

West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting

September 18, 2018

8:30 a.m.

Attendance: Chairman John Jacobs, Vice Chairman Michael Schneider, Member Bernie Couris, Township Manager, Erica Batdorf, Township Engineer, Bryan Kulakowsky, and Township Road Foreman, Mark Hughes.

Chairman John Jacobs called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. at 1422 St. Matthews Road, the location of the Bryn Coed Township Park property.

Ms. Batdorf provided a welcome to the officials, staff, and residents present for the special meeting. Ms. Batdorf indicated that the Township recently acquired the 72 acre property from Natural Lands as part of an open space acquisition and the property has been intended by the Township for future use as a park. Planning for the future use of the park is actively underway. A significant part of the planning process is the demolition of the existing cow palace and several outbuildings and structures previously used as part of an active agricultural operation for Bryn Coed Farms. Ms. Batdorf commented that the Township has a conservation easement placed on the property and must meet conditions of their agreement with Natural Lands including the installation of two trail connections in the northeastern corner of the property to connect to Natural Lands preserve in late Fall. The Township must complete a third trail connection at the location of the St. Matthews Road entrance in eighteen months. The demolition of buildings must be completed within five years, but the Township intends to have this portion of the project completed in 2019.

Chip Farnham, Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission, provided a brief presentation of the Parks & Recreation Commission's proposal for use of the park. Mr. Farnham indicated that he presented the park proposal to the Board at their meeting last evening on September 17, 2018. The proposal provides a short term plan for the park to be open in 2018, with improvements to the entrance to the park, mowing and trimming of the shoreline of the pond, signage, cutting a trail, and roping off the demolition area for construction with an estimated budget of \$9,200.

The proposed improvements in 2019 include improving the driveway and parking lots with drainage and grading, installing a covered pavilion, park benches, grounds and trail improvements, with a total of \$65,900 in estimated improvements.

A guided tour of the Bryn Coed park property followed this discussion.

Mr. Jacobs made the motion to include the front office/maintenance building as part of the scope of the Township's demolition project, and to keep the main maintenance building out of the scope of demolition project. Mr. Couris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica L. Batdorf
Township Manager