

**East Vincent Township
Park & Recreation Meeting
May 24, 2022, 7:00 PM**

Brian Wilde opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. In attendance were members Doug Schmidt, Todd Palmer, and Christine McNeil. Also in attendance was Township Manager, Catherine Ricardo.

1. Meeting minutes from the April 26, 2022, were read and approved with one change to section 2b and submitted changes and additions from C. McNeil.

Motion to approve the minutes, as amended.

Moved: C. McNeil

Second: D. Schmidt

Vote: Unanimous

2. New Business:

- A. Open Space Committee Representative

Beth Flor commented on the functions of the committee. C. Ricardo explained further that the purpose of the Open Space Committee is to identify, review, evaluate, and rate the relative desirability of parcels of real estate; make recommendations with respect to the price that the Township would pay for parcels of real estate, and submit recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration to acquire such interests in real property. C. Ricardo explained that this is a new Committee the Township is looking to form and per the ordinance, one member must be a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Motion to nominate Todd Palmer to the Open Space Committee.

Moved: D. Schmidt

Second: B. Wilde

Vote: Unanimous

3. Old Business

- A. Community Day Update

Ricardo provided an updated that Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2022, and unfortunately the pizza vendor is unavailable, so they are looking at other options. B. Wilde and T. Palmer suggested other food vendors that might be an option and C. Ricardo stated they would follow-up on the suggestions. C. Ricardo stated other confirmed vendors include Sleepy Hollow Ponies for pony rides, face painter, rock climbing wall, and bounce houses. PECO has committed to a \$2,000 donation. C. Ricardo stated that they would also be sending out sponsorship letters for C. McNeil asked if there will be music. C. Ricardo responded that there will be no live music but they expect to have recorded music. C. Ricardo commented that fireworks are questionable. There is a supply issue causing prices to increase significantly. She also commented that fliers will be created. C. Ricardo will follow-up with Darwin about the street signs that he has placed out before, and she is continuing to work on pricing and subsidies.

B. Parkerford Historic Riverside Park Update

B. Wilde and T. Palmer went to the latest meeting. They provided a summary on the meeting. The East Vincent section of the park should be included in phase one. It is currently in phase four. Tricia McCloskey is the PARRC Regional Parks Planner. Parkerford grant applications have been submitted. An announcement on grants is expected by the end of the summer. Marietta Gies commented that there is overgrowth that needs attention at the tavern. C. Ricardo stated that she would forward the request to Public Works. This will improve access to the statue. There is ivy that needs to be removed as well. This work has been done by the Historical Society in the past. There are also some roof issues that need to be addressed.

C. Independence Park Update

B. Wilde stated that the Township has a new land planner, Thomas Comitta Associates. C. Ricardo stated that it will take some time to complete the initial land plan for the park. This will be the engineering drawing. C. Ricardo stated that updates will be provided to us once they have been completed.

Interpretive signs discussion: B. Wilde visited Ellis Wood Park. B. Wilde stated it to be a combo park, a rustic park and is one of the National Land Trust parks. B. Wilde commented that the trails are part natural, and part paved. B. Wilde stated that Independence Park should be a combo park. B. Wilde liked the sign but suggested that ours could be different. T. Palmer suggested looking at the signs at Coventry Woods in North Coventry as well as the ones in Fricks Lock.

4. Open Discussion/Public Comments

- A. M. Gies suggested that signs are needed for the Parkerford Tavern. She also commented on the need for a researcher for the Historical Committee.
- B. Catherine comment that she will provide a copy of the Open Space Plan to the committee.
- C. There was a discussion on the priorities of the committee and where the Reiff tract is on the order of priorities by C. McNeil. C. McNeil stated that the Township acquired this property several years ago for the purpose of developing a park and she wants to see this completed. C. Ricardo stated that this would need to be taken into further consideration with the pending development of Independence Park and other initiatives such as Parkerford Tavern and the recreational lot the Township expects to acquire with the Jones Motors Tract.

5. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn.

Moved: D. Schmidt

Second: C. McNeil

Vote: Unanimous