

BERKSHIRE HILLS OUTLOOK MARCH 2015

Dillsburg Youth Baseball and Kiehn Park

As noted in last fall's open letter, it has become more difficult over the years for BHCA to raise the funds necessary to maintain our park (Kiehn Park). Only 60% of the homes in Berkshire Hills currently pay dues. If we cannot raise the money needed for maintenance, lawn care, and insurance, ownership of the park will revert to Carroll Township and we will no longer have a say in what goes on there or how the space is used.

We have been forced to consider other means of income to keep that from happening. To that end, we have entered into an agreement with Dillsburg Youth Baseball (DYB), our local Little League. DYB will be using Kiehn Park this spring and early summer for Tee Ball and Coach Pitch practices. This benefits our community in a number of ways. First, it gives us income to offset our decreased membership, making it more likely that we can retain our park. Second, if things work out this year, DYB has committed to significant improvements: installing a proper baseball infield at their expense and maintaining the infield going forward. Third, it encourages the wholesome, recreational use of Kiehn Park. DYB has already installed a portajohn, again at their expense, to make it a more welcoming place.

This does *not* mean that BHCA residents will not be able to use the park this spring. The park is large enough for everyone, and DYB will only be there part of the time. If you would like to reserve the pavilion for an event, please contact Nancy Baker at 432-3870.

Our yard sale date is May 23. Several families will also be setting up on April 17 and 18. We will advertise for both dates.