

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION BOARD

July 25, 2023 (in-person)

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order & Housekeeping – 7:00 p.m.
  - a. Board in Attendance: Gail Keyes, Carol Rapp, Amit Kohli, Tim Phelps, Tom O’Neill  
Board Absence: Tara Pellini  
Staff in Attendance: Catherine Ricardo  
BOS in Attendance: None
  - b. Approve June 27, 2023 meeting minutes – approved with updates.
2. Updates
  - a. Supervisor’s Actions from July BOS meeting: Playground equipment purchase, Sidley/Mill Trail (TASA Grant)
    - i. Playground purchase approved by BOS – ordered but with a 6 to 8 month time to ship.
      1. Paid from 2023 EWT budget
    - ii. Sidley/Mill agreed on path option 3 (along Mill lane)
      1. Applying for additional grant funding
  - b. Trail Connections
    - i. Sidley
      1. EWT continuing to work with design/engineer
    - ii. KDM
      1. GVSD starting next phase of construction for fields.
      2. Reviewing if that scope of work includes trail
    - iii. Patriot’s Path – No update
    - iv. Moores Road
      1. Meeting with GVSD facilities committee in August 2023 to discuss path up bus lane to GVHS
      2. PennDOT confirmed they installed the TEVA property sidewalk during their Rt 401 improvements
  - c. Bench/Tree/Plaque process – Mom’s Club Request update
    - i. EWT not able to get in contact with requestor for 6 months.
      1. Need to amend the requested wording to fit plaque character limit.
      2. Final outreach before proactively amending wording to meet requirements
  - d. Parks (Project Status Update):
    - i. Down East – No update
    - ii. Bacton Hill
      1. Opening day scheduled 9/9 11:30am-2pm
        - a. Ideas brainstormed for opening day festivities for subcommittee to review
      2. EWT to have dead trees removed. Looking to have replaced in fall
    - iii. Valley Creek

1. curtains installed on pavilion for concert
  2. guide rope along path to restrooms installed for safety
  3. dead trees being removed
  - iv. Battle of the Clouds
    1. Replacement playground equipment ordered
  - v. Birch
    1. Replacement playground equipment ordered
  - vi. Bryn Erin
    1. Replacement playground equipment ordered
  - e. Friends of East Whiteland Parks & Recreation
    - i. BOS will need to nominate new member
    - ii. Friends of EW P&R to then elect new chairman
  - f. Sub-committees:
    - i. Cricket Pitch (Gail, AK)
      1. Looking at possible land opportunities near Immaculata College and along Bacton Hill road
    - ii. Playground equipment committee (C. Rapp, G. Keyes, J. Neild)
      1. Site visit July 19<sup>th</sup> to Valley Creek
      2. Meeting scheduled to review notes
    - iii. GVCO committee (T. O’Neill, T. Pellini) – No Update
    - iv. Bacton Hill Park Grand Opening committee (Carol, Tom, AK)
      1. Will review list of opening day celebration ideas
        - a. Ribbon cutting ceremony
        - b. EWT Police & Fire “touch a truck”
        - c. Highlight Community partners such as local stores
3. Business to Discuss
- a. Summer Concerts – “The Chill on the Hill”, third Wednesday’s of the month
    - i. Dates scheduled:
      1. July 19<sup>th</sup> – Lauren Hart
        - a. Good Attendance (approximate 150) despite the rain
        - b. Wawa donation well received
        - c. Scoops & Smiles and Locust Lane
      2. August 16<sup>th</sup> – Big Take Over/Big Sandy
        - a. Wawa to donate again
        - b. Scoops & Smiles and Locust Lane in attendance
  - b. Summer Movie Night – Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> “ Super Mario Bros. Movie” 6:45pm
    - i. Mario, Luigi, Princess will be in attendance
    - ii. Costume contest with cash prizes for top 3
    - iii. Photo booth, free popcorn
4. Public Comment
- a. Sewa looking to use fields for annual event. Will make formal reservation to EWT.
5. Next Meeting August 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (in person)
6. Meeting Adjournment