

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION BOARD

March 28, 2023 (in-person)

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order & Housekeeping – 7:00 p.m.
 - a. Board in Attendance: Amit Kohli, Carol Rapp, Gail Keyes, Chuck Barbera, Tom O’Neill
Board Absence: Tim Phelps, Tara Pellini
Supervisor: Scott Lambert
Staff in Attendance: Brittany Carosello
 - b. Approve February 24, 2023 meeting minutes – approved with edits.
2. Updates
 - a. Supervisor’s Actions from January BOS meeting:
 - i. Brittany will update
 1. EWT applying for two grants:
 - a. Grant for a Trail to connect Bacton Hill Park to GVCO
 - b. Grant to help fund Bacton Hill Park phase 2
 - b. Trail Connections (Sidley, KDM, Patriot’s Path, Moores Road)
 - i. Sidley/Mill trail – granted extension to draw down on funds till 6/2024
 - ii. KDM – N/A
 - iii. Patriot’s Path – N/A
 - iv. Moores Road – Grant applied for future extension of path (pavement striping) to GVSD HS up Rt 401
 - c. Parks (Project Status Update):
 - i. Down East (expansion, parking, future plans) – N/A
 - ii. Bacton Hill (construction update, fence/restrooms)
 1. Applying for DCNR Grant for Phase 2
 2. EWT will be putting up Communication Board soon
 - iii. Valley Creek (proposed Bistro, ideas for house)
 1. Discussions on changing conditions of house on property to be used as commercial vs residential
 2. EWT BOS brainstorming usage
 3. Alternative usages of house discussed and its impact on use of park by township residents
 - iv. Battle of the Clouds (play equipment replacement) – N/A
 - v. Birch Road (community assessment)
 1. Plans of the park will be printed for community assessment shortly
 - d. Friends of East Whiteland Parks & Recreation:
 - i. Chuck provided update on brainstorming for fundraising events
 - e. Sub-committees:
 - i. Cricket Pitch – reorganizing with addition of Brittany. Revisiting list of potential sites
 - ii. Playground equipment committee (C. Rapp, G. Keyes, J. Neild) – N/A

- iii. GVCO committee (C. Barbera, T. O'Neill, T. Pellini)
 1. Keith Walsh of GVCO looking to meeting in early April 2023
 - iv. Bacton Hill Park Grand Opening committee (C. Barbera & AK)
 1. Scott Lambert discussed signage unique to EWT and Parks including all park sites, the township building, and township boundaries.
 2. Proposing sign near Swedesford & near entrance on Bacton Hill Rd.
 - a. Brainstorming LED screen to use for township/park activity advertising
3. Business to Discuss
 - a. PROS Plan (prioritize list) – Letter review from PRB to BOS
 - i. Highlights PRB top 5 recommendations from PROS plan for BOS to prioritize
 1. Create a formal Advisory Board or Open Space Review Board
 2. Provide updated signs for parks
 3. Establish Shade Tree commission to manage trees
 4. Create Parks & Recreation depart in township
 5. Provide bike related amenities in all parks (ex. Fix-it stations)
 - b. Process to initiate bench/tree plaque requests
 - i. Friends of East Whiteland Parks & Recreation in receipt of a check for a commemorative plaque. Brittany will investigate on original submission
 - c. Trees around KDM/GVSD 5/6 Center
 - i. Arborists reviewing which trees to cut or save on property next to KDM
 - d. New rental software for parks, pavilions, tennis courts end of March 2023
 4. Public Comment
 5. Next Meeting – April 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (in person)
 6. Meeting Adjournment