COLLEGE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Monday, February 13, 2023
7:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person or via Zoom)

General Meeting Information
College Township offers both in-person and virtual meeting attendance for all public meetings. To attend in-person, meetings will be held at 1481 E. College Avenue, State College PA, 16801, 2nd floor meeting room. To attend virtually, please see the information below.

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VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: Please use the raised hand feature to participate. The moderator will recognize those with their hands raised (either by name or phone number).

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS: For specific Park and Recreation agenda items and for items not on the agenda, written public comments may be submitted in advance by emailing smeyers@collegetownship.org by noon the day of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

ZOOM MEETING PROTOCOL:

OPEN DISCUSSION (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA):

CONSENT AGENDA: CA-1 January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes
(Approval)

OLD BUSINESS: OB-1 Annual Report to be presented to Council March 2, 2023
(Review/Action)

OB-2 Spin E-Bike Service Area
(Recommendation)

NEW BUSINESS: NB-1 Official Map
(Recommendation)

NB-2 Five Year Plan
(Review/Action)
PARKS REPORTS: (Written reports received are emailed to all members the Wednesday prior to the meeting date)

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STAFF INFORMATIVES:  
- **SI-1** Rhodes Lane Condominiums Plan  
- **SI-2** Re-Appointments  
- **SI-3** Adopted Regional E-Bike Policy

OTHER MATTERS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:  
Statement of Financial Interest Forms must be filled out and returned **as soon as possible** to either Jen Snyder or Sharon Meyers.

UPCOMING MEETING:  
Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT:
CALL TO ORDER:
Ms. Kerner called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

REORGANIZATION:
Ms. Kerner asked for nominations for the chair.

  Ms. Sittler moved to nominate Mr. Moore to chair. Ms. Smith seconded.
  With no other nominations, Ms. Sittler moved to elect Mr. Moore to the position of Chair of the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee. Ms. Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Kerner asked for nominations for the vice chair.

  Mr. Moore moved to nominate Mr. Schulte to vice chair. Ms. Sittler seconded.
  With no other nominations, Mr. Moore moved to elect Mr. Schulte to the position of Vice Chair of the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee. Ms. Sittler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further reorganization needed the regular meeting of the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee resumed as scheduled with Mr. Schulte chairing as Mr. Moore was present via zoom and it was determined it would be challenging to chair the meeting remotely.

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Schulte proceeded with roll call and verified that Ms. Simpson was excused from the January 9, 2023 meeting.
OPEN DISCUSSION:

Mr. Spoonamore stated he serves on the state guidance committee and they have accepted standards for E-Bikes on bikeways and parks for the entire state which he emailed to everyone the prior week for the committee to review. Mr. Spoonamore suggested the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee adopt the same standards for College Township’s bikeways and parks so that there is uniformity between the Township and the state. Mr. Spoonamore explained the reasoning behind the policy adoption. Mr. Spoonamore stated he’s unsure of the process for adopting a policy at the Township. Mr. Schulte asked if there was anything specific Mr. Spoonamore was looking to implement, or if he wanted to look at the guidelines and standards. Mr. Spoonamore explained they are a specific set of guidelines and standards and continued to list them. Mr. Spoonamore suggested again that the committee adopt the E-Bike state standards for bikeways and parks. Ms. Matason stated that since this item is not on the agenda the committee is able to talk about it, however, voting cannot happen until it is on the agenda. Mr. Schulte asked if there were any other comments. Ms. Meyers stated that Mr. Bloom will return to the Parks and Recreation Committee to discuss this topic. Mr. Schulte questioned who would be back. Ms. Meyers clarified, Mike Bloom the Assistant Township Manager. Mr. Schulte questioned if Mr. Bloom’s presentation would be relative to the Spin E-Bikes program and not E-Bikes in general. Mr. Spoonamore began to explain, Mr. Schulte stated he was asking Ms. Meyers. Ms. Meyers stated that the Spin E-Bikes program will be discussed, but she assumed E-Bikes would overlap the topic and be discussed as well. Ms. Kerner stated when Mr. Bloom comes to discuss the Spin E-Bikes program, that would be a good time to have this on the agenda and discuss everything at one time. Mr. Schulte thanked Mr. Spoonamore for gathering and circulating the information he provided. Mr. Moore suggested E-Scooters be added to the agenda as well, since they seem to be coming to the Penn State campus very shortly. Mr. Spoonamore stated that E-Scooters are also addressed in the state guidelines. Mr. Schulte made a note to add state guidelines and E-Scooters to the agenda for the next meeting.

MINUTES:

Ms. Smith questioned on the third page, what (*) meant. It was explained that the symbol in the formula stands for multiplication. Ms. Matason moved to approve the minutes of the November 14th meeting. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. Mr. Schulte stated he had a comment on page four, he had suggested the E-Bikes be limited to ten miles per hour via the process Spin E-Bikes has for limiting the E-Bikes. He continued that there is no speed limit on the Township bike paths. Mr. Moore stated there is a speed limit in the parks. Ms. Matason moved to approve the minutes for the November 14th meeting as amended. Ms. Smith seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

OB-1 Rhodes Lane Revised Plan

Mr. Stafford introduced himself and stated that he had been present with this plan at the November Parks and Recreation meeting. He stated that the original plan had four single-family units and one duplex and after calculating the fee-in-lieu there was a discussion to re-evaluate the property to determine if there would be space to define as a small parklet. Mr. Stafford explained that the original plan presented to this committee was also presented to the Planning Commission with their recommendations. The Planning Commission had made a motion of recommendations to Council at that meeting and after a discussion with the client Mr. Stafford asked that the plan be pulled from the Council agenda while changes are made. Mr. Stafford stated that some changes have been made hence this presentation to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mr. Stafford explained that the original duplex unit had been removed from the plan and a single-family unit had been added, making the total of single-family units five. Mr. Stafford continued by directing the committee to sheet eleven of the plan, which is an enlargement of the park area being proposed. He stated that more land is being offered than is required by the ordinance and
a small community center is being proposed. Mr. Stafford stated after some correspondence with Ms. Schoch, Ms. Meyers has provided a supplemental package which shows a few changes to the parkland area. Mr. Stafford stated the volleyball court is not intended for athletic competition, but for recreational use by residents and the community. He stated that this area is proposed to be an active as well as passive recreational area. The active area would include something like the proposed volleyball court and passive areas would include the picnic tables and proposed fire pits. Mr. Stafford acknowledged that the size of the proposed sand volleyball court is atypical, however it is intended for recreational use by the community. Mr. Stafford explained the proposed changes to the size of the volleyball court and the new dimensions meet the standards for a Regulation Beach Volleyball Court, per NCAA, USA Volleyball, and FIVB. Mr. Stafford pointed out that the standard dimensions for a 2v2 Volleyball Court measure 26’3” by 52’6”. Mr. Stafford further stated there is no particular standard for this type of volleyball court and repeated that the intent of this park area is not to provide an athletic competition area but to provide recreational area to residents and the community.

Mr. Stafford continued to describe the changes made to the community center. He stated that after some discussion with the developer it was decided to make the building smaller to leave more open space for recreation. Mr. Stafford stated the community center would possibly include a restroom for visitors to the park to use, a small office area possibly for use by the HOA and community, and some area for storage. Mr. Stafford stated his request to the committee is to develop the smaller community center with a restroom and office facility, expand the passive park area with a few more passive amenities, and install a 2v2 volleyball court. Mr. Stafford added that this request would include some additional grading in order to fit the proposed 2v2 volleyball court; however, the slope will remain a 3:1 slope which is considered a mowable slope. Mr. Stafford stated this proposal meets the intent of the ordinance and added that the ordinance states if parkland is offered it should be accessible through a public right-of-way. With that being said the developer would offer the driveway to be an easement in order to connect the park to the public road, First Avenue. This would then satisfy the ordinance requirements of Chapter 180 Section 26: Parkland and Open Space.

Mr. Schulte stated that he has many comments but wanted to open the floor for discussion amongst the other committee members. Ms. Sittler stated that she likes the idea of Mr. Stafford having the intent to develop the proposed open space for recreational uses for the residents and surrounding community. She added the community center deviates from the committees intentions of getting people outside not inside, and the Township will not want to maintain a public restroom like the one proposed. Mr. Stafford explained the ordinance and that parkland is available for the community but it is not large enough to be offered to be taken over by the Township. As the ordinance reads in order for the parkland to be taken over and maintained by the Township the area must be a minimum of four acres in size. The intent is for the HOA to have full responsibility of the community building. Mr. Schulte stated he would like to correct the record and added there is no hard stated minimum size for a Township park. Mr. Stafford agreed and stated there is a clause in the ordinance that has a suggested minimum area. Ms. Sittler stated she has a list of comments on the proposed plan. Mr. Stafford stated if the committee does not want the community center building his client will be happy not to build it as it will save a lot of money. Mr. Schulte stated that he is not sure that removing the building all together is the direction the committee is intending. Mr. Schulte added that there may be a need to recalculate the size of the park area, if the building is not considered recreational then the developer wouldn’t be dedicating the same amount of property to the Township.

Ms. Sittler agreed and stated that if the building is to be used for a meeting place for the HOA then that would not be a College Township matter and therefore not a Parks and Recreation matter.

Ms. Sittler questioned if the volleyball court would be sand. Mr. Stafford confirmed that the court would be sand. Ms. Sittler stated that cats would love that, and it would need to be cleaned somehow. Mr. Stafford stated the HOA would be responsible for maintenance and that the agreement with the developer would need to be explicit with these details.

Ms. Smith stated that there had been another offer in the past for a developer to incorporate
fire pits into a plan. She continued that the committee had rejected this idea as the fire pits were not intended for heating and would create air pollution and a hazard. Grills were suggested to replace the proposed fire pits. Ms. Smith stated that Mr. Stafford had mentioned the units were single-family residence, however, they are actually condominiums. Mr. Stafford clarified that the units are separate single-family homes that would be part of a condominium association. Ms. Smith questioned the position of this property to Limerock Court. Mr. Stafford confirmed that Limerock Court is not far in distance; however, there is an issue of difference in elevation. Ms. Smith suggested, if this is an isolated community that a pickleball court may be a consideration. Mr. Stafford confirmed the suggestion and stated that there are a lot of complaints about pickleball. There was a discussion about the demand for pickleball in the area and the noise associated with the game.

