

**Jackson Township Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Date: June 21, 2011

Called to order by: Denny Grove at 7:04 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

X	Denny Grove	X	Alfred George	X	Al Pagano		Marty Bezek		John Lythgoe
	Tracey Heeney		Terri Modic	X	Brett Hoffman	X	Al Boring		

Others in Attendance: Brian Peterman, Paulette Baker

Approval of meeting minutes from May 17, 2011. Motion by Brett Hoffman, second by Al Pagano

Old Business:

Recreation Committee officially submitted Project Summary on behalf of the ETJ Boosters on the construction of dugouts at the Leidy Lane Field for township supervisor action and approval.

As indicated earlier during the 5-17-11 meeting, representatives from the Jackson Township Rod and Gun club was to be present at this recreation meeting to discuss plans for the potential recreation area/fishing pond at Lorraine Road. Unfortunately, no members were present. Further discussion has been tabled for upcoming meetings.

Barry Cooper from Cooper signs has delivered signs for the Mitchell Pavilion Park area. These signs will be installed within the next couple of weeks.

Information on the 5K Run/Walk slated for July 16 was briefly discussed. Activities are moving forward and are being spearheaded by Tracey Heeney.

New Business:

Brian Peterman, President of ETJ Little League, was present to ask the Recreation Committee what steps are needed to restart the Jackson Township Softball Association. His plans are to take the organization, which stopped operating in 2002, and re-establish the league to softball players in the area from ages 8 to 16. (See Public Comments).

Paulette Baker, Treasurer of the Laurel Highland Historical Village, gave an update on the plans to build a bike and hiking trail in the vicinity of the Hinkston Run Dam. (See Public Comments).

Park Updates:

As of July 12th, thirteen pavilion reservations have been received, 3 at Leidy Lane and 2 at Veterans Park. Both Mitchell Upper Pavilions have been reserved 5 times and Mitchell Pavilion #1 - 3 times.

Township Events and Activities:

- Heritage Festival will be held on July 15 – 17.
- 1st Annual Heritage Parade is slated for July 16, 2011 starting at 1 pm.
- 1st Annual Heritage 5K Run/Walk is slated for Saturday July 16, 2011 starting at 9am. Registration and check-in scheduled for 7 am.

Other Matters:

None

Public Comments:

Brian Peterman, current President of the East Taylor Jackson Little League was at the meeting to obtain information from the Recreation Committee/township on re-establishing the Jackson Township Softball Association. Recreation members weighed in on his request but indicated no permission was necessary from the Recreation Committee. However, committee did suggest to Mr. Peterman to stop by the township office to inform Dave Hirko on his plans to start up the JTSA and his intent on the usage of Leidy Lane field.

Paulette Baker, Treasurer of the Laurel Highland Historical Village, was present to give an update on the planned hiking and bike trail at Hinkston Run Dam and some of the additions to the dam area. LHHV is spearheading an effort to offer these recreation attractions:

- Construction of a Pavilion for public use
- Amphitheater to be constructed for entertainment and lectures
- Wharf at the dam to be installed as an area for the public to fish from
- Bike rental shops are being planned

A public announcement of these plans takes place on June 23rd at noon. The gathering will take place at the pavilion site. The Cambria-Somerset Water Authority, representatives from Congressman Critz's office, and representatives from Middle, East, and Jackson Townships will be present.

Motion to adjourn by: Alfred George - 2nd by Brett Hoffman
The Jackson Township Recreation Commission adjourned at 8:09 pm.