

**MEETING LOCATION: HYBRID
PATTON TOWNSHIP OFFICE AND ZOOM**

SUMMARY MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Hickman called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Members present were Mr. Rich Koch (virtual), Mr. Greg Turner, Ms. Cindy Solic (virtual) and Mr. Jeff Zapletal. Staff members present were Ms. Susan Wheeler, Project Manager and Ms. Alexandra Castrechini, Director of Engineering, Planning & Zoning/Township Engineer.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hickman asked for two corrections to the January minutes:

Item 1. Call to Order. Replace Ms. With Mr. for Line 1 (Mr. Hickman).

Item 4. Organizational Items. Replace Ms. With Mr. under Election of Officers (Mr. Turner).

A motion to accept the January Recreation Advisory Committee minutes was made by Mr. Koch and seconded by Mr. Turner. All members voted in favor of the adoption of the minutes.

3. INTRODUCTIONS: NEWLY APPOINTED RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) MEMBERS

Two (2) new Committee members were appointed to the RAC by the Patton Township Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Wheeler introduced and welcomed Ms. Solic and Mr. Zapletal to the Committee. They each gave a short introduction of themselves.

4. 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. No new items were added.

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.

5. CRICKLEWOOD DRIVE (TOFTREES) BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

An alternatives analysis for a bicycle/pedestrian facility along the entire length of Cricklewood Drive is underway. The overall goal of the alternatives analysis is to propose three (3) alternative designs and determine one (1) preferred design option that can be implemented to improve connectivity and safety in this area. Buchart Horn is the professional engineering design firm contracted to complete the study.

Mr. Karl Shellenberger, PE of Buchart Horn led the first public meeting for the project on January 23, 2023. This meeting was hybrid and approximately eight (8) people attended in person with approximately 10 people attending via zoom.

A survey was distributed via direct notice and via the township website and social media. Fifty-seven (57) people responded to the survey. Buchart Horn is analyzing the data and collecting additional field data on existing conditions. Once these tasks are complete, the design of three (3) potential alternatives will begin. These alternatives will be presented to the RAC and at a public meeting late in March to collect public feedback/opinion on each of the proposed designs.

Ms. Wheeler commented that Buchart Horn could hold the second public meeting during the March 21, 2023 RAC meeting, if the Committee agrees. The Committee discussed this option and agreed that this is a good idea if the engineer has their presentation completed in time for that meeting. Emails will be sent to attendees of the first public meeting, and notice of the meeting will be made via the township website, Facebook and a social media blast.

6. TREEPENNSYLVANIA BARE ROOT TREE GRANT PROGRAM

A grant application for the Spring 2023 TreePennsylvania Bare Root Tree Grant program was submitted in early January and was successful. The trees for spring 2023 planting will be planted in Bernel Road Park along the walking path near the Great Lawn.

To date, eighty-four (84) trees have been awarded to the township through the grant program and they have been planted in Circleville Park, along the Circleville Road Bike Path and in Bernel Road Park. They have been mixed species with the majority being large canopy trees. Of the trees planted, only one (1) tree has failed to survive.

7. BERNEL ROAD PARK PHASES 2A/2B

The project components are in final review with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) which is one of the grant funding agencies for the project. It is anticipated this project will go to bid early in this spring with substantial completion by September 15, 2023. The budget is \$805,000.00. DCNR grants provide \$280,000.00 of that budget. The bid packet will include some add/alternates to keep the project in-line with the available construction funds.

8. BERNEL ROAD PARK DISC GOLF COURSE UPGRADES AND MAINTENANCE

To date, weather conditions have been mild through this winter and the ground has been saturated at times. The forestry mower project which includes removing some of the shrubbery and small tree growth along the edges of the disc golf fairways has not yet been completed.

9. SPIN E-BIKES UPDATE

The SPIN e-bike program continues to operate through the winter months. Ridership is lower than in the summer months but still has been reaching 500 rides/day throughout the e-bike service area.

10. REGIONAL PARKS (CRPRA) UPDATE

Ms. Solic provided the following update:

- Whitehall Road Regional Park – Construction continues in anticipation of a late summer 2023 completion. The poured-in-place safety surface has been modified to include a 50% black mix to reduce the cost.
- Millbrook Marsh – Design of the board walk project continues.
- Change orders – These are being reviewed and approved by the CRPRA.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Solic made a motion to adjourn at 5:50 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Koch. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 21, 2021, beginning at 5:30 pm.