

Easttown



Township

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

2. Meeting Minutes November 15, 2022

3. Business and Discussion Items

- A. Appointments for Chair and Vice Chair for 2023
- B. Review of Minutes from the Meeting on November 15, 2022
- C. Update on Recreation, Open Space, and Environmental Resource Plan (ROSERP)
- D. 2023 Capital Initiatives
 - 1. Repair Fence at Historic Waynesborough
 - 2. Repaint Fence at Historic Waynesborough
 - 3. Replace Signs at Historic Waynesborough
 - 4. Install Zip Line at Johnson Park
 - 5. Evaluate Feasibility of Handicap Access to the Courtyard at Hilltop House
 - 6. Evaluate Feasibility of Installing Pickellball/Tennis at Hilltop Park
 - 7. Create Stream Access at Hilltop Park
- E. Tree Planting Permit

4. Old Business

5. Announcements

6. Public Comment

7. Adjournment

Easttown Township

*Parks and Recreation Board (PRB)
566 Beaumont Road, Devon PA 19333*

*Tom Toscani, Chair
Ted Babiy
Stacey Ballard
Margaret DePiano, Vice Chair
Cathy Stead
Lisa Schwarcz
Marc Heppe*

Regular Meeting
Tuesday November 15, 2022 (7 PM)
Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was held at the Township Building. Present –Margy DePiano, Lisa Schwarcz, Cathy Stead, Marc Heppe, Ted Babiy, Stacey Ballard, Beth D’Antonio (Supervisor), and Don Curley (Public Works Director).

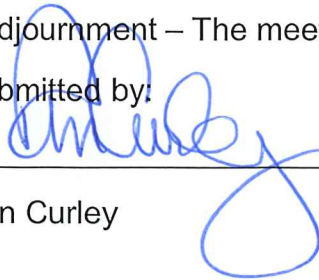
1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.
2. Meeting Minutes - Consideration of Meeting Minutes from the September 20, 2022 Meeting and the October 8, 2022 – The Parks and Recreation Board (PRB) reviewed the minutes. Public Comment was requested. No one from the public commented. The minutes were approved by Unanimous Consent.
3. Business and Discussion Items
 - A. Low Impact Park Use Fee – The PRB discussed the prospective creation of a process to facilitate low impact uses like exercise classes, yoga classes, etc. It agreed, by Unanimous Consent, to recommend that the Township proceed with facilitating the use (via a permit). It should include a fee (\$25), a time limit (2 hours), a limit of participants (around 25), and be generally consistent with other Township permits for park use. Public Comment was requested. No one from the public commented.
 - B. Memorial Tree Plantings – The PRB discussed the prospective creation of a process for donations of memorial trees at Township parks. It agreed, by Unanimous Consent, to recommend that the Township proceed with facilitating the process (via a permit) for donating the trees. The process should include the creation of a Township plan that identifies suitable age, location, and type (a list) of acceptable trees. Additionally, the recommendation indicated that the fee (for the permit) should be set at zero, that the tree should be installed by the Townships contractor, that responsibility to replace the tree (if needed) remains with the donator, and that the plaque (memorializing the donation) should be done by commemorative brick

(Engraved brick Collection by Glen-Gery or equal). Public Comment was requested. No one from the public commented.

4. Old Business – Cathy Stead indicated that Eugene Briggs asked that the PRB provide input to the prospective reappointment of Tom Toscani and Margy DePiano and that unless someone objects, she would communicate to Gene that the PRB supports the reappointments. No one objected. Lisa Schwarcz updated the PRB on the *Recreation Open Space and Environmental Resource Plan (ROSERP)*.
5. Announcements - The Vice-Chair indicated that the December PRB meeting is cancelled and announced the date of the next meeting.
6. Public Comment –

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at around 745 PM.

Submitted by:



Don Curley

Approved by:



THOMAS COMMITTA ASSOCIATES, INC.
Town Planners & Landscape Architects

AGENDA

Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

Recreation, Open Space, and Environmental Resource Plan Update

Easttown Township – Chester County, PA

January 18, 2023

7:00 PM

The following items will be discussed at the Parks & Recreation Board Meeting.

1. Schedule for ROSER Plan Update

- 1.1. Overview
- 1.2. Project Completion: Fall 2023

2. Public Workshop #1 (November 16, 2022)

- 2.1. Overarching (alphabetized list) Goal/vision/Preferred Outcome for the ROSER Plan Update
- 2.2. Categorized (thematic) Overarching Goal/Vision/Preferred Outcome for the ROSER Plan Update

3. P&B Board Input Regarding Pubic Workshop Input

- 3.1. Items that the P&R Board believes should be deferred until after 2033
- 3.2. “Top 10” items of Priority to the P&R Board

4. Questions/Comments

- 4.1. Questions
- 4.2. Comments

5. Next Steps

- 5.1. Meeting with Committee on January 19, 2023
- 5.2. Another P&R Meeting on March 21, 2023



