

**East Vincent Township
Park & Recreation Meeting
May 27, 2025, 7:00 PM**

Brian Wilde opened the meeting at 7:00PM. Also in attendance were Doug Schmidt, Todd Palmer, Christine McNeil and Tim Obara. Also in attendance was the Township Manager, Bob Zienkowski and the Township Solicitor, Joe Clement.

1. Meeting minutes from April 22, 2025, were read and approved as amended.

Moved: T. Palmer

Second: C. McNeil

Vote: Unanimous

2. Guest Discussion

The township Board of Supervisors' liaison to Park & Recreation was also in attendance. There was a discussion around what the role of the liaison will be – to become familiar with what Park and Recreation does.

3. Old Business

{3.A. Open Issue List}

B. Wilde reviewed the Open Issue List by category.

{3.B. Independence Park}

The demolition of the Veterans Health Center building is still pending.

The project schedule for the park is still pending. There is a tentative plan to send out the project to bid in July.

The wayfinding sign proposed for Bridge and Pennhurst is being worked on. M. Kissinger will discuss the size of the sign with T. Palmer.

Motion: C. McNeil motioned that the board approve the design of the interpretive sign for the cemetery and the park in general, as it was presented by T. Palmer. Seconded by D. Schmidt. Vote was four (4) members present with one (1) abstained. Motion passed. It was agreed that there will be two (2) signs at the entrance to the cemetery. One on each side of the path facing inward.

The wildflower area at the cemetery was discussed. At present the EAC is busy and cannot assist with this effort. B. Zienkowski commented that Public Works may be able to do some of the work using topsoil already on the trail.

M. Kissinger commented that the NPDES permit for Independence Park has been resubmitted.

The Site Furnishings Cut Sheet, and the Landscaping Plan were reviewed. Both items need further discussion.

The location of the ambulance building was discussed. It was suggested that the backside of the building be used as an information area for the park as well as a place for interpretive signs. Pennoni and Natural Lands would assist in this effort.

{3.C. Park on the Ridge}

Community Day is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, 2025. B. Wilde provided a handout with details.

{3.D. Peoples Park}

Progress on the park has been placed on hold until several issues have been addressed. J. Clement commented that there are no documents available that states what could be done with the park area. It was noted that the land was purchased using open space funding. C. McNeil commented that there are statements regarding trails in the grant application that obtained the funding for the land. C. McNeil will provide the details to J. Clement.

C. McNeil commented that the contract be restarted with Natural Lands to complete the trail plan for the park. Future conditions with the school could change access to the park.

{3.E. Sheeder Woodlands Park}

The closing for the property should be completed in the June/July time frame.

{3.F. Parkerford Historic Riverfront Park}

M. Gies commented that progress on the Parkerford Tavern should be addressed and asked for the assistance of the board. There is funding available but there has not been progress made on the approval to start spending the funds. This issue requires work by the Board of Supervisors.

{3.G. Food Forest Update}

D. Schmidt reported that he has a meeting scheduled with Y. Kapu on June 6, 2025, regarding the space for the Food Forest at Park on the Ridge. Y. Kapu is in the planning stage for the area.

4. New Business

- There is a presentation available at the Chester County Health Department discussing mosquito and tick control within the county. B. Zienkowski discuss getting the Park & Recreation Board Lymeek Tick repellent leg gaiters.
- A recording is available for Board members who missed the surveillance solutions for monitoring wildlife and deterring intruders in park areas live session.
- On March 30th, B. Wilde attended a "Get to Know Your Park" walk at Opalanie Park in West Vincent Township to observe their approach and gauge interest for a similar event at Independence Park.

5. Miscellaneous Discussion

No discussion.

6. Public Comment

No comments.

7. Adjourn

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Vote: Unanimous