

**Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2014**

The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee held its monthly meeting on February 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance Lee Heller-Chair, Deb Oldham-Co-Chair, Therese Mauchline, Secretary. Absent: Danny Bailey, Rob McMinimee. Visitors: Tom Kay, Commander of Honey Brook American Legion, Erika Pennabaker, President of Honey Brook Community Partnership, and Toni Antonini, Honey Brook Township Administrator

**Minutes**

A discussion occurred regarding the budget in the October 2013 minutes. Therese Mauchline made the motion with Deb Oldham seconding that the minutes be approved with the provision that Toni Antonini check on the contract between Little League and the Township to see who pays for the dirt that is needed for the fields. The budget was set in the October minutes with us listing money for the Little League fields for replacing dirt. Toni said the contract was originally with the Athletic League which disbanded and became the Twin Valley Little League, therefore we might need to review the contract in the future. The motion passed and none opposed.

**Motion 1**

**We approve the minutes with the provision that Toni Antonini check on the contract between the Twin Valley Little League and the Township and see who is responsible for paying for the dirt for the fields.**

**New Business**

**Officers for 2014-2015.**

**Chair** - Lee Heller - Deb Oldham nominated and Therese Mauchline seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Co-Chair** - Deb Oldham – Lee Heller nominated and Therese Mauchline seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Secretary** – Therese Mauchline – Lee Heller nominated and Deb Oldham seconded. Approved unanimously.

**How to generate more interest**

Erika Pennabaker suggested that we use the Buzz in The TriCounty Record that the Honey Brook Community Partnership started to advertise our events. She said that people look there to see what is happening.

**Veterans' Honor Roll , Care Packages, Memorial Day Parade**

Tom Kay said he would touch base with Frank Fredella to ask Frank to coordinate with Toni about the list of veterans. Deb Oldham will contact Twin Valley High School to try to obtain a list of recruiting officers so that we can try to find out who is active duty. Tom Kay will also check to see if he can find out active duty veterans. We would like the active duty list as Therese Mauchline mentioned we would like to send the active veterans care packages from the community so they know we appreciate their sacrifice. Tom said that the Memorial Day Parade will be taking place.

**225<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

Ideas

Time Capsule

Fireworks

Bonfire

Float

Erika suggested that we used Harmony Day and Toni mentioned that Kristy, Honey Brook Township Clerk, is now attending the Honey Brook Community Partnership meetings.

Tom Kay suggested that we walk in the Memorial Day Parade with a banner and hand out pamphlets of what we plan on doing. He also said that he is willing to have the American Legion help out.

Erika suggested that we order something commemorative to hand out to the residents. She also is going to email Toni the email she had for Banners.com  
Barbara White is the Honey Brook Historical Society President so we will try to contact her for more ideas  
Toni was asked what our budget was and it's \$52,000 which also includes maintenance and mowing of the Park and our other summer activities.

The discussion continued with just the Parks and Recreation Commission. We talked about just having a one day celebration on August 9<sup>th</sup> with a raindate of August 16<sup>th</sup>. Deb Oldham suggested a parade, wooden coins, family picnic, outdoor movie, and supervisors in jail. Lee Heller suggested a bonfire with a concert, wiffleball games, and water balloons.

Deb Oldham will check on outdoor movies. We will need to do advertising. Lee will ask Toni about bonfire rules. Next Meeting, we will try to have more ideas for the celebration.

### **BMXing**

Toni mentioned that Bmxing in Suplee Park had come up in the past. It seems a more prominent activity done by the Township kids and that the modules are mobile. The idea is tabled for now.

### **Chester County Food Bank**

The Chester County Food Bank is now coming into the Township and handing out food at Good's. They had 200 households the first time. March 13<sup>th</sup> is the Raised Bed Kickoff according to Therese and she will look for volunteers. .

### **Volleyball**

Therese reported that she knew someone that maybe either could coordinate pickup volleyball, do a summer volleyball league or a one day event. She will ask Chuck Kegerreis. She will try to contact him before the next meeting.

### **Website**

Therese reported that the website was now up and that we had to review our portion. Lee would ask Toni about the form for ideas from the community to make sure it is on the site

### **Advertising**

Lee will contact Erica about advertising in the Buzz for our activities.

### **Trails**

Lee would like us to concentrate on one thing so we talked about trails as it was the number one idea in the survey done in 2012. We looked at the trail around Struble Lake found in the Comprehensive Plan but we don't know what we can do there. We would need to contact Fish and Wildlife.

We looked at the old railroad beds and Lee will contact Toni regarding the Brandywine-Struble Trail using the old railroad beds

### **Other Ideas**

Open the building up to the public for gaming or other activities such as scrapbooking. Table this idea.  
Flood an area of Umble Park and have ice skating from Dec-March of 2014-2015.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm with Lee Heller making the motion and Deb Oldham seconding. Our next meeting is March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Honey Brook Township Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Mauchline  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
Recording Secretary