

**Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Approved Minutes
March 17, 2016**

The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee held its monthly meeting on March 17, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the township building. Members in attendance: Lee Heller-Chair, Therese Mauchline, Sheri Zynn, Kevin Wynant, and Allen Hartz, Jen Bauer. Absent: Glenn Emery. Visitors were Supervisor John McHugh and Township Manager Steve Landes.

Minutes

January minutes were approved in February. Sheri Zynn made the motion to accept the February minutes and Therese Mauchline seconded. All were in favor and none opposed.

New Business

We again discussed land. Lee reported that the land on Icedale Road that Glenn Emery had checked out was pretty wet and in shambles. He did not think it would work for a park. We need a place that we could put multipurpose fields. Honey Brook Elementary Center has 2 baseball fields that the Twin Valley Little League uses and there are 3 behind Honey Brook Gardens that there still might be access too, plus the baseball fields in Umble Park. For land ,we don't need a road as long as we have a right of way.

Therese brought up contacting Merv Petersheim at 717-989-7502 to see if he could give us ideas how to reach the teenage community as he runs the Honey Brook Youth Center in the Borough. Lee will approach Merv.

An activity to think about for the fall is Trunk or Treat but we will not have decorate the park at Christmas time.

Steve Landes talked to us about a survey he generated to get an idea what the public would like to see from the Parks and Recreation Commission. He will put it in the newsletter and we suggested also the website with Survey Monkey. He also gave us handouts that his wife had from her past ties with the DNRC about our duties as the Parks and Recreation Commission and gave us the updated copies of the parks and trails for the new comprehensive plan. When the final survey was done on the Northern Struble Trail, it was found that the county didn't own as much of the land as they thought so it will not be coming into Honey Brook. We could work with the Borough Council and the Brandywine Conservancy to develop our own trail and possibly apply for DNRC grants. Brandywine Conservancy could start a plan so we gave the okay for Steve to approach the Borough and the Brandywine Conservancy about the trail.

Pick-up games in the summer at Umble Park are a possibility on Friday nights. Mark Zolty is the President of Little League so Kevin and Sheri will look into this idea.

Old Business

Skateboard Park

Kevin had nothing to report.

Umble Park

Umble Park now has an AED. Pickleball will have its nets out by April 1st and the paddles and balls will again be at the township to pick up if needed.

Exercise

Jen Bauer has not heard of anyone interested in classes as of the meeting. She will try to contact Knob Hill and will continue offering to see if she gets anyone interested down the road.

Raised Garden Bed

Therese again reiterated that she needs compost and a new hose to Steve Landes. She will write article for the newsletter and do a survey with dates to see if she can get help.

Summer Programs

Tennis camps will be run Tuesdays for 6 weeks. The 1st-4th graders will be at 9 and the 5th-8th graders will be at 10. The Start date is June 21st and will go until July 26th. Lee will be teaching and Leslie Siebert will be helping. Summer Camp will be run Tuesday-Thursday at the Honey Brook Elementary Center from 9-12 for K-6th graders. June 21st-July 28th. There will be 3 people running the camp. Michelle Zeitz in an email sent to Lee on March 18th, said she would like to hire Laruen Swan a teacher/coach at Twin Valley who has run a YMCA camp in Phoenixville in the past. She needs 18 campers each week and she expects that she can make that number. The pay schedule she would like is \$25/hr for her as the director, Head Instructor Lauren Swan at \$20/hr and Terry Androwick at \$15/hr. She is hoping for 30 kids per week.

Basketball-Lee asked Cort Bigelow and has not heard back so we will wait to next month to see if that is a go.

Bike Riding

Sheri and Glenn met with Tel Hai Retirement Community. They would like to have the Bike Ride Sept 24th. Tel Hai said they have the room to offer us as there is plenty of parking and they have retirees willing to be volunteers. It's a win-win for both of us. The information will be sent to other Bike Clubs by Kevin and Sheri researched how many bike shops were in the area. The ride will be 5 miles, 25 miles and 50 miles.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 with Lee Heller making the motion and Sheri Zynn seconding. All were in favor and none opposed. We will meet April 21st at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Mauchline
Parks and Recreation Commission
Recording Secretary