

**Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 17 2014**

The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee held its monthly meeting on July 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance Lee Heller-Chair, Deb Oldham, Co-Chair, Therese Mauchline, Secretary. and Rob McMinimee. Absent: Danny Bailey. Visitors: Mary Anne Feeley and Glen Emery.

Minutes

Rob McMinimee made the motion with Deb Oldham seconding that the minutes be approved. The motion passed and none opposed.

New Business

Born Learning Trail

Mary Anne Feeley from the United Way presented her information on the Born Learning Trail. They have 8 trails that they have done through Chester County through a grant and can do 2 more trails. It is an initiative to assist with early childhood education. The trail is for preschoolers to promote language skill development. The first trail was at CAT Pickering and since then trails have been put in the following places: Charles Milton Center-West Chester, Chester County Tech College at West Grove, Ash Park-Coatesville, East Goshen Park-West Chester, and Johnstown Community Park-Downingtown.

The park can be anyway we want. United Way looks for a safe practical site for families, and find community partners. Permits from the township for building and utility clearance if needed for the site and then the trail is mapped out. They will help with promotional opportunities, press releases and advertising. The build is usually done as a community space.

Deb Oldham asked how much space is needed and it can be done with a ¼ mile or less. Deb also suggested that we contact Andy Frey from Twin Valley School District's Alternative Ed program for assistance.

Motion: We make a motion to support the Born Learning Trail and to install it at Umble Park.

Since the Lion's Club was initially involved, once we are ready to proceed, we were also contact them.

Bike Ride

Glenn Emery came to present his idea for a bicycle ride to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the township. It could be small and for children, families, and adults. We would need to contact the state police for assistance to do a community bike safety check on Harmony Day. The ride could start at the back entrance of the school and go down Mill Road which is 3 miles. Little Kids could go down Walnut Rd to the Tee at Mill Rd. We would need release forms, and we would need to contact Bill Ford-Fire Police for traffic control. Lee will follow up with Toni before her vacation.

Old Business

Family nights didn't happen
Summer Camp was canceled due to lack of participation
Tennis camp is going well
Kickball has 12 kids

225th Anniversary

Photographer Eric Cressman isn't available and suggested to contact Trish Amoroso.

Lee was told that Pickleball Joe runs clinics and we could contact him to see if he would like to run one on Harmony Day

Garden

The garden harvested 1 lb. 14 oz. of broccoli and 1 lb. 2 oz. of Swiss chard. Steeple to People told us that no one likes the Swiss chard and they do not wish to have any more. We plan on planting something in its place.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 with Lee making the motion and Deb seconding.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Mauchline
Parks and Recreation Committee
Recording Secretary