Mr. Moore questioned how much area is required for parkland for this particular development. Mr. Schulte stated 0.24 acres is required. Mr. Stafford explained the area required is actually 0.20 acres, because one unit had been eliminated from the plan. Mr. Moore stated that the area being offered in 0.32 acres, therefore whether the building is included or not the proposed park area meets the requirement. Mr. Moore questioned if this property would be deeded to the Township or would remain owned by the developer. Ms. Schoch stated that according to the Township Manager the Township does own a few parks that are smaller than four acres, so this would not necessarily remain property of the developer. She continued that it is typical that the Township would take over the parkland and not the HOA, which is a topic that would continue to be discussed. Mr. Schulte added to put this matter into historical context, there have been several parks that were HOA parks and the HOA no longer had the financing to maintain the park. At which time the residents asked the Township to take over and maintain the area as a Township park. He continued, in several cases the Township accepted the parks and in a couple cases the Township did not. The committee discussed the circumstance of Limerock Terrace and why the Township took ownership of that particular park. Mr. Stafford pointed out that Limerock Terrace has access to a public road, hence the special circumstance of ownership by the Township. Mr. Stafford added his client is willing to work with the Township and whatever they request including ownership if requested. Mr. Moore questioned if the proposed parkland is to be subdivided. Mr. Stafford stated he does not believe the land needs to be subdivided to be offered to the Township. He continued that an easement can be offered and since the ordinance requires access from a public roadway the developer would offer the parkland with the access easement as a whole. Mr. Schulte questioned if this would meet the letter of the law. Mr. Stafford confirmed it would.

Mr. Schulte asked if Ms. Sulzer had any questions or comments. Ms. Sulzer questioned if the Township accepted the proposed building and restroom, would the restroom be accessible to the general public or would there be keys given only to members of the HOA. Mr. Stafford stated that the matter would have to be worked out with Township direction. Mr. Stafford continued that if the Township would require the building be unlocked and open to the public certain times of the day, that would need to be written into the agreement. He stated that those details would be up to the Township and the developer is willing to work with the Township on these matters. He added whatever the Township directs, they will do. Ms. Sulzer stated that she is unaware of any community centers in the area that are open other than using key access by the HOA. Mr. Stafford stated that they are willing to do whatever the Township directs them to do. Mr. Schulte added that we have nothing in the Township that is like that.

Mr. Moore asked what other committee members thoughts were on a pavilion instead of a building. The majority of the committee voiced their opinion that a pavilion would be a better idea. Mr. Kalp agreed and stated he was going to suggest a paved pavilion in the area near the paved rescue area, that way the pavilion could serve two purposes. He continued by adding that sand volleyball courts can easily become unkempt and cats can be an issue with the sand as well. Mr. Kalp suggested a level lawn area adjacent to the pavilion as a play/event space. Mr. Stafford agreed that a lawn area would be nice and keep the area open for various activities, but nets could
be kept for optional use. Mr. Kalp suggested shifting the pavilion area away from the refuse area, and maybe center it in the proposed park area. Mr. Stafford thanked Mr. Kalp for his input.

Ms. Smith requested some trees be planted in the park area as she did not notice any being proposed. She added that holes can be added in the flat grass area, which can be mowed over, as an option for different activities. Mr. Stafford agreed the installation of holes would give a greater opportunity for various activities. He added trees can be added; however the slope creates a hardship with installing the trees and adding trees to the mowable slope would render the area unusable for recreational activities.

Mr. Spoonamore questioned how often the current sand volleyball courts within the Township are used and added that he has never seen anyone in any of them. Mr. Kalp stated that there is one in Spring Creek Park which is occasionally used. Mr. Schulte confirmed that there are two sand volleyball courts within the Township, one in Spring Creek Park and one in Dalevue Park. Mr. Kalp added in those parks there is more flexibility of space and in this instance there is very limited space that would be taken up by an area for a very specific recreation. Mr. Stafford agreed and added that the thought behind the sand volleyball court was to add a relatively low cost recreational facility. Mr. Stafford added that a flat area where the residents and community can do what they want is a good idea.

Mr. Spoonamore stated he would like to finish his thought, he has seen very little use of volleyball and suggested a pickleball court as pickleball is in high demand and this property seems to be a perfect spot for it. Mr. Stafford stated that he doesn’t know anything about pickleball but he’ll look into it. Mr. Spoonamore expressed his appreciation and added that he agrees with his colleagues and strongly suggests the wiser choice is a pavilion as opposed to a community building.

Mr. Stafford stated the HOA does need an area to store equipment for snow removal and mowing, among other things. He continued with the possibility that one end of the pavilion could possibly be closed off for storage of such equipment.

Ms. Sittler questioned the College Township park area being used by the HOA. Mr. Schulte stated that he understands Ms. Sittler’s confusion and added that the area to be used by the HOA cannot be considered into the calculation for parkland. These two entities need to be kept separate so that the HOA is responsible to maintain the building to be used by them and that maintenance is not interpreted as the Township’s responsibility.

Ms. Kerner stated the plan was reviewed from the point of view of staff and the Township does not maintain any buildings like the one being proposed. The Township does maintain pavilions, picnic tables, and those types of entities. Ms. Kerner questioned the comingling of the Township and HOA, and suggested if an easement is accepted by the Township then that is acceptable. She added that she has not been through this process with this unique situation. Mr. Schulte explained that the easement is to grant public access to the park. Ms. Kerner confirmed that she understands the easement; however, if the Township is to own the park… Mr. Schulte interjected and stated the Township is not to own the park and it would be owned by the HOA. Mr. Schulte asked Mr. Stafford if that is correct. Mr. Stafford stated that he cannot be the one to make that decision. He added that the offer would be made as part of the land development plan, but the decision is ultimately up to the Township. Ms. Kerner verified that Council will make the final decision and added that she suggests this committee make a recommendation to Council on whether an easement or a dedicated parkland should be offered to the Township.

Ms. Kerner stated she has some additional comments. She continued that the slope in the proposed park area lends itself to a natural slide which does not require infrastructure.

Mr. Schulte asked if there were any further comments. Ms. Kerner pointed out that Ms. Sulzer had her hand up. Mr. Schulte acknowledged and asked for her comment. Ms. Sulzer stated that she believes there is an existing sand volleyball court, or two, at the Villas at Penn State. Mr. Schulte stated that that area is not in the Township. Ms. Sulzer stated that the Villas at Penn State are within the Township and added that the location is off of Driebelbis. Mr. Schulte stated he stands corrected. Ms. Sulzer added that given the option of a building or a pavilion she would be more
inclined to consider a pavilion or gazebo.

Mr. Schulte asked what the target group was for the development. Mr. Stafford stated that there is no age restriction and added that the homes being proposed are smaller homes. They are not necessarily to be considered affordable housing but the target value it to be $175,000 - $225,000. Mr. Schulte asked how many bedrooms the homes will have. Mr. Stafford stated each home is to have two bedrooms, a garage, and no basement. Mr. Schulte stated that is very helpful information.

Mr. Schulte stated if the volleyball court is still on the table, he maintains that the dumpster area is problematic and it hinders the safety area which would surround the volleyball court. Mr. Schulte suggested the dumpster be relocated. Mr. Stafford explained the dumpster must remain in that location. Mr. Schulte stated that that brings him to his next point, 180-26 utilities, which basically states no above ground utilities shall be placed on parkland or open space. Mr. Schulte opined that he would consider a dumpster to be an above ground utility, in this situation. Mr. Schulte added that he cannot tell Mr. Stafford what to do but he suggests the dumpsters not be placed as proposed. Mr. Stafford stated that the dumpster has to be located there, so he would modify the boundaries of the parkland and as he previously stated there is no other location on the property where the dumpsters could relocate. Mr. Schulte stated this conversation has circled back to the measurements of the park and will this the plan still meet the required acreage.

Mr. Schulte continued, as a general rule the Township does not light public parks and added that will save the developer on the electricity bill. Mr. Stafford asked Mr. Schulte to repeat himself. Mr. Schulte restated that he understood during the initial presentation there was a statement about lighting made. He added that as a general rule this committee and the Township do not light public parks as parks are closed at night.

Mr. Schulte stated that he is not as opposed to fire pits as some of his colleagues and added that he is not saying they are a great idea, he’s just not opposed to the idea. He continued that Slab Cabin is a perfect example of fire pits that work.

Mr. Schulte opined that on the plan there is an inaccuracy that remains. The railroad is marked as abandoned and as Ms. Smith pointed out in November the railroad is not abandoned. Mr. Stafford stated based upon the research from a professional surveyor the plan reflects the recorded data. Mr. Spoonamore stated that area in questioned is recorded at the state as an abandoned railway. He added that he has been researching the opportunity to convert the area as a rail trail and the state has it listed as abandoned. Mr. Schulte stated in the interested of getting this plan through this committee, he would suggest that the word abandoned be removed from the plan. Mr. Stafford stated he cannot legally do that. Ms. Kerner intervened and shared a GIS image showing that the railway in one section shows to be owned by the Bellefonte Historical Railroad and when clicking on another area of the railway there is no data. Ms. Kerner then highlighted the property in question to show its proximity. Mr. Schulte admitted this map has caused a fair amount of confuseion on his part. Ms. Kerner stated a surveyor knows the rules which need to be followed for developing plans like these.

Mr. Schulte acknowledged the committees intention of suggesting pickleball in the location; however, Mr. Schulte was unsure it would be a good fit due to the location of the homes. He continued that the idea of a pickleball court is a nice idea but he believes more research should be conducted prior to making a recommendation for a pickleball court.

