

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION BOARD

April 25, 2023 (in-person)

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order & Housekeeping – 7:00 p.m.
 - a. Board in Attendance: Tim Phelps, Carol Rapp, Gail Keyes, Chuck Barbera, Tara Pellini
Board Absence: Amit Kohli, Tom O’Neill
Staff in Attendance: Catherine Ricardo, Brittany Carosello
 - b. Approve March 28, 2023 meeting minutes, approved with changes.
2. Updates
 - a. EW Summer Camp Scholarships – future scholarships need to be discussed and approved by February before summer due to camp demand
 - i. Summer camp is at capacity for Summer 2023, still hiring 4-5 counselors
 - b. Supervisor’s Actions from March BOS meeting:
 - i. No park and rec related updates
 - c. Trail Connections (Sidley, KDM, Patriot’s Path, Moores Road)
 - i. No updates related to the above trails different from last month
 - ii. One change is Chester Valley Trail is now connected to Montgomery County
 - d. PROS Plan – Parks & Rec Priority Assessment Letter
 - i. Brittany to ask Scott Lambert to talk this over with other Supervisors regarding letter
 - e. Bench/Tree/Plaque process – Mom’s Club Request
 - i. Need contact of new Mom’s Club President to handle this request
 - f. Parks (Project Status Update):
 - i. Down East (expansion, parking, future plans)
 1. Nothing new, still pursuing People’s Light for parking access
 - ii. Bacton Hill (construction update, fence/restrooms, geese, Mom’s Club Contribution)
 1. Contractor has been issued a punch list for improvements before Grand Opening
 2. Punch list site walk to be scheduled with contractor, then approx. 30-60 days for work to be completed
 3. Discussions around communication that the Playground is not open. No trespassing. Consider caution tape around play equipment until fully insured.
 4. Neighboring community observed dumping lawn waste on township property.
 - iii. Valley Creek (proposed Bistro, ideas for house)

1. Meeting with DCNR discussing deed restriction and how grants could be effect that. At very preliminary stages of researching and discussing.
 - iv. Battle of the Clouds (play equipment replacement)
 1. Catherine checking on status of if equipment was ordered
 2. Social post on bees and wasp nests, and township promptly went out and sprayed property
 3. Request for Volleyball nets (one being male height, one female height)
 - v. Birch (community assessment)
 1. Planning a site visit with Carmen (neighbor and township Camp Director)
 2. Completing community assessment on children in community and wants/needs
 - g. Friends of East Whiteland Parks & Recreation:
 - i. Meeting on new ideas suggested and will come back and share with our group
 - h. Sub-committees:
 - i. Cricket Pitch
 - ii. Playground equipment committee (C. Rapp, G. Keyes, J. Neild)
 - iii. GVCO committee (C. Barbera, T. O'Neill, T. Pellini)
 1. Meet with Keith Walsh first week of May
 - iv. Bacton Hill Park Grand Opening committee (C. Barbera & AK)
3. Business to Discuss
- a. Sunday Kids update
 - i. Spreading out to parks across the community
 - b. Summer Concerts – “Chilling on the Hill”, third Wednesday’s of the month
 - i. Dates scheduled:
 1. May 17th – Eagles Tribute Band
 2. June 21st – (longer concert because of the longest night of the year) – Blue’s Fest (3 bands)
 3. July 19th – Lauren Hart
 4. August 16th – Big Take Over/Big Sandy
 - ii. Locust Lane, Scoops and Smiles and looking into Wawa
 - c. Township hired new intern specific to Parks and Rec needs and will begin this summer
4. Public Comment
5. Next Meeting – May 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (in person)
6. Meeting Adjournment – 9pm