

**East Vincent Township  
Park & Recreation Meeting  
September 26, 2023, 7:00 PM**

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Brian Wilde opened the meeting at 7:00PM. Also in attendance were Chris Cobb, Doug Schmidt, Todd Palmer, and Christine McNeil.

1. Meeting minutes from August 26, 2023, were read and approved. Modifications were noted.

Moved: C. Cobb

Second: C. McNeil

Vote: Unanimous

2. Old Business

*Post Community Day review:* The weather was great. Community turnout was the best so far. Great food and music. We need to get the final numbers from the front office. There was a lot of foot traffic. For next year, there needs to be better notification on the meals. The salad was controversial. Clarification is needed to note that the salad is a meal and not a side salad. The food selection web page should note this and a comment about one meal per person needs to be added. Several great comments on the pizza were received. Based upon meal size the pizza meal was a little smaller than the other two. It has been suggested that either chips or a cookie be added to the pizza meal. A kid friendly pizza should be made available. The helicopter was a very good idea. We need better communication with the pilot, so the coordination of the landing is smoother. Signage for face painting and other activities can be better. A map of the vendor locations should be provided to the volunteers so they can provide the information to the attendees. It was also suggested that two chairs be provided for each vendor table. The “gator” vehicles were available to move people around. It was requested that perhaps they can be made available more for next year. The volunteer meeting was helpful, but details could make it better. A list of the volunteers would be helpful including when to shift volunteers around. This will give volunteers time to get their meals.

The PECO donation was not received this year. We need to be able to follow-up with emails. Since these issues are handled by the front office, we need better communication with them.

There was good enthusiasm about the trails are the Park & Rec table. This raised the issue about a new park content survey that should be added to a future township newsletter since the last survey is very old.

*Independence Park Updates:* The updated park maps were displayed at the Park & Rec table at Community Day. The map showed good detail of the handicap trail and the multi-sport field. Park & Rec is trying to determine if there is enough budget to cover all the electrical work for the park. B. Wilde will follow-up to find out if the NPDES permit covers the entire park. Bid documents for Phases I and II need to be completed and reviewed by Park & Rec. Coordination and DCNR is important. Park & Rec would like to see the detailed budget and the new work calendar for park construction. Park & Rec would like to review the final plan to determine how many signs will be needed.

### 3. New Business

The Park & Rec budget for 2024 was reviewed. A request was made for information regarding a budget line item for 2024 to cover the money needed for future matching funds grants. B. Wilde will get in touch with the township finance officer about the Park & Rec budget. Also discussed several other items including the capital budget fee in lieu of for use for recreational activities and needing \$5000-\$7000 for park trail projects.

### 4. Miscellaneous Discussion

There was good discussion about the Parker Ford Tavern and its future. Park & Rec will continue to discuss it going forward.

T. Palmer brought up further discussion regarding the township matching funds for the basketball goal that will equal the one proposed to be donated by Norchester Basketball. He also mentioned the need for a better sign on Route 23 for the Park on the Ridge.

T. Palmer commented that we need to advance the township's advocacy for "Recreation" since it is in our committee's name. This will help encourage and facilitate actual use of our parklands and amenities.

### 5. Adjournment

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Second: C. Cobb

Vote: Unanimous