

**Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Approved Minutes**  
**March 16, 2017**

The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee held its monthly meeting on March 16, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the township building. Members in attendance: Sheri Zynn, Kevin Wynant, Lee Heller, Alan Hartz, and Therese Mauchline. Absent: Scott Holt.

**Approval of Minutes**

February 2017 minutes were approved. Sheri Zynn made the motion and Kevin Wynant seconded. All were in favor and none opposed.

**New Business**

None

**Old Business**

**Child Abuse Clearances**

We need to sign up for child abuse clearances through the link that Kristy Deischer-Eddy, Administrative Assistant for the township sent us. We just need the Pennsylvania ones.

**Rain Garden in Umble Park**

The Brandywine Conservancy would like to install a rain garden at Umble Park. Scott will be working with Beth from the Conservancy regarding this. It will help with beautification and some of us hope to have plants that attract butterflies.

**Brandywine Conservancy and Walking Trails**

The Trails Committee Meeting will be April 13 at 7:30 pm. One of the problems that has cropped up is the Trail at the Tabas Tract. It has created upheaval at the Planning Commission so Kevin will be attending the planning meeting. The Trail Committee will walk the area of the Tabas Tract to see if there are problems once the snow melts and the weather is conducive. The Sidewalk Trail from Umble Park to 322 needs a grant. We need Honey Brook Borough to write a grant for their portion also so Lee will contact Jeannie Jenzano.

**2017 Summer Programs**

Pickleball 9-12 Monday and Friday starting May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tennis Camp Tuesdays June 20 for 5 weeks not counting July 4<sup>th</sup> week.

Grades 1-4 8:30-9:30 and Grades 5-8 9:30-11. This year, there will be open play for intermediate players from 11-12. The cost is \$10 and will be taught by Lee Heller and Leslie Siebert.

Summer Camp at the Honey Brook Elementary Center will continue this year and begin June 19<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$30.

Kevin wants to run organized tennis for adults so look for open play for adults this summer at Umble Park. Lee will contact Merv Petersheim to see if they would like to use Umble Park at the Youth Center.

## **Great American Cleanup**

Kevin registered us. It's Saturday April 29th from 8-12. He has the link for supplies and is hoping for 50 people. He has reached out to Tierra Graham and Jeanette Hoover. Therese will give him Steve Ferstler's information as he is Cubmaster/Scoutmaster for Pack/Troop 9. He will have everyone meet at the township and then distribute assignment areas from there along with equipment. One question that remains is who will pick up trash bags. He will contact PennDot. He hopes to have 5-7 locations at the next meeting.

## **Gardening**

The planting seed order/plants was discussed and the plants for the spring will be peas, radishes, lettuce, spinach, dill, parsley. Therese will contact the school and see who is the advisor for FFA and will contact them to see if they will support. Therese stated that Chris after going to the meeting at the Food Bank would like to expand the garden by 2 beds and would like a compost bin. Therese said this was still doable and we definitely needed the compost bin as she ends up taking it home or throwing it in the farmer's field. A motion was made by Sheri and Kevin seconded. All were in favor.

**We make the motion to expand the food bank by 2 beds and get a compost bin.**

## **Mental Health First Aid Seminar Update**

It was for two Saturdays in March and there were 11 people. Sheri said that it was the best 8 hours. Alan, Sheri and Lee attended and there were 2 counselors. It's a good workbook. Consider a fall session again with 2 days as the 4 hours are better than 8. Lee or Sheri will ask if that would consider doing a mental health day for children's issues.

## **Park Rules and Regulations Ordinance Draft**

The committee has decided that until either a supervisor or Steve can be at a meeting this is tabled. We would like them at either the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting or the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan Project**

Kevin talked about what he read in the plan. We discussed changing the plan and making it work. Therese brought up the volleyball court issue and we don't see it being used. Does West Nantmeal have a volleyball league? We would still like to see some work done with Struble Lake and the Fish and Boating Commission. We again need to table this until we can get more input from Steve or a supervisor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 with Therese making the motion and Kevin seconding. All were in favor none opposed. The next meeting is April 20, 2017 at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Mauchline

Parks and Recreation Commission, Recording Secretary