

PENN TOWNSHIP PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES: APRIL 17th, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

In Attendance: Park Committee members Melissa Heady, Theodosia Regal, Bill Gieble, Scott Gumto, Morgan Rau and Doug Roth. Also in attendance, Supervisor Sam Ward, Supervisor Bert Mowry and residents Brandon Rau and John Gavin. Janet Sperling asked to be excused.

Approve Minutes from August 21, 2024, Motion Scott, 2nd Melissa

Welcome new park committee member Morgan Rau.

Old Business:

Phase 2 update: Supervisor Ward explained how phase 2 construction is moving. 9 bidders with Holbien being the low bidder. Penn Township will be supplying the materials. The elipse will be the highlight of the project. Scott Gumto questions why we are not running electric conduit out to "phase 3." The large 3 season pavilion will go in later; the Township is applying for a grant in hopes to offset the costs.

ADA Trail and Bridge: Doug explains the ADA trail and pedestrian bridge received approval from Community Development Block Grant funds to proceed with the project. The Township will be able to use \$85,000 2025 monies and possibly the same amount next year.

Pollinator Garden update: Theodosia gives an update on the pollinator garden she has been working on along Three Degree Rd. She is looking to expand it this year. The Committee thanks her for the hard work.

Bike Maintenance Station: The bike station still hasn't been set up. Doug talked to the road crew about it and the trash can pad at the Brownsdale Rd. parking lot. They are looking to do the concrete all at once. Doug will check into this further.

Brownsdale Rd sign is complete: Bob Winters Construction did a great job; the sign is very impressive.

New Business: Doug reports that the Township received the County grant again for the pavilion at the elipse. The cost of the pavilion is \$12600.00, and the grant is for \$7500.00. Theodosia got 175 trees for the park in March. It was decided to get them in the ground so Theodosia, Bill, Doug and Alaina (Theodosia's sister) planted them over the weekend. Next round of trees the Park Committee will be notified so they can help if able.

Trees for the elipse: Theodosia did a very nice presentation of the trees that the Audubon suggested for planting around the elipse. There were a lot of questions about these trees, so it was decided to look into this some more and see if we can add to the list. The canopy should not exceed thirty feet, and the tree(s) need to be native to Pennsylvania.

No other business:

Next meeting is May 22nd at 6:00 pm. All are encouraged to investigate trees for the elipse and to try and come up with some suggestions.

Adjournment: 7:05 pm Motion Melissa, 2nd Theodosia.