

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION
September 25, 2018
MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 7:00pm
 - a. **Board in Attendance:** Barbara-Ann Thav, Gail Keyes, Valeri Bocclair, Tim Phelps
 - b. **Staff in Attendance:** Steve Brown; **Supervisors in Attendance:** Scott Lambert
 - c. **Board Not in Attendance:** Chuck Barbera, Kristin Thomas, Matt McGuire
2. **Approval of the August 28, 2018 meeting minutes:** Minutes approved. Barbara-Ann to have posted on the Agenda Center
 - a. **Update on PECO contribution to Birch Road Park basketball court:** The Township has received the \$5K contribution from PECO.
3. **Public Comment:** Members of the Stallions Cricket Club attended again and provided an update. In a previous meeting, we had advised them to speak with Great Valley School District (GVSD) about using the field on Bacton Hill Road. GVSD informed them that another cricket club called the GVCO Titans has exclusive use of that field. They are also speaking with West Whiteland about a space for cricket. There they would have to share a field with soccer which could present a scheduling issue. The Parks & Rec board informed our cricket guests that the upcoming Open Space, Parks & Recreation plan will identify land that a possible cricket field could be built on. Tim suggested that they also have conversations with Immaculata University. The Parks & Rec board suggested that the Township speak to the school district and Keith from GVCO to discuss options.
4. Discussions:
 - a. **Policy/process for considering donations for memorial benches, trees, etc:** Steve Brown indicated he had been contacted about a resident donating a bench. The Parks & Rec board was interested in considering a policy to handle such requests and tying it to items we may need in our parks. We discussed if this is taking cash for an improvement and a bit about naming rights. Steve will prepare a draft policy for consideration for us to review at our next meeting.
5. Old Business:
 - a. **2019 goals (projects & programs) & budget requests:** It was suggested to add money for an open space referendum in case one is necessary. The Parks & Rec board reviewed an email from Steve dated 9/20/18 that contained the proposed 2019 budget line items we had previously shared. Broadly speaking they include: trail projects, maintenance projects, and other items (summer camp, programming, consultant for open space plan, education/marketing, Friends of the Summer Stage, for example). Due to cost, we are unable to resurface all the tennis courts at Valley Creek Park this year. One will be budgeted for in 2019. Steve will check with Mary at Willistown regarding the EWT stats in the 2018 GoWilma program.
 - b. **Bacton Hill Park Planning:**

- i. **Update on ARROs submission of storm water management permit for Phase 1:** The commitment is to have the application done by 10/3/18
 - ii. **Update on master plan discussion with open space consultant:** We did not discuss this
 - c. **Spring Mill Farm area/Chester Valley Trail connector – update on conversations with St. Gobain health & wellness contact:** Scott indicated that he was having a meeting with St. Gobain regarding their community involvement. The board suggested that Scott and Kristin connect regarding her talks with someone in HR Wellness regarding the use of their path. Nothing new to report on the trail connector project as McMann was still finalizing the pricing around the options.
 - d. **Bryn Erin trail connector to Chester Valley Trail – update on surveyor:** Steve indicated that the McMann quote came in. Will look at alternatives also.
 - e. **Update on Open Space & Trails Plan:** Steve shared that the six-person advisory committee has been appointed. Tim, Chuck and Kristen from Parks & Rec are three of the six.
 - f. **Valley Creek Park –Developer Offer to Connect Atwater by Trail:** Steve to schedule a meeting with the Atwater developer and attorney regarding the rec fee and plan.
 - g. **Update on Summer Camp brainstorming session with Michelle, Steve, Valeri & Barbara-Ann:** Steve to coordinate and schedule a meeting.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Understand possible rail to trail initiative on south side of township:** Barbara-Ann mentioned that a business owner at a recent Supervisors’ meeting indicated a rumored rails to trails project south of Phoenixville Pike near Home Depot. The Township was not able to confirm this at the meeting.
 - b. **Discuss schedule for 2019 meetings:** This was tabled for our next meeting.
 - c. **Begin to think about any fee changes for 2019:** This was tabled for our next meeting.
7. **Meeting Adjournment - Next meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 –7pm start time:** The October meeting was cancelled due to low attendance planned.
 - Minutes compiled by Barbara-Ann Thav & Steve Brown
 - Minutes approved by email on 12/18/18. Barbara-Ann Thav motioned. Approved by Gail Keyes, Valeri Boclair, Kristin Thomas, and Tim Phelps