

Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Approved Minutes
May 19, 2016

The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee held its monthly meeting on May 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the township building. Members in attendance: Lee Heller-Chair, Therese Mauchline, Sheri Zynn, Glenn Emery, Allen Hartz, and Kevin Wynant. Absent was Jen Bauer. Visitors were Steve Landes, Township Manager, John McHugh, Supervisor, Merv Petersheim, Honey Brook Youth Center Director.

Minutes

April minutes were approved with minor corrections given to Steve Landes. Sheri Zynn approved the minutes and Lee Heller seconded. All were in favor and none opposed.

New Business

Honey Brook Youth Center

Merv Petersheim, the director of the center met with us. It opened in 2001 and 3 Mennonite churches are involved: Rockville, Cambridge, and Honey Brook. They have a Day Camp where the older teens help out. They have 4 canoe trips a year and they offer 2 other camps. They try to reach out to troubled youth and give them a safe place to meet and practice team building and other youth of the area age 9-18. They are open year round Tuesday 3-9, Friday and Saturday 3-9:30 and they provide dinner at 6 on those nights. They will kick out youth who use drugs but will try to bring them back. One method is positive peer pressure. They have 60 staff that volunteer and they must get their clearances. They pull from Brandywine Terrace, Indian Run, and Valley View. They are part of Steeple to People where 16 churches help fund them along with the money raised at the thrift store on Rt 10. They try to see what they can provide the youth in the area. We offered our services as far as how they could utilize our park and he offered to see if he had someone to assist with basketball for the summer.

Brandywine Conservancy

Steve and the Brandywine Conservancy have been talking about trails. We want to do one and they can help. They can help lay the groundwork for the trail and do the public outreach as they are experienced. They have a grant from William Penn Foundation to help. At this time, there is no financial commitment until at least 2017. Therese made a motion to work with them and Sherri seconded. They gave us a proposal to help develop the path of the trail which entails 11 items that they will work on with us that we would need for a DCNR grant

MOTION: We recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the Brandywine Conservancy Proposal. All in Favor.

Umble Park

Pickup Games-Lee is going to reach out to Merv Petersheim to see if he can find someone to be site supervisor. Kickball, wiffleball, and games that utilize the fields.

Suplee Parking

Steve brought to our attention that people park either on the maintenance road to the Struble Dam or on Suplee Rd. Because the parking is becoming a problem, he said there is land that could possibly be made into a small parking area in the maintenance area. He will be

contacting the Redevelopment Authority and the county to see if that would be acceptable to make a parking area.

Storm water Management

There will be a master gardener at the Township Building on June 25th at 3 to talk about ways to lessen the impact of storm water on gardens and how to catch the rainwater.

Old Business

Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society, Inc.

Steve signed us up as Board members and they talk about all types of recreation and we will be receiving emails and notifications of training. If we wish to go to a training, ask Steve.

Umble Park

The motion from April 21 will be looked into by Steve Landes as we have made a motion in the past years.

Tennis Camp

As of the meeting 4 were signed up for the 9 am session and 2 for the 10am

Summer Camp

Michelle Zeitz will think about the scholarships. It was brought up that Comcast has a program that will lower the internet rates based on income. We have already kids signed up.

Bike Riding

Name of the event: Honey Brook Sweetwater Tour

Date Sept 24th at Tel Hai. Parking at their New Club House and will start and finish there.

Michelle Dombach has now said that Tel Hai cannot provide staff volunteers as they have an event off-campus that day. Sheri Zynn made the logo and a website for the ride. The date and place has been locked in. Bill Ford will probably direct the Beaver Dam Rt. 10 crossing. There are 3 distances, family ride that is 4 miles, 25 miles, and 50 miles. Set up 7 am and closing time is 3 pm. We need signs and road markings and money for those. We will need to put up port a potties along the way. We will look for sponsorships for the refreshments. They are linking the website to Bike Clubs and they will do ads. The Township said they will help with signage and port a potties and they will link to their website. Sheri is the point of contact for the web and for pics from last year's event.

Also mentioned before we adjourned was the survey that was created will be on the website and in the newsletter which would be going to the residents in the next month.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 with Sheri Zynn making the motion and Lee Heller seconding. All were in favor and none opposed. We will meet June 16 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Mauchline
Parks and Recreation Commission
Recording Secretary