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**DATE:** October 12, 2023

**TO:** Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC)

**FROM:** Susan Wheeler, Project Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, October 17, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Meeting Location: Board Meeting Room  
Patton Township Offices  
100 Patton Plaza, State College, PA 16803

Please note that this meeting will be hybrid, and a zoom link is provided for attendees who will attend virtually.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4843545752>

Meeting ID: 484 354 5752

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Our agenda for the Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. is as follows:

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Enclosed are the minutes from the July Recreation Advisory Committee. These minutes should be reviewed and accepted.

**3. ADDITIONS TO THE POSTED AGENDA**

At this time, the Chair may announce and/or ask the Committee members for the addition of agenda items that are not already on the agenda.

Any Committee member wishing to add an item to the agenda shall ask for recognition by the Chair and shall make a motion to add an item, including stating the nature of the item and reason for changing the agenda. If the motion is seconded, the Chair shall oversee discussion and a vote on the motion to add the item. If the motion is approved by a majority vote of the individuals present and voting, the item shall be added to the agenda and the Chair shall determine the placement of the added item within the meeting agenda.

#### **4. CRICKLEWOOD BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT KICK OFF MEETING**

An alternatives analysis for a bicycle/pedestrian facility along the entire length of Cricklewood Drive began earlier in 2023. In April of 2023, the Committee made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for a preferred alternative, which the Board adopted. That alternative was a "Road Diet with Shared Use Path". This design includes a separated shared use path on one side of Cricklewood Drive and reducing the travel lanes of the roadway from 12 feet to 11 feet. The separated area between the roadway and the shared use path will be a grass strip.

Mr. Karl Shellenberger of Buchart Horn will provide a summary of the project, discuss the project timeline and tasks to be completed for final engineering design. Public comment will be accepted.

The Committee should address any questions they have on the engineering design process.

#### **5. GHANER DRIVE PARKLET SURVEY**

At the July 19, 2023 board meeting, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a recommendation by the RAC to replace existing fencing and add new fencing to Ghaner Drive Parklet. Additionally, they adopted the recommendation to add four (4) benches. The fencing project was completed at the end of August.

At the September 13, 2023 Board meeting, Ms. Chelsea Mali addressed the Board and asked for additional fencing to be installed. Ms. Mali asked that new fencing be installed from the end of the fencing near her property, along the length of the park to the point where the park property ends. The length of this side of the park is approximately 550 feet.

The Board referred this request to the RAC and asked for a recommendation on adding additional fencing to Ghaner Drive Parklet.

The Committee should discuss and make a recommendation to the Board.

#### **6. BERNEL ROAD PARK PHASES 2A/2B CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Construction began on the Bernel Road Park Phases 2A/2B on June 5, 2023. Construction will be substantially complete on October 13, 2023.

During the September Fall Parks Tour, the Committee visited the project. It was noted that there is a large oval concrete pad which has been installed for future fitness equipment. There were insufficient funds in the current budget to install any equipment.

During the parks tour, some discussion took place about what could be placed on the pad so that it is a usable space in the near term. Some suggestions included adding tables to make it a gathering area, and the potential for installing shade sails similar to those in Circleville Park.

The Committee should discuss how they would like to proceed with this discussion.

An interested member of the local biking community has approached staff about the possibility of launching a fundraising campaign to pave the new pump track at Bernel Road Park. Paving of the facility was an add/alternate in the construction project when it was put out to bid but the costs were more than the available budget.

The Committee should discuss whether they would like staff to gather additional information to pursue the possibility of private fund-raising for the pump track. If the Committee would like to investigate this further, a presentation can be made by the interested individual at the November RAC meeting. Additionally, if the Committee would like to pursue this, a recommendation will need to be put forth to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration.

#### **7. OAKWOOD PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT**

One piece of the original play equipment in Oakwood Park is aging and has been plagued by some recent vandalism. Funding has been earmarked for the replacement of this piece.

The Committee visited the park during the Fall Parks Tour. The Committee should discuss the process they would like to follow to identify a replacement piece (ie. neighborhood survey), budget and timeline.

#### **8. SCOTIA ROAD SHARED USE PATH (SUP) CONNECTOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION**

Alrows LLC has been retained to provide right-of-way (ROW) acquisition services for the four (4) affected property owners. Letters of offer have been given to the 4 property owners.

#### **9. DOUGLAS DRIVE CONNECTOR**

In the fall of 2022, the township retained McCormick Taylor to conduct a sight distance study along the length of Valley Vista Drive to determine whether additional crossings were warranted. The study determined that a crossing at Douglas Drive would be feasible and safe.

McCormick Taylor was retained to prepare preliminary design for consideration by the two (2) affected property owners. Ms. Wheeler met with the Douglas Drive property owners and presented two (2) potential designs as prepared by McCormick Taylor. The property owners suggested a third potential design which is currently being prepared by the design engineer.

#### **10. REGIONAL PARKS (CRPRA) UPDATE**

Ms. Solic will provide an update.

#### **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

cc: Amy Farkas, Township Manager  
Patton Township Board of Supervisors Members  
Leslie Warriner, Senior Planner, CRPA  
Kristy Owens, Director, CRPR  
Jim Carpenter, Parks Supervisor, CRPR