



<p>* <b>Motion:</b></p>	<p><b>C. McNeil motioned Park and Recreation invite the Board of Supervisors and the other township boards to coordinate and build a process that supports grants processing. Seconded by T. Obara. The vote was unanimous.</b></p> <p>This would provide a means to support and manage the grant process so responsible parties are kept informed of the process.</p> <p>Park &amp; Recreation needs a clear understanding of the process so next year's process works better. This will allow for better planning and a better understanding of the funds that are available.</p> <p>C. McNeil recommended that an all hands meeting is needed to discuss this issue.</p>
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	Issues (Park on the Ridge)	Updates
23	<b>Food Forest Funding</b>	D. Schmidt reported that there is funding available to begin the project. It is planned to start in late April. There may be another source of grant funding available through K. Muth. C. McNeil will investigate.

- A. Independence Park
  - a. Construction
    - B. Wilde provided a summary of the construction status.
  - b. Grants
    - See the motion in the Open Issues report above.
  - c. Rugged Indy
- B. Park on the Ridge
  - a. Food Forest
    - Funding is available for the project to proceed.

E. Milito presented the plan for the stormwater meadow rebuilding project. A lot of invasive plant removal is required. The wetland meadow should also be redone. The steep hill between them needs work too.

**Motion:** D. Schmidt motioned to accept the EAC Natural Resource Plan for Park on the Ridge. Seconded by C. McNeil.

- C. Peoples Park
- D. Sheeder Woodlands Park
- E. Parkerford Historic Riverfront Park
- 4. New Business
  - None.
- 5. Miscellaneous Discussion
  - None
- 6. Public Comment
  - None
- 7. Notes from the Chairperson
  - **Independence Park Indy Trail:**
    - Indy Trail difficulty direction signs ("Easy / Hard") were installed for the new creek extension trail.
    - Rugged Indy (November 15, 2026) Local Vitality grant approved by PECO.
    - Draft Historic Vincent Canal interpretive sign for the Forest Trailhead is created and under review by a canal specialist at the Spring Ford Area Historical Society.
  - **Independence Park Construction:**

- Earthwork and grading (including storm pipe installation) are nearing completion. Updated construction schedule due from Meco (Sean Ebert) to help guide timing of park activities.
- QCI, reporting directly to Bob, continues to issue daily field updates. A sample of the daily report is included in the packet.
- Pennoni Project Manager Marc Morfei provides meeting notes following each biweekly construction coordination meeting attended by Pennoni, Meco, QCI, EVT Staff, Public Works and Park & Rec Chair. The meeting notes from March 11, 2026 are included in the packet.
- Bocce court surface revised to decomposed granite to better reflect a park setting.
- Blockage from transformer to main park sign was resolved. Transformer to be relocated approximately 30 feet.
- **Mini Replica Covered Bridge:**
  - Initial virtual discovery meeting held on March 4, 2026 regarding a potential Community Timber Frame Build event in September.
  - Attending were representatives from Park & Rec, the Timber Frame Guild, Lancaster County Timber Frames and EVT Historical Commission.
  - A followup meeting will focus on project feasibility.
- **Park on the Ridge:**
  - Meco Constructors is preparing a proposal to reconstruct the tennis and basketball courts.
  - Guest Discussion - Potential partnership with a youth travel baseball organization to use and possible improvement of the existing Township baseball field.
- **724 Corridor Study:**
  - Cynthia Barney nominated to represent the Park & Recreation Board.

## 8. Adjourn

Moved: D. Schmidt

Second: C. Barney

Vote: Unanimous