

West Vincent Township Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 7, 2024

In Attendance – Scott Casey, Ken Alan, Jennifer Comunale, Bill Dietrich, James Scaperotto, & Davey Waters arrived at ~2000; additionally Ryan Kinka
Also, BOS – Dana Alan arrived at ~1940

Call Meeting to Order at 1903

Approval of meeting minutes – July 3.2024 Ken First, Jennifer Second

Old Business

Events

- Fall movie night – Friday, August 23 2024 (toddler / pre-teen) – There has been a change in the movie, now showing will be Elemental which has been ordered and projected run time is 90 minutes. Generic signs were proposed that could be reused. Committee was supportive of the sign that reads “Movie in the park this Friday” as well as another generic, reusable sign that says “Coming soon” or “this month.” Desire to advertise on FB and on the township page, PR tab. Unlikely participation from 4H but Davie to ask Lanai Ice for interest. Requested \$3,000 budget for 2025. Discussed screen starting to show age but consensus is that it can make another year, likely a budget item for 2026.

- Community Day 2025 – May 3 – Requesting a \$10,000 budget. Ken requested identification of volunteers specifically to help with parking, estimating 7-10 people. Assistance with parking would be expected from 1000 – 1600. Ken will build a task list of items volunteers will be needed for and then share with the Committee for vetting / planning.

- Bark Ranger – Davie received the official approval to use the township logo on the scarfs. Still awaiting the copyright verdict to use the Bark Ranger.

- Ice Skating – Scott to create a presentation for September’s meeting.

Yoga in the Park – Moved to 2025 and will be included in the budget request. The names Bernie previously shared were not successful in obtaining. Jim offered to as at Nectar, where he’s a member.

Trails

- Fellowship Trail Update – Out to bid in August / September

Park Inventory – Status

- Andrew Evans Park – discussed the need for a Renewed tot lot to be part of the budget request. Soccer field was closed due to the drought. Continued requests received for

cricket. Request from Dana for Committee to consider providing a statement that Evans Park is not appropriate for Cricket.

- Cooks Glen Park – Planned tour / hike for the Committee members on August 25 at 1100
- Wilson’s Corner Park
- Schoolhouse Park – Include \$3k for a bicycle stand
- Opalanie Park
- Fellowship Garden Park – Bill proposed revisiting interaction and involvement, income and expense.

New business

- Budget 2025 – Discussion centered on the desire to get P&R back to being involved in parks maintenance addressing questions like “are the parks being overuse? Underused?” If money is being allocated to maintenance, P&R should have an opportunity for influence regarding the management / look / ascetic. Other budget items mentioned include \$600 for Committee members to attend Greenway and Trails Summit. Ken is attending this year’s event and will report back the value.

- PRC website review and update – update photos

- Ryan Kinka, (ryanmkinka@gmail.com) an East Pikeland resident stated request to create a disc golf course at a park in West Vincent, specifically Opalanie Park. Ryan is a member of the Chester County disc golf association, of which there are approximately 600 members. The following are notes taken from the discussion:

- A well-designed golf course has elevation, open areas, water, and woods, Opalanie has all these elements.
- Courses are 9 or 18 holes
- Udisc app used to keep score enabled by QR codes at each basket. There is no scheduling needed to play, people show-up and play.
- Downsides are maintenance although the association would assist.
- Total estimated cost is between \$7,000 - \$30,000 with baskets that last 25 years running between \$500 - \$800. The baskets are dug in but able to be removed with only the post holder remaining in the ground. The costs would be largely covered by the township with the Association providing some and helping with fundraising / sponsorship.

Discussion ended approximately 50 minutes after it began with a commitment from Ryan to return in September with a presentation. The Committee expressed interest in hearing more specifics.

- New interim manager is James Wendelgass.

- Sustainability update - Passed plastic bag ban to go into effect 10/18.

- Ken to host a hike of French & Pickering conservation easements on October 13 from 0900 – 1100.

- Adjourn @ 2057, Bill First, Jennifer Second.