

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

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Brian Wilde opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Also in attendance were Doug Schmidt, Cynthia Barney, Todd Palmer, and Christine McNeil. Also in attendance was Township Manager, Catherine Ricardo and the Township Land Planner, Thomas Comitta.

1. Meeting minutes from January 24, 2022, were read and approved with one modification from T. Palmer.

Moved: D. Schmidt

Second: T. Palmer

Vote: Unanimous

2. Old Business

B. Wilde brought up a request to improve the email exchange amongst the members. He asked that the volume of email needs to be reduced and streamlined. They should not be conversational. The issues in the emails need to be added to the agenda of the next month's meeting.

B. Wilde and others made a visit with Jim Moffett, Templin Woods Manager, to discuss trail making. B. Wilde supplied a handout about the tools that could be used for trail making. This could be especially useful at Independence Park.

B. Wilde also commented on a visit to Independence Park. He noticed that there are a large number of trees down throughout the park space. There are also a large number of trees that require the removal of vines. C. McNeil asked about what could be done with the trees and if public works could help.

T. Palmer, C. McNeil and B. Wilde will be doing some added research of potential trails through Independence Park. They may use the support of J. Moffett to stake out some recommended trails. C. Ricardo commented that permits may need to be needed to continue. Further discussion should occur.

T. Comitta presented the progress of the park plan. He commented that there will be three times as many grant applicants than there are grants. The board needs to review the Guiding Principles and send updates to C. Ricardo.

3. New Business

C. McNeil brought up a question about monthly discussion on parks moving forward.

C. Ricardo was asked about the progress of Independence Park. She commented that the engineering work is in process. Bid documents are planned to be releases on May 1, 2023.

C. McNeil commented about whether we can obtain early access to the open space at the park so people can use it before construction begins. This issue will be discussed at future meetings.

There was another comment on a community garden. The Park & Recreation board will continue this discussion.

#### 4. Miscellaneous Discussion

E. Milito supplied an EAC update. She brought up stream restoration at Independence Park. The creek is classified as an impaired body of water due to the lack of water. The banks may need to be improved for stabilization purposes.

#### 5. Public Comment

Paul asked about the park path that will go down to Church Street and if would end up near the old Pennhurst Power Station. The power station is about a half mile from where the proposed trail will exit on Church Street.

#### 6. Adjourn

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Second: D. Schmidt

Vote: Unanimous