

**East Vincent Township
Park & Recreation Meeting
June 25, 2024, 7:00 PM**

Brian Wilde opened the meeting at 7:00PM. Also in attendance were Chris Cobb, Doug Schmidt, Cynthia Barney, Todd Palmer, and Christine McNeil. Also in attendance was the Township Manager, Bob Zienkowski.

1. Meeting minutes from May 28, 2024, were read and approved. Modifications were noted.

Moved: C. McNeil

Second: C. Cobb

Vote: Unanimous

2. Old Business

- A. Disc Golf Presentation

R. Kinka presented a proposal for an 18-basket disc golf course that could be development in Independence Park. The presentation provided an overview of the disc golf sport as well as a proposed course that would run throughout the park. The committee will review the proposal in detail and determine the steps to proceed. Funding the execution of the proposal is a concern.

- B. Independence Park

- a. Indy Trails

Trail blazing has been completed. B. Wilde reported that there is a large tree that has fallen across the trail. B. Zienkowski commented that it would be take care of.

- b. Trail Signs

A presentation was made by T. Palmer regarding the trail signs. Work is proceeding to implement the proposed design.

- c. HRG Design

HRG had presented a proposal for the upper campus of Independence Park in request for a new conceptual design. The design will go to the EVT Board of Supervisors July 10, 2024, meeting for approval.

- d. Fall Event at Independence Park

An overview of a 5K running event at Independence Park this fall was presented by T. Palmer. A motion was made by C. McNeil to form an event subcommittee and present the event outline provided by T.

Palmer to the EVT Board of Supervisors during the July 10, 2024, meeting. C. McNeil will be doing the presentation at the meeting. Seconded by C. Barney. Vote: unanimous.

e. Model Airplane Airfield

A proposal was presented by D. Schmidt to create a model airplane airfield on the lower open field in Independence Park. The airfield would consist of a 100' x 300' runway, flight station area, pit area, spectator area, and pilot parking. Access to the field would be a grass road from the upper campus to the field. The committee raised concerns and were addressed by D. Schmidt. Insurance coverage for the airfield would be provided by the supporting club, Spring Hollow R/C Flyers, as obtained from the Academy of Model Aeronautics. The insurance certificate will name the township as the covered owner of the property.

C. Park On the Ridge

a. Community Day Update

The front office has put out a request for volunteers to support community day. B. Zienkowski commented that he would provide a list of areas where the volunteers are needed. B. Zienkowski reported that there will be food trucks. There will also be inflatables as there was last year. Announcement post cards will be sent. There will be no registration table this year.

D. Peoples Park

A presentation was provided by C. McNeil about Peoples' Park with a focus on making it a park of trails. There is a perimeter trail around the property that will need some work to clear it. These trails will also support horses. A motion was made by C. McNeil to begin the work required, when time is available, to open Peoples' Park. Seconded by T. Palmer. Vote: unanimous.

3. New Business

a. Litter Lifters

A meeting is planned to discuss the possible benefits of the Litter Lifters program.

b. Budget

Budget numbers for 2025 project proposals are required by B. Aston before the September Board of Supervisor's meeting. It was recommended by B. Zienkowski that the committee be present at that meeting. Part of the budget for 2025 should contain the request for funding the start of work in Independence Park. The committee needs to determine these numbers and place it in the budget request.

4. Miscellaneous Discussion

A comment was made by C. McNeil to congratulate B. Zienkowski and the front office staff for the great job they are doing in support of this committee. B. Zienkowski commented that most of the credit goes to the front office staff. B. Zienkowski also commented that the pickleball nets are on order. B.

Zienkowski also requested that a wish list of requests to be covered by the multimodal grant application be provided to him as soon as possible.

The issue regarding the basketball backboard replacements has been closed. No further work will be performed. There has been no response from the supporting organization.

A handout was provided regarding ticks in our parks. B. Wilde provided it. B. Zienkowski commented that this information should be on the township webpage. People need to be prepared and take precautions. B. Wilde also commented on the use of good sprays.

5. Public Comment

There was a question from R. Kinka regarding the process for moving forward on the disc golf course. He was told that the committee will be reviewing the proposal and will contact him.

6. Adjourn

Moved: D. Schmidt

Second: C. Cobb

Vote: Unanimous