

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

The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee held its monthly meeting on March 21st at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance Lee Heller-Chair, Deb Oldham-Co-Chair, Therese Mauchline, Secretary. Absent: Rob McMinimee and Danny Bailey due to ball practices. The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

A motion to approve the February 2013, meeting minutes was made by Deb Oldham and Therese seconded. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried. Meeting minutes will be posted to website after approval.

New Business

Umble Park

Lee informed us that she had toured Umble Park and noticed that the tennis gates were broken and needed repaired as they do not close. Therese will contact Toni.

Kickball

Deb will run kickball at Umble Park from 12:30-2pm on Wednesdays in the summer. The age will be children in 5th-9th grade. The minimum number of kids is 10. The cost will be \$10 for 8 weeks. The dates are June 19th-August 7th. Registration for both kickball and tennis will be through the township. If there is bad weather, contact the township to see if it will be held.

Other future activities to consider

Skateboarding and BMX

Lee contacted Ed Frankel to find out the status of skateboarding in the area. Ed Frankel informed her that the skate board park has been approved by the Honey Brook Borough and that he is paying a consultant to write grants. He wants Honey Brook Township to consider installing a BMX area. Since the three meeting attendants don't know much about the sport we decided to explore the idea at a later meeting and see if Ed Frankel will attend it to discuss further. A site to checkout based on handouts he gave Lee was Progressivebike ramps.com. Also, we need to look at liability for the township.

Running

We would like to form a running group. Lee likes the idea of Girls on the Run but Deb thought that the Brandywine YMCA might have rights to that program in Chester County. There are other programs that we could consider at a future meeting. We also thought that adults might like a running club.

Gardening

We will consider this for next year as an activity for youth and concentrate on raised beds this year

Old Business

Mission Statement

Deb wanted to know if the statement was on the web yet. Therese will check with Toni. If not on the website-Therese will make sure Toni has it. The mission statement is below. Deb and Lee also wanted to know if the meeting dates were on the web yet and if not, Therese will also contact Toni.

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

We chose the survey that was used last spring to be sent in the Spring Newsletter and also placed on the web. It will be attached to the minutes and sent to Toni, Township Administrator, for distribution.

Golf

Lee talked to Ryan and they would like to run a Junior Golf Clinic at Umble Park during July/August. The kids will be hitting a tennis ball once a week in the afternoon between 1-3. The cost will be \$5/child. The maximum will be 30 kids. He still has details to work out including dates, length (which we believe will be 6 weeks). The money details will also be discussed later with Ryan and Lee. He doesn't need equipment from us. We decided that they need to give Toni a certificate of liability insurance one week before it starts. They also need one adult with child abuse clearances and two adults must be present at all times. Adults may not go into the bathroom with children.

Raised Beds

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 period 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 need. Therese will be contacting the food bank to get details of layout at the township building and other information for approval at the April Board meeting. Lee will contact the Girl Scouts to see if they are interested in assisting and Therese will contact Cub Scouts, Boys Scouts, and Kris Rader who was running the local 4H club. It will also be confirmed that there are outside faucets at the Township.

Trail

The money was approved to donate to the Honey Brook Elementary Center.

Tennis Camp

Lee said tennis lessons will be Tuesdays, from June 18th-August 6th for 8 weeks. The cost will be \$10. The first session will be for 1st-4th graders and the second session is for 5th-8th graders. The children must be a resident of either the Borough or the Township. The Hours are:
9:30-10:30 Elementary students

10:30-12:00 Middle School students
A maximum of 25 students.

Pickleball

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Our next meeting is April 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Honey Brook Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Mauchline
Parks and Recreation Committee
Recording Secretary