

**Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Draft Minutes
March 19, 2015**

The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee held its monthly meeting on March 19, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the township building. Members in attendance: Lee Heller-Co-Chair, Therese Mauchline, Secretary, Rob McMinimee, and Glenn Emery. Absent was Kelly Spracklin, Co-Chair. Our guest was Mary Anne Feeley from United Way to speak about the Born Learning Trail.

Minutes

Rob McMinimee made the motion with Therese Mauchline seconding that the minutes from January 15, 2015 be approved. The motion passed and none opposed.

New Business

Born Learning Trail

Mary Anne Feeley gave an update on the Little Free Library initiative that the United Way has been installing in Chester County. There are 8 sites so far and Honey Brook is one of the 8. SABIC-IP Corporation who installed our Born Learning Trail has installed our post and is waiting for nice weather to install the box. Information on the Little Free Library can be found at LittleFreeLibrary.org.

The books that will be left in the box will be preschool books to start to go along with the purpose of the Born Learning Trail which is to promote reading and math literacy before school starts. The Friends of the Honey Brook Community Library will take off the stocking of the box and they can stock with any kind of book.

Ideas were kicked around for the opening day. Mary Anne suggested paper chains that children made to open the trail that the children run through. Lee suggested that she could play parachute games with the kids while we have our speaker. We need to send letters to Honey Brook Elementary Center and the local preschools announcing the opening date. Glenn said he would make color copies of the Born Learning information and make press kits. SABIC-IP in Exton/Thorndale gave money and time towards building it and installing it. Their contact person is David Vertigan. We would like to invite Michele Murtaugh, the librarian from the Honey Brook Elementary Center to speak about the importance of literacy in preschoolers. Lee will ask her. We would like the supervisors to attend. We want the speaking to be kept to a minimum of 15 minutes as the children will be antsy. We would also like the Friends of the Honey Brook Community Library to be there. Therese will ask the Library Director Jennifer Spade to contact them for us. Potential dates were April 25/Rain date April 26, May 2/Rain date May 3, May 30/Rain date May 31. Start time on Saturday will be 10-12 and on Sundays 12-2.

After the meeting, Emails were sent back and forth and May 2nd was decided as the date as Mary Anne Feeley wished to be there.

Basketball Clinic

Lee Heller is looking into this; details to follow.

Bike Ride

Glenn would like to conduct a bike ride and bike safety maybe for Harmony Day, September 19th at Honey Brook Elementary Center being set up by Parks and Recreation and the Honey Brook Community Partnership.

1 mile ride will start at school and will take a left on to Walnut and a left onto Diane Drive and then back to the school.

Look for more details to come! The ride will be for children, families, and adults. There will be a cost for families and adults but not for children under 12. We are also hoping to have a bike safety check before the ride. -(Details to come from Glenn)

Old Business

Tennis

The backboard that was discussed in January had been discussed with Don Johnson in February. It has been decided to go back and tell Don to attach a plywood backboard to fence for practicing.

Summer Camp

Lee contacted Michele Zietz about running summer camp. Michele wishes to run summer camp Tuesday-Thursday for 5 weeks from 9-12 at Honey Brook Elementary Center instead of the park as then she could move inside in case of rain and the bathrooms are convenient. We don't know if that is a liability issue, so Lee will talk to the new principal there. A motion was made by Glenn regarding Michele's salary and her helper and Lee seconded and none opposed. She needs to come to the next meeting. Start date of Tues June 16. Ages K-4.

MOTION

We make a motion that we pay Michele Zietz \$25/hr and her aide \$10/hr with a minimum of 10 kids per week.

Tennis Camp

Lee discussed teaching tennis again. She plans on doing it the week of June 16-July 28th. She will check with Leslie but she is considering moving to Mondays. 9am-10am will be for the 1st and 2nd graders and 10-11:30 will be the 3rd-5th graders. She will need a minimum of 12-15 students. The cost will be \$10

Baseball/Softball Clinic

Rob and the coaches from Twin Valley Little League teach a clinic for baseball and softball. The dates are July 27, 29 and 31 from 6-8 at the fields. He will need ice and water for the kids. Registration will be through the Township office. The cost will be \$10 for ages 7-12. They will tell the rain dates to the kids but if it is totally rained out. It will be August 3, 5, and 7. Lee checking with Rob McMinimee about clearances and who gets the money

Pickleball

Glenn said that a group from Elverson is interested in doing Pickleball. Last year, there was a problem with groups not letting others play so this year we are thinking of a flyer to say open play Tues/Thurs 9-12, weather dependent. All are welcome. Supplies at Township building but nets at tennis area.

Tennis and Pickleball are available at other times-All areas of the park are non-exclusive.

Chester County Food Bank Raised Garden

Therese said she will continue working at the garden with her husband and possibly the Goetz family. The food will be mainly donated to Honey Brook Food Bank and if not available due to harvest times to either Steeple to People or Shepherd's Kitchen.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 with Lee Heller making the motion and Rob McMinimee seconding. None opposed. Next meeting will be April 16, 2015 at 7:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Mauchline
Parks and Recreation Commission
Recording Secretary