

**Lower Salford Township
Park Board Minutes
March 25, 2025**

The March 25, 2025, 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, Mark Kelley, and Secretary Holly Hosterman.

Chairman Krauss asked for approval of the February 25, 2025, Meeting Minutes. Pete Harubin made a motion to approve the minutes. Amy Burch seconded. Minutes unanimously approved as written.

Chairman Krauss recognized Joan DiMaria of the Heckler Plains/Historical Society presented the monthly report of happenings within the Society. Joan noted that the School of the Soldier would be on April 5th at Heckler Plains. She also noted the upcoming Plant Sale on May 3rd. The 250th Anniversary of America in 2026 and participation in celebratory activities was discussed. It was noted that the Society would be participating by creating a more involved Heckler Fest. Since the Heckler Fest is already a well-known event, it made sense to make this celebration the focus in 2026.

The Lease Agreements of both Heckler Plains and Bergey Mill Farm were discussed. Chairman Krauss noted that going forward, the leases would be revised into one lease that would encompass all three homes: Heckler, Reiff & Bergey. Mr. Krauss said that the Township will ask the Society to focus on one property for their use, preferably Heckler Plains. The reason behind the focus is that all three homes are aging to the point of overwhelming the capacity of the Township to maintain. Safety is a top priority, and costly repairs are needed to keep the homes functional for public use, and as active members of the Heckler Plains Historical Society have fallen over the years, the Society is also unable to maintain the homes for adequate safety. Mr. Krauss asked Ms. DiMaria to take this topic to the Society's next meeting, which is scheduled for April 14th. She will report back with more information at the April Park Board meeting.

Chairman Krauss asked Ms. Hosterman to provide the Planning Commission Agenda. Ms. Hosterman read the agenda submissions. She noted that at this time, 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 was good.

Bergey Park – Andy Lazzaro was not in attendance but had reported via email that everything looked good.

Briarwyck Park – Amy Burch reported that a large tree had fallen near the fence that lines the waterway that runs through the park. The damage to the fence line was extensive and the tree had landed on the trail. She also provided pictures. Ms. Hosterman shared the pictures with the Public Works crew and said she will file an insurance claim once the damages are assessed.

Bucher Park – Mark Kelly reported that the park looked good. He reported that the kick plates on the hockey rink had been repaired and said they did a great job.

Dannerth Park – All good in the neighborhood!

Groff's Mill Park – Andy had reported via email that the park looked good. He also said he has picked out a space for a new bench. Ms. Hosterman will relay the information to Public Works.

Heckler Plains Farmstead – Pete Harubin reported that all looked good.

Kulp Road Pond Park – Chairman Krauss reported that everything looked good and that in the past few weeks has seen a Loon on the pond as well as a mink.

Park Avenue Field – Amy reported that the fields still have the “grow blankets” on them to protect them from the winter weather.

Reed Park – Pete Harubin reported that everything looked good. He noted that one of the sporting organizations was working on the upper field. He also noticed that the American Flag had come down and it appeared that the pulley mechanism that raises the flag was in need of repair. Pete brought the flag to Ms. Hosterman who reported the problem to Public Works.

Reiff Park – Ryan Beltz reported that everything looks good. He noted that the Conservancy was gearing up for their upcoming Native Plant Sale will be May 10 & 11, 2025 at the park.

Roth Park – Jan Johnson reported that everything was fine. Ms. Hosterman said fish stocking will be March 27 & April 9, 2025.

Trail Report – Jan Johnson noted that several paths have spray paint on them for root grinding and crack repair. These areas have been marked with “PA-1” to signify the Pennsylvania One Call system has been contacted to locate any underground utilities.

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

Kiosk Report – Ms. Hosterman told Ms. Burch that she would be supplying new information for the kiosks. The Communications Committee has recently updated the “Quick Reference Guide” and Ms. Hosterman will get copies to Ms. Burch for posting in the kiosks.

New Business & Correspondence:

Ms. Hosterman said that the Township was looking into AED/Defibrillators in several of the parks. She noted that Special Projects Coordinator, Grace Kelley, was working on submitting a grant to pay for a portion of the cost to obtain and install the AEDs. This grant, if received, would coincide with “Pennsylvania Day”, which is July 19th each year. Ms. Hosterman said she would keep everyone apprised of the progress.

Ms. Hosterman also noted that she had received a call from Derek Fickett from the North Penn School District. Mr. Fickett's class participates in a State Program called “Trout in the Classroom. The students raise trout from eggs provided by the State and release them into the Perkiomen Creek once they are viable. They would like to use Camp Wawa Park on May 13th for the release of the fish. After a brief discussion, the Park Board approved the use of the park for this activity.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Krauss entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Amy Burch motioned for approval and Jan Johnson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Hosterman, Secretary