

**Lower Salford Township
Park Board Minutes
January 24, 2023**

The January 24, 2023 meeting of the Park Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Temporary Chairperson Holly Hosterman. In attendance were Kent Krauss, Pete Harubin, Jan Johnson, Ryan Beltz, Amy Burch, Andy Lazzaro and Mark Kelley.

Ms. Hosterman opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson for 2023. Jan Johnson motioned to nominate Kent Krauss and Ryan Beltz seconded the motion. Nominations for Chairperson were closed. Holly Hosterman requested a motion to appoint Kent Krauss as Park Board Chairman for 2023. Jan Johnson motioned for approval and Amy Burch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Hosterman turned the meeting over to Chairman Kent Krauss.

Chairman Kent Krauss opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman for 2023. Jan Johnson motioned to nominate Pete Harubin and Amy Burch seconded the motion. Nominations for Vice-Chairman were closed. Chairman Krauss made a motion to appoint Pete Harubin as Park Board Vice-Chairman for 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Krauss asked Holly Hosterman if she would continue to perform the duties of Secretary and Ms. Hosterman accepted the duty.

Chairman Kent Krauss entertained a motion for approval of the October 25, 2022 minutes as presented. Andy Lazzaro motioned for approval of the minutes as written and Pete Harubin seconded the motion. Minutes approved as presented.

Chairman Krauss recognized Banji Akingbad, 425 Huckleberry Lane. Mr. Akingbad was in attendance to discuss consideration of putting a tennis court within the newly acquired open space adjacent to the Parkside subdivision. He noted that the Township currently has no public courts for tennis. Chairman Krauss said that the area in question, which is located within Alderfer Park, is still being evaluated for the type of sport the area will be used for. At this time, Chairman Krauss said it may still be over a year away before a decision is made. He asked Mr. Akingbad to continue to check back with the park board and encouraged him to attend more meetings in the future.

Chairman Krauss asked Ms. Hosterman for a quick summary of the upcoming Planning Commission Agenda. She noted that the agenda did not have any trail connections or open space to discuss.

The following reports were given for the various Township parks:

Alderfer Park – Jan reported everything looks good. She also noted that the most recent story book walk has a new story in place. She also noted that the new trail connector from Parkside at Salford into Alderfer Park has been completed.

Bergey Park – Andy reported that the park looked good.

Briarwyck Park – Amy said that the park looked great. Chairman Krauss informed the Board members that this park, specifically the pond, is being looked at for either a fountain or a “floating treatment island” in the coming season.

Bucher Park – Mark reported that everything was fine, although he did note some broken glass in the parking area. Ms. Hosterman will inform the Parks Public Works Crew.

Dannerth Memorial Park – Mark reported that everything looks great with the park. The picnic bench in the main parking area, however, needs help! Ms. Hosterman will report to Public Works.

Groff’s Mill Park – Andy reported that everything looked fine. He did suggest that the parking lot get more gravel in the spring.

Heckler Plains Farmstead – Pete reported that the barn doors may need to be replaced in the near future, as moss and rot have started to take over. Ms. Hosterman will provide this information to the Public Works crew as well as update the Heckler Plains Society.

Kulp Road Pond Park – Kent reported that everything is fine. He added that this pond may also be a good candidate for a floating environmental island planting in the future.

Park Avenue Field – Amy reported that both fields (upper and lower) are in poor condition after last year’s use by the football team. She asked if there was any plan to reseed by the Township this year. Chairman Krauss noted that the Harleysville Eagles need to help in this respect if they want to maintain the safety of the children who play on them. Ms. Hosterman noted that she would find out from Doug Jones what he has budgeted for the fields this season.

Reed Park – Pete noted that everything looks good.

Reiff Park – Ryan reported that installation of the 2 new greenhouses is underway. He also reported that 200 amp electrical service has been added to the barn. A new well is being installed to supply the home. Ryan also asked if there was any possibility of a new roof on the home this year. Ms. Hosterman said she would check with Doug Jones on this year’s budget.

Roth Park – Mark reported that the playground could use additional wood chips. Ms. Hosterman said that this happens each spring at all of the playgrounds.

Trail Report – Nothing new to report

Wawa Park – Ryan reported that the park looks good. Ms. Hosterman noted that there is a request to have a wedding at the park this coming October.

Kiosk Report – Amy said that one of the locks on the kiosk along Yoder Road is not functional. Ms. Hosterman also noted that she had laminated township maps to put in all the kiosks. She will also be providing “Quick Reference” sheets for the kiosks that are laminated.

Under new business, the members discussed including member(s) of the Heckler Plains/Historical Society at all future meetings. All Park Board members were in favor of this. Ms. Hosterman said she would reach out to several members of the Society for their interest. Ms. Hosterman said she e-mailed the field usage letters of intent to the sports organizations for 2023.

Realignment of the Alderfer Park entrance of Oak Drive was also discussed. Member Jan Johnson said it looks great. Ms. Hosterman noted that the Township will be seeking a new sign at the “split” in Huckleberry Lane to make sure users of the park veer to the left after turning into the new entrance.

Amy Burch and Andy Lazzaro provided the group with a summary of the recent projects being discussed by the Sidewalks and Trails Committee. Their next meeting will be February 6, 2023 and it was noted that the first project being focused on for 2023 is the Main Street sidewalk extension from

Ruth Court, crossing Main Street and continuing NW on Main Street meeting up with the sidewalk in front of the Mainland Pointe development.

There being no further business, Chairman Krauss entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Any Lazzaro motioned for approval and Ryan Beltz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Park Board will be February 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Hosterman, Secretary