

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION BOARD

January 24, 2023 (in-person)

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order & Housekeeping – 7:00 p.m.
  - a. Board in Attendance: Chuck Barbera, Amit Kohli, Tom O’Neill, Tara Pellini, Tim Phelps, Carol Rapp  
Staff in Attendance: Steve Brown, Brittany Carosello  
Supervisors in Attendance: Scott Lambert
  - b. Board Unable to Attend: Gail Keyes
  - c. Approve October 25, 2022 meeting minutes (Nov./Dec. meeting cancelled) – minutes approved
  
2. Updates
  - a. Steve Brown promotion to Township Manager
    - i. Brittany Carosello Introduction
    - ii. Ryan Neuman, Phoenix Media Group Introduction – handles all of EW social media
    - iii. 2023 Parks & Recreation Board Elections
      1. Chuck Barbera voted as Chairman of the Board
      2. Tom O’Neill voted as Vice Chair of the Board
      3. Tara Pellini as Secretary
  
  - b. Supervisor’s Actions from July BOS meeting:
    - i. Steve updates:
      1. Township applying to Chester County for bathrooms along CVT around Mill Lane
      2. Change Order for improvement at Bacton Hill Park
  
  - c. Trail Connections (Sidley, KDM, Patriot’s Path, Moores Road)
    - i. Michael Baker showcasing preliminary alignment options to connect to trail
    - ii. Moores Road – Waiting on GVSD
    - iii. Patriots Path – Steve signed soil test to PennDot
    - iv. KDM – proposed trail alignment on new 7-acre parcel, explore PECO landing.
  
  - d. Parks (Project Status Update):
    - i. Down East (expansion, parking, future plans)
      1. People’s Light relationship for parking, township to look into Handicap accessibility.
    - ii. Bacton Hill (construction update, pavilion location, fence/restrooms, potential retaining wall, Phase II)
      1. Water stations and bike racks
      2. 75 trees planted that weren’t apart of original landscaping package
      3. DCNR grant applied for the Spring
      4. Discussion of connection to GVCO property
      5. Park Sign construction to be discussed – style under discussion

- 6. Discussion around geese concern
  - iii. Valley Creek (proposed Bistro)
    - 1. Bring ideas for usage to next meeting
    - 2. Internal meetings identifying many obstacles
  - iv. Battle of the Clouds (play equipment replacement)
    - 1. Waiting for board budget approval
  - v. Birch Park (see below)
- e. Friends of East Whiteland Parks & Recreation:
- i. Chuck will update
    - 1. Board had first official meeting Jan 2023
- f. Sub-committees:
- i. Cricket Pitch
    - 1. Discussion around old sewer plant across from Malvern Hunt
    - 2. Brittany to look into where clean up stands on this property
    - 3. Explore P3 partnership to develop this property
  - ii. New Sub-committees: Committees to kick-off
    - 1. Playground equipment committee (C. Rapp, G. Keyes, J. Neild)
    - 2. GVCO committee (C. Barbera, T. O'Neill, T. Pellini)
    - 3. Birch Park Community Assessment (Michelle Mariano-Fasano)
      - a. Review and propose something to EWT parks and rec
    - 4. Bacton Hill Park Grand Opening committee (C. Barbera & AK)
3. Business to Discuss
- a. Non-Profit use of pavilion request (The Sunday Kids; East Coast)
    - i. Township fee is set for non-profits and this will run through Friends of East Whiteland Township to review sponsorship
    - ii. Current policy is to gain approval case by case by Board of Supervisors or Parks and Rec board if fees are to be waived
      - 1. Adjust EW township rate sheet to include non-profit rate
  - b. PROS Plan (prioritize list)
  - c. Fees for 2023
    - i. East Whiteland Township Camp – tuition increase proposed
    - ii. **Motion:** Recommendation to accept increase tuition cost of \$25/camper
      - 1. East Whiteland Residents: \$575 & \$550 for each additional child
      - 2. Non-residents: \$650 & \$625 for each additional child
    - iii. Motion APPROVED
  - d. Meeting Dates 2023 (Remain 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, Nov./Dec. meeting 12/5)
    - i. **Motion:** To accept proposed 2023 EW Parks and Rec meeting dates
    - ii. Motion APPROVED
4. Public Comment
5. Next Meeting – February 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (in person)
6. Meeting Adjournment – 9:25pm