

**Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Approved Minutes
October 15, 2015**

The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee held its monthly meeting on October 15, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the township building. Members in attendance: Lee Heller-Chair, Therese Mauchline, Secretary, and Glenn Emery. Visitors were Supervisor John McHugh and Supervisor Travis Stacey

Minutes

Glenn Emery made the motion with Lee Heller seconding that the minutes from June 18th be approved. The motion passed and none opposed. Glenn Emery made the motion and Lee Heller seconded that the minutes from September 17th be approved. All motion passed and none opposed.

New Business

Make a Difference Day

Therese Mauchline reported that a lot of jackets and coats were in the township building. The tables for the distribution are coming from the Honey Brook Fire Department and will be brought over by the Honey Brook Borough Maintenance Dept. Therese will be getting the key from Kristy on October 23rd. The Share the Warmth Committee will be setting up from 3:30 until done with the help of Twin Valley High School's National Honor Society volunteers. They will arrive at 8am on October 24th and the distribution will take place from 9-1 and cookies and cider will be offered. Travis Stacey will be checking on the building after 2 to make sure the building is relocked and to set the alarm.

Budget.

The budget was sent and submitted to Steve Landes, Interim Township Manager prior to this meeting. The budget was kept at the same level as last year. We did have Pickleball nets ordered for this year to replace the old ones.

Garden Tour

The Friends of the Honey Brook Community Library will be conducting a Farm and Garden Tour in June of 2016. Barbara Schober was interested in conducting one as Honey Brook Historical Society and was told to contact the Friends.

Umble Park

We discussed during the year possibly an AED being added to the park for the summer. Steve Landes will look into this. In the past we also discussed a dog park which is tabled until next year.

Next Year

We would like to see a trail that goes from the Honey Brook Community Library to the Honey Brook Elementary School. The suggestion was that maybe the library could approach the farmer next to them to see if he would give them enough land to make a trail to school since kids use that cut through anyhow. This is something the library would have to discuss and look into funding but maybe we could assist them.

We also need to begin to look at how much acreage we would need for other programs and what programs we would like to see offered in our township. Ideas that flowed were lacrosse fields, soccer fields, more baseball fields etc. We need more parks at the eastern end of the township towards Icedale and the trailer parks.

John McHugh brought up that he would like to see Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Trail Life Scouts, and Cub Scouts conduct the Pledge of Allegiance at the Honey Brook Township before the board meetings.

Old Business

Kristy sent us the information regarding the success of our summer programs.

Tennis: a total of 19 kids 1st-4th grade and 20 kids 5th-8th grade signed up for tennis. One child accompanied a camper a couple of times in the 1st-4th grade group without ever registering.

Fees collected: \$390.00

Expenses incurred: \$42.24 (supplies and gift card)

Basketball: 19 sessions (either Friday or Saturday) were attended by 6 different kids over the three weeks offered (week 1 was canceled).

Fees collected: \$95

Expenses incurred: TBA. I still have not heard from Jeremy with his paperwork for him to be reimbursed.

Baseball/Softball clinic: 37 attendees (offered free; no costs incurred)

½ day camp: There were five weeks of camp. Attendance was 18, 21, 21, 20, and 21 for each of the weeks; a total of 31 different children attended over the course of the 5 weeks. Average age of campers was about 7½; average number of weeks attended by a camper: 3.

Fees collected: \$2,525.00

Costs incurred: \$1,766.76 (\$1,578.76 personnel; \$188.00 supplies & clearances)

Harmony Bike Ride

Glenn told us that there were 37 riders and that \$835 was raised for the Honey Brook Food Bank. The costs were absorbed by the sponsors. Turkey Hill gave ice cream and drinks. Honey Brook Hardware offered paint for the roads. Just Mom's offered water. They plan to make this an annual ride but will not plan on a children's ride. We will recognize the committee at the December Board Meeting. Glenn will give the names to the administration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raised Garden Bed.

Next year, we will need soil and we need help as Lee Heller, Chris Mauchline and Therese Mauchline maintain these beds. All produce went to the Honey Brook Food Bank, Steeple to People, Shepherd's Kitchen, or Salvation Army. John McHugh said maybe next year the administration can help with the watering.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 with Glenn Emery making the motion and Lee Heller seconded. All were in favor and none opposed. We will not meet until January 21, 2016 at 7:30pm

Therese Mauchline
Parks and Recreation Commission
Recording Secretary