

**Lower Salford Township  
Park Board Minutes  
July 23, 2024**

The July 23, 2024, Park Board Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Kent Krauss. The meeting was being held at the Heckler Plains Farmstead on Landis Road. Also in attendance were Pete Harubin, Jan Johnson, Ryan Beltz, Amy Burch, Andy Lazzaro, Mark Kelley and Secretary Holly Hosterman. This meeting was being held at the Heckler Plains Farmstead pavilion.

Chairman Krauss asked for a motion to approve the May 28, 2024, Park Board Meeting Minutes. Mark Kelley made a motion to approve, and Pet Harubin seconded, motion carried.

Chairman Krauss recognized Joan DiMaria of the Heckler Plains/Historical Society who presented the monthly report of happenings. She noted that the recent tour of the Heckler Plains Barn by the Historic Barn and Farm organization on June 8<sup>th</sup> went very well. She also noted that the new security system is functioning at Heckler. She did note that the electrical box may need an upgrade, as just plugging in a coffee pot will trip the breaker. She also reported that the 3 Eagle Scout projects had been completed. She also noted that she had forwarded an email from Victor Verbeke about placing an historical marker at Detwiler & Wambold. This is something that will need follow-up in the weeks to come.

Chairman Krauss asked Ms. Hosterman to provide the Planning Commission Agenda. Ms. Hosterman noted that the next meeting was not until August 14<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 did note that there was one dogwood that was recently planted that appeared to be dying.

**Bergey Park** – Andy Lazzaro reported that one of the storm windows in the home was broken.

**Briarwyck Park** – Amy Burch reported that the park looked good. She did note that the sign next to the fishing pier was leaning to the point of almost being on the ground.

**Bucher Park** – Mark Kelley reported that the park looked good. He did note that the hockey nets and the basketball nets need to be replaced.

**Dannerth Park** – Mark Kelley reported that everything looks good. He did note the cracks in the parking area are getting more significant.

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

**Heckler Plains Farmstead** – Pete told the group to look around and see how great the park looks, as the meeting was at the pavilion in this park.

**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.

**Reiff Park** – Ryan Beltz reported that everything looks good. It was noted that the roof of the home needs to be replaced before winter.

**Roth Park** – Mark Kelley reported that everything was fine.

**Trail Report** – All good

**Wawa Park** – Ryan Beltz reported that the park looked good.

**Kiosk Report** – Nothing new to report

**New Business & Correspondence:**

Ms. Hosterman noted that Public Works Director Doug Jones had suggested adding additional pickle ball courts to Heckler Plains. The Park Board members reviewed the area where they are being proposed for feedback. The current bank of swings by the back parking area would be moved and 2 new courts would be installed. The Park Board was in agreement with the proposed idea. Ms. Hosterman also discussed charging a flat fee to sporting organizations for the use of the fields for tournaments. Recently, large groups from out of the area have used our facilities and left them in poor condition. This ends up costing the Township time & money in having to clean and restore the parks to their normal condition.

**Old Business:**

The Security System at Heckler is up and running. The previous system has been removed, saving the Township the monthly fee for the telephone line. The new system is completely wireless. There are monitors/alarms in both the house and the barn. Amy reported the Sidewalk and Trails committee has prepared a Top 5 Trail Project list.

There being no further business, Chairman Krauss entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Pete Harubin motioned for approval and Amy Burch seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Hosterman, Secretary

*Next Park Board Meeting: August 27, 2024*