtown

John Rogers, a volunteer for Audubon and one of the founders of the idea of Birdtown presented a program. Why should we consider becoming a birdtown: Birds are an environmental indicator, promotes conservation, and creates value? It teaches stewardship and is a step by step process. The cost is either \$850/year or \$450/yr. For \$850=you get an all day training where 6 people will be trained, signs, site log in information. The main difference is that the \$450/year cost means every person wishing training must be an individual cost. December 7-There will be a Birdtown Summit-If we wish to attend have Leslie Siebert contact Audubon. Parks and Recreation decided to table this idea until we could determine if we had someone to oversee it as there is a lot of work involved. Leslie Siebert will try to get word out and see if anyone is interested in this program.

Little League

Rob McMinimee, president of Little League, wants help from the township in maintaining the fields. The registration numbers are down and they are concerned that the costs keep going up. Umpires are becoming costly. He mainly wants help mowing the fields which is once a week. They keep a mower at the school. We said what about asking high school kids to umpire the games. He said at 16 you can umpire, but there still must be an adult. Beth McHugh suggested that he get more community involvement.

Candy Drop and Pumpkin Painting

Joe Cutolo said the Lions Club has done this in the past. He suggested we have it first come/first served and only paint the pumpkins for liability reasons. This will take place at the Pavilion at Umble Park on Saturday, October 20, 2012 between 1-4. Beth is making flyers which will also say a rain date of October 21st. We will be asking Joe Fenstermacher to get the pumpkins for the committee as he knows where we can get them. The painting will cost \$1 which will go back to the Parks and Recreation Budget.

Supplies and pumpkins will be paid using the Parks and Recreation budget.

The last new business is that the Honey Brook Partnership is coming up with a website where events should be listed or at least a tie-in to the Township website.

Old Business

Harmony Day had a demonstration of pickleball at the tennis courts at Umble Park from John from New Holland, who is their pickleball organizer. After the demonstration, the residents from Knob Hill who play pickleball played a game. The one net is being left at the tennis courts at Umble Park and the other net will be stored at the Township Building. Once the courts are redone, one tennis court will have lines for both pickleball and tennis.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

After the meeting adjourned-Tori from the *TriCounty* Record came in to present her idea that we consider a community garden. She handed the information to Lee Heller. We discussed instead of that idea to come out with a garden project for interested trailer

parks and involve either Master Gardeners or Twin Valley High School's FFA. Therese will follow up with Master Gardeners and Deb Oldham to follow-up with FFA.

Budget Meeting

After the public meeting, a meeting was held to form a budget for 2013.

Walking Trail \$11,000

Tennis Camp \$400

This will be 8 weeks instead of 10 and \$200 will be for the staff and \$200 for equipment and snacks such as water and popsicles.

3x 3 Basketballs at Umble Court \$350

This will be 1 day. We can contact TV Basketball Association to help. Court Bigelow, Chris M, and Rick and Mandy Ranck.

\$180 for 6 basketballs, \$30 for 4 nets, \$60 a dozen pennies, \$64 Referees.

Score will be kept by paper and pencil

Garden Project \$500

Pots, Soil and Seeds. We are hoping to present a project to the youth where they can grow vegetables in a pot such as tomato, pepper, lettuce.

Future Meetings: Subject to Change

Oct 25th – Planning Commission Regular Meeting (7:00 pm)

Oct 10th – Board of Supervisor Regular Meeting (6:30 pm)

Nov 20th – Land Preservation Regular Meeting (6:30 pm)

Oct 18th– Parks and Recs Regular Meeting (7:00 pm)

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm and the next meeting is October 18th, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Honey Brook Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Parks and Recreation Committee
Recording Secretary