

**East Vincent Township  
Park & Recreation Meeting  
September 30, 2025, 7:00 PM**

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Brian Wilde opened the meeting at 7:00PM. Also in attendance were Chris Cobb, Doug Schmidt, Cynthia Barney, Todd Palmer, Christine McNeil, and Tim Obara. Also in attendance was the Township Manager, Bob Zienkowski and Board of Supervisors liaison Craig Damon II.

1. Meeting minutes from August 26, 2025, and June 24, 2025, were read and approved. There was no meeting in July.

Moved: C. Cobb, C. McNeil      Second: T. Palmer, C. Cobb      Vote: Unanimous for both

2. Guest Discussion

B. Wilde read a letter that was received from a resident of Spring City Borough. It was a thank you in reference to the availability of the Indy Trail.

3. Old Business

- A. Open Issues List

Independence Park Issues:

#1 Ridge Fire Company will participate in the demolition of the old clinic buildings. The date in October is still TBD. They are in the process of training using the buildings.

#3 M. Kissinger has updated the project schedule.

#4 The wayfinding sign final drawings were reviewed. It is expected that the project will be completed by the end of October.

#5 The cemetery sign wording is complete and approved.

#6 Interpretive signs plan will be moved to phase 2.

#7 The wildflower planting will be done in the spring of 2026.

#9 This item is closed.

#10 J. Hosbach will be working with M. Kissinger on the list. There is one Japanese Maple that needs to be removed due to disease.

#11 The EMS building is a separate project scheduled to start in 2026.

#12 This item is complete. The gaming area is in the bid specs.

Park on the Ridge – the issues were reviewed. They are all scheduled for 2026.

- B. Independence Park

- a. Project Schedule

- b. Indy Trail Extension

A 0.2 mile extension to the trail is almost complete. There are some trees that the township will need to remove.

- c. Cemetery interpretive sign

The contents of the sign have been completed and will move to the next phase.

- d. Deer disease (EHD)

Deer have been dying in the park. It has been determined that one cause is EHD.

- e. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rugged Indy Race – Nov 16

1. Arborist guided “Walk.”

T. Palmer provided a report on the progress of this event. Parking for the event will be on the upper campus as it was last year. There will be volunteer shirts.

f. Forest bathing

B. Wilde provided an overview of a DCNR event that he attended regarding Forest Bathing at March Creek State Park. He reported that it was an “emersion – all senses” event. He noted that there were Veteran Center participants there as well. The Activities Director from the Veterans Center was there and commented that this type of event serves a great need for the veterans.

g. Lure Coursing – Dec 3 and 4

C. Park on the Ridge

a. Park Improvements

An analysis of the playground equipment needs to be conducted. The equipment may need to be replaced. This will be good information for Independence Park as well.

b. Community Day – Oct 19

A sketch will be provided of the layout for vendors and groups for Community Day. Park & Rec will be judging the pumpkin contest.

D. Peoples Park

B. Zienkowski will be working with M. Kissinger to determine access to this park.

E. Sheeder Woodlands Park

The pinning of the park boundaries is still pending.

F. Riverfront Historic Riverfront Park

There is still interest in building a loop trail to be connected to the tavern.

4. New Business

A. 2026 Budget

A number of issues were discussed. A project list/wish list was discussed noting the following priorities are:

#1 the resurfacing of the tennis courts and

#2 new basketball hoops and court resurfacing.

Other areas discussed include playground equipment, park signage, permanent restrooms, sunshades, support for the food forest, Indy Trail improvements, Peoples Park trail building support, mini covered bridge on the Indy Trail. C. McNeil also suggested planning for planting in the parks.

**Motion:** C. McNeil motioned to accept the budget as modified. D. Schmidt seconded. Vote was unanimous.

5. Miscellaneous Discussion

**Motion:** C. McNeil made a motion that the PECO Green Region grant be used to fund the work on the food forest at Park on the Ridge. B. Wilde seconded it. Vote was unanimous.

6. Public Comment

S. Heidel suggested that a sensing garden be constructed in the park. There are examples of this in other parks. She visited one in Hyde Park, NY.

7. Adjourn

Moved: C. Cobb

Second: D. Schmidt

Vote: Unanimous