Mr. Stafford asked if it would please the committee to have an open flat space that can be used for whatever the community wishes. He added that this would meet the requirements of the ordinance and that the ordinance does not say that the developer needs to provide any recreations. Mr. Stafford added, again the client would be happy because that is money he wouldn’t have to spend. Mr. Schulte stated that he thinks the committee cannot answer that question yet because the exact acreage has not been calculated. Mr. Stafford clarified that Mr. Schulte is saying there is no consensus with what the active recreational area should be so there will be no motion. Mr. Stafford added that he just has to meet the ordinance requirements and as long as he provides an access easement and meets the two and a half to one standard he can offer a big piece of green property and that will meet the intent of the ordinance. Mr. Stafford stated he is here tonight with the intent to
offer something back to the Township. Since a consensus has not been reached for the active recreational area he plans to report to his client what has happened at the meeting and he believes the client will ask what can be done to meet the requirements of the ordinance. Mr. Stafford continued stating if a decision can’t be made, he will recommend a blank piece of green grass to be called parkland.

Mr. Moore stated that all the developer has to do is reserve the land for park and recreation purposes, it doesn’t need to be given to the Township and the area doesn’t even need to be made public. Mr. Moore used the Aspen Heights project as an example of how land had been privately reserved for recreational purposes and not dedicated to the Township. Ms. Schoch stated the developers dedicated some land, which was off site, to the Township, then added an area within the property that is not open to the public. Mr. Moore stated the minimum requirements per the ordinance and opined that a pavilion would be nice for residents.

Mr. Kalp presented a sketch of what he believes to be a combination of what is being proposed and what the committee is requesting. Mr. Stafford stated that the engineering of the property has not changed from his prior presentation. The only thing that was changed is the duplex was removed and a single-family home was place on the opposite side of the driveway, but the engineering has remained the same. Mr. Stafford stated that this parkland area is a modification to the plan and as it is still under review by staff he is happy to come back to the Parks and Recreation Committee with a modification to the parkland area. Mr. Kalp asked what the protocol is for sharing a sketch. Ms. Kerner stated she can scan it and email it to Mr. Stafford.

Mr. Schulte agreed with Mr. Kalp’s sketch in that it flipped the play area and the building area which alleviates the dumpster issue discussed earlier. Mr. Schulte added that he wouldn’t go planting trees at this point and one should walk the land prior to planting so as to not block desirable views.

While Ms. Kerner was scanning the sketch, Ms. Smith asked if Mr. Stafford could tell the committee who the owner of the property is. Mr. Stafford stated the owners are JJ Bowman and Mr. Swanger, the current owner and family trust executor. Mr. Schulte stated that he hopes Mr. Stafford walks away from this discussion with a lot of input which he is free to use or not use. He added if nothing else the area needs to be mowable. Mr. Stafford stated that the slope being used is a 3:1 slope which is considered to be mowable. Mr. Schulte stated he just wanted to make sure that that was understood.

Ms. Smith added that she is pleased to see houses being built that are not mansions. Mr. Stafford spoke about the developer and the types of homes he usually deals with. Ms. Kerner returned from scanning the sketch and shared the image on the screen. She also offered to send the image to Mr. Stafford. Mr. Stafford thanked Ms. Kerner. Mr. Schulte suggested the storage structure be pushed up against the dumpster as neither structure has anything to do with the park or parks and recreation.

Mr. Schulte asked if there were any other comments regarding the Rhodes Lane revised plan. Ms. Kerner stated at some point there will need to be a motion from the committee as to whether this should be accepted as an easement or dedicated parkland to the Township. She questioned if a dedication was the preference, would a subdivision be necessary. Mr. Stafford stated that a subdivision would not be required as a portion of the condominium can be deeded without a subdivision. Ms. Kerner stated that when this plan is presented to Council they will want to know if the Parks and Recreation Committee has any recommendations. Mr. Stafford offered to bring the plan back to the committee this way he would at least have Park and Recreations action prior to the plan being presented to the Planning Commission. After some discussion amongst the committee members Mr. Stafford stated that he will be asking for a recommendation at the next meeting. With no further comments the committee thanked Mr. Stafford for his presentation.

**OB-2 Park Signage Standardization**

Ms. Kerner introduced the topic of standardized signage. In the fall there was a directive to
devise some standardized signage which would be standard in colors and language. The packets provided to the committee reflected the signs in a 11”x17” size, which is close to the size of the signs that would be ordered. Ms. Kerner stated that mock-ups were not ordered as they can be expensive and she would prefer some kind of direction on colors to be used and language such as sunset to sunrise or dusk to dawn. Mr. Kerner added what she is asking from the committee this evening is whether green or brown is preferred, which are standard colors used to parks in general. Mr. Schulte stated white on brown is standard. Ms. Kerner stated that green is also acceptable according to the MUTCD. She added that the committee has been given the opportunity to create a new desirable standard.

Ms. Sittler asked if there are any signs posted currently. Mr. Schulte stated about three quarters of the parks have signs that state park closes at sunset. He added that he had taken pictures of a bunch of signs and he sent them to the committee months ago. Mr. Schulte continued that there is a facto standard which is white lettering on brown signs that are already posted at many, many parks in the Township. Ms. Kerner stated, again the point being the signs will be standardized. Mr. Schulte stated they are already standardized. Ms. Kerner continued, once a decision is made the signs will be replaced throughout the Township parks.

Mr. Schulte stated he would open the floor to comments, starting with the people participating remotely.

Ms. Sittler agreed with Ms. Sulzer. That language is short, to the point, and definable. Mr. Spoonamore also agreed. Ms. Sittler asked if the committee preferred brown or green. The majority stated brown to be the choice color.

Mr. Schulte stated that he lives right next to a park and he absolutely prefers the current standard which is sunset to sunrise. He explained that having people wondering around outside of your house when it is pretty much dark is problematic. Mr. Schulte stated that no one is going to enforce this and no one is going to call the cops because it’s sunset and there are still people in the park. Mr. Schulte opined that the signs should read sunset in the hopes that people will start to clear out of the park at sunset and by dusk they are all gone. He summarized his thoughts and stated that he prefers sunset, as a person that has to put up with this on a daily basis. He also stated brown on white, white on brown, whatever. Lastly Mr. Schulte assumed if a park has not parking area this sign is irrelevant. Ms. Kerner confirmed that this sign is for the parks that have parking areas. She added that the next step, which would cost more money, would be to put signs at the remaining parks which would be the standard design but would read, park closed dusk to dawn.

Ms. Smith pointed out that the image of the sign with a green background and white letting was difficult to read. Ms. Kerner stated once a consensus is reached on color, she would be able to have two mock-ups made, one brown with white lettering and one white with brown lettering. Ms. Sittler stated she thought the sign looked good with the white background. Ms. Kerner stated that the sign is a little more vibrant with the white background.

Mr. Kalp asked if there was a consensus. Ms. Sittler confirmed that Mr. Schulte was the only member who preferred the sunset to sunrise language. Mr. Schulte stated he is just sticking with the existing verbage. He opined that dusk to dawn is pointless because it adds words to the sign. Mr. Schulte further explained that the people in the park in the early morning are people walking their dogs and they are not noisy. Ms. Sittler stated that she likes that new language gives a more definitive time, dusk to dawn.

Mr. Schulte asked Ms. Kerner if she had gathered enough information from the discussion to
move forward. Ms. Kerner stated that there is no motion or second but rather a consensus to go with the brown on white and dusk to dawn. The committee confirmed. Ms. Kerner stated she will order the signs and once received the topic will be added to the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:
None presented.

PARKS REPORTS:

(Written reports received are emailed to all members the Wednesday prior to the meeting date) Mr. Schulte stated that he submitted a last minute set of park reports which he does not see in the packet today. Ms. Meyers stated since the packet was posted the Thursday prior to the meeting and the reports were received the day of the meeting, Mr. Schulte’s report will be included in the agenda packet for the February 13th meeting.

Ms. Smith stated for the record her appreciation for the crew, the picnic tables in Glenn Park, and the mulch at Mountainside. Mr. Spoonamore questioned the very large mountain of mulch in the Stoney Batter area. Ms. Kerner stated that pile is the Christmas trees that have been collected. Mr. Spoonamore questioned if the Township would open the pile to the public to get mulch since the pile is so large. Ms. Kerner stated there is an unwritten rule that the public can call and we will allow them to come and get some mulch; however, the Township does use some of the mulch around the Township.

Mr. Schulte stated that Ms. Simpson is not present to comment on the bike path, yet, he had a question that could be answered by Ms. Kerner. Mr. Schulte thanked Ms. Kerner for having the branches along the bike path trimmed. He continued that after the trimming there is a huge pipe now visible underneath some of the trees along the bike path and believes it should be removed. Ms. Kerner stated she will let the crew know. Mr. Schulte added that there is a house in the same area that may be a little aggressive with their use of that area. Ms. Kerner stated that she refers those reports to the zoning officer to determine if a property owner has encroached or not.

STAFF INFORMATIVES:
Ms. Kerner stated at the next meeting she will provide the committee with the next five year plan/CIP in hopes of reviewing the document in February and having it approved in March. Ms. Kerner added this is earlier than prior years so she wanted to let the committee know as early as possible.

OTHER MATTERS:

OM-1 Annual Report Draft
Mr. Schulte stated the staff informative conversation transitions nicely into the next topic. He continued that he dug out Ms. Kerner’s email from last year and held it up for everyone to see. Mr. Schulte stated that the document in his hand should be the addendum of the five year plan in the annual report and not whatever was added in that section. Mr. Schulte further explained that the document the committee approved in 2022 is the document which should be included into the annual report. The committee agreed with Mr. Schulte’s statement.

