

**Lower Salford Township
Park Board Minutes
September 24, 2024
Township Building
379 Main Street
7:00 p.m.**

The September 24, 2024, Park Board Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Kent Krauss. Also in attendance were Pete Harubin, Jan Johnson, Ryan Beltz, Amy Burch, Andy Lazzaro, Mark Kelley and Secretary Holly Hosterman.

Chairman Krauss asked for a motion to approve the August 27, 2024, Park Board Meeting Minutes. Mark Kelley made a motion and Andy Lazzaro seconded. Minutes approved as written.

Chairman Krauss welcomed Stephanie Moyer, who has been a frequent attendee to the Park Board meetings.

Also recognized was Joan DiMaria from the Heckler Plains/Historical Society. Joan thanked everyone at the Township, specifically the Public Works Department, for their help with the Hecklerfest in August. She said it was a very successful event. She said the next Historical Society meeting is set for November 11, 2024, at the Township Building. She also noted that Carol Night at the Heckler Plains Farmstead was set for December 13th. Joan also inquired about the upcoming 250th birthday of America, of which the Township has signed up for updates regarding Pennsylvania's participation in this national event. Ms. Hosterman informed Joan that she would be the contact going forward for information regarding the Township's involvement. Joan also noted that the Society is getting quotes for painting the barn at Bergey Mill Farmstead. She also provided a few ideas for potential Eagle Scouts for the future. The electricity panel was also noted at Heckler farmstead and is in need of replacement. Roof replacement at Jacob Reiff farmstead was also discussed as a priority need.

Chairman Krauss asked Ms. Hosterman to provide the Planning Commission Agenda. Ms. Hosterman noted that the September 25, 2024 agenda did not have any items that would effect the township parks or trails.

The following reports were given for the various Township parks:

Alderfer Park – Jan Johnson reported that things look great. It was noted that the security cameras have been installed and hooked up.

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

Briarwyck Park – Amy Burch reported that the installation of the “floating plantings” was in place.

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. Sections of path are being repaired.

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 low, but in good shape.

Park Avenue Field – Amy Burch reported that football was in full swing.

Reed Park – Pete Harubin reported that the park looks great.

Reiff Park – It was noted that everything looks good.

Roth Park – It was reported that the cupola on the gazebo had been removed due to deterioration.

Trail Report – paths are seeing new repairs, patching and new sections. Summerwind trail was recently completely repaved.

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

Kiosk Report – Hoping to have new documents for the winter season.

New Business & Correspondence:

Ms. Hosterman reported that a meeting for the Fall Update of the Sporting Organizations was scheduled for October 8th. She also noted that teams need to start taking more responsibility for the parking arrangements during tournaments. Bucher Park courts are resurfaced, and a final coating will be put down on the Roller Court in Spring 2025. It was noted that the Township’s Social Media Presence was elevated with the recent Face Book page and Instagram page. The Halloween Parade was also discussed along with the Fun Day.

Chairman Krauss told everyone that the “James House”, which is on the property of the Township-owned Lederach Golf Club, was going to be torn down. He said that the house has not been inhabited for several years, and that the repairs to make the home livable were very costly. Mr. Krauss asked Joan DiMaria and Don Orcutt if the Historical Society had any interest in touring the home prior to the tear down to possibly salvage any items.

Old Business:

Follow-up on a few items from earlier this year; the Little Library was installed near the path at Heckler Plains and has been very popular. The duck houses at the Roth Park Pond are still being discussed (possibly for next spring). Chairman Krauss said the Harleysville Market at the Community Center in September was a huge hit. Another one will take place later in October. And the Healthy Kids Running Series has also been very well-received. This organization will be doing these events next year as well at the Community Center.

Mr. Krauss told the other members that the Harleysville Eagles had inquired about raising funds by selling advertising to name the Park Avenue Fields. This idea did not go over well with the members and Ms. Hosterman noted the Board of Supervisors were also against the idea. It was noted by the Board of Supervisors that the Township name the field and have a sign erected, similar to the other park signs in the Township. Ms. Hosterman said she would start an email thread for ideas to name the field.

There being no further business, Chairman Krauss entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Jan Johnson motioned for approval and Amy Burch seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Holly Hosterman, Secretary

Next Park Board Meeting: October 22, 2024