

**Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

January 17, 2013

The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee held its monthly meeting on January 17 at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance Lee Heller-Chair, and Therese Mauchline, secretary. Visitors: / Little League President Robert McMinimee, Honey Brook Administrator Toni Antonini, and Supervisor John McHugh. The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

A motion to approve the November 2012, meeting minutes was made by Therese Mauchline and Lee Heller seconded. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried. Meeting minutes will be posted to website after approval.

New Business

Approval of New Members

Rob McMinimee, Little League President, presented his resume to the committee. Therese moved to approve Rob and Lee seconded. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried.

Softball Field Use

Chastity Brown, Director of Wellness from Tel Hai Retirement Community, wants to use the softball fields at Umble Park during the week. A question was raised about insurance and Toni Antonini is to check with the Township Solicitor. Lee moved to recommend that Tel Hai can use softball fields provided they have insurance. Therese seconded. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried. Rob McMinimee says he has old bases that they could use and Toni says that they could be left at the Township Office and signed out since they will be using the fields during the week.

The issue of a fee was brought up but tabled for further discussion for use of the park facilities. Toni Antonini told the committee that the cameras were purchased for James Umble Park. They will be installed as soon as possible and are looking into surveillance signs. Rob brought up the dog issue. He said there are dogs there sometimes. The park is posted "No dogs", but maybe the sign needs to be bigger. John McHugh said dogs are a problem and he will bring it up to the Board of Supervisors.

4 Wheelers/Dirt bikes/bmx'g/skateboarding/Playgrounds

We need to begin thinking where these activities can take place and what the rules will be. Ed Frankel was working on skateboarding with the Honey Brook Borough and may have a non-profit group started. Lee said she would contact him. We also need to check into the surrounding communities such as New Holland, West Caln, and West Goshen to see how they handle the problem. When housing developments go in, we need to have a plan for what we are going to require them to have for recreation such as tot lots, walking trails, etc. It was suggested by Lee and Rob that we could potentially look at the area where the volleyball court is to see if we could put something

there for skateboarding/bmx'g. 4 Wheelers and dirt bikes require more space maybe we could think about the racetrack area on Rt322 and see if they would allow them to ride there. We will consider 4 wheelers and dirt bikes at a later meeting.

Baseball

Rob wanted to know if we could ever put lights on the fields by the school especially Field 1 which is closer to the road. We could propose to the Board, but then Toni will have to contact the solicitor because the land isn't the township's.

Rob submitted a concession stand improvement proposal to meet the Chester County Health Dept Recommendations. Toni Antonini said that the Twin Valley League was responsible for the inside of the stand and that the township was responsible for the outside. John McHugh said maybe they should consider a concession company. They would be responsible for the stand and the TV Little League would collect money from the company. You have to be 16 to take cash and 18 to work the grill. Pat and Joan Moser have the health dept recommendations. Opening day is April 6th so repairs were recommended by then. He had one proposal from Pennbrook Construction Inc. We told him that we need to see 3 bids.

Needs to be addressed by next meeting

Toni Antonini said we should look at a copy of a survey she passed out so that it could be included in the Spring Newsletter and see if it meets our needs. We also need to decide what we want our portion of the web site to look like and how we want proposals submitted

Motion 1

We make a motion that the Board of Supervisors appoints Rob McMinimee to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Motion 2

We make a motion that the Board of Supervisors approve that Tel Hai Retirement Community may use the Softball Field at Umble Park, provided that they have liability insurance.

Old Business

Trail

The Honey Brook Elementary school will be going with a smaller trail for now and will not be asking for funds at this time. Lee thinks we need a subcommittee for the trail as the Brandywine Conservancy (Sheila Fleming) and the County are interested in connecting Umble Park to Struble Lake. How many people do we need for a subcommittee? When does the County plan to start the trail?

2013 Summer Activities

Lee will come up with dates for the Tennis Camp to present to the board. She will contact Marty Rettinger regarding pickle ball. Lee is appointing Deb to check into

basketball. Lee will contact Donna Horvath, from the Honey Brook Golf Club, regarding Golf Camp.

Little League

Honey Brook Partnership

Gardening

Deb Oldham to contact the Twin Valley High School's agriculture club to see if they would like to put together a program for the kids in Honey Brook. Therese Mauchline will also look into Master Gardeners for the same purpose. We will also contact Ally Antonini at Chester County Food Bank regarding raised beds at the township building. The meeting adjourned at 8 pm with John McHugh inviting us all to attend the HB Partnership Meeting which is to be held 1/23/13 at Heatherwood. Our next meeting is February 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Honey Brook Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Mauchline
Parks and Recreation Committee
Recording Secretary