Mr. Schulte asked for other comments regarding the Annual Report Draft that has been presented. Ms. Smith stated that she had an issue with the fund expenditures presented for 2023 for Mountainside Park. Ms. Kerner stated she believes that is to be in 2024. Ms. Smith added she believes it should be in 2023 and the amount of $30,000 not $35,000. Mr. Schulte stated that the document Ms. Smith is referencing is incorrect and held up the document which should be included in the report. Ms. Kerner reminded the committee of the bond issue which the committee had been asked to prioritize projects, and that may be the reason that project got moved up. Mr. Schulte stated that will be discussed during deliberation in the upcoming meetings when the five year plan is discussed. Mr. Schulte continued to explain the historic record. Mr. Schulte asked if there were any
comments from the participants on zoom. He then asked if everyone had a chance to review the document. Mr. Spoonamore stated that he had reviewed the document. Mr. Schulte verified that Mr. Spoonamore is new to this process and document as he has been a member of the committee for less than a year. Mr. Spoonamore stated he noticed in the email exchanges regards the annual report that Mr. Schulte is correct and the document in the report is incorrect and should be changed.

Mr. Schulte asked again if anyone online had any comments. Ms. Sulzer stated she had nothing to add and had already made her suggestions for changes a month and a half ago. Mr. Moore had not comments.

Ms. Sittler asked who will make the presentation to Council. Mr. Schulte clarified, since there has been a change of leadership. Mr. Schulte stated since Mr. Moore is the new chair, it should fall on him. Mr. Schulte stated when he has been present for the presentation to Council he had sent all of his documentation to Council and been present for any questions. Mr. Spoonamore asked when the presentation is scheduled. Mr. Schulte stated it has not been scheduled yet. Ms. Kerner stated the presentation is typically scheduled for the first Council meeting in March.

Ms. Sittler asked if there are any other highlights to add to the report, as there are only two currently in the report. Mr. Schulte explained what he has done in the past when presenting to Council. Mr. Moore stated he will represent the Parks and Recreation Committee equitably.

Mr. Schulte asked if there were any capital improvements done in 2022. Ms. Kerner stated there were a few smaller improvements and the Penn Hills project which was scheduled for 2022 was deferred due to the mini masterplan. Ms. Kerner stated the crew did fix asphalt on the bike path, so that may be a project to add to the highlights. Mr. Schulte asked how that project should be titled. Ms. Kerner suggested, asphalt restoration of the College Township bike path. Ms. Kerner added the flood lights at Slab Cabin were replaced. Mr. Spoonamore suggested adding that parking has been improved and is being highly utilized at Stoney Batter. Mr. Schulte verified the three improvements that are to be added to the highlights section of the annual report. Ms. Smith requested the construction and installation of picnic tables at Glenn Park and installation of mulch at various parks be added to this section as well.

Mr. Schulte stated he will call out one or two more things from the annual report that should be addressed. First is the inventory of facilities, Mr. Schulte stated he is pretty sure the bicycle path is not four square miles and that measurement should be changed. He continued that Fogleman Fields and Fogleman Overlook should be divided onto two separate lines as they are two separate entities, one being owned by the school district and the other is owned and maintained by the Township. Mr. Schulte stated the last issue on this page has to do with Slab Cabin Overlook. He continued by stating if one looks that park up on GIS, it will not be found. Ms. Kerner stated that the Township GIS Specialist worked on that and has made it work a little better by designating that area differently. Mr. Schulte stated that he is pretty sure it is not three and a half acres. He added that Slab Cabin Overlook is behind one of the committee member’s house and it is approximately three feet wide and half of it is in the creek. Mr. Schulte has this parkland, according to his notes, measuring 0.7 acres and could not find it on the GIS program. Mr. Schulte stated that as far as the sizes of other parks on the list, he will leave to the representatives of those facilities to assess the accuracy of the numbers for the other parks.

Ms. Smith added that Nittany Orchard has a pickleball court. Mr. Schulte stated that he did not know that and this should be added to the chart. He continued that the soccer field can be deleted from Dalevue until the multi-purpose field is restored. Mr. Schulte asked if anyone else had any comments. No one had any further comments on the annual report.

Mr. Schulte stated that there was a discussion last year to remove the annual approved budget as it is not a product of this committee’s work, therefore it should not be part of this report. He continued that it is a working document needed in order to prepare the committees five year plan, but should not be a part of the annual report. Mr. Schulte suggested the budget not be part of the report, as it is not the committee’s work product and doubles the size of the report. Mr. Schulte added that he has more comments but he will let it slide for another year.
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Schulte announced the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held at the College Township Municipal Building on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other matters to discuss, Ms. Matason moved to adjourn the January 9, 2023, Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting. Ms. Sittler seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By,

**Draft**

Sharon E. Meyers
Recording Secretary
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I. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

**Judi Sittler, Chair**

Park Assignments: Cairns Crossing, Gordon D. Kissinger Meadow  
Member Since: January 2015  
Term Ends: December 2022

Judi was born and raised in Berks County, Pennsylvania. She raised a family in State College, and got her undergraduate and master’s degree in Special Education from Penn State. Judi moved to Los Angeles where she lived for thirty years, teaching special education at UCLA and Beverly Hills High School. During this time, she got a PhD in Psychology and set up a private practice as a licensed psychologist. When she retired in 2006, she moved to State College with her husband Stu Silver. She is happy to be “back home” and close to her son and daughter-in-law. Her home is along Spring Creek in the Lemont area. Having Spring Creek in her backyard, prompted Judi to join the Central PA Women Anglers in 2007 and the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited in 2009. She served as the chapter’s president for four years and then moved to the position of chair of the Spring Creek Watershed Association in March 2014. Judi attributes everything she knows about watershed conservation to her experiences with everyone associated with Trout Unlimited and the Spring Creek Watershed Association.

**Earl Moore, Vice-Chair**

Park Assignments: Shamrock, Slab Cabin, Thompson Woods  
Member Since: March 2016  
Term Ends: December 2022

Earl was born and raised in Central Pennsylvania. He lived in the Pine Creek Valley for twenty years and the last five years in College Township. He has a degree in Information Technology from Penn State. Earl has a wonderful wife, Kimberly, three sons, a grandson, and a granddaughter. He has served on the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee since March 2016 and on the LTAC since January 2016. His hobbies include gardening, woodworking, and home improvements.

**Derek Kalp**

Park Assignments: Fogleman Fields, Penn Hills, Spring Creek Park  
Member Since: August 2010  
Term Ends: December 2023

Derek is a professional landscape architect (PLA) working for Penn State’s Campus Planning & Design division as well as having a private landscape design practice. He is a graduate of Penn State and is originally from southwestern Pennsylvania. Derek is married to Kelly Keefe with three children, Emily, Zak, and Seth. He and his wife have the distinction of leaving the Centre Region twice and returning twice, and feel very lucky to call this area home.
Kathleen Matason

Park Assignments: Millbrook Marsh, CRPR
Member Since: January 2005
Term Ends: December 2026

Kathy has a BS from PSU in Management and a MA in American Studies. She is a graduate of Leadership Centre County (1997) and co-chairs the annual LCC Economy Day. Past leadership roles include Chair of the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee, Chair of Centre County Drug and Alcohol Planning Council, President of State College Kiwanis Club, and an Advisor to Penn State’s Circle K. Kathy resides across from the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center and is very interested in the site’s development.

David Schulte

Park Assignments: Dalevue, Gordon D. Kissinger Meadow, Oak Grove
Member Since: January 1989
Term Ends: December 2023


Jude Simpson

Park Assignments: Bike Paths, Slab Cabin Overlook, Spring Creek Park
Member Since: January 2007
Term Ends: December 2026

Jude is a Penn State graduate who studied Fisheries Science and Biology at the University of Alaska in Juneau. Since moving to State College in 2000, Jude has served on the boards of the Centre Region Bicycle Coalition and as a volunteer for Pennsylvania Rails to Trails. She believes all residents of the Centre Region should have the opportunity to enjoy convenient, non-motorized access to trails and other recreational facilities. Her vision is for the development of a safe, destination bound continuous alternative transportation system that would like parks, trails, and bike paths in order to promote physical activity and healthy living.

Susan Smith

Park Assignments: Glenn Park, Limerock Terrace, Mountainside
Member Since: January 2011
Term Ends: December 2025

Susan F. Smith (Sue) was a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee in the late 1970’s and early 1980’s, at the time Spring Creek Park was created. She is a member of the Lemont Village Association (LVA) and is very involved in the activities sponsored. Sue is also a member of the CC Housing Authority, and other organizations and now has grandchildren living in Lemont using College Township parks. She is a graduate of Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, and has worked as an elementary school teacher, legislative aide, and fundraising consultant to non-profit organizations.
Stephen Spoonamore

Park Assignments: Nittany Orchard, Mt. Nittany Terrace, Stoney Batter
Member Since: May 2022
Term Ends: December 2024

Stephen moved to College Township with his family in 2016. His wife is a professor at Penn State. His son attends Spring Creek Elementary. An Army brat he grew up all over. He attended University of Pennsylvania and over the last 30 years has built multiple technology companies in specialty chemicals, image computing and electronics. He currently is CEO of a company building medical image diagnostic software. He loves our parks and bike trails.

Janet Sulzer

Park Assignments: Fieldstone, Harris Acres, Panorama
Member Since: March 2018
Term Ends: December 2025

Janet was raised in Central Pennsylvania and has a BS from Mansfield State University and an AS from Penn State. She and her husband moved to the Centre Region in 1970 and then to College Township in 1979. Since 1983, Janet has held numerous positions in local government in College Township and the Centre Region, including eight years as a College Township Council Member. She was Chairperson of the Centre Region Council of Government’s Public Service Commission when regional trash collection was implemented.
II. BACKGROUND

DEMOGRAPHICS

College Township is a composite of zoned areas that allows for a mixture of agricultural, commercial, industrial, residential, residential-office, and university, blended into an area of approximately eighteen and one half square miles. According to the 2020 US census, College Township population was 10,780. This was a 13.2% increase from 2010. The age distribution is fairly even, with each group having different needs and preferences. Which indicates a need for a diversified park system.

