

Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Approved Minutes
October 20, 2016

The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee held its monthly meeting on October 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the township building. Members in attendance: Therese Mauchline, Sheri Zynn, Scott Holt, Alan Hartz, Kevin Wynant and Lee Heller. Guests were Steve Landes, Acting Township Manager and Beth Quinn, Mental Health First Aid Program Coordinator

Minutes

July minutes were approved. Sheri Zynn approved the minutes and Lee Heller seconded. All were in favor and none opposed.

New Business

Beth Quinn-Mental First Aid

Beth was here from The COAD Group to present Mental Health First Aid and why we should consider it. She presented a PowerPoint presentation that included information about QPR for suicide prevention. Mental Health First Aid is a free public education program designed to teach citizens the skills to help another person with a mental health concern or crisis. During the class which is either a whole 8 hour day or 2 (4.5 hr.) days, a person is taught risk factors, warning sign and the impact of mental health concerns. They practice an action plan and learn local resources for mental health and substance abuse and are given a manual and a certificate. After the presentation, we told her we were interested in having a class at the township building in March and Lee would contact her with possible Saturday dates and whether we would want to do a class for Adults to help Adults or Adults to help children. We also said that we wanted to contact Twin Valley School District to suggest QPR be taught to at least the high school students as they have done in West Chester School District. Therese Mauchline is the contact person for the school. The class that we will have will be two half days.

Park Rules and Regulation Ordinance Draft

Steve Landes presented us with the potential ordinance for the rules of Umble Park. Currently, it was found that there are no rules on the books and the ordinance is open. He asked us to review it and send our thoughts and emails to him. He said feel free to mark it up and then discuss it further in our next meeting in January.

Budget

We talked about what we thought we would need for next year. Things that the Twin Valley Little League brought up was foam around the fence and port-a-potty that has a urinal. Apparently the one that was there did not have a urinal for the men. Kevin would like to run an adult tennis leagues. We think we are good with the budget but asked for money for training such as the conference in Hershey.

Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan Project

Steve is writing a grant for a consultant to work with the board to work on a comprehensive plan for Parks and Recreation. The consultant would help with inventory, public outreach and help us make recommendations to the supervisors. The consultant job would be awarded based

on qualifications and the trail study would be separate. If the grant is not approved, it will be put off for another year. This would also help with finding land for new parks.

Twin Valley Little League

Steve told us that a new agreement is being written as the old agreement was outdated. He hopes to have it to us by January so that it will be in place in March. He talked to us about the shed and the permit. They wanted to move the shed from the old elementary school and were told they needed a permit as it was a safety issue as the shed size is 10 x 20. The permit was \$450 as the shed was going to need a gravel bed, anchoring and inspections. They moved the shed before the permit was approved. Technicon lowered their price to \$80 for the inspection. They also want lights but they have not come back with what those lights look like, manufacturer, portable lights etc. We need to know if we have the electrical service for the lights depending on wattage. They also want to increase the size of the fence but they haven't told the township how they will be doing it and what type of poles will be used.

Brandywine Conservancy

The conservancy wants to plant additional trees as a potential stream buffer/forest area in Umble Park. They will come to the January meeting to discuss with a hope to plant both in spring and fall.

Old Business

Summer Programs

Twenty five children participated in 6 weeks of tennis lessons with Lee and Leslie Siebert. The half day summer camp ran 3 mornings for 5 weeks. Attendance was 21 children average with more than 40 children in grades K-6 with different themes and a weekly visit to the library.

Gardening

Harvest totals were Red leaf lettuce 3 lbs. 12 oz., spinach 8 lbs. 3 oz., radishes 13lbs 7 oz., Green Leaf Lettuce 11lbs 4oz, Cucumber 67 lbs. 1 oz., Green beans 4 lbs., Carrots, 5 lbs. 7 oz. and Peppers 8oz. The vegetables harvested were given to Steeple to People or the Honey Brook Food Pantry.

Surveys

Seventy five percent of the people who answered wanted trails for biking and hiking. Children liked summer day camps, teens liked league sports and adults liked exercise/fitness classes, along with nature watching. If we ever get to build a new park, people wanted restrooms, trails, and a dog park/dog trail.

Brandywine Conservancy Trail Study

The township representatives are Scott Holt, Kevin Wynant, and Sheri Zynn. The borough is interested in participating, but have not found representative. The first meeting is November 17th at 7:30pm with Beth Burnam who is from the conservancy and who is leading the process. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 with Kevin Wynant making the motion and Scott Holt seconding. All were in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Mauchline

Parks and Recreation Commission, Recording Secretary

Meeting Dates for 2017

January	19
February	16
March	16
April	20
May	18
June	15
July	20
August	17
September	21
October	19