

**Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Approved Minutes
January 21, 2016**

The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee held its monthly meeting on January 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the township building. Members in attendance: Lee Heller-Chair, Therese Mauchline, Secretary, Glenn Emery, and new members, Sheri Zynn, Kevin Wynant, and Allen Hartz.. The visitor was Supervisor John McHugh.

Minutes

October minutes were not reviewed at this meeting as copies were not available.

New Business

The meeting began with introductions and collection of emails. John McHugh brought up that he sees us as policy makers and that we need to look at land. We discussed where to look and John suggested down by the mobile home area as Supplee is too far for those residents. John says the comprehensive plan suggests that most people want trails and Glenn mentioned the Rails to Trails program and how we need guidelines. John said look at where most of the kids are which is down by Keystone Court and Lazy Acres We need at least 5 acres for a park.. We talked about where the county was in their development of the north extension of Struble Trail, which is to enter Honey Brook. They are still in the planning stage.

This year, the newsletter will be written using an outside source that will pay for itself by setting up advertising. Allen asked how it would be delivered and John McHugh said it would still come to the houses. Lee went over our mission statement which is the following:

To enrich the lives of its citizens by providing a comprehensive system of parks and affordable, diverse recreation programs that encourage health, fitness, relaxation, and cultural enrichment, as well as providing opportunities for community involvement.

We also talked about needing grants written and we will try to work on that this year.

Skateboard Park

The Borough is probably going through with this and our looking for people from our committee to help out. If interested contact the Borough to speak to Jeannie.

Exercise

Lee was contacted by Jen Bauer who is a personal trainer and is taking classes. She wants to know if we will assist her with an exercise program for a special population. It would be for older people. It would be a free class and we are recommending she look at the township building to use. John said we might be able to get Rover to pick up the residents that would be interested and the building use would be free.

Old Business

Raised Garden Bed

Therese said there were classes that were being offered by Chester County Food Bank that she will send out to everyone on the committee. Also, the Chester County Food Bank kickoff is March 5 at Longwood Gardens. She said that the beds need compost and soil so she will give the information to Don Johnson at the township to see if he can get it cheaper at maybe John's Supply. The hose needs replaced and an email will be sent to the township to request that.

Summer Programs

Lee told about the summer programs and how we plan to offer them again. We offered tennis camp, basketball, summer camp at HBEC for 5 weeks, baseball and softball clinics, and pckleball.

Bike Riding

Glenn told about his bike riding which took place on Harmony Day and raised funds for the food bank. They already had their first meeting and it is the same committee members. They plan on a 50 mile, 25 mile and 5 mile ride. They have a proposed trail but the problem with parking at Umble Parks due to congestion with Fall Ball and Struble Lake was offered as a possible parking area. They plan to have it the day after Harmony Day and the fundraising will possibly be the library. They plan on more marketing and will reach out to bikes rides for the competitive biker.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 with Therese Mauchline making the motion and Glenn Emery seconding. All were in favor and none opposed. We will meet February 18th at 7:30pm

Therese Mauchline
Parks and Recreation Commission
Recording Secretary