

**East Vincent Township
Park & Recreation Meeting
February 25, 2025, 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.

1. **Meeting minutes** from January 28, 2025, were read and approved. As amended.

Moved: C. McNeil

Second: D. Schmidt

Vote: Unanimous

2. **Community Feedback**

- Received positive feedback on the trash barrels at Independence Park.
- Received a thank you note from J. Quinn, Pharaoh Hound Club of America, thanking us for our time allowing her to prevent information on Lure Coursing.
- The Indy Trail stewards made a request for a resupply of trash bags.
- Need to schedule a full day cleanup at Independence Park. Need to do it soon so it can get into the online newsletter. M. Wagle and the EAC need to be contacted and a date set. The end of March was recommended, 3/22/2025.

3. **Old Business**

{3.A Independence Park}

{3.A.a Chester County Grant Update}

The Chester County grant has been extended to the end of 2026.

{3.A.b Site Findings and Discussion}

An impromptu visit and walk were made through the park by the arborist, a representative from Pennoni, and B. Wilde. A summary report of the visit is forthcoming. It was noted that deer are eating the non-invasive trees. A solar powered trail camera was recommended for the park to possibly capture the coyotes in the park.

{3.A.c Pennhurst Cemetery}

T. Palmer presented the current vision for the interpretive sign for the Pennhurst Cemetery. The Historical Commission will make the final decision on what the sign will be.

{3.A.d Project Schedule}

The board was presented the schedule for review. There has been a request for dates for each item on the schedule.

{3.B Park on the Ridge}

There was a discussion regarding what could be done in the park if specific funding was obtained.

{3.C People's Park}

{3.C.a Site Visit Route}

The deer stands and animal traps were discussed. There were some foot-hold traps found as well. The recommendation is to install No Hunting and No Trapping signs. Public Works should be able to do this.

C. McNeil motioned that a protective approach be taken to see and define all hunting and trapping within the People's Park property. T. Palmer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

B. Wilde motioned that Park & Recreation should hold off additional site visits until the previous motion was accomplished. Seconded by T. Palmer. Vote was unanimous.

{3.D Sheeder Woodlands park}

C. McNeil provided a summary report on the visit she participated in at the property. The arborist was in attendance to review the trees to be contained within the township boundary, specifically the rows of black walnut and dawn redwoods. The closing for the property has not been scheduled.

{3.E Parkerford Historic Riverfront Park}

No comments.

{3.F Open Issues List}

Reviewed the Open Issues list provided by B. Wilde.

4. New Business

{4.A Recreation Spotlight: Ice Skating}

B. Wilde presented a review of his activities around Ice Skating. He reported that it has been a long time since the water in the area has been frozen enough to skate on. He suggested that there be more highlighting of "recreation" activities in the township.

C. McNeil suggested that a township walk in the park be scheduled. It was noted that this should occur when the weather improves.

5. Miscellaneous Discussion

C. Cobb suggested that we have the arborist review People's Park to determine if there is anything that should be saved. Since the area was previously farm land it is assumed that most of the property is made up of wild plantings.

6. Public Comment

No comments

7. Adjourn

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