

**East Vincent Township  
Park & Recreation Meeting  
Meeting of September 27, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

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Brian Wilde opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Also in attendance were Chris Cobb, Doug Schmidt, Todd Palmer, and Christine McNeil. Also in attendance was Township Manager, Catherine Ricardo.

1. Meeting minutes from the July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting was reviewed and approved.

Moved: B. Wilde

Second: D. Schmidt

Vote: Unanimous

2. Old Business

- A. Community Day Feedback

B Wilde commented that Community Day was a great success. All Park & Rec members were present. T. Palmer commented that people were very happy to be there. The food registration table could be improved. Being close to the path made for a very active area. C. McNeil commented that we need to add some old fashion games next year like an egg toss, bag race, or something that will bring people together allowing for more contact amongst the residents. T. Palmer commented that the Mennonite Church puts on a tractor parade. B. Wilde mentioned that a resident, prior to the day, felt that there would not be that many residents attending but afterwards commented that they were wrong and surprised at the number of people that were there. B. Wilde also mentioned that preregistration worked very well. He enjoyed the chicken. C. Cobb mentioned that there were comments made about Ridge Fire having an event on the same day. B. Wilde mentioned that there were Washington Square folks that commented that trails in the new park will be very helpful. C. McNeil commented about the children playing in the woods. Also, that there were Ridge Road residents looking for trails on the Reiff Farm. C. Ricardo commented that the survey data collected during Community Day will be difficult to process since there was some misunderstanding as to how the survey worked.

B Wilde reviewed “How I Met My Book”. The poster that was used during Community Day is in the lobby. He suggested that this could be something opened to all residents in the township and that the responses could be used as data for a web page.

- B. Park Update

The township land planner Thomas Comitta and the township engineer Cindy VanHise were present to provide an overview of their site visit of Independence Park which they did with C. Ricardo and D. Schafer. They presented their findings including looking for items that could be rehabilitated and not replaced. The old VA clinic buildings were one example. Regrading of the roads and parking areas are a primary concern. Cost estimates of the current plan are low. Bid documents should be completed by January 2023 and distributed sometime thereafter. The group present reviewed the updated proposed park plan. The group discussed the low-cost plan versus the high-cost plan with a goal of selecting what

would be best to open the park with high resident usage in mind. C. McNeil suggested that a pickle ball court be in the initial list of items in the park and asked how we can add art to the park.

New estimates and an updated plan will be made available for the October meeting.

### 3. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: D. Schmidt    Second: T. Palmer    Vote: Unanimous