

**Hamiltonban Township and Fairfield Borough, Adams County, PA**  
**Joint Parks and Recreation Commission (JPRC)**  
**Minutes of Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Attending in person:** John Strahler; JPRC Chair, Terry Scripture; JPRC Vice Chair, Matt Inskip; JPRC Secretary, Rob Olyphant; JPRC Treasurer and Pat Pileggi JPRC member of Fairfield Boro

**1. Call to order time:** 7:08 by John Strahler

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

**3. Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2024:** 1<sup>st</sup> John 2<sup>nd</sup>, Pat motion passed

**4. Public Comment:** No public in attendance

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Parks & Recreation General Fund Balance \$5,453.74, Pligit account is \$33.23  
Matt 1<sup>st</sup> Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed and report approved.

**6. Old Business:**

**\*Green Space Grant Approval-** The grant was approved per John Strahler. This grant will be good for 3 years to get project completed. The commission would like to start working on the water fountain project when the weather warms up in the end of May or beginning of June.

**New Business:**

**\* Planning 2025 Events-**

Terry brought up having a Spring Lilac Festival. This was a suggestion from Dave Thomas. The Commission decided to push an event like this into 2026. As the commission wants to take time to decide on the feasibility and work involved. Further discussion with Dave Thomas.

The Commission decided that they would like to continue the following events in 2025.

**1. Kite Day-** Joe Whitmore (professional kite flyer that has been at all previous Kite Days) needs to be contacted to see when available. More than likely the event will be held in the beginning of May. The event will be run like it has been in past years.

**2. Music in the Park-** This year will be held in June and July only. Music will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. July music will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. It is a concern that the commission will need to start paying the musicians at some point in order to get them to participate. John has contacted 6 bands to see if they are interested/willing to play at our events.

**3. Astronomy Night-** The goal is to have even the first week of November. Terry is going to contact the Astronomy Club and see when their availability is.

**4. Christmas Tree Lighting-** To be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Lighting for attendees leaving the event was brought up. Pat offered to sit in his van with the headlights on if helpful. John brought up using temporary solar lights. Matt offered to bring a generator if deemed helpful.

**2025 Park Projects-** Include installing lattice on the Pergola, Water Fountain, replacing dead shrubs in parking area with small Boxwood and a fence around the Jiffy John. No projects are planned to take place before the end of May/beginning of June. Alexander's Plumbing will ultimately determine timeline for water fountain installation.

**\*Long Term Vision for the Park-** A discussion was held about the long-term vision that the commission has for the park. The commission would love to acquire neighboring land from New Enterprise Quarry in order to expand the park. The additional land would be used for athletic fields, a nature trail and any other purpose that the commission would feel is appropriate. John is going to write a letter to New Enterprise inquiring about them donating the land. Aside from enlarging the park. The commission talked about a possible dog park, band shell, larger pavilion, educational exhibits and art displays. The commission does not see a need for permanent pickle ball courts as most folks bring their own equipment to play. Another idea is to landscape the pavilion area to make look more inviting and attractive.

**9. Township Meetings:** The following upcoming meetings will be held at the Township Office at 23 Carroll's 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 Workshop Meeting-January 21, 2025

\*Planning Commission-January 28, 2025

\*Board of Supervisors Meeting-February 4, 2025

\*Parks and Recreation Commission-February 11, 2025

**10. Adjourn Time:** 8:17 PM. Terry 1st 2nd Matt motion passed.