

**East Vincent Township
Park & Recreation Meeting
November 26, 2024, 7:00 PM**

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

1. Meeting minutes from October 22, 2024, were read and approved.

Moved: D. Schmidt

Second: C. McNeil

Vote: Unanimous

2. Old Business

{A.} Independence Park

{a. HRG Presentation: Conceptual Master Site Plan}

The Master Plan was presented by J. Robinson. The changes were requested to the plan: remove exercise stations and remove some of the walkways.

Those items included in Phase 1 were discussed.

Motion was made by C. McNeil. Seconded by T. Palmer. Vote was unanimous.

{b. Rugged Indy}

B. Wilde provided an update on the event. What a wonderful event. There was good feedback from the participants. The run/walk subcommittee did a great job. C. Barney added that there were good comments on the park from the people that stopped at the Park and Recreation table. The food vendors were great.

T. Palmer reported that the subcommittee is still waiting to debrief the day. Surveys did get sent out to the participants. The blueprint is now built for next year. There were great vendors present. Next year the event will be on November 16, 2025. Motion was made by T. Palmer to set that date. Seconded by C. McNeil. Vote was unanimous.

{c. Park Signs}

The park signs are being worked on. Property ownership and access approvals are in process.

The okay was given to proceed with the signs for the pillars.

{d. Model Airplane Airfield – Legal}

The signed agreement will be sent out this week.

{B. Park on the Ridge}

No discussion.

{C. Peoples Park}

{a. Natural Lands Study}

The contract has been signed. All the base documents will be collected after Thanksgiving.

{F. Budget 2025}

The Park and Recreation budget has been completed.

3. New Business

C. McNeil comment on funding for 2026. The grants need to be written and submitted in the first quarter of 2025. She questioned how much of a local match could be covered by the township. There are opportunities for multiple grants. A subgroup is needed to work on the finance funding strategy to keep the park work moving consistently. A timetable needs to be created to determine what needs to be done going forward.

C. McNeil motioned that a funding strategy committee be created and staff and made up of Park & Recreation members. T. Palmer seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. T. Obara and C. McNeil agreed to be members. Other members are needed.

4. Miscellaneous Discussion

T. Palmer discussed needing volunteers to empty the barrels that are being placed throughout the park. It was approved that T. Palmer can proceed with the construction of lids for the barrels.

It was suggested that an offer be made to the Veteran's Hospital for them to name the amphitheater. This could be a good source of funding in support of the amphitheater.

T. Obara comment on the trails. These can be a great advantage for the township.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Adjourn

Moved: C. McNeil

Second: C. Barney

Vote: Unanimous