

**Lower Salford Township
Park Board Minutes
May 23, 2023**

The May 23, 2023, Park Board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Kent Krauss. This evening's meeting was held at the Heckler Plains Farmstead pavilion on Landis Road. Also in attendance were Vice Chairman Pete Harubin, Jan Johnson, Amy Burch, Andy Lazzaro and Secretary Holly Hosterman. Also in attendance were Heckler Plains/Historical Society members Joan DiMaria and Don Orcutt.

Chairman Krauss asked for approval of the April 25, 2023, Meeting Minutes. Andy Lazzaro made a motion to approve the minutes. Pete Harubin seconded. Minutes unanimously approved as written.

Chairman Krauss recognized Kevin Tynbore, local Scout who is hoping to do his Eagle Scout project at the Heckler Plains Farmstead. Kevin explained his project to build a kiosk at the farm that would house historical information as well as upcoming events at the park. The idea was well-received by the Board as well as the Society. Kevin told the members that he would be fundraising for the project and hoped to do so at the upcoming Heckler Fest in August. Member Andy Lazzaro made a motion to approve the project and Mark Kelley seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Present to discuss the latest updates with the Heckler Plains Historical Society were Joan DiMaria and Don Orcutt. Joan reported that the ramp boards at Reiff Park are completely off and need replacing. She said there had recently been a wedding at Heckler Plains and photos were being taken around the grounds.

Chairman Krauss asked Ms. Hosterman to provide the Planning Commission Agenda. Ms. Hosterman noted that the May 2023 meeting had been cancelled due to lack of a quorum and that there had been no plan submittals either.

The following reports were given for the various Township parks:

Alderfer Park – Jan Johnson reported that everything looked good. She reported that one of the benches still is in need of board replacement and signage is still faded and needing replaced.

Bergey Park – Andy Lazzaro noted the park looked good.

Briarwyck Park – Amy Burch reported that the park looked good. She did note that there was still graffiti on one of the new benches. Ms. Hosterman noted that it had been reported to the Public Works Department

Bucher Park –Mark reported that the cap on the end of the bench near the basketball court is still missing. Rough edge is a safety issue.

Dannerth Park – Mark also noted that everything looked great, but the picnic table continues to deteriorate. There is also a pothole in the parking lot.

Groff's Mill Park – Andy reported that the bench in that park that overlooks the stream is in bad shape. In fact, if the overgrown area were to be trimmed, you would notice that the bench is not far from the stream bank, which has eroded away with time.

Heckler Plains Farmstead – Since the Board was meeting in the park, Pete pointed out the condition of the pavilion, which is in need of refurbishment. The rest of the park looks good.

Kulp Road Pond Park – Good shape-Kent did say the pond is low on water due to the recent lack of rain.

Park Avenue Field – Amy reported that the fields look great. It has been quiet as of late.

Reed Park –Pete reported that the park is in good condition. He noted that the pavilion (as previously noted) needs refurbishment and that the lower/smaller ball field needs attention (weeds, etc.).

Reiff Park – Ryan Beltz was unable to attend but had reported that things were good. Joan DiMaria noted the upcoming plant exchange with the historical society on Saturday June 3rd.

Roth Park – Mark Kelley reported that the park looked good.

Trail Report – Nothing new to report at this time.

Wawa Park – It was noted that the park was in good shape.

Kiosk Report – Amy Burch reported that the Theme Park discount ticket flyers were in the kiosks.

New Business & Correspondence:

Ms. Hosterman reported that she had received a call from Leah Andreoni of Rising Sun Therapy in the Township about using a park for a gathering to recognize the National “Walking out of the Darkness” event that is in October. After discussing with the Board, Ms. Hosterman said that she felt the use was more than the park could accommodate based on sports teams using the parks that time of year as well. Chairman Krauss said he would contact Ms. Andreoni and see if there would be a compromise to use the Harleysville Community Center.

Old Business:

No Old Business was reported.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27th at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will take place at the Township Office. This meeting is open to the public.

There being no further business, Chairman Krauss entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Andy Lazzaro motioned for approval and Ryan Beltz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Hosterman, Secretary