

**Lower Salford Township
Park Board Minutes
April 25, 2023**

The April 25, 2023 Park Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Kent Krauss. Also in attendance were Vice Chairman Pete Harubin, Jan Johnson, Ryan Beltz, Amy Burch, Andy Lazzaro and Secretary Holly Hosterman.

Chairman Krauss asked for approval of the March 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Pete Harubin made a motion to approve the minutes. Kent Krauss seconded. Minutes unanimously approved as written.

Present to discuss the latest updates with the Heckler Plains Historical Society were Joan DiMaria and Don Orcutt. Joan had prepared a brief agenda of items throughout the historical properties to discuss. She noted that the barn plaques at Bergey Mill will be replaced and that the maple tree in front of the property near the road has died. She also noted some additional work that needs to be done around Heckler Plains and Jacob Reiff parks. For a complete listing, contact the Township Office.

Joan went on to discuss the 2026 Nationwide celebration of America's 250th Anniversary Celebration. She provided the Park Board with a Resolution to formally include Lower Salford Township as a supporter of the "Semiquincentennial" Celebration if the Township chooses to name an official representative and/or committee for the AMERICA250PA Commission.

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 reported that the recently installed "StoryWalk" has a new story entitled "Lola Plants a Garden".

Bergey Park – Andy Lazzaro noted the park looked good. He noted the recent fishing derby was a success.

Briarwyck Park – Amy Burch reported that the park looked good. Ms. Hosterman noted that the Grant Funding through PECO Green Region was awarded, and the Township would be receiving \$7,500 towards replacement of the fishing pier and installation of a fountain for the pond.

Bucher Park – Mark Kelley was not in attendance but had provided a report earlier in the week. He noted that an end-cap was missing from one of the park benches that could be a safety issue.

Dannerth Park – Mark also noted that everything looked great, but the picnic table continues to deteriorate.

Groff's Mill Park – reported that everything was fine.

Heckler Plains Farmstead – Pete reported that the park is in good shape. He did note that the pavilion looks very worn. It has been over 20 years since the pavilion was built. Pete also noted that all 3 pavilions could use a good refurbishment.

Kulp Road Pond Park – Good shape

Park Avenue Field – Amy reported that the grow-cover has been removed from the upper field and it looks great.

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 reported that the first greenhouse is completed. He reported that the butterfly house should be underway within the next month.

Roth Park – Jan Johnson reported that there was graffiti on the Roth plaque. Ms. Hosterman said she would report this to the public works department.

Trail Report – Ms. Hosterman noted that the new trail at Highpointe at Salford will be connecting to the existing trail at Montgomery Woods, as an agreement has been reached.

Wawa Park – Ryan Beltz reported that the park looked good. Cameras are connected and in use.

Kiosk Report – Amy Burch reported that all Township Maps are up. Ms. Hosterman gave Amy the theme park ticket fliers for posting later in the month of May.

New Business & Correspondence:

Ms. Hosterman said the Township has been awarded a \$7,500 grant from PECO Green Region for Briarwyck Park improvements.

Old Business:

Ms. Hosterman noted that the Township staff, including the Park Board, had been invited to the StoryWalk dedication ceremony at Alderfer Park on April 26th.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will take place at the Heckler Plains Farmstead, historic home at 237 Landis Road. This meeting is open to the public.

There being no further business, Chairman Krauss entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Andy Lazzaro motioned for approval and Ryan Beltz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Hosterman, Secretary