

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION BOARD

July 26, 2022 (in-person)

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order & Housekeeping – 7:00 p.m.
 - a. Board in Attendance: Chuck Barbera, Tom O’Neill, Tara Pellini, Amit Kohli, Tim Phelps
Staff in Attendance: Steve Brown
Supervisors in Attendance: Scott Lambert
 - b. Board Unable to Attend: Gail Keyes, Carol Rapp
 - c. Approve June 28, 2022 meeting minutes - APPROVED
2. Updates
 - a. Supervisor’s Actions from May BOS meeting:
 - i. Catalyst Update
 1. Violations were made and trees were cleared that were not approved and could cause potential ecological damage. Assessment of damage \$151,000 to be paid by Catalyst. Fine must be paid within 60 days or they lose their lease. Billboard cannot be used until issue resolved.
 - ii. MS4 Stream Restoration Partnership with PennDot for Valley Creek Park
 1. As a part of the storm water management PennDot is doing, MS4 Stream Restoration will repair buffers and planting trees in Valley Creek at no cost to the township
 - iii. Recreation Fee increase to \$3,155 approved
 - b. Trail Connections (Sidley, KDM, Patriot’s Path, Moores Road)
 - i. Sidley/Mill – conducted 4 interviews and will make a recommendation to the Board 8/10.
 - ii. K.D. Markley – options discussed internally
 - iii. Patriot’s Path – McMahon to share an update on design status
 - iv. Moores Road – McMahon submitted environmental scoping, and preparing safety and review plan
 - c. Parks (Project Status Update):
 - i. Down East (expansion, parking)
 1. Got an appraisal for adjacent property, which was rejected by owner.
 - ii. Bacton Hill (construction update, fence/restrooms, potential retaining wall, Phase II)
 1. Playground currently being installed
 2. Board to review site as equipment goes in to determine if there is still room for pump track etc. in Phase II
 - iii. Valley Creek
 1. Waiting on delivery of the new lighted bollards, lighting in the parking lot updates, bathroom room being rebuilt for venting purposes, missing shingles on the house updated
 - iv. Battle of the Clouds – Reviewed play equipment options to update current structure.

MOTION: Request to increase budget to \$45K to upgrade not update current play equipment and include safety surface.
MOTION APPROVED unanimous

- d. Park Facility Use Waiver for SEWA
 - i. Non-profit organization raising money to support female hygiene and safety
 - ii. Annual cricket event that would span 2 days (Sept. 2-3)
 - iii. Donna Wikert has dates saved for SEWA event

MOTION: Board motions to deny waiving fee, and charge approved non-profit discounted fee structure of a rate of \$20/field for 4 hours.
MOTION APPROVED

- e. Summer Stage/Concerts
 - i. July 20th concert review
 - 1. Smaller turnout likely due to heat
 - ii. August 17th – Jeffrey Gaines with special guest Roadstar (vendors)
 - 1. Same vendors planned, Farmboy, Locust Lane, Scoops and Smiles
- f. Sub-committees:
 - i. Friends of East Whiteland Parks & Recreation (501c3)
 - 1. Opening bank account
 - 2. First board meeting being scheduled
 - ii. Cricket Pitch
 - 1. No updates
 - iii. Future Sub-committees:
 - 1. Playground equipment reporting
 - 2. GVCO

- 3. Business to Discuss
 - a. Movie Nights:
 - i. Saturday, Sept 10th, 6:30pm (dusk 7:46pm) at Battle of the Clouds (movie: Despicable Me, 95 minutes, Rated PG), Parking to be coordinated.
 - ii. Friday, Sept 30th, 6:30pm (dusk 7:13pm) at Valley Creek Park (movie: Sing 2, 112 minutes, Rated PG)
 - b. 2023 Budget
 - i. Discussions to start at August 2022 meeting

- 4. Public Comment
- 5. Next Meeting – August 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. (in person)
- 6. Meeting Adjournment – 9:05pm