

Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2013

The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee held its monthly meeting on April 18 at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance Lee Heller-Chair, Deb Oldham-Co-Chair, Rob McMinimee, Therese Mauchline, Secretary. Danny Bailey absent due to softball practice. 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 March 2013, meeting minutes was made by Rob McMinimee and Deb Oldham seconded. All in favor. None opposed. The motion carried. Meeting minutes will be posted to website after approval.

New Business

Umble Park

On April 2nd, The Smuckers' Gathering borrowed Umble Park. The following occurred at the site and the road crew who needed 5 hours to clean up the area the next day.

- 6 bags of trash were strewn around
- Climbing on pavilion roof
- Tried to break into the Little League shed to get bases
- Tractor left oil stain on the concrete pad.

Based on this behavior, Rob made a motion that an official letter stating that the behavior was not appreciated and breaks tenants of faith and they will be held responsible. Therese seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

We also looked at rules for the park, which John McHugh said are hard to enforce because we don't have our own police force. We looked at Elverson's Living Good Park rules. We discussed how often the park was used and how that use was free at the present. Lee made a motion and Rob seconded that we recommend that a \$100 deposit for use of Umble Park-any part. Deposit will be reimbursed if no damage. All in favor none opposed.

All trash needs to be bagged and all trash deposited in dumpster.

Lee made the motion and Therese seconded that the use of the Facilities Use Application and Rules and Liability Form be used. They would get a copy and we would have the original. All in favor none opposed.

Memorial Parade

Even though several people, Donna Hovarth, Therese Mauchline, and Joan Matthews tried to obtain a Twin Valley School District Band, it could not be arranged. Martha Swope's name was given to a Park member. New Holland has a community parade so she may have contacts for a band. The Honey Brook Women's Club will be doing a bike parade. Rob mentioned that Little League was not asked to be in the band. Troop 9 is marching in it. John McHugh is Grand Marshal, and Rick Craig, a township resident, will be playing Taps at the graveyard sites.

Camps

When do we want the ad be put in the Tri County regarding the camps? We could just be in the information in the events coming up and then it is free. We should also put in the Community Courier. We should do a blast at both Honey Brook Elementary for Lee's Camp and if appropriate Golf camp and a blast at Twin Valley Middle School for all the camps.

Motion 1

We make a motion that recommends that an official letter stating that the behavior was not appreciated and breaks tenants of faith and they will be held responsible.

Motion 2

We make a motion that recommends a \$100 deposit for use of Umble Park-any part. Deposit reimbursed if no damage.

Motion 3

We make a motion that recommends the use of the "Facilities Use Application /Rules/Liability Form.

Motion 4

We make a motion that recommends kickball should be open to all Twin Valley Middle School students

Motion 5

We make a motion that recommends that Parks buys a kitchen scale for the Raised Bed Program.

Motion 6

We make a motion that recommends a compost pile is built next to the raised beds.

Old Business

Trail

Lee Heller will deliver the \$500 that was approved by the supervisors to Jamie Whye, the Honey Brook Principal once the check is written. We asked her to document the occasion with a picture to advertise the trail and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Tennis Camp

This event should only be open to Honey Brook Borough and Township Residents.

Kickball

Rob made a motion and Therese seconded that Kickball should be open to all Twin Valley Middle Students. All were in favor. None opposed.

Township Website Content and Mission Statement

The website information and mission statement was decided on in February. Toni will look at those minutes and pass on the information.

Survey

The survey went out in the Spring Newsletter.

Golf

The dates for the golf camp were not chosen yet. Lee will contact the golf club.

Little League

Rob said that Little League might be having a tournament during the summer but he doesn't know the details at this time.

Raised Beds

Two raised beds will be installed by volunteers including Therese on May 1st from 6-8 at the Township Building. The majority of the harvest will be given to Steeple to People at Todd Road-first farm on the Left from Rt 10. We will need access to the water key and access to the hose. We need to discuss the hose with the Roadmaster, Don Johnson or with Toni Antonini. Rob made the motion and Therese seconded that a kitchen scale be purchased to weigh the produce. All in favor none opposed.

Therese made the motion and Rob seconded that a compost area be built by the beds for garden trash. All in favor none opposed

We also need to find volunteers to help throughout the seasons. Lee will contact the Girl Scouts, potentially through Jamie Whye. Therese will call Mike Walker at Knob Hill. Therese will also be in contact with 4H, Cub Scout Pack 9, and Boy Scout Troop 9, Honey Brook Women's Club and anyone else we can contact. We will try to arrange for the Tri County to be there to take a picture for a story to generate interest. We need to rotate over the summer so no one person is responsible.

Tabled for further discussion, trips such as sports events, music events, or other events.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Our next meeting is May 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Honey Brook Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Mauchline
Parks and Recreation Committee
Recording Secretary