

**West Vincent Township
Park and Recreation Commission**

March 2, 2016 7:30 PM

Attendance: Brad Dyer, Bill Dietrich, Whitney Jaeger, William Holderness, Chip Farnham, Kristina Casey, Maria Jacobs and Township Secretary Tammy Swavely.

Dr. Dyer called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The minutes from February were unanimously approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Dietrich and a second from Ms. Jaeger.

Old Business:

Fellowship Trail: Interim Township Manager Timi Kirchner gave a report on the Fellowship Trail. Currently the Township has an engineered plan done by Carrol Engineering at the Township's request to do it in the right-of-way along Rt. 401. This is a document to start with. A meeting was held with Upper Uwchlan, the Township Engineer, and Brian Styche representing the St. Matthews Lutheran Church, to discuss moving the trail back within the church's property. It was determined that it would be best to split the trail into two projects, an East and West portion with the West portion to be constructed this year since there are funds in the budget and the land is in West Vincent Township. An easement will have to be made with St Matthew's Lutheran Church which will take time and to move the whole process forward, it was decided to split the project into two phases. The Western portion will go from the existing Weatherstone Trail to the Vineyard Church trail. There will be signage to alert drivers of the trail following the Penn DOT guidelines. The crossing point may change from the original discussion due to site distance. This should be constructed by the end of 2016. The eastern portion can be done as a second phase, which will give the township and the church time to negotiate a proper easement, and the township time to apply for additional grant monies if they are needed. Mr. Styche will discuss all the concepts with the Church Council on March 9th and let the Township know their recommendations. Fund raising was discussed. A while ago bricks were researched. Mrs. Jacobs stated that a good alternative would be memorial trees. Mr. Farnham suggested benches. Dr. Dyer made the motion that the Park and Recreation Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Fellowship Trail be divided into two phases with the West portion moving ahead as quickly as possible and the second phase be at a later date. Mr. Farnham seconded the motion. Mr. Dietrich asked if there will be additional engineering costs. Ms. Kirchner stated that yes, there would be. Mr. Styche suggested that the costs may be a wash due to the changes in the plan. Ms. Kirchner stated that grant money will be sought after for Phase 2. Mr. Styche works for the Chester County Planning Commission and will be able to inform the Township of grant opportunities. Mr. Farnham asked Mr. Styche to thank the Church for working with the Township. There were no further comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Fields: Mr. Farnham arranged all of the field requests and everyone was able to get field time as they asked for. The fields are very busy in the spring, but there is time for the residents to use the fields on Sundays. An article will be in the newsletter informing residents of this information.

The coaches will be given Mr. Farnham's cell phone if there are field conflicts. The coaches are told every year to be responsible with the field use if it is wet.

Community Garden: The garden has now been placed under the Park and Recreation Commission. Mr. Dietrich would like to get the paths built this year. He also desires to hook up to Aqua PA for its water source. Currently there is a large water tank. He informed the Commission the negative components of having the tank. When the tank gets to a certain level, the water is very hard to get out. Many neighbors call about the unsightliness of the tank. People do not turn the hoses off. Older gardeners have a hard time using the water since the hoses are far from the gardens and they are heavy. It takes a long time for the water to get refilled. Mrs. Jacobs stated that she feels that the garden was poorly budgeted last year and that gardeners should be educated on how the hoses work. Mr. Dietrich stated that originally the garden was to have a well which would have been more expensive than a meter pit and hook up to Aqua. Mrs. Jacobs asked if the fees could be raised. Mr. Dietrich stated that the fee of \$35.00 was to have the gardeners commit to a space, not necessarily to cover all the costs. He stated that if there is not a hook up with Aqua he will lose 40% of the gardeners. Jane Helm stated that vegetable gardens take an inch of water a week. Mr. Dietrich added that the water tank has a value and could be resold. Mr. Farnham feels that a public water would be a luxury and could be put off for a year. Mrs. Jacobs suggested that the water tank be landscaped.

Park in Birchrunville: Nothing new with this park.

New Park Land along French Creek: The Commission will schedule a visit to this park next month.

Movie Night: This is scheduled for August 20th. Mrs. Casey will take a survey at Community Day on what movie people want to see. Food trucks will be considered as an option. Mrs. Jacobs discussed having a movie night at a local theatre since the costs are high for movie night. Mr. Dietrich feels that this event was to create an outdoor night with families and would not be a good idea to change it.

Mr. Dietrich asked for the next meeting to have the budget with expected expenses available. He also mentioned that the basketball court is going to need resurfacing soon. A fence would be a good idea also since the court is on the top of a hill and if the ball gets away, it is a long way to go.

Meeting Adjourned 9:18 PM.