

**Lower Salford Township  
Park Board Minutes  
March 28, 2023**

The March 28, 2023 Park Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Kent Krauss. Also in attendance were Jan Johnson, Ryan Beltz, Amy Burch, Andy Lazzaro and Secretary Holly Hosterman.

Chairman Krauss asked for approval of the February 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Jan Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. Ryan Beltz seconded. Minutes unanimously approved as written.

Chairman Krauss recognized Matt Burns who recently moved to the Township and lives in the new Parkside development on Maple Ave. He said that he wanted to get involved if possible. Mr. Krauss welcomed Mr. Burns.

Present to discuss the latest updates with the Heckler Plains Historical Society were Joan DiMaria and Don Orcutt. Joan reported that they will be contacting Moyer Pest control to get a quote for pest prevention services 2 times per year versus the current quarterly service. She went on to say that the Heckler Plains barn will be part of the 2024 Historic Barn Tour with the Pennsylvania Historic Barn & Farm Foundation. She noted that also at Heckler Plains the perimeter of the garden bed needs to be replaced, which could be a potential project for a local scout looking for an Eagle Scout project. Ms. Hosterman noted that she would keep this in mind.

Some additional repairs around the historical properties include painting the barn at Bergey Mill, painting the shutters at Heckler Plains, upgrading the electric service at Heckler as well and investigating the cost to replace the barn doors. The exterior doors of the summer kitchen at Jacob Reiff farmstead need to be replaced as well as investigating the water connection to the house at the site. Park Board member Ryan Beltz noted that the Watershed Conservancy recently replaced the well on the property to coincide with the greenhouse installation and the future plant growing operation. However, it is believed that the water to the home has been off for many years, and no one knows the condition of the existing pipes in the home.

Chairman Krauss asked Ms. Hosterman to provide the Planning Commission Agenda. Ms. Hosterman noted that the agenda did not contain anything that would require Park Board input.

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

**Alderfer Park** – Jan Johnson reported that everything looked good. She did note that the ball field signs need replacing as they are faded beyond readable. She said that one of the slats in one of the picnic benches is warped and in need of replacement.

**Bergey Park** – Andy Lazzaro noted the park looked good. He said that there may be a need for more gravel in the future as a few potholes have started to appear in the lower parking area.

**Briarwyck Park** – Amy Burch reported that the park looked good. She reported it has been busier since the pond stocking earlier this week.

**Bucher Park** –Mark Kelly reported that the park looked good. He reported that there was a damaged metal bench that appeared to be bent.

**Groff's Mill Park** – reported that everything was fine. Andy did say that there was a slat in one of the benches that needs replaced.

**Heckler Plains Farmstead** – Pete was not in attendance. However, the park is in good condition.

**Kulp Road Pond Park** – Good shape

**Park Avenue Field** – Amy reported that the fields are currently covered to help germinate the recently planted seed. Due to the heavy use by the Harleysville Eagles football team last fall, the fields needed to rest. Girls Lacrosse has been re-homed for their season.

**Reed Park** – Pete was not in attendance. However, the park is in good condition.

**Reiff Park** – Ryan Beltz reported that the first greenhouse is close to being completed. He told the members that they received the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence for the recent Reiff Stream bed restoration.

**Roth Park** – Jan Johnson reported that everything was fine. Ms. Hosterman noted the recent Fish Stocking event with local students and day care. She also noted that the security cameras are in place at this park.

**Trail Report** – Ryan asked about e-bikes on the trails and if we have an ordinance that speaks to motorized vehicles on the paths. Ms. Hosterman noted that the Township Ordinance does not allow any motorized vehicles on the trails/paths.

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

**Kiosk Report** – Amy Burch reported that all Township Maps are up. Ms. Hosterman said she would have theme park discount ticket information at the next meeting.

### **New Business & Correspondence:**

Ms. Hosterman said the Township had received a request from Harleysville Soccer to place a dunk tank in the parking area for their upcoming fundraiser on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Andy Lazzaro made the motion to approve the request and Amy Burch seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Krauss noted that there would a change to upcoming meeting dates, and that the may meeting is usually cancelled, but will be held this year. He also noted that there would be no meetings in July or August. Ms. Hosterman will advertise these changes in the local newspaper.

The upcoming Harleysville Summer Day Camp was discussed briefly, and Chairman Krauss noted that the basketball courts will be used approximately and hour a day during the week for the camp kids. Chairman Krauss asked for a motion to approve this request. Andy Lazzaro made the motion and Ryan Beltz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

Chairman Krauss reported that the Harleysville Community Center is moving forward with new drainage basins and soils testing has begun. Ms. Hosterman noted that she received word from John Rathfon of Metropolitan Group that the directional sign for Alderfer Park within the new Parkside subdivision needs to be approved by the Homeowners Association. She also noted that the Township recently received a grant for \$2,500 to conduct a study of the field usage, needs and maintenance.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Krauss entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mark Kelley motioned for approval and Ryan Beltz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Hosterman, Secretary