

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION BOARD

March 7, 2023 (in-person)

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order & Housekeeping – 6:00 p.m.
  - a. Board in Attendance: AK, Carol Rapp, Gail Keyes, Chuck Barbera, Tim Phelps, Tom O’Neill  
Staff in Attendance: None
2. Meeting Topic: Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) plan prioritization.
  - a. This meeting is to review the summary items of the PROS plan associated with the Parks & Recreation Board to prioritize future efforts and focus.
    - i. Goal 1 – Conserve open space through fee simple acquisition or conservation easements, to protect natural resources, provide opportunities to connect with nature and offer respite in times of stress
      1. Recommendation made for BOS and/or Staff to create a formal advisor board OSRB to lead open space conservation or tap PRB to take up task.
    - ii. Goal 2
      1. Discussion on township wide signs for Parks – lead by EWT Staff
        - a. PRB discussion of the importance of signage
          - i. Bacton Hill park will need initial signage
      2. Prioritize proper management of the trees in parks
        - a. Recommendation made to BOS and/or Staff to pursue grants to hire Arborist to conduct full tree assessment.
      3. Discussion on upgrade of trails and parking to meet or come closer to meeting current standards of the ADA.
        - a. Professional review needed of ADA accessibility in parks to include parking, grading, inclusion and accessibility of amenities
        - b. Recommendation made to PRB subcommittee on Playground Equipement committee for initial to review of the parks meeting of ADA
    - iii. Goal 3
      1. Interest in adding bike fix it station to parks
    - iv. Goal 4
      1. N/A
    - v. Goal 5
      1. Interest in Summer Camp leadership attending enrichment program/retreat
    - vi. Goal 6
      1. Investigate interest/need for Township Parks and Rec Department
    - vii. Goal 7
      1. N/A
  - b. Top 5 initiatives from
    - i. Recommendation made for BOS and/or Staff to create a formal advisor board OSRB to lead open space conservation or tap PRB to take up task.
    - ii. Purchase Township wide signs

- iii. Shade Tree Commission / Arborist Professional Review/Inventory
- iv. Appoint Parks and Rec Director as EWT Staff
- v. Purchase bike “Fix it stations” for parks

- 3. Public Comment - None
- 4. Next Meeting – March 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (in person)
- 5. Meeting Adjournment