

East Vincent Township
Park & Recreation Meeting
November 28, 2023, 7:00 PM

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

Planning discussion: a motion was made by C. Cobb to cancel the December meeting. Seconded by T. Palmer. Unanimous vote.

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

Moved: C. McNeil

Second: C. Cobb

Vote: Unanimous

2. Old Business

- A. Independence Park

The walkway issues in the main area of the park are being worked. Some of the unnecessary trails are walkways are being removed from the plan. Trail/walkway width was discussed. Five foot may be too small, and eight foot may be a better width. The paved walkway in the Park on the Ridge should be measured and used as an example. There was also discussion about the need for more benches throughout the park and what they should look like. We were informed that the NPDES area should be the entire park space.

The new park sign should be made by someone other than the primary construction company. It should be like the kiosk by the building and like the one at Ellis Woods.

- B. Grant Open Space Study

We are still waiting for a response.

- C. Budget 2024

The budget was presented to the BoS. The matching funds for the basketball backboard & hoop was presented and a dollar amount suggested. Money for starting the trails was also asked for. The budget money for Community Day has been reduced. A question was raised regarding the 'fee in lieu of open space' money is available. The 11/16/2023 updated budget should be reviewed.

3. New Business

- A. Grant Education

C. McNeil commented that it was enlightening training. January to April is the application period. We need to rework our grant schedule to make it easier to work the rest of the phases for the new park. B. Wilde also watched some of the videos. C. McNeil suggested that we need a discussion with DCNR in the fall before the spring filings. A robust public participation program is needed and will help when

presented to the DCNR. C. McNeil suggested that we use the master plan to work on what we can do within the township. The EAC has similar issues and would like to piggyback with Park & Rec. A motion was made by C. McNeil to start a grant application for funds needed for the removal of invasive plants in our parks along with replacement plants to prevent the return of the invasive plants. Included in the funding request would be funds to support the creation of trails (building and maintenance) and anything else we need to do like supporting recreational activities in the new park, in addition to more signage and plantings. Seconded by T. Palmer. Unanimous approval vote.

Looking for volunteers to determine where funding money could be and to build a full list of township areas where the grants could be used.

4. Miscellaneous Discussion

C. McNeil commented that the first draft of the Resource Conservation Criteria is in process. Park & Rec plus the EAC will need to review the document. This document will support open space conservation.

5. Public Comment

Zion Lutheran Church had a dedication of a marker for Frederick Sheeder to commemorate his service in the War of 1812. <https://westvincenttp.org/2023/11/ceremony-to-place-war-of-1812-marker-on-frederick-sheeder-grave/>

C. McNeil commented on the glamping tents at the river at Camp Innabah.

6. Adjourn

Moved: D. Schmidt

Second: C. Cobb

Vote: Unanimous