

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION BOARD

September 26, 2023 (in-person)

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order & Housekeeping – 7:00 p.m.
  - a. Board in Attendance: Tom O’Neill, Tara Pellini, Carol Rapp, Gail Keyes, Amit Kohli  
Board Absence: Tim Phelps  
Staff in Attendance: Catherine Ricardo  
Board in Attendance: Scott Lambert
  - b. Approve August 2023 meeting minutes – Approved
2. Updates
  - a. Open board position
    - i. Dual candidates for one position
    - ii. Policy change being approved to require background checks for future board members
    - iii. New board member to be approved after background checks complete
  - b. Supervisor’s Actions from September BOS meeting:
    - i. No updates
3. Business to Discuss
  - a. Eagle Scout Presentation
    - i. Jay Tyson, Willistown Troop 78
      1. Battle of the Clouds Park Improvements
        - a. Chose the park for the name and a personal connection from biking with his dad on the CVT
        - b. Adding flowering/shade trees and 6 lightweight benches that could be moved around the park
        - c. Selected native flowering and shade trees: Red Oak, Red Maple, Redbud. He’d like to include plaques with the tree names.
        - d. He’d also like to include plaques for the benches
        - e. MOTION for approval: APPROVED
      - ii. Anish Narr, Troop 78
        1. Valley Creek Park, Trail Project
          - a. Cleaning out overgrown areas and invasive species on trail
          - b. Chose for the community connection, he lives in Atwater
          - c. Clear and clearly mark trail, and add trail signage to increase usage
          - d. MOTION for approval: APPROVED
    - b. Recap Bacton Hill Park Grand Opening
      - i. Well attended, full pavilion of families
      - ii. Scoops and Smile and popcorn were well appreciated
      - iii. Raffled bikes were a donation from the police
      - iv. Review and decide on best way to keep the meadow
      - v. Tree replacement happening this fall
      - vi. Concerns:

1. Dogs being brought into play surface. Signs being posted.
    - a. Surface at this park does not allow for dogs
  2. Berry bushes around play area causing concern by parents. Township reviewing alternate options.
  3. Review tot lot surface and what is best maintained over time.
  4. Water Basin testing to allow for optimal functioning
- c. Recap Summer Movie Night
- i. Well attended
  - ii. Costume contest was a hit, winner won donated gift card to Grand Slam
  - iii. Wawa donated cookies and the township had popcorn
- d. Township and Public interest in accessibility
- i. Explore ways to better communicate accessibility options
  - ii. Township doing studies on better improving ADA plans
- e. Trunk or Treat – Firehouse and Police sponsoring
- i. October 28, 2023
    1. Advertising to the community and through local elementary school, KDM
    2. Registration required to attend and participate
    3. Haunted House and costume parade
- f. Billboard Update
- i. Signs to be turned off from 12am – 6 am
  - ii. New ownership for billboards are filing application for tree removal Township is pushing back. Residents can push back to PennDot with concerns
4. Public Comment
5. Next Meeting - October 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (in person)
6. Meeting Adjournment – 8:50pm