



West Pikeland Township  
1645 Art School Road  
Chester Springs, Pennsylvania  
Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

Thursday, February 4, 2021

- 1) **Call to Order:** Jodi Sheehan, Diana Urbanski, Judd Feinerman, Nancy Niggel (Library), Jeff Loudin, Erin Grady, Cathy Grady, Nancy Bartley, John Matthews (EAC), Carin Mifsud.
- 2) **Persons Wishing to be Heard:**
  - a) Ashton Simmons interested in joining the Parks and Rec Board.
  - b) John Matthews discussed EAC recent programs
    - i) In December 2020, WPT EAC unanimously approved the township join our neighboring townships West Vincent, East Pikeland and Schuylkill Township in joining a Chester County VPP (Vision Partnership Program) Grant application for transitioning to renewable energy. The EAC continues to advocate and educate the township on the positive benefits of joining and participating in the VPP Grant application.
    - ii) EAC will take steps to educate WPT community that they may safely drop off their old, unused or unnecessary prescription drugs at West Vincent Township Municipal building during normal office hours. This prevents the damaging effects of these drugs ending up in our pristine waterways.
    - iii) Chester Springs Library has partnered with EAC to apply for a national grant for rural libraries in the year of Covid. Working together we have chosen the topic of environmental sustainability and education through library speakers, new books, and a planned community read.
    - iv) Stream Clean up on Earth Day also planned.
    - v) Recommends reading new “Chapter 9, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan”. This will be the first year WPT will have joined the Phoenixville Regional Comprehensive Plan (at a cost savings of \$60,000) vs. planning alone. If Parks and Rec has any additions or other changes to make to this ten year plan for WPT, now is the time.
      - (1) John will send plan to Judd for distribution to the Parks and Rec board.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes:** January minutes approved.
- 4) **Proposed Events for 2021**
  - a) Spring Yoga in the Park: \$350 (May/June)
    - (1) Confirmation email sent to instructors on 1/4/21
    - (2) Tentative schedule: Saturdays at 9am at the Township Building
    - (3) Instructors: Kimberly Brinser - May 8, May 15, June 12; Sara Greway - May 22, May 29, June 5
    - (4) Approved by BOS with waiver requirement
      - (a) BOS will require covid waivers to be signed before participation (online/in-person)
    - (5) Info on township website includes waivers.
    - (6) Save the date on the township Facebook page.
    - (7) Due to covid can not use indoor venues if there is rain. If it rains the event will be cancelled.
      - (a) No rain dates.



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- (8) We will reuse signs from the last event.
- (9) All members should share information on their social media, etc. to get info out.
  
- b) Summer in the Park Series with Library: \$800 (July/August)
  - i) Theme for the Summer in the Park Series is “Tales on Tails”
  - ii) The following have been booked
    - (1) “Critter Connections” (July 7)
    - (2) “Bollywood Dancing” (July 14)
    - (3) Digger and Dave Puppet Show (July 21)
  - iii) If onsite events can not take place due to covid restrictions these events can be converted to virtual (Zoom) events.
  - iv) Nancy will investigate the need for the use of a covid waivers for these events.
  - v) Nancy will investigate additional events for the Summer Park Series.
  - vi) P&R approved splitting these costs with the Library up to \$800.
  
- c) Fall Yoga in the Park: \$200 (Sept/Oct)
  - i) Will plan as we get closer to event date.
  
- d) Holiday Stroll: \$1,500 (December)
  - i) Will plan as we get closer to event date.
  
- e) Total 2021 Budget: \$3,750
  
- 5) Eagle Scout Project
  - a) Another Eagle Scout has indicated interest in a project at Walnut Lane Park
    - i) Plantings at Walnut Lane
      - (1) Nancy will reach out to Scout to determine if plantings are native.
    - ii) Bench
  - b) Doreen and Melissa will supervise Scout projects.
  
- 6) **Pine Creek Park:**
  - a) Park has reopened
  - b) Pollinator Field
    - i) Nancy will follow up once weather allows
    - ii) Will get BOS approvals once plan has been determined.
  - c) Dog waste
    - i) Discussion about what can be done to eliminate/reduce dog waste at our parks.
    - ii) Jeff will investigate what kind of signage can be posted.
  
- 7) **Walnut Lane Park:**
  - a) Signage



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- i) Trail Head This Way sign needed.
  - (1) Signs were found and will be posted once ground thaws.
  
- 8) New Property off Horseshoe Trail
  - a) Off of Parker Hill
  - b) 68 acres
  - c) Donated land but need to determine if there are easements/trails.
  
- 9) Fall Festival Event
  - a) No additional information at this time
  
- 10) **Mark Your Calendars:**
  - a) Next Meeting: Thurs 3/4 at 7:30 pm
  
- 11) **Adjourn**
  - a) Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm