

Eldred Township Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2021

I. Call to order

Mary Anne Clausen called to order the regular meeting of the Eldred Township Parks and Recreation Committee at 7:03pm on June 8, 2021, at Eldred Township Municipal Building.

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We all read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

III. Overview of Township Public Properties and Issues

1. There was a discussion regarding the Town Square and grant considerations. Review of the grant and what was included in the document submitted to the Granting agency.
2. It was noted that the Post Office is one of the Township properties but is under the supervision of the Historical Society. The Historical Society needs new members and or volunteers to help with the Post Office renovation.
3. Mary Anne explained the Zoning overlay in the Downtown area. Currently, it is zoned commercial, but there is an effort to have it changed to Mixed.
4. The following is a list of properties that the committee is engaged in improving their use, appearance, and function:

Town Square, Smale House, Post Office, The School property with the Ball Park, Mock Park (Walter Mock Memorial Park), Princess Run, Mock Park Ridge Trail/Field Trail, Mock Park Nature Trail, Mock Park Waterfall Trail (Future), Mock Park House and the house next to it (Also Future).

There was a discussion on the possibilities. The consensus seems to concentrate on Mock Park, current properties, and the Downtown Square areas. The Ball Park is no longer used by the Little League, making it available for reuse in some other function. Possible uses discussed.

Also discussed was the Rails to Trails project that is currently in progress.

IV. Future Grants: 1-5 Year Outlook-discussion lead by Joe Pucci

1. Adopt a Township Theme to tie in all the current and future projects, properties, and grants that may be submitted on the Townships behalf. An outline from Joe's discussion was handed out to the committee members as future discussion and consideration.

V. Report on Grant Request was given to the committee

VI. Diana Pucci presented "The Truck Turning Radius" magnetic visual aid panel.

VII. Next Steps

1. **Immediate:** Picnic benches already in place at the Town Square
2. **Landscape Plans:** Lydia taking point on contacting the Vo-Tech landscaping instructor
3. **Official Name of Town Square:** Not decided upon, on hold for a future meeting.
4. **Mock Park Trail-Committee Recommendations:** Deferred
5. **Committee Policy and Name of Committee:** Deferred: Mary Anne handed out the old policy. Next meeting, we will re-draft to match our thoughts.

VIII. Adjournment:

Mary Anne Clausen adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm seconded by Joe Pucci and Joyce Blaskow

Minutes submitted by: Diana Pucci