

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION BOARD

March 22, 2022 (in-person)

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order & Housekeeping – 7:00 p.m.
  - a. Board in Attendance: Chuck Barbera, Gail Keyes, Tim Phelps, Tara Pellini, Carol Rapp, Amit Kohli, Tom O’Neill  
Staff in Attendance: Steve Brown, Monique Williams
  - b. Approval of the February 22, 2022 meeting minutes
  - c. Eagle Scout Presentation – Valley Creek Park
    - i. Shreyas Sao, Life Scout in Troop 78 Willistown– presenting proposal for Valley Creek Playground improvements
      1. Proposal to add 6 benches surrounding the parts, 2 shade trees (River Birch trees, Native to this area)
      2. Looking for financial support for this project
      3. 6 benches are to allow families to sit aside each other on their own bench while kids play
        - a. Consider moving the two benches between the pavilion and playground, shifting benches to the East Side
      4. Look into consideration on how bench would be secured to the ground. Shreyas could coordinate with John Neil.
        - a. Consider if they are freestanding
      5. Trees would be watered and maintained after initial planting. Protective material to be added to proposal (mulch, netting)
      6. Changes proposed by board:
      7. MOTION: Move forward with draft proposal with the following amendment’s not to exceed \$1,000. Benches stay as drafted, relocate West tree to a location based on John Neil’s recommendation.
      8. APPROVED unanimous
2. Updates
  - a. Supervisor’s Actions from February BOS meeting:
    - i. Summer Camp Scholarships increased to \$2,000
    - ii. Re-affirmed budget for Summer Concerts is \$35,000
    - iii. PROS plan public meeting approved
  - b. Trail Connections
    - i. Sidley – pre submission meeting Thurs. 3/31
    - ii. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center – Township has directed GVSD to add trail access on their soon to be newly acquired 7 acres. PRB member raised concerns raised regarding the trail to CVT going through KD Markley and their elementary school property where kids are outside at varying times of day. School District is putting a fence for safety but this does not

eliminate liability on the township to protect the 1,000+ students that will be on this property.

1. Action Item: Zach Barners (sp) to send out Board of Supervisors plan for PRB to review and provide feedback if there are other areas that this connection could be considered.
- iii. DeVault Trail connection meeting April 28<sup>th</sup>

c. Parks:

i. Down East

1. Project is on schedule.
  - a. Zip line installed early April
  - b. Concrete poured mid April
  - c. May 9<sup>th</sup>, put down
  - d. Ribbon Cutting set for May 14, rain day 5/15
2. Purchase of adjacent land still open

ii. Bacton Hill

1. Ground Breaking next Monday 4/28 at 4:15pm
2. Discussion with fencing and who will be responsible
3. Neighbors of Bacton Hill Park present from Malvern Crossing
  - a. Proposing – Pickleball court into tennis courts, pitch on Exton Park to be placed at Bacton Hill,
4. Consider moving Bathrooms to Phase I
5. Meeting on Phase II on Tues. 3/29, 6pm Remax

iii. Valley Creek

1. There are lantern bollards being replaced along path from parking lot to playground

iv. Battle of the Clouds

1. Fit4Moms, Anna Evans wants to use BoC for classes, currently has a permit from Willistown
  - a. Class Thurs am 9:30-10:30, also considering Tues/Wed, max 20 participants. She has insurance
  - b. Board considering Field use permit 4 hours \$50, scheduled with township
  - c. MOTION – Adopt policy of identifying unused field space for physical activities of instructors under the Field Use permit of 4 hours for \$50

**MOTION APPROVED**

v. Non Verbal Communication Boards Update

1. Icons selected and sent to sign company, waiting to hear back

d. Summer Camp

- i. 6 councilors coming back, interview happening, need a total of 20 councilors
- ii. April 1<sup>st</sup> open to all GV residents

e. PROS

- i. Hearing in May 11<sup>th</sup>
- f. Sub-committees:
  - i. Parks & Recreation Facebook Page
    - 1. Chuck's profile completed to township for approval
    - 2. EW thinking of doing their own township page
      - a. **On hold until we learn their plan**
  - ii. Cricket Pitch
    - 1. Knickerbocker conversations still ongoing
  - iii. Friends of East Whiteland Parks & Recreation 501.c.3
    - 1. Working with Steve and Attorney with submitting application
    - 2. Discussions around initial 5 board members
- 3. Business to Discuss
  - a. Summer Camp Scholarships
    - i. Approval of \$2,000
    - ii. Discussions with GVSDEF regarding partnership in how to connect these scholarships with local families that can benefit.
    - iii. Connect with two Title 1 schools, KDM, Sugartown school councilors to advertise these scholarship to families that would benefit.
    - iv. Communicate scholarships availability – 4 full scholarships
    - v. Consider if we need Tim to build out separate scholarship application Google Form
  - b. Summer Concerts
  - c. Third Wednesdays of the month: May 18<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup>
    - i. 5/18 – National Reserve
    - ii. Sarah Shook an opportunity for a one off concert
    - iii. Contracts for sound and management complete
- 4. Public Comment
- 5. Next Meeting – April 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. (in person)
- 6. Meeting Adjournment