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PUBLIC RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

College Township’s provision for recreational activities is part of a larger regional system. Each municipality is responsible for the acquisition and development of park land, including capital improvements. The maintenance of the parks is shared by Centre Region Parks and Recreation (CRPR), for designated “regional” parks, and College Township, for the remaining “neighborhood” parks.

RECREATION PLANNING

In the 1970’s College Township adopted a comprehensive plan, which included a section on parks and open space, and referenced the 1973 Centre Region Parks and Open Space Plan. In 1985 the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee developed a five year plan for improvement of the existing parks.

In 1986, a comprehensive recreation, park, and open space study of the Centre Region was compiled by Griswold, Winters, Swain, and Mullin (GWSM) Inc., a landscape architecture firm in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This study updated the inventory of recreation facilities and provided recommendations for improvements, particularly for the regional facilities.

The College Township Parks and Recreation Committee has proposed updates to the township official map. The map is a planning tool to help locate existing and proposed public lands and facilities. The committee received input from public meetings, Collee Township Planning Commission, and Centre Region Planning staff. In addition to future roadways and bicycle paths, the committee recommended locations of two types of parks. The first type is “active” recreational parks, and the other “passive” recreational parks. Passive parks are as areas primarily utilized as flood plains or other environmentally important areas.
ENABLING LEGISLATION

In 1968, the General Assembly enacted the provisions of the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) which enabled the township to adopt an “Official Map”. The purpose of the legislation is “to serve and promote the public health, safety and convenience, and general welfare; to facilitate adequate provision of public streets and facilities; to improve traffic circulation; to provide for the recreational and open space needs of the community; to protect and enhance water resources; and to facilitate the subdivision of land and the use of land and watercourses”.

College Township adopted Ordinance No. 87 on November 14, 1985 as Chapter 133 of the College Township Code. The General Assembly amended Section 402 of the Municipalities Planning Code in 1988 to clarify certain provisions. In the amendment, municipalities were given clear authority to identify the approximate location of both existing and proposed public streets, watercourses, and public grounds.

In 1988, the Pennsylvania General Assembly adopted revisions to the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). Section 503 (11) of the MPC gave clear authority for townships to require dedication of parkland and/or “fees-in-lieu” as part of subdivision ordinance pursuant to an adopted recreation plan. The action of the General Assembly provided clear legislative authority for township’s to adopt an ordinance requiring dedication of parkland and/or collect a “fee-in-lieu” to be used solely for the acquisition or development of parkland.
III. PARK FACILITIES

INVENTORY OF FACILITIES

Below is a list of public park facilities and activities available within College Township.

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**ACQUISITION**

Every neighborhood should have a park within walking distance. Wherever possible, the Township should acquire land adjacent to existing parks. The land and/or funding for these acquisitions may be obtained through:

- a) Dedication as part of subdivision approval
- b) “Fee-in-Lieu” funds from developers
- c) Government grants
- d) Township tax funds
- e) Donations
- f) Easements

Parcels to be acquired should meet the following criteria:

- a) **Size:** Neighborhood Parks should be at least 10 acres and serve people living within a ½ mile service area; Regional Parks usually to be twenty (20) to fifty (50) acres
- b) **Access:** Neighborhood Parks should abut a public street and have a minimum frontage of fifty (50) feet, OR have a clearly defined easement acceptable to the Township; Regional Parks should have vehicular access from a public street
- c) **Shape:** Should be suitable to accommodate park recreation and open space activities appropriate for the neighborhood; May include natural area as well as active recreation areas
- d) **Surface:** Soil should be suitable for intended park use; Some park area may be located in detention basins or flood plains so long as the topography of the majority of the area is suitable for park uses
- e) **Service Area:** Neighborhood Parks shall be accessible by walking and have limited parking as the service area is not more than ½ mile; Regional Parks typically are accessible by driving, bicycling, and/or walking and have ample parking and a wide range of facilities, as the service area is at least a three mile radius and can be region-wide

**DEVELOPMENT**

The need for the development of parklands includes the development of underdeveloped parks, as well as the development of parkland recently acquired. The potential cost of development is substantial. Therefore, a phased development plan, subject to availability of funds, has been updated and prioritized in the Five-Year Plan.
MAINTENANCE

Park maintenance in the Township is a shared responsibility. Centre Region Parks and Recreation provides general maintenance services such as, grass mowing, apparatus painting and repair, field grading and lining, at regional parks. The Township performs these services for the neighborhood parks. College Township also provides maintenance services for major items such as, equipment installation and/or replacement, hard court surface repairs, and parking area repairs.

IV. OBJECTIVES

It is the objective of the Parks and Recreation Committee to encourage the Township to provide parks and recreational opportunities for the residents of College Township. To meet this objective the Township shall:

CONTINUE TO ACQUIRE PARK AND RECREATIONAL LAND

Acquiring park and recreational land shall continue as land development occurs within the Township, as well as when appropriate lands become available.

DEVELOP NEW PARKS AS ACQUIRED

Development of new parks as acquired happens in three steps.

   Step 1: Identify sites with signs immediately after obtaining the title to identify that land as public parkland.
   Step 2: Prepare a site development plan and phasing.
   Step 3: Implement plans as budget permits.

IMPROVE EXISTING PARKS

There are multiple ways to improve existing parks

   · Repair and maintain existing equipment
   · Prepare or maintain a master plan and map for each park site
   · Provide new equipment as budget permits
   · Preserve and plant native and noninvasive vegetation to encourage wildlife and reduce traffic sounds
   · Preserve and protect streams and buffer zones

PROVIDE ACCESS

The Township shall provide safe pedestrian and bicycle access from residential areas to recreational, industrial, and commercial areas throughout the Township.
V. RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Township manages the nature trail in Mountainside Park. The Mt. Nittany Conservancy is a partner in overseeing the Stoney Batter Natural Area. The Centre Soccer Association is a partner in the development of Fogleman Fields. Centre Soccer provide programs at Fogleman Fields and other facilities within College Township. Centred Basketball utilizes the Spring Creek Park basketball facilities through their “Growing the Game” program. Centre Region Parks and Recreation also provides other recreational programs to residents and non-residents.

VI. HIGHLIGHTS

· A service project was completed at Cairnes Crossing. Ten shrubs were planted on the slope behind 108 Gas Light Circle in order to provide more deep-rooted vegetation which will reduce siltation and polluted runoff into Spring Creek.
· Spring Creek Park Master Plan was reviewed and commented upon by the volunteer Study Committee and DCNR. Resolution No. R-22-21, a resolution of the College Township to accept the Spring Creek Park Master Site Plan, was adopted on the 17th day of November, 2022.
· Asphalt revitalization of the College Township Bike Path.
· Flood lights at Slab Cabin for winter sledding were replaced.
· Parking at Stoney Batter has been improved and is being highly utilized.
· Picnic tables were constructed and installed at Glenn Park.
· Mulch placed throughout the Township parks.

VII. PLANS AND CHALLENGES

· Update the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan
· Support the acquisition of future parklands and/or easements to lands which will improve recreational opportunities for residents
· Encourage neighborhood and community participation in the improvement and renovation of parks
· Assure that future generations have the land on which to develop adequate parks and recreational spaces
· Convince developers that a plan which includes parkland and public amenities is worth more to potential buyers than a plan with minimal to no parkland or designated open space
### VIII. APPENDICES

**PARKS AND RECREATION FIVE YEAR PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The following maintenance and projects were completed in the parks in 2022:

A few picnic tables were constructed by the Township maintenance crew, then positioned at various parks throughout the Township.

**Glenn Park**: The maintenance crew assessed two picnic tables and determined they were too rotten to refinish and constructed two new tables to replace them. The new will be placed at the end of the year or beginning of 2023.

**Oak Grove**: General maintenance was completed and dead trees were removed by the maintenance crew.

**Mountainside**: The park had a new grill installed for the picnic area.

**Harris Acres**: The crew fixed the grill in the picnic area.

**Bike Path**: The maintenance crew repaved a section of the bike path between College Avenue and East Branch Road.

**Mt. Nittany Terrace**: General maintenance was completed, shrubs removed, and mulch placed in the play area.

**Shamrock**: The maintenance crew placed mulch around the play area.

**Fieldstone**: The maintenance crew performed some general maintenance and landscaping.

**Penn Hills**: After much discussion and meeting with a few residents, the “natural hillside” had a few paths mowed into it for ease of passage.

**Limerock Terrace**: Mulch was placed in the play area by the Township maintenance crew.
MEMORANDUM

To: College Township Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Mike Bloom, Assistant Township Manager

Re: Potential expansion of Spin E-Bike Program service area

Date: February 8, 2023

In November 2022, College Township Council issued a remand letter to the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee requesting recommendations on the following items related to a possible expansion of the SPIN E-Bike program into College Township:

1. Potential service area boundaries,
2. “No Ride” areas where Spin e-bike operation should be prohibited,
3. Any areas that should be limited below the maximum electric-assist speed of 20 miles per hour (mph),
4. SPIN E-bike parking locations.

The initial discussion on this task was held the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on November 14, 2022. Staff has utilized comments received during that agenda item to develop the Draft SPIN Service Area & Parking Location Map, which is attached for your review.

Utilizing the tasks outlined above, staff offers the following as a summary of what is depicted on the draft map and the reasoning behind the proposal being offered for your review:

1) Service Area Boundary - Staff believes the service area expansion should encompass the entirety of College Township. This recommendation is the least restrictive in terms of overall mobility for potential users of the SPIN service. While certain portions of the Township are more accessible than others, the Township does not currently place any restrictions on an individual’s choice of mode to reach their given destinations.

