

Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting Approved Minutes
April 20, 2017

The Honey Brook Township Parks and Recreation Committee held its monthly meeting on April 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the township building. Members in attendance: Sheri Zynn, Kevin Wynant, Lee Heller, Scott Holt, and Therese Mauchline. Absent: Alan Hartz. Guest Steve Landes, Township Manager

Approval of Minutes

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

New Business

Therese Mauchline brought up the recent complaint of graffiti at Umble Park. Since then, the playground equipment was power washed by the maintenance dept. Steve Landes, township manager, reported that books from the Little Free Library were dumped into the storm drain probably by teenagers.

Steve Landes also brought up putting 3 dusk to dawn lights at Umble Park. This was discussed with Technicon and Don Johnson, Roadmaster. They would go by the Tot Lot, Pavilion area and Concession Stand. To get an estimate to see if it was feasible to include electricity in the pavilion. Baldwin Electric was contacted and a tentative price was given of 28K-Of course, the project would be put out for bid. If we went that route we could add in the electricity to the pavilion and cameras. We could go the route of having PPL put up the lights which would be a 10-15 year contract, but there would not be electricity to the pavilion. We all agreed that we wanted electricity to the pavilion.

Resolution 201-7

Steve said the supervisors are seeking a matching grant for a comprehensive recreation, parks, open space and trails plan. Emails were sent out and we will be kept in the loop.

Borough Sidewalk Project

The Honey Brook Borough submitted a grant to run a sidewalk from 322 to the Gateway Baptist Church on Supplee Road. If they get the grant, which we should know by the end of 2017, then the township will finish the sidewalk the rest of the way to Umble Park.

Old Business

Child Abuse Clearances

Send them to Kristy Deischer-Eddy, Administrative Assistant for the township.

Rain Garden in Umble Park

Kevin said Beth and Meredith from the conservancy looked at the park and are thinking of doing it at the edge of parking lot by the volleyball court and putting in a conservation garden. Beth and Don Johnson will meet to discuss on April 24th.

Brandywine Conservancy and Walking Trails

Kevin and trail team walked the proposed trail at the Popular Realty Site, formerly known as the Tabas Tract on Chestnut Tree and Grieson Rd. Joel Goldman, a resident of Foxbrooke along with another resident also walked with them. The trail is approximately 30-35 ft. from some of the Foxbrooke homes. The area of concern is the same area where the sewer pipe is going to hook up with the sewage treatment plant. Beth thought that bog bridges could be built in the wetlands to allow the trail to move further in. Steve said if that happened DEP would probably be involved and it would become costly therefore we need to find out where the wetlands delineation zone really is. Since then, discussion has occurred at Trail meetings and Supervisors meetings with the residents of Foxbrooke. We are asking for a spokesperson to be named to represent the Foxbrooke residents and that we have contact information so we can keep them informed.

Great American Cleanup

It's Saturday April 29th from 8-12. It's on the website. Kevin has the supplies in his car and interested parties will meet at the township building. Lee will pick up the key on Friday the day before the event, so bathrooms can be utilized. We will be leaving trash in the bags at the sites and Kevin has arranged for pickup. Sites mentioned were Chestnut Tree-322 to Supplee, Umble Park, Grieson Rd., Struble Lake and Creek Rd. Tierra Graham's group will be helping along with Sheri, Lee, Kevin and Scott. Therese mentioned that she was told the Democrats of the area would be doing Cambridge Rd in the near future.

Gardening

Peas and Radishes were planted but the g motion was not approved at the township meeting as it wasn't on the agenda. Steve will look into the request for a compost bin and the expansion.

2017 Summer Programs

Set up last month-nothing new to add at this time.

Park Rules and Regulations Ordinance Draft

Tabled until next month as rules need to be read again to make sure all questions are answered.

Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan Project

Steve enlightened us about this. The township never had a comprehensive recreation plan, which is usually a 10 year plan. The DCNR did give us money for Umble Park when it was built. Steve has written a grant to develop a plan and to fund a consultant. The cost of the plan he thought would be 60K with the majority of the cost being the public participation piece. The participation piece consists of small focus groups, our discussions, interviews, committee meetings. The consultant will analyze what they see and make recommendations and an implementation schedule. The application is in the hands of the DCNR and we will hear at the end of the year, if we received the grant. If it is approved by the first quarter of 2018, we will have interviews for a consultant who will submit their proposals and then we will start planning 2019. It will look at inventory assessment of the community, mission goal, and

recreation programs offered in the community. S/he will submit recommendations and an executive summary. The parks and recreation committee and the township manager will see to the implementation of plan.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 with Sheri making the motion and Scott seconding. All were in favor none opposed. The next meeting is May 18, 2017 at 7:30. Therese informed them that she would not be at that meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Mauchline
Parks and Recreation Commission, Recording Secretary