

West Vincent Township Parks and Recreation Commission

February 4, 2026

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Ken Alan, James Corkum, Lindsay Flanagan, Jane Nina, Davey Waters,
BOS Liaison Sean Clark

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. Meeting minutes recorder requested/accepted.

III. Request to approve January 7, 2026, meeting minutes. Lindsay approved. Davey seconded.

Old Business

IV. Lindsay requested discussion regarding the **Parks and Recreation Digital Survey** for West Vincent residents to be tabled until March to include Jennifer's thoughts on the digital survey. The approximate cost submitted for the survey is within budget (\$250.00) and has been approved by Administration as confirmed by Sean.

V. Davey provided a thorough explanation of the **Bark Ranger Program**. Recognition of participation in the program (indicating a park visitation) will be an award of either a tag or a dog's bandana. Rules for the program include proper bagging and disposing of waste, leashing dog(s), knowing where dogs may visit in the park, etc. A checklist for following the Rules will be provided. Dog owners are encouraged to take a photo of their pet in the park to share on social media. The Commission agreed that a wearable dog bandana with an "insignia" (design to be determined) may be more meaningful than a "tag" for a participating dog. The township would recognize the dog with the bandana award. To be

further discussed during the next meeting and after obtaining costs: the insignia's design; the program's promotion; awarding the bandana; the fee, if charged; etc.

VI. Ken provided an update on the Opalanie Park installations and a future dedication ceremony. The park is a “crown jewel” for recreation in West Vincent township. It is a passive park connected to Natural Lands' Bryn Coed Preserve, providing a trail system with nature and especially birding highlights. A mural art installation is projected for April 2026: Owen J. Roberts High School art students will be painting a mural on the Public Works Building embracing the flora and fauna of Opalanie Park. Mock-up stencils will be presented at the March meeting for residents' consideration. Preparation of the wall (namely power washing) will be scheduled soon. Lindsay briefly discussed the possibility of a children's activity at the ceremony, and she will connect with the organizer. The committee unanimously agreed that activities at the ceremony will focus on nature/children.

VII. An Update regarding the Fellowship Trail completion and a future ribbon cutting ceremony was discussed by Ken. The Trail will be completed by late Spring 2026. The ribbon cutting will be scheduled once the Trail is completed. The early winter weather led to completion delays. Individuals instrumental in creating and implementing the Trail will be recognized on the scheduled day. Refreshments at the Gazebo will be provided following the ribbon cutting.

New Business

VIII. Discussion: Andrew Evans Park solar panel array proposal by the WVT Energy Transition Team. Commission members received a copy of the prior presentation. Several comments were made to address the installation of solar panels on property designated as parklands. A motion was made by Ken – approved unanimously by the commissioners - to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that “This project is not meant for Evans Park or any West Vincent park designated for recreational purposes and facilities – as the purpose of our parks is for recreation, not as a placeholder for a fenced-in utility.”

Lindsay approved and Davey seconded the motion.

IX. Discussion: Wilson's Corner Park/Cooks Glen usages/maintenance. More attention will be directed toward these two township parks. Cooks Glen is a birdwatcher's paradise. It also has a Loop Trail. Potential West Vincent Township-sponsored events were discussed and will continue at the next meeting. A field trip to Wilson's Corner Park was proposed in groups of three for future discussions.

X. Assign dates for Yoga in the Park/Dog Walks/Hiking Tour(s). Yoga will be on Saturdays. Dates to be determined once Opalanie Park and Fellowship Trail ceremonies are finalized.

XI. Public Comment. Representatives from Pulte Homes presented their plan for the proposed residences at Ludwig's Corner. The Commission noted the "Green Space" and mentioned that it be magnified, if possible, and inquired whether the "trail" would be open to all residents. Ken suggested Pulte incorporate sidewalks that will connect with adjacent properties and the Village in general. It was also suggested for Pulte to aim streetlights downward to limit light pollution.

XII. Request to adjourn. Lindsay approved. James seconded.

The **meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**