2) “No Ride Areas” – The “No Ride Areas” offered on the draft map are limited to those areas that are environmentally sensitive and/or have some form of covenant or restriction that limits bike use. The four locations designated as “No Ride” are:
   a. Thompson Woods Preserve - with the exception of the Streamside Path, which allows bike use.
   b. Millbrook Marsh – with the exception of the designated Puddintown Road bike path, which may be expanded as part of the approved Millbrook Marsh land development plan.
   c. Mount Nittany Conservancy Properties
   d. State Corrections Properties

3) Speed Restricted Areas – Given the Centre Region Policy for E-Bikes (adopted 2016), which allows speeds up to 20 MPH on shared used paths and the existing governing of SPIN bikes at 20 MPH, staff does not offer any individual speed restricted areas on the draft map.
4) **SPIN E-Bike Parking Locations** – Staff recognizes that there are a number of very logical E-Bike parking locations throughout the Township. For the purposes of this recommendation, those being shown on the map are limited to publicly held property with good access for SPIN’s mobile units to provide service to the bikes. With that in mind, staff offers the following 5 parking locations for consideration:

a. College Township Municipal Building or Millbrook Marsh  
b. Dalevue Park  
c. Spring Creek Park  
d. Mountainside Park  
e. CTWA property near Shiloh Road

**Requested Action:**  
Staff requests that the Parks and Recreation Committee review the Draft SPIN Service Area & Parking Location Map and provide recommendations to Council on the following items to be included therein:

1. Potential service area boundaries,  
2. “No Ride” areas where Spin e-bike operation should be prohibited,  
3. Any areas that should be limited below the maximum electric-assist speed of 20 miles per hour (mph),  
4. SPIN E-bike parking locations.
MEMORANDUM

To: College Township Parks and Recreation Committee

Thru: Mike Bloom, Assistant Township Manager

From: Lindsay K. Schoch, AICP | Principal Planner

Re: The Official Map

Date: February 8, 2023

What is an Official Map?

The Official Map is an Ordinance and a planning tool provided to local governments through the Pennsylvania Municiplities Planning Code (MPC). The MPC grants municipalities the authority to make an official map of all or a portion of the municipality which may show appropriate elements or portions of elements of the comprehensive plan adopted with regard to public lands and facilities, and which may include, but need not include:

1) Existing and proposed public streets, watercourses and public grounds, including widening, narrowing, extensions, diminutions, openings or closings of the same;

2) Existing and proposed public parks, playgrounds and open space reservations;

3) Pedestrian ways and easements; Railroad and transit rights-of-ways and easements;

4) Flood control basins, floodways and flood plains, storm water management areas and drainage easements;

5) Support facilities, easements and other properties held by public bodies undertaking the elements of the comprehensive plan.

The Official Map is not a required ordinance of a municipality, but is a useful tool to ensure the implementation of adopted plans. The proposed update of College Township’s Official Map includes the recommendations outlined in the recently adopted Pedestrian Facilities Master Plan. By including these recommendations in the Official Map, College Township will have the option to develop the streets, property, paths, etc. when poised for development.
Official Map Revisions:
College Township’s current Official Map was most recently revised on November 19, 2015 and is in need of the following updates:

- The removal of the following proposed roadways:
  - Puddintown Road Extension; and
  - Stewart Drive Extension
- Ensuring the definitions are consistent with those found in other areas of the township code (Chapter 177 – Streets, Sidewalks), and
- Accounting for all township-owned land, and
- All other requirements as set forth in the MPC.

The Proposed First Draft of the Official Map also includes these updates specific to the Pedestrian Plan:

- The removal of the following proposed Bike/Pedestrian Paths:
  - Boalsburg Road; and
  - Orchard Road to Porter Road
- Inclusion of the following routes identified in the Pedestrian Plan:
  - Primary and Secondary Corridors; and
  - Potential Greenways

The Process:

1. ✔ First Draft of Official Map presented to Council, this triggers the MPC’s 45-day Planning Commission Review period (unless Council chooses to extend the time).
2. ✔ Council remands the Official Map to the Planning Commission.
3. This 45-day period is also the most opportune time for the Parks and Recreation Committee to review the Official Map and provide their input.
5. Barring any substantive changes, Council will set a Public Hearing and authorize staff to commence the required 45-day Public Review period.
6. Public Notice of the 45-day review period and Public Hearing is advertised.
7. The proposed Official Map is shared with the Centre Regional Planning Agency, the Centre Region Planning Commission, and any adjacent municipality in which any newly proposed streets, paths or other public land intersects or intends to lead.
8. Council conducts the Public Hearing and considers action on the proposed Official Map.
9. Upon Council approval, the Township has 60-days to record the map with the Recorder of Deeds.
Council Comments:

Council discussed the Official Map at the February 2, 2023 meeting. Council ultimately remanded the Official Map to the Planning Commission and looks forward to the PC weighing in on the matter at hand. The following is a brief overview of what Council discussed. The written explanation below will be supplemented by an updated map, but please note, the map will be presented to the Planning Commission on the evening of Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

- Boalsburg Road Rail-Trail removal
- Label Oak Hall Park
- Label Stony Batter (shale pit)
- Better identify/display Greenways
- Mark each updated draft with “Draft” and date of every map change in order to document all changes.
- Add the Orchard Road to Porter Proposed Bike/Ped Path back to the map
- Identify some potential opportunities to capitalize on PennDOT projects by place-holding areas on the official map. For example, the East College Avenue/322 Bridge; when the opportunity for upgrades/replacement arises and we have a designation on the map, our chances of having that project come to fruition are much better.

Planning Commission Comments:

Planning Commission discussed the Official Map at the February 7, 2023 meeting. The following is a brief overview of what Planning Commission discussed.

- Possibility of removing proposed roadways, bicycle path, and pedestrian paths
- Identified the proposed roadway connector to the airport
- Discussed surrounding municipalities and what lies beyond College Township municipal boundary

Next Steps:

Staff will work with the Planning Commission to ensure all required elements are contained in the Ordinance language and included on the map. Staff will also provide the Official Map to the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee for their cursory review and comment during the 45-day Planning Commission review period.

Attachments:

- The Official Map Draft dated February 6, 2023
- The Official Map Ordinance Text
Action Requested:

Staff requests the Parks and Recreation Committee review the Official Map and strategically identify potential off-site locations for parkland dedication that enhance and/or complement the existing parkland system.
Chapter 133
Official Map

[Historical notes: Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of College 11-14-1985 by Ord. No. 87; amended in its entirety 6-15-2006 by Ord. No. O-06-08. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]

General References
Planning Commission — See Ch. 52.
Streets and sidewalks — See Ch. 177.
Subdivision of land — See Ch. 180.
Zoning — See Ch. 200.

Article I
General Provisions

§ 133-1 Title.
This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "College Township Official Map Ordinance."

§ 133-2 Statutory authority.

§ 133-3 Purpose.
This chapter is enacted for the purpose of serving and promoting the public health, safety, convenience and general welfare;
to facilitate adequate provision of public streets and facilities;
to improve traffic circulation;
to provide for the recreational and open space needs of the community;
to protect and enhance water resources; and
to facilitate the subdivision of land and the use of land and watercourses.

§ 133-4 Severability.
Should any section or provision of this chapter be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other section or provision of the chapter than the one so declared.

Article II
Establishment of Controls

§ 133-5 Official Map provisions.
A. The Official Map, as enacted by ordinance, and subsequently amended, shall identify the location of the
lines or boundaries of:

(1) Existing and proposed public streets, well sites, watercourses, and public grounds, including widenings, narrowings, extensions, diminutions, openings, or closings of same.

(2) Existing public and proposed active recreation areas and natural/preservation areas.

(3) Bicycle/pedestrian ways and easements.

(4) Railroad and transit rights-of-way and easements.

(5) Flood control basins, floodways and floodplains, stormwater management areas and drainage easements.

(6) Support facilities, easements and other properties held by public bodies undertaking the elements described in Section 301 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

(7) Conservation easements and riparian buffers.

B. At the time of enactment of this chapter, all existing property records, aerial photography, photogrammetric mapping or surveys designating the location of the lines of existing public streets, rights-of-way, watercourses and public grounds, including surveys prepared by government agencies or incorporated as part of a final recorded subdivision and land development plans duly approved by the College Township Council, shall, by reference, be deemed an attachment to the Official Map for the purpose of designating the location of said existing lines. For the acquisition of lands or easements, boundary descriptions by metes and bounds shall be made and sealed by a licensed surveyor registered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

C. For the purpose of initially reserving land on the Official Map, property records, aerial photography, photogrammetric mapping, or other methods sufficient for the identification, description and publication of areas for reservation on the Official Map will be sufficient. For the acquisition of lands and easements, boundary descriptions by metes and bounds shall be made and sealed by a licensed surveyor, registered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

D. The College Township Council, by amending ordinances, may make additions or modifications to the Official Map or part thereof by adopting surveys, property records, aerial photography, or photogrammatic mapping designating the location, the lines, or boundaries of public streets, watercourses or public grounds to be so added or modified and may also vacate any existing or proposed public street, watercourse or public ground contained in the Official Map or part thereof.

§ 133-6 Incorporation of Map; certification and changes.
The Official Map, including all notations, references and other data shown thereon, is hereby incorporated by reference into this chapter as if it were fully described herein.

A. Certification of the Official Map.

(1) The Official Map shall be identified by the signatures of the College Township Council members, attested by the College Township Secretary, under the following words: "This is to certify that this is the Official Map of the Township of College adopted by Ordinance No. -- --- --- and referred to in Article II of Ordinance No. -- --- --- of the Township of College, Centre County, Pennsylvania," together with the date of enactment of this chapter. The Map shall be kept on file with the College Township Manager.

(2) The Official Map and Official Map Ordinance have been adopted pursuant to the provisions provided in Section 402 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. A copy of the Official Map and the
Official Map Ordinance of the Township of College, Centre County, Pennsylvania is recorded in the Centre County Recorder of Deeds Office.

B. Changes in the Official Map. If, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, changes are made to the location of lines designating existing or proposed public streets, watercourses or public grounds, such changes shall be entered promptly on said Map. All changes, except those resulting from subdivision and land development plans as specified in § 133-11 below, shall be certified by initialing of the Map by the Chairman of Council, together with the amending ordinance number and date of enactment.

