

## PARKS & RECREATION

### EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP

July 25, 2017

#### MEETING

1. Call to Order – 7:00pm. In attendance Barbara Ann Thav, Gail Keyes, Amanda Snyder, and Matthew McGuire, along with John Nagel and Bill Steele, Tim Phelps, Kristin Thomas and Chuck Barbera were absent. Resident Marty Lutz and Tim Lander, President of Chester Valley Trail was also in attendance.
2. Approval of the May 23, 2017 meeting minutes (June 27, 2017 meeting cancelled)
3. Discussions:
  - a. GVCO Report – Keith Walsh was not in attendance.
  - b. Friends of Chester Valley Trail Update – Tim Lander, President
    - i. Partnering with EWT Parks & Rec, trail connections & bike fix station at Battle of the Clouds. They were created to support funding for amenities to the trail and communicate concerns about the trail. Trail crossing at 401 will be changed from a manual button to a passive automatic crossing station. There was a question regarding advertisement for the sponsor of the bike fix it station. John Nagel stated that this is allowed as long as a plaque commemorating the donation was discreet. Bill Steele is going to look at other options for connections. The parks board members agreed that the bike fix station would be better closer to the parking lot of Battle of the Clouds instead of by the bench at the trail connection.
4. Public Comment: Marty Lutz from Mill Ln came to comment. He wants a trail connector on Mill Rd but he wants to make sure it is not a thorofare. There is a petition for a connector from the Spring Mill Farms Civic Association. Gail Keyes brought up that we need to discuss how to prioritize connections on the trail because there are many neighborhoods that need connections. Marty Lutz suggested that more information about open space should be available on the website. Bill Steele suggested some alternative connections.
5. Old Business: Summary of Valley Creek Ribbon Cutting Event & Summer Concert Series. Matthew McGuire stated that the concerts came in under budget because of donations at the concerts. Barbara Ann Thav shared info about Peco becoming a possible sponsor. Amanda Snyder asked about having a beer garden from a licensed provider. John Nagel said he would vet it through the insurance.
6. Valley Creek Park Project Update: Resurfacing of tennis courts, ramp in parking lot to pathway. Bill Steele said that he could not get a bid lower than \$10,000 so the project has to go out for bid.

- a. There was a concern at Valley Creek over someone in a wheelchair parking in the upper parking lot. Bill Steele stated that this parking lot is not handicap accessible and people who need handicap parking should drive down to the bottom of the tennis courts to park.
7. Updates on Summer Camp Program--low numbers this year. Camp has one more week.
8. Update from the Open Space & Trails Committee, nothing new.
9. Update on Ecology Park pending completion of sewer project. Should go back to how it was before the project.
10. Update on Battle of the Clouds proposal from Mom's Club, no new info.
11. Swanenburg Property Phase 1 Project Update: Review preliminary plans from ARRO. Gail Keyes made a motion to take the plan to the board and Matthew McGuire seconded. All were in favor.
12. Birch Road Park Project Update--Out for bid and due August 2nd.
13. Down East Park Update (trees and slide)---some trees are on private property. need to discuss further with resident input.
14. New Business:
  - a. Share recent community discussions surrounding Bishop Tube development as it relates to open space interest & potential well drilling at Down East Park. John Nagel said that the DEP are requiring the drilling and they are not drilling at Down East Park now. Drilling will likely take place on private property.
  - b. Understanding park trash pickup, maintenance, and police patrol. Barbara Ann Thav suggested we find out how frequently staff visits the park for maintenance.
  - c. Understanding Township policies & procedures around website communication, photography waiver, and event cancellation due to weather. Will discuss next month.
  - d. Possible November/December meeting date changes due to Thanksgiving & Christmas. Gail Keyes made a motion to discuss December 5th as a possible date. Matthew McGuire seconded the motion. All agreed.
  - e. Begin 2018 Budget Planning --need to discuss steps at Valley Creek Park
15. Meeting Adjournment 9:15pm

16. *Notes by Amanda Snyder*