

**East Vincent Township
Park & Recreation Meeting
November 22, 2022, 7:00 PM**

Brian Wilde opened the meeting at 7:02 PM. Also in attendance were Chris Cobb, Doug Schmidt, Tom Burnley, Sr., Cynthia Barney, and Christine McNeil. Also in attendance was Township Manager, Catherine Ricardo. There were 4 guests.

1. Meeting minutes from October, 35, 2022, were read and approved.

Moved: C. McNeil

Second: C. Cobb

Vote: Unanimous

2. New Business

C. McNeil suggested that the January Park & Recreation Meeting be used for planning activities for 2023.

Parker Ford Historic Riverside Park grant process is ongoing. Some of the grant money is earmarked for the tavern. Another announcement will be made soon.

B. Wilde discussed the Pennhurst Cemetery. He discussed that the cemetery is more of a memorial/honorary location. B. Wilde will email us the three-page description of the cemetery.

There is a plan to visit the Pennhurst Museum on a December Saturday at 11:00 AM at the Mayflower building. C. McNeil is coordinating the visit.

3. Old Business

T. Comitta and C. VanHise were present and provided an overview of the modified plans for the new park. The finished trail to the cemetery will be move to a future phase. The current plan is to make it a mowed grass trail in the first phase. A paved trail is desired if the funds are available.

The EAC (Environmental Advisory Council) has agreed to assist with wild growth cleanup in the park. This work will be done in phases when time permits.

Future park improvements were discussed. Suggestions were made for a spontaneous play area; areas for high use sports; more benches along the longer trails; and interpretive signage. Future funding will be very important. We should expand our search for resources to as many as we can find. E. Milito suggested researching local nurseries for donations of plants to the park. Placing donation plaques near the plants would be a good option.

The committee was requested to complete their review of T. Palmer's survey recommendation by 12/2/2022 and send comments to C. Ricardo.

C. McNeil asked the committee to complete their review of the email she sent out regarding scope of services and send responses to her. She also asked that the T. Comitta Open Space plan be reviewed and compared to the state plan to see if any changed need to be made and if anything is missing.

4. EAC Update

E. Milito commented that an EAC representative will be coming to our future meetings and act as a resource for the committee. They would also like the committee to assist in educating the community.

Earth Day 2023 activity is in the planning stage. E. Milito asked if there is a spot in the park for a pollination garden.

Volunteers will be needed to assist with the elimination of invasive plants from both parks. A comment was also made that the pin oak trees that were distributed at Community Day should be protected from deer. The ones pointed out are the ones planted on the left side of the trail in the west portion of the park.

E. Milito also asked if a committee member could attend the EAC meetings. D. Schmidt volunteered to attend the January meeting.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Moved: D. Schmidt

Second: C. Cobb

Vote: Unanimous