§ 133-7 Relationship to County Official Map.
The adoption of an Official Map by Centre County shall not affect the Official Map of College Township, except that the Centre County Official Map shall govern as to county streets and public grounds of Centre County in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

§ 133-8 Relationship to adjacent municipalities.
If the Official Map or amendment thereto shows any street intended to lead into any adjacent municipality, a certified copy of the Official Map or amendment thereto shall be forwarded to such adjacent municipality.

Article III
Effect of Controls

§ 133-9 Construction within mapped streets, watercourses or public grounds.
For the purpose of preserving the integrity of the Official Map of College Township, no permit shall be issued for any building within the lines of any street, watercourse or public ground shown or laid out on the Official Map. No person shall recover any damages for the taking for public use of any building or improvements constructed within the lines of any street, watercourse or public ground after the same shall have been included in the Official Map, and any such building or improvement shall be removed at the expense of the owner.

§ 133-10 Special encroachment permit.
A. Application. When the property of which the reserved location forms a part that cannot yield a reasonable return to the owner unless a permit shall be granted, the owner may apply to the College Township Council for the grant of a special encroachment permit to build on said property. Before granting any special encroachment permit authorized in this section, the College Township Council may submit the application for a special encroachment permit to the College Township Planning Commission and allow the Planning Commission 30 days for review and comment and shall give public notice and hold a public hearing at which all parties of interest shall have an opportunity to be heard.

B. Appeal. A refusal by the College Township Council to grant the special encroachment permit applied for may be appealed by the applicant to the Zoning Hearing Board in the same manner, and within the same time limitation as is provided in Article IX of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code in accordance with Article V of this chapter.

§ 133-11 Reservations.
College Township shall designate reservations as follows:

A. Size and location. The size and location of a reservation shall be determined as follows:

(1) Reservations shown on the Official Map which are shown as constituting an entire property shall be the same size and the same location as that of the property designated on the Official Map.

(2) Reservations shown on the Official Map which are shown as constituting only a portion of a property shall be sized and located based on the approximate size and location of the designation as shown on the
(3) Reservations shown on the Map as corridors or rights-of-way, such as bicycle/pedestrian ways or streets, shall be of a sufficient width to allow for the designated purposes. Rights-of-way for streets shall be in conformance with Chapter 177, Streets and Sidewalks, and bicycle/pedestrian ways shall be at least five feet wide for pedestrian ways or 10 feet wide for off-street bicycle ways, plus a buffer on both sides of the path which would amount to a twenty-foot wide easement or right-of-way.

(4) At the Council's discretion, the size and/or location may deviate from the requirements listed above if it determines that the new size and/or location will allow sufficient size and access for the proposed public use and that new size and/or location will meet the intent of the reservation.

B. Public access. Public access shall be granted for all reservations shown on the Map except for those properties designated as "riparian buffers" on the Official Map. The Council may require public access as part of the acquisition of riparian buffers shown reserved on the Official Map if one of the following conditions is met:

(1) The tract of land in question is proposed to be subdivided, as defined in Chapter 180, Subdivision of Land, into four or more lots, or

(2) The tract of land in question is proposed for a land development as defined in Chapter 180, Subdivision of Land.

C. Bicycle/pedestrian ways. The Official Map shall designate bicycle/pedestrian ways to be located and provided for as follows:

(1) Those bicycle/pedestrian ways designated as within the right-of-way or public utility easement shall be located within said right-of-way or easement. No land shall be acquired from individual property owners unless there are physical site constraints, in which case the acquisition of additional right-of-way for the bicycle/pedestrian way shall be necessary and permitted.

(2) Those bicycle/pedestrian ways designated as on private property shall require the acquisition of such land necessary from those properties reserved on the Official Map. The location of the acquired land shall be similar to that shown on the Official Map.

(3) Those bicycle/pedestrian ways designated as undetermined shall be located in a manner that limits the need for acquiring private property. Preference shall be given to routes that are within or directly adjacent to rights-of-way and shall be located as to limit the impact to private property as much as possible.

D. Exemptions. Any modifications to a single-family house involving actions listed in § 133-11A which constitute an addition of 25% or less area of the structure or impervious coverage shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter. The percentage increase shall be measured from the area existing at the time of adoption of the College Township Official Map.

§ 133-12 Reservation period.

The College Township Council shall fix the time for which streets and public grounds shown on the Official Map shall be deemed reserved for future taking or acquisition for public use. The reservation for public grounds including riparian buffers shall lapse and become void after the owner of such property has submitted a written notice to the Council announcing his intentions to build, subdivide or otherwise develop the land covered by the reservation, or made formal application for an official permit to build a structure for private use unless the College Township Council shall have acquired the property or begun condemnation proceedings to acquire such property before the end of the following reservation periods as measured from the date of the written notice or made formal application to the Township:
A. Single-family houses. The reservation period for any action which requires a driveway permit, building/zoning permit and/or a zoning change of use permit for a single-family house shall be 90 days unless exempt pursuant to § 133-11D.

B. Land development, subdivisions, conditional use permits. The reservation period for any action which requires land development and/or subdivision approval pursuant to Chapter 180 of the College Township Code or conditional use permit pursuant to Chapters 86, 87 and 88 of the College Township Code shall be one year.

§ 133-13 Effect of Official Map on mapped streets and other public grounds.

The adoption of any street or street lines as part of the Official Map shall not, in and of itself, constitute or be deemed to constitute the opening or establishment of any street nor the taking or acceptance of any land for street purposes, nor shall it obligate College Township to improve or maintain any such street. The adoption of proposed watercourses or public grounds as part of the Official Map shall not, in and of itself, constitute or be deemed to constitute a taking or acceptance of any land by College Township.

§ 133-14 Release of damage claims or compensation.

A. Any releases or agreements, when properly executed by the College Township Council and the owner and recorded, shall be binding upon any successor in title.

B. The College Township Council may designate any of its agencies or Township Solicitor to negotiate with the owner of land under the following circumstances:

1. Whereon reservations are made;
2. Whereon releases of claims for damages or compensation for such reservations are required; or
3. Whereon agreements indemnifying the College Township Council from claims by others may be required.

Article IV

Adoption and Amendment

§ 133-15 Procedure.

Prior to the adoption of any survey of existing or proposed public streets, watercourses or public grounds as the Official Map or part thereof, or any amendments to the Official Map, the College Township Council shall refer such surveys and amendments to the College Township Planning Commission, the Centre Regional Planning Commission and the Centre County Planning Commission for review. The Commissions shall report their recommendations on said proposed Official Map, part thereof or amendment thereto within 45 days unless an extension of time shall be agreed to by the College Township Council. If, however, the Planning Commission(s) fails to act within 45 days, College Township Council may proceed without its recommendations. Centre County and adjacent municipalities may offer comments and recommendations during said forty-five-day review period. Local authorities, park boards, environmental boards and similar public bodies may also offer comments and recommendations to College Township Council or Planning Commission if requested by same during the said forty-five-day review period. Before voting on the enactment of the proposed Official Map, part thereof or amendment thereto, the College Township Council shall hold a public hearing thereon after giving public notice of such hearing.

§ 133-16 Recording.

Following adoption of the chapter and Official Map, or part thereof or amendment thereto, a copy of same, verified by the College Township Council, shall be submitted to the Recorder of Deeds of Centre County and shall be recorded within 30 days of the effective date. The fee for recording and indexing ordinances and amendments shall be paid by College Township and shall be in the amount prescribed by law for the recording of ordinances by the Recorder of Deeds.
§ 133-17 Amendment by subdivision plan.
After adoption of the Official Map or part thereof, all streets, watercourses and public grounds on final
recorded subdivision and land development plans which have been duly approved by the College Township
Council shall be deemed amendments to the Official Map. Notwithstanding any other terms of this chapter,
no public hearing need be held or notice given if the amendment of the Official Map is the result of the
addition of a plan which has been duly approved by the College Township Council.

Article V
Violations, Penalties and Appeals

§ 133-18 Notice of violation.
Whenever any person, partnership or corporation shall have violated the terms of this chapter, the College
Township Manager shall cause a written notice to be served upon the owner, applicant, developer, property
manager or other person responsible for the property or the violation, directing him to comply with all the
terms of this chapter within seven days or such additional period, not to exceed 30 days, as the Manager shall
decide reasonable, and further the Manager shall give notice to the owner, applicant, developer, property
manager or other person responsible for the property or the violation that if the violation is not corrected,
College Township may correct the same and charge the landowner or other persons responsible the cost
thereof plus penalties as specified herein for failure to comply. Such notice may be delivered by the United
States Postal Service, first class, postage prepaid, or by certified or registered mail; or by personal service; or,
if the property is occupied, by posting notice at a conspicuous place upon the affected property.

§ 133-19 Violations and penalties.
Any person, partnership or corporation who fails to comply with this chapter within the period stated in the
notice of the Manager shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be sentenced
to pay a penalty as set forth by resolution by the College Township Council. Each and every day of continued
violation shall constitute a separate violation.

A. In the event that the owner, developer, occupant, applicant, property manager or other person
responsible fails to comply with the terms of this chapter within the time specified by the Manager,
College Township may take any actions necessary to correct the violation. The costs for correction of
the violation shall be in addition to any penalties for violations for failure to comply.

B. In addition to the fines for violations, costs and penalties provided for by this section, College Township
may institute proceedings in courts of equity to prevent, restrain, correct or abate such building,
structure or land or to prevent in or about such premises any act, conduct, business or use constituting a
violation.

C. The cost for removal, fines and penalties hereinabove mentioned may be entered by College Township
as a lien against such property in accordance with existing provisions of law or may be collected by
action in assumpsit.

§ 133-20 Appeals.
Any appeal from a decision or action of the College Township Council or of any officer or agency of College
Township in matters pertaining to this chapter shall be made in the same manner and within the same time
limitation as is provided for zoning appeals in Article X of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code,
as amended.

