

**Lower Salford Township  
Park Board Minutes  
August 27, 2024  
Dan Roth Park Pavilion  
312 Maple Avenue.**

The August 27, 2024, Park Board Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Kent Krauss. The meeting was being held at the Dan Roth Park Pavilion on Maple Avenue. Also in attendance were Pete Harubin, Jan Johnson, Amy Burch, Mark Kelley and Secretary Holly Hosterman. Member Andy Lazzaro arrived around 7:10 bearing Rita's Water Ice for everyone!

Chairman Krauss asked for a motion to approve the July 23, 2024, Park Board Meeting Minutes. Pete Harubin noted that his first name was spelled incorrectly in the second paragraph. With changes noted, Amy Burch seconded, motion carried.

There was no public discussion or visitors at this evening's meeting.

Chairman Krauss recognized Don Orcutt of the Heckler Plains/Historical Society who presented the monthly report of happenings. He noted that the Heckler Fest was a big success and that it was beautiful weather for the event. He said that many of the historians on hand shared historical tales of days on the farmstead in the 1800s. Tools of the time-period were also on display and how they operated was demonstrated and discussed.

Chairman Krauss asked Ms. Hosterman to provide the Planning Commission Agenda. Ms. Hosterman noted that the next meeting was not until September 25<sup>th</sup> and the agenda had not been finalized.

**The following reports were given for the various Township parks:**

**Alderfer Park** – Jan Johnson reported that things look great. She reported that there was a new Story Walk in place called “Snail Crossing.”

**Bergey Park** – Andy Lazzaro reported that the park looked good.

**Briarwyck Park** – Amy Burch reported that the pond was greener due to an algae bloom that wasn't as prominent with her previous visit.

**Bucher Park** – Mark Kelley reported that the park looked good. He did note that the rink and the courts are being repaired/replaced. It was noted that this project will continue through December.

**Dannerth Park** – Mark Kelley reported that everything looks good.

**Groff's Mill Park** – Andy Lazzaro reported the park looked good.

**Heckler Plains Farmstead** – Pete told the group that the park looks good.

**Kulp Road Pond Park** – Chairman Krauss reported that the pond was slightly green from the recent hot weather.

**Park Avenue Field** – Amy Burch reported that the fields are uncovered and that the grass was green around the edges and slightly brown in the center due to the recent heat.

**Reed Park** – Pete Harubin reported that the park looks great, but the lower baseball field is in need of attention. It rarely is used, and weeds have begun to grow.

**Reiff Park** – It was noted that everything looks good. It was also noted that the barn had recently been painted and was looking great.

**Roth Park** – Since the team was meeting in the Roth Park Pavilion, it was noted that it needs a good cleaning.

**Trail Report** – All good

**Wawa Park** – It was reported that the park looked good.

**Kiosk Report** – Documents are fading and in need of replacement.

**New Business & Correspondence:**

Ms. Hosterman shared an email from the Harleystown Eagles. The Eagles are proposing to “name” the fields at Park Avenue using a sponsor’s name for advertising dollars. Ms. Hosterman asked the Park Board their thoughts on this proposal. After a brief discussion, the Park Board voted 6-0 against this request. Amy Burch made the motion and Pete Harubin seconded.

The proposed new trail at the Bergey Mill Park was also discussed, as the new bridge replacement project has begun. The new trail is set to be installed by the County, who owns the bridge, and will lead from the bridge to the rear of the property overlooking the east branch of the Perkiomen Creek.

**Old Business:**

The Board is still doing “research” on Samuel Harley and his role as a citizen and namesake to one of the Township Parks off of Yoder Road. The Trails Committee is still ongoing with the next meeting to be scheduled.

There being no further business, Chairman Krauss entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Mark Kelley motioned for approval and Andy Lazzaro seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Hosterman, Secretary

*Next Park Board Meeting: September 24, 2024*