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Recreation, Open Space, and Environmental Resources Plan
Easttown Township – Chester County, PA

Tentative Schedule of Meeting Dates

(Draft: 10-13-2022; 11-16-2022; 12-5-2022; Revised: 1-11-2023)

Task Force Meetings

TF-1: August 17, 2022
TF-2: October 19, 2022
TF-3: November 16, 2022
TF-4: January 19, 2023
TF-5: March 15, 2023
TF-6: May 17, 2023
TF-7: June 21, 2023
TF-8: July 19, 2023
TF-9: September 20, 2023

Board of Supervisors Meetings

BOS-1: December 19, 2022
BOS-2: March 20, 2023
BOS-3: June 5, 2023
BOS-4: September 18, 2023
BOS-5: October 2, 2023

Planning Commission Meetings

PC-1: February 7, 2023
PC-2: May 2, 2023

Public Workshop Meetings

PW-1: November 16, 2022
PW-2: March 15, 2023
PW-3: June 21, 2023
PW-4: September 14, 2023

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

P&R-1: January 18, 2023
P&R-2: March 21, 2023

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

EAC-1: March 23, 2023

OVERARCHING GOAL/VISION/PREFERRED OUTCOME FOR THE ROSER PLAN UPDATE

Draft: November 21, 2022

The items below were mentioned at Public Workshop #1 on November 16, 2022, relative to Goals, Vision, and/or Preferred Outcomes for Recreation, Open Space, Trails, Walkability, and Environmental Resource Protection in Easttown Township.

1. Air & Groundwater Quality Assessment
2. Amphitheatre
3. Asbestos analysis of buildings in Township
4. Beautify and enhance what we already have and existing assets
5. Benches
6. Berwyn Village Public Space
7. Bicyclist/Bike Routes and Lanes/Bike Trails
8. Bond Issue to Finance Improvements
9. Bridges over the Creeks
10. Community Art Center Art Shows (Visual Arts)
11. Community Center
12. Community Garden
13. Comprehensive Plan (Devon Center Ideas; Berwyn Village Ideas)
14. Compatibility of Uses
15. Connect People to Nature and outdoor enjoyment
16. Crosswalk and safe connection to the new Handels Ice Cream Shop
17. Crum Creek Access (Trails and access along the Creek needed)
18. Darby Creek (Trails and access along the Creek needed)
19. Density in Berwyn (too high)
20. Dog Park(s)
21. Electrical wires underground (convert from aboveground to underground)
22. Events (reoccurring and regular such as Clover Market)
23. First Friday (events)
24. Food Trucks (events)
25. Gathering
26. Gazebo (like the one at Rotary Park Cape May)
27. Green Space
28. Hanging Baskets (in Berwyn Village)
29. Hiking
30. Historic Building Preservation (without uses such as Weddings; Historic Waynesborough)
31. Historic Waynesborough (needs to be protected & preserved)
32. Horse Show Grounds and surrounding area/gateway to Township (needs to be enhanced)
33. Horse Show Parking Lot (needs to be enhanced)
34. Implementation Ideas (needed)
35. Kid Friendly space near Handels Ice Cream Shop
36. Land Acquisition (needed to acquire more Open Space)
37. Lead Assessment
38. Ludington Library in Bryn Mawr (good example of Outdoor Gathering Space)
39. Native Plants and Sustainable Planting incentives (to aid in SWM)
40. Noise problems (Waynesborough Country Club; Historic Waynesborough Weddings; etc.)
41. Open Space (needed)

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42. Outdoor Venues/Stage (needed in Village)
43. Overbuilding in Devon
44. Painted Rock Garden (Berwyn Village)
45. Park with Gazebo (needed)
46. Pickleball Courts
47. Planters (in Berwyn Village)
48. Planting Beds and Meadows, instead of Lawns
49. Playgrounds
50. Property Values (increase +30%, when a Park or Open Space lot adjoins)
51. Public Space (especially in Berwyn Village)
52. Rose Garden (like Malcom Gross Memorial in Allentown)(at Hilltop)
53. Senior Center
54. Sidewalks (in neighborhoods, Berwyn Village, etc.)
55. Spring Knoll Trail to Radnor Trail
56. Stage (outdoor)
57. Stormwater Runoff Controls needed
58. Student Art Show
59. Sunoco abandoned lot (needs to be enhanced)
60. Tennis Courts
61. Town Center/Town Square in Berwyn and Devon (with gathering spaces; benches; tot lot; art shows; etc.)
62. Traffic Control thru the Village and in neighborhoods (needs to be calmed)
63. Trails
64. Tree Canopy
65. Volleyball Courts(repurposed/improved at Johnson Park)
66. Walkability with Stroller
67. Walking Trails
68. Wilson Park in Tredyffrin Township (good example of diverse opportunities)
69. YMCA (good diversity of programs)
70. YMCA to Berwyn (need pedestrian linkage)

CATEGORIZED OVERARCHING GOAL/VISION/PREFERRED OUTCOME FOR THE ROSER PLAN UPDATE

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