

**MEETING LOCATION: HYBRID MEETING  
PATTON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**

## **SUMMARY MINUTES**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Members present were Mr. Ken Hickman, Mr. Barry Bram, Mr. Rich Koch and Mr. Greg Turner. Ms. Cindy Solic, Patton Township representative to the Centre Region Parks&Rec Authority (CRPRA) was present.

Staff members present were Ms. Susan Wheeler, Project Manager and Ms. Alexandra Castrechini, Director of Engineering, Zoning & Planning/Township Engineer.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

### **3. ADDITIONS TO THE POSTED AGENDA**

The Chair asked the Committee members if they wanted to add any agenda items that are not already on the agenda. No items were added to 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. The Chair shall determine the placement of the added item within the meeting agenda.

### **4. SPIN E-BIKE PROGRAM**

In 2021, Penn State Transportation Services partnered with the Borough of State College and Spin, a San Francisco-based micro-mobility unit of Tier Mobility, to offer the Penn State and State College Borough communities a new bike-share program. Ms. Cecily Zhu, Penn State's Sustainable Transportation Program Manager has been the lead in this project. Ms. Wheeler made preliminary enquiries with Ms. Zhu and Spin as to whether the e-bike network could be expanded into the Toftrees area of Patton Township along the Bellefonte Central Rail Trail (BCRT).

The Committee discussed the e-bike program earlier in 2022, and at their July 19, 2022 meeting the Committee made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to expand the Spin e-bike program into a limited portion of Toftrees and along the BCRT. At the August 17, 2022 Board meeting, the Board adopted the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Further discussion ensued at the August 17 Board meeting when Ms. Wheeler stated that Ferguson Township had approved the expansion of Spin into their township with a large service area. The Board said they thought it would be appropriate to further expand the Spin program in Patton Township along a common border with Ferguson Township.

The Committee discussed the expansion and agreed that there should be an area in Patton Township where the boundary meets Ferguson Township. They discussed that it should allow Spin users to access the commercial areas of Walmart and the Colonnade and many of the residential neighborhoods, such as Toftrees, Vairo Village and Park Forest.

Ms. Taylor asked if the expansion could go as far as Gray's Woods. Ms. Wheeler said that it may be best to first evaluate an expansion and see where the ridership is occurring. The Committee said they would like the service area to include as many of the township shared use paths as possible. After discussion, the Committee said they would like to extend as far as the Geisinger clinic on Gray's Woods Boulevard.

Ms. Taylor asked how we will be able to assess usage of the program and Ms. Wheeler said that Spin collects daily travel data and provides weekly updates of to all the participating partners. Mr. Turner asked about conducting a survey of the Patton Township residents. Ms. Wheeler said that the State College Borough was currently developing a survey to gather input on the program from borough residents. Ms. Wheeler will gather information on this for a discussion at a future RAC meeting

Mr. Hickman made a motion as follows:

That Patton Township expand the geographic service area for Spin e-bike service to include Toftrees, Oakwood, Vairo Village, the commercial areas of the Walmart Plaza, the commercial areas of the Colonnade, Park Forest Village, Valley Vista Park, Vista Woods and the area extending to the Geisinger Clinic on Gray's Woods Boulevard, including the areas between and including Circleville Road and Valley Vista Drive.

Ms. Taylor seconded the motion, and everyone agreed.

Ms. Wheeler will have a map prepared reflecting this area and the recommendation will be put forward to the Board of Supervisors.

**5. FALL PARKS TOUR – SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

The fall parks tour will begin at 4:00 pm, leaving from the Patton Township office building.

The Committee will visit two (2) parks:

1. Bernel Road Park: potential disc golf course modifications and the pickleball courts
2. Green Hollow Park: the path system and the tennis courts

**6. REGIONAL PARKS ISSUES UPDATE**

No update will be provided.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**8. ADJOURN**

Mr. Koch made a motion to adjourn at 4:50 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hickman. The next meeting will be the Fall Parks Tour and be held Tuesday, September 20, 2022 beginning at 4:00 pm.