

**Hamiltonban Township and Fairfield Borough, Adams County, PA**  
**Joint Parks and Recreation Commission (JPRC)**  
**Minutes of Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Attending in person:** John Strahler; JPRC President, Terry Scripture Vice Chair, Pat Pileggi; Commission Member Fairfield Boro; Rob Olyphant; JPRC Treasurer, Matt Inskip; JPRC Secretary and Coleen Reamer; Township Supervisor and Liaison to Park Commission.

**1. Call to order time:** 7:05 pm

**2. Approval of Agenda:** 1<sup>st</sup> Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat, motion passed.

**3. Approval of Minutes from March 12 2024.** John 1<sup>st</sup>, Rob 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**4. Public Comment:** No comment/public present.

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Parks&Recreation General Fund Balance \$2,6010. Matt 1<sup>st</sup>, Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed. The commission discussed asking the new Township Secretary to complete a simple breakdown of checks written and bank charges.

**6. Old Business:**

**a. Kite Day:** Scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am until 1pm. Hot dogs, chips and water to be provided by commission. John to make Kite Day signs. Marquee to be changed closer to date. Angie Olyphant to update flier per Rob. Joe Whitmore our local kite flying expert will be attending like in past years. He contacted John to offer to bring Kite Building supplies. Coleen to sort through existing kite building supplies.

**b. Meeting with Township Supervisors 3/19/24:** John Strahler reported that the Supervisors Meeting went well. The supervisors were very receptive and supportive of the Commission's goal of convincing New Enterprise (Owner of Fairfield Quarry) to donate 16 acres of land that adjoins the park. Supervisor Ryan Picarelli has a contact at New Enterprise and is going to reach out to them. Chairman of Supervisors Eddie Deardorf suggested that the Park Commission hold 2 picinics this summer for the Township Supervisors, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board and JPRC. The commission decided to have a picnic on July 14, 2024 before Music in the Park. The commission plans on providing Hotdogs and ask attendees to bring a covered dish.

**c. Bob Gordon Thank you letter:** The commission received a very nice letter saying thank you for the care package sent to him in Chester County.

**7. New Business**

**a. Work Projects:** The first priority project is to seal the bridge at the stormwater basin overflow. John to purchase 5 gallons of Thompson's Water Seal and Coleen to check on sales tax exemption documentation for Lowe's. The second priority is for new mulch for the natural play area. The mulch is engineered specifically for playgrounds and is expensive. The commission also needs to find a supplier

to purchase mulch and find out deliver options. Third priority is for lattice over the pergola to help increase shade. Fourth priority is to put fencing around the porta-pot in it's new location.

**b. Astronomy Night:** Terry has suggested holding an Astronomy Night at the park as a new activity to invite the local community to. John suggested holding the event after the clocks are turned back for daylight savings time. A few ideas were kicked around regarding approaching Gettysburg College Astronomy Department, Adams County Astronomy Club and possibly the Church next door. Pat nominated Terry to pursue the idea. Matt second. Motion passed.

**C. Holiday Lights for Park:** Coleen brought a catalog of different holiday light displays for the park. A salesperson stopped at the Township Office and offered to price out a holiday light for any budget to have at the park over the holiday season. The lights are decorative and would probably say something like "Happy Holidays". The commission is going to consider the idea

**8. Good For the Cause** John reported that Lisa Sturgess has offered to help with caring for the flowers by the flag pole. She lives across the street from the park.

**9. Township Meetings:** The following upcoming meetings will be held at the Township Office at 23 Carrolls Tract Road at the local prevailing time of 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted. Cancellations are posted at the Township Office. Meeting dates or changes in schedule are advertised in local newspaper.

\*Board of Supervisors Meeting-April 16, 2024

\*Planning Commission-April 24, 2024(Due to Elections)

\*Board of Supervisors Meeting-May 7, 2024

\*Parks and Recreation Commission-May 14, 2024

**10. Adjourn Time:** 8:08 PM. Matt 1<sup>st</sup> Rob 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.