

Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2013

The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee held its monthly meeting on February 21st at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance Lee Heller-Chair, Deb Oldham-Co-Chair, Rob McMinimee, Therese Mauchline, Secretary, and Danny Bailey absent due to illness. Visitors: 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 January 2012, meeting minutes was made by Deb Oldham and Rob McMinimee seconded. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried. Meeting minutes will be posted to website after approval.

New Business

Review and Possible Repairs to the Park Concession Stand

A copy of the original agreement between Twin Valley Little League and the township was reviewed along with the recommendations from the Chester County Health Department's inspection on April 17, 2012. It was noted there were no violations, therefore the repairs that Rob wanted done do not need to be completed by April 6, 2013. Rob McMinimee did say the sliding door in front was broken and Toni Antonini said she would have the maintenance crew look into it. The only bid for the door was \$1850 so Toni said she would see what the maintenance men suggest. The health department is strongly recommending that hot water be provided to the restrooms. Toni said she would look into why this wasn't done when it was first built and said it may have been a safety issue. Possibly utilizing the anti-bacterial wash could resolve this for proper hand sanitizing.

A discussion of lights being placed on the school field at Honey Brook Elementary Center was discussed. We would need to know cost and permission from Diane Drive residents. John McHugh asked Rob McMinimee about the conditions of the field behind Honey Brook Gardens and he said it was weedy. The new owners of the land around Honey Brook Gardens want to move the big field. Rob McMinimee also announced that the softball field at Umble Park around the dugout was going to get concrete around it. Toni said Jennifer McConnell, Township Engineer from Technicon must be contacted to make sure concrete is okay to meet storm water requirements. Rob also informed us that there would be a golf outing on August 29th to raise money for TV Little League.

Struble Trail

The Chester County Planning Commission is applying for a grant from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for funding to complete the Northern Struble Trail Plan. They sent a letter to ask for support for the trail. Deb Oldham made a motion that a letter be written to support the trail and Rob seconded.

All in favor. None Opposed. Toni mentioned that she and Leslie Siebert both have worked on grants and would be good contacts for when we need to start writing grants.

Proposal for Township Website Content

A discussion was held on the township's website. At the moment, Lew Wertley will be given work from the Parks and Recreation Commission through Toni, so that she also is aware of the website changes that need to be made. Deb Oldham relayed that Jeanne Richards(Jenzano), from the Honey Brook Borough Parks Committee, does their website and also would like to work with us in future activities and would be willing to advertise our events on the borough's sign. The township has not decided what they will use to redo the website. It could be a new program or they might try contacting Twin Valley High School to use a high school student. Deb said she will ask Gwen Warner to see if the school could give us an intern in the future. We would we like to include on our page of the website the following: We want Mission Statement, Dates of Meetings, Calendar of Activities/Events, Community Suggestion for Activity, Proposal Form, Picture of Umble Park and how to rent the Park, Township Contacts, and links to other organizations, and access to minutes once approved.

Mission Statement

Toni, kindly supplied the Parks Commission with mission statements . We also talked about other communities' mission statements and park websites. The mission that was chosen is the following:

Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Commission's mission is to provide opportunities for people to enrich their lives and increase their enjoyment and well-being through outdoor recreation and education.

Survey

Toni Antonini needs us to finish looking at the survey so she can include it in the Spring Newsletter.

Golf

The Honey Brook Golf Club would like to run Junior Golf Clinics. There was not enough information given on the form. Specific dates were missing, but Deb said that it is usually held once a week. The question became were they using Umble Park or the golf course. We are very interested and Therese will contact Donna Horvath by email to see if information can be obtained for next meeting.

Raised Beds

Therese raised the issue of having raised beds at the Township Building. The Chester County Food Bank provides the lumber, soil, seeds, seedlings and technical assistance and we supply the work force. It has a 3 season growing season and takes volunteers to weed, water, and harvest. The beds are 10' X 3' x 16" and are made of cypress so they are good for 12-15 years. Seventy percent of the food goes to a local food pantry and the other 30% could be used by the volunteers or those in needs. This idea will be further explored in next month's meeting.

Other ideas to be explored

Volleyball League, Kickball on the old field, Running and Gardening,

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 the proposal form should look like.

Motion 1

We make a motion that the Board of Supervisors sends a letter to support the Northern Struble Trail Plan.

Motion 2

We make a motion that the Board of Supervisors donates \$500 towards Phase I of the HBEC Trail.

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. Deb Oldham did suggest that we give a donation to the Walking Trail at HBEC to show our interest in this project. Deb made the motion and Rob seconded. All in favor and none opposed. The motion passed.

Tennis Camp

Lee will have tennis camp information for next meeting.

Pickleball

Lee will contact Marty Renninger regarding pickle ball once he comes back from Florida.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm. Our next meeting is March 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Honey Brook Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Mauchline
Parks and Recreation Committee
Recording Secretary