

**East Vincent Township
Park & Recreation Meeting
June 24, 2025, 7:00 PM**

Brian Wilde opened the meeting at 7:00PM. Also in attendance were Chris Cobb, Doug Schmidt, Cynthia Barney, Todd Palmer, Christine McNeil, and Tim Obara. Also in attendance was the Township Manager, Bob Zienkowski. Guests attending included Nick Upmeyer from Natural Lands, Mike Kissinger and SunHi Moore from Pennoni, Sandy Heidel and Marietta Gies of the Historical Commission. Special guest: Barbara Barney.

1. Meeting minutes from May 27, 2025, were read and approved as amended.

Moved: B. Wilde

Second: C. Cobb

Vote: Unanimous

2. Old Business

{2.A. Open Issue List}

Independence Park

#1 – Building demolition will be moving forward. A letter will be sent to advise that the township will be removing them.

#4 – Positioning of the wayfinding sign was discussed. M. Kissinger provided a map that displays the available location for it.

#5 – T. Palmer will be meeting with the Historical Commission to complete the content of the cemetery interpretive sign.

#17 – Work on the wildflower area postponed until the fall. Ground scanning of the proposed area is scheduled and must be completed before any work is started.

#18 – The Board of Supervisors have been provided with a request for the funding for the amphitheater.

#6 – Waiting for a response on the NPDES permits.

#21 – John Hoshbak will be reviewing the tree list for the park.

#23 – The grant application is due in July. There is a commitment to meet this date.

#24 – M. Kissinger and B. Zienkowski are in discussions with Friendship.

Peoples Park

#15 – The removal of the trash pit will be performed by hand.

Park on the Ridge

#20 – Decision on the cricket field will be taken up after Independence Park is completed.

#21 – D. Schmidt provided an update. He met with Y. Kapu on June 6th at the park to review the area for the food forest. Y. Kapu is getting design assistance from a professional, Tyler Heitzman from Ancient Origins Permaculture. They will be working together to create a design that should be presented in August.

#22 – There is a plan to add a permanent restroom for the park.

The project timeline for Independence Park was reviewed. No changes were made.

{2.B. Independence Park}

{2.B.a Site Furnishings – Park and Rec}

- The board reviewed the document provided. The primary colors selected for benches are the blue in the “Additional RAL Powder Coat Colors” chart, row four, circle eleven, and the - Antique Mahogany from the Lumber Options chart.
- Chess tables – one three bench ADA table and one two bench table was selected.
- Adirondack Chairs – These are fine if there is an option to reduce the seat angle.
- Benches – Bench number 535-60 was selected as the primary bench style. Bench number 166 was selected as the secondary bench style.
- Picnic tables – The 537 table was selected, six foot length.
- There was a discussion regarding a common format across the chess tables, bench 535-60 and the picnic tables. The picnic tables have round corners on the table and the bench. This would be a good feature for the chess tables and chairs.
- Bike racks – There will be further investigation on other rack types.
- Trash receptacle – Same color scheme as above.
- There was a suggestion to add shade covers at the bocce and shuffleboard courts.
- The GC02-32 Poligon gazebo on a raised platform was selected.

- The multipurpose pedestal water fountain was selected with the following options: water bottle fill, adult level fountain, child level fountain, and a dog level fountain.
- The amphitheater was discussed. The proposal is to use the Anderson Farm Park and the Kimberton Park ones as examples. A rendering will be provided.

{2.B.b Project Layout / Bid Specs - Pennoni}

M. Kissinger provided several items to the board. The bid specifications are on schedule.

{2.B.c Landscaping Plan/Specs - Natural Lands}

N. Upmeyer presented the landscaping plan for Independence Park. Also discussed was the placement of the interpretive panels near the bathroom. It was suggested that no planting be done in those areas where future work will be done. This will prevent damaging planting or having to replace them. There was no conclusion as to where the primary park information area would be. M. Kissinger will work with N. Upmeyer to plan the phasing of the landscaping.

{2.B.d Project Schedule}

The Project Schedule was discussed during the Open Issues discussion.

{2.B.e 2nd Annual Rugged Indy - Nov 16}

The date has been set, and the event webpage is in progress.

{2.B.f Lure Coursing - Dec 3 and 4}

There has been a date change for this event.

{2.C. Park on the Ridge}

{2.C.a Community Day - Oct 19}

There will be a pumpkin painting contest for Community Day. The Park and Recreation board will judge the event.

There is an Oktoberfest brochure that will be sent to all township residents.

{2.D. Peoples Park}

The trail project is back on. Access points are still being worked.

{2.E. Sheeder Woodlands Park}

The closing date for the property is scheduled for July 14th, 2025.

{2.F. Parkerford Historic Riverfront Park}

There was discussion regarding a way to connect the SRT to the tavern. Events could be held in the backyard of the tavern. An information garden suggestion was made too. Funding will be required to support this.

3. New Business

T. Palmer commented that there will be an Indy Trail maintenance day on Saturday, July 5th, 2024.

He reiterated that the Rugged Indy event will happen again this year.

T. Palmer suggested that there needs to be a trail along Bridge Street is needed to connect Park on the Ridge with Independence Park. B. Zienkowski commented that it is a great idea.

4. Miscellaneous Discussion

None.

5. Public Comment

M. Gies reminded the board that the July 4th, 2025, celebration at the Revolutionary War cemetery will start at 8:45AM.

There will also be a Betsy Ross lecture at the township building on July 19th, 2025, at 7:00PM.

D. Schmidt will be working on a special project for the July 4th, 2026, celebration.

6. Adjourn

Moved: C. McNeil

Second: C. Cobb

Vote: Unanimous