

**Lower Salford Township
Park Board Minutes
June 24, 2025**

The June 24, 2025, Park Board Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Kent Krauss. Also in attendance were Vice Chairman Pete Harubin, Ryan Beltz, Amy Burch, Mark Kelley, and Secretary Holly Hosterman.

Chairman Krauss noted that the minutes from the May 27, 2025, meeting were not available and that they would be reviewed and voted on at the next meeting.

Chairman Krauss recognized Malarie Chant and her family who were present to discuss an idea for a “Little Library”. They had brought a handout indicating the size of the structure along with pictures of what it will look like. Mrs. Chant said she and her family were hoping to place it at Briarwyck Park, preferably near the handicap parking lot and bench area. The Board reviewed the drawing and had no objections to the placement of the “Little Library.” They did ask Mrs. Chant to meet with Township Staff to gather information on final placement. Ms. Hosterman said she would contact Doug Jones, Director of Building and Zoning, and determine a time to meet at Briarwyck Park with Mrs. Chant.

Also recognized was Quincy Canavan of local Scout Troop 137. Quincy addressed the Board and said he was working towards becoming an Eagle Scout and was thinking of creating a native garden somewhere in the Township that would include beehives and native plants for the betterment of the environment. The Board discussed locations for such a project, and it was decided that Reiff Park would be a good fit for the garden. Quincy noted that he is just beginning the project and still has quite a bit of research to do before setting out to create the garden. He will be in touch in the future.

Chairman Krauss recognized Joan DiMaria of the Heckler Plains/Historical Society presented the monthly report of happenings within the Society. Chairman Krauss asked Ms. DiMaria how the insurance coverage was progressing. She noted that they have gotten several quotes and are leaning towards The Hartford company. She said that at the last Historical Society meeting, they invited several other societies to exchange ideas. Mrs. DiMaria noted that the Upper Salford Historical Society was a committee under the purview of their Township. Chairman Krauss noted that he has been discussing possibly having the Society as a “Sub Committee” under the umbrella of the Park Board. This topic still needs to be discussed more thoroughly before moving forward.

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 was not in attendance but had emailed the park looked good.

Bergey Park – Andy Lazzaro was not in attendance.

Briarwyck Park – Amy Burch reported that the pond is starting to see algae build up due to the increased temperatures recently (90-100 degrees). She also noted that one of the benches is covered in

black dust and there is damage to a section of fence. Ms. Hosterman said she had already provided this information to the Public Works Department.

Bucher Park –Mark Kelley reported that the park looked good. He reported there was one basketball net that had partially fallen off the hooks.

Dannerth Park – Nothing new to report.

Groff's Mill Park – Andy Lazarro not in attendance.

Heckler Plains Farmstead – Pete Harubin reported that there was a crack in the main support beam of the fence to the right of the barn. Otherwise, everything was in good shape.

Kulp Road Pond Park – Chairman Krauss reported that the pond was starting to see algae blooms due to the hot weather.

Park Avenue Field – Amy reported that both fields looked good. She also noted that the advertising fence was not there yet.

Reed Park – Pete Harubin reported that everything looked good. He asked about the possibility of a safety light being installed on the end of the pavilion.

Reiff Park – Ryan Beltz reported that the recent Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy Native Plant sale brought in over a thousand people over the 2-day event.

Roth Park –Mark Kelley reported that there were fishing lures embedded in the new shade canopies. He also noted that there is a tree near the Villa Vito restaurant that appears to be dead.

Trail Report – No recent report.

Wawa Park – Ryan Beltz reported the park looked good.

Kiosk Report –Nothing new to report.

New Business & Correspondence:

Ms. Hosterman said that she had received correspondence from RideATAXIA for the use of Heckler Plains as a stopover point on this year's bike race, which will be in October. This organization has a yearly bike ride, and the park has been used by them before. Chairman Krauss asked for a motion to approve the use. Mark Kelley made a motion to approve, and Pete Harubin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed.

Due to summer vacations and members being away, the next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Krauss entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Mark Kelley motioned for approval and Pete Harubin seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Hosterman, Secretary