

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

Brian Wilde opened the meeting at 7:02PM. Also in attendance were Chris Cobb, Doug Schmidt, Cynthia Barney, Todd Palmer, and Christine McNeil. Also in attendance was Township Manager, Catherine Ricardo.

1. Meeting minutes from February 28, 2023, were read and approved, with modification.

Moved: C. McNeil

Second: C. Cobb

Vote: Unanimous

2. Old Business

The Guiding Principles document was reviewed via a live feed. It was mentioned that different photos were provided that are different than the ones on the page reviewed. There was a discussion about adding an assessment of the existing parks to the evaluation process. This was a suggestion for goals 2 and 3.

C. Ricardo provided to B. Wilde, which he boarded, a list of the Independence Park milestones. They are as follows. These are strong estimates.

- Final Land Development Approval, including the bid documents pending BOS approval, May 3, 2023.
- NPDES permit. (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System)
- Bid document publication and public announcement, June 7, 2023.
- Vendor bid process/period, 30-60 days from June 7. Sealed bids.
- Bid opening – includes the township engineer, at the end of the vendor bid process.
- Analysis and recommendations
- Bid award by the BOS – August/September timeframe.
- Notice to proceed – 30 days after bid award by the BOS.
- Work is done – approximately 12-months
- Final inspection – after the work is done.
- Park opening – after final inspection.

C. Ricardo also commented about the easement issue that exists around the park. The is discussion with the state to resolve this issue.

B. Wilde reviewed the effort for trail making at Independence Park. He and T. Palmer provided some handouts.

C. McNeil discussed how the potential trail system will provide many levels of exercise that can support children to adults and support different ability levels.

T. Palmer provided a good overlay of the conceptual plan with the possible trails in Independence Park. The plan/concept should be refined and provided to the township manager for presentation to the BOS. It could also be presented to the BOS by a member of Park & Rec.

C. Ricardo commented that the farm market has confirmed for Community Day. She did find a pizza truck to replace the one we had last year since they could not commit for this year. She also commented that there are added games near the bouncy house for kids and adults. The fly-fishing people were contacted but there has been no response as of yet. She also commented that planning is going well. She added Music with Sue that will provide kids songs and other common songs. It will be a roving music performance.

3. New Business

No new business was discussed.

4. Miscellaneous Discussion

There was a brief comment about the EAC group looking into putting in a pollinator garden just behind the township building.

5. Adjournment

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Vote: Unanimous