Article VI
Definitions

§ 133-21 Word usage.
For the purposes of this chapter, certain terms and words used herein shall be interpreted as follows:
A. Words used in the present tense include the future tense; the singular number includes the plural, and the plural number includes the singular; words of masculine gender include feminine gender, and words of feminine gender include masculine gender.

B. The word "includes" or "including" shall not limit the term to the specific example, but is intended to extend its meaning to all other instances of like kind and character.

C. The word "person" includes an individual, firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company, corporation or any other similar entity.

D. The words "shall" and "must" are mandatory; the words "may" and "should" are permissive.

E. The words "used or occupied" include the words "intended, designed, maintained or arranged to be used or occupied."

§ 133-22 Terms defined.

Unless a contrary intention clearly appears, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given in this section. All words and terms not defined herein shall be used with a meaning of standard usage.

ACTIVE RECREATION AREAS

Public grounds which would be used for the purposes of providing for activities such as sports, walking, running, biking and play areas. For the purposes of the Official Map, active recreation areas would be parks that are envisioned to be improved to build facilities such as playgrounds and sports fields/courts.

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN WAYS

A pathway used for the purposes of providing travel options for bicyclists and/or pedestrians. For the purposes of the Official Map, bicycle and pedestrian ways shall be implemented as easements or through fee simple ownership and typically will be 20 feet wide if not adjacent to an existing right-of-way such as a street.

BUILDING

A structure, including any part thereof, having a roof and used for the shelter or enclosure of persons or property.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT

A. A nonpossessory interest in whole or part of real property imposing limitations or affirmative obligations, the purposes of which include retaining or protecting natural, scenic, or open space values of real property.

EASEMENT

A nonpossessory interest in whole or part of real property imposing limitations or affirmative obligations, the purposes of which stated in the easement in the form of a document recorded with the Recorder of Deeds of Centre County.

NATURAL/PRESERVATION AREAS

Public grounds reserved on the Official Map for the purpose of preserving or protecting environmentally sensitive areas, scenic vistas or to provide open space. For the purposes of the Official Map, natural/preservation areas are envisioned to remain unimproved and provide for passive recreation activities such as hiking or mountain biking.

PUBLIC

Owned, operated or controlled by a government agency.
PUBLIC ACCESS
A means of physical approach to and through a property made available to the general public.

PUBLIC GROUNDS
A. Parks, playgrounds and other public areas.
B. Sites for schools, sewage treatment, refuse disposal and other publicly owned or operated facilities.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice published once each week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality. Such notice shall state the time and place of the hearing and the particular nature of the matter to be considered at the hearing. The first publication shall be not more than 30 days nor less than 14 days from the date of the hearing.

RESERVATION
A tract of land or portion of which is demarcated for public benefit on the College Township Official Map and thus is considered reserved for the purposes of this chapter. Reservations on the College Township Official Map include active recreation areas, natural/preservation areas, riparian buffers, bicycle/pedestrian ways and roads.

RIGHT-OF-WAY
A corridor of land set aside for use, in whole or in part, by a street. The surface of and space above and below any real property in the Township of College in which the Township has a regulatory interest, or interest as a trustee for the public, as such interests now or hereafter exist, including, but not limited to, all streets, highways, avenues, roads, alleys, sidewalks, tunnels, viaducts, bridges, skyways, bike path, shared-use path or any other public place, area or property under the control of the Township, and any unrestricted public or utility easements established, dedicated, platted, improved or devoted for utility purposes but excluding lands other than streets that are owned by the Township. The phrase "in the right(s)-of-way" means in, on, over, along, above and/or under the right(s)-of-way.

RIPARIAN BUFFER
A portion of land adjacent to a body of water which is used to filter stormwater runoff, shade and cool streams, and stabilize stream banks or shorelines. Riparian buffers consist of natural elements, such as trees, shrubs and grasses, and can be used for the purposes of the Official Map as a conservation easement or to allow public access or both.

STREET
A street, avenue, boulevard, road, highway, freeway, parkway, lane, alley, viaduct and any other ways used or intended to be used by vehicular traffic or pedestrians. A strip of land or part thereof within the right-of-way, whether dedicated or not, that is intended or used for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The phrase "in the (a) street(s)" means in, on, over, along, above and/or under the (a) street(s).

TOWNSHIP
The Township of College. County of Centre, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WATERCOURSE
A stream of surface water, including river, stream, creek or run, whether or not intermittent.

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Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority

January 6, 2023 – special meeting

Approved Change Order #2 in the amount of $34,500 to Musco Lighting.

Approved Change Order #3 in the amount of $8,000 to Musco Lighting.

Authorized retainage of 10% of the remaining balance due to Musco Lighting, Inc. In the amount of $20,424 until final testing and acceptance of the installation takes place.

Discussed bid results for the Millbrook Marsh Spring Creek Education Building Phase 2 fire protection system.

Discussed technical corrections to contracts for the Millbrook Marsh Spring Creek Education Building Phase 2 and Welcome Pavilion.

Discussed the RFP for project manager for Whitehall Road Regional Park and Millbrook Marsh Spring Creek Education Building.

January 19, 2023

Annual reorganization meeting.

Authority Chair is Kathy Matason (College Township), Vice Chair is Bill Keough (Ferguson Township), Secretary is Cindy Solic (Patton Township) and Treasurer is Tom Daubert (State College Borough).

Appointed representatives to the Parks Governance Special Committee, Kathy Matason (College Township) and Gretchen Brandt (State College Area School District).

Approved the meeting schedule for regular Authority meetings, which will continue to occur on the third Thursday of each month at 12:15 pm, COG General Forum Room February through April and October through December; Circleville Park, Pavilion #4 in May, Homestead Park Pavilion in June, Blue Spring Park Pavilion in July, Orchard Park Pavilion in August, Haymarket Park Pavilion in September.

Approved the meeting schedule for special Authority meetings, generally for the approval of change orders related to Whitehall Road Regional Park, Millbrook Marsh Spring Creek Education Building Phase 2 and Welcome Center, as follows: February 3, March 3, March 31, and May 5, 2023, 9:00 am, COG General Forum Room.

Approved meeting with the Parks Capital Committee at 12:15 pm in the COG General Forum Room on April 13, July 13, and October 12, 2023.
Approved the bid for Contract No. 2 – Automatic Fire Protection Construction by Rowe Sprinkler Systems, Inc. with a base bid of $17,800 and authorized that the Notice of Intent to Award this bid be issued.

Authorized amendments to contracts for Millbrook Marsh Spring Creek Education Building Phase 2 and Welcome Pavilion for the following contractors: J.C. Orr & Sons, Inc., K&K Plumbing Co., Inc., W.C. Eshenaur & Son, and Stelco, Inc. Amendments were for clarification and technical corrections and were reviewed by the solicitor.

Discussed the project manager request for proposal for Whitehall Road Regional Park and Millbrook Marsh Spring Education Building and Welcome Center.

Discussed establishing a parks foundation which was one of the recommendations that was made by the consultant for the Comprehensive Study. This will be a very deliberate process requiring research. Authority members will meet with various existing entities, such as Centre Foundation, the Schlow Library Foundation, etc.

February 3, 2023 – special meeting

Authorized the agreement between Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority and the Contractor, Rowe Sprinkler Systems, Inc. For the Millbrook Marsh Spring Creek Education Building fire protection system with a base bid of $17,800.

Tabled discussion on clarification on Whitehall Road Regional Park Phase I change order and payment authorization activity.

Approved Change Order #1 for Leibold, Inc. In the amount of $2,999.16.

Authorized payment to James A. Koppenhaver, PE, for invoices #25370, #25495, and #25901 with a combined amount of $1,649.00.

Authorized payment to Centre Region Parks and Recreation Parks Maintenance for invoice #6841 in the amount of $203.92.

Discussed the recent meeting of the Whitehall Road Construction Team with the full construction crew on January 24, 2023.

Discussed the updated Table 1 and Table A for tracking construction costs at Whitehall Road Regional Park.

Next scheduled regular meeting is February 16, 2023, 12:15 pm, in the COG General Forum Room. Next scheduled special meeting is March 3, 2023, at 9:00 am, in the COG General Forum Room.
Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority Work Session

Next scheduled meeting is March 16, 2023, 10:00 am, in the COG General Forum Room.

COG Parks and Recreation Governance Special Committee

Meeting scheduled for January 25, 2023, was cancelled.

Next scheduled meeting is February 22, 2023, 8:30 am, COG General Forum Room (hybrid)

Coordination Team for Whitehall Road Regional Park and Millbrook Marsh Phase 2

Meets as needed to discuss progress. Team consists of COG Parks and Recreation Director, COG Executive Director, COG Facilities Manager, COG Finance Director, Project Manager, representative from COG General Forum, and CRPR Authority Chair.

COG Finance Committee, COG Executive Committee, and General Forum – I have been attending, via Zoom, the meetings of Finance and Executive in order to keep abreast of developments relating the Authority activities. I attend General Forum meetings when needed as they generally occur on evenings when I have an ongoing prior commitment.

College Township Council and Planning Commission - I am attending College Township Planning Commission and College Township Council meetings when agenda items are related to Parks and Recreation.

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Boardwalk Feasibility Working Group

Next scheduled meeting is TBD

COG Parks Capital Committee (joint meeting with the Authority)

Next scheduled meeting is April 13, 2023, 12:15 pm, COG General Forum Room

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee

Next scheduled meeting is March 15, 2023, 4:00 pm, Spring Creek Education Building
Prepared by Kathy Matason
College Township
Parks and Recreation Report

Date: 01/07/2023  Park Name: Dalevue
Park Rep: Schulte

Report:
The park identification signs at the Goldfinch and Mayberry entrances have been removed.

Maintenance Issues:
College Township
Parks and Recreation Report

Date: 01/07/2023   Park Name: Oak Grove
Parks Rep: Schulte

Report

The broken swing chain has been repaired, THANK YOU!
The tot-swing chain has been fixed. THANK YOU!

Maintenance Issues:

(2023-01-07)
Please repair park bench with broken vinyl and rusted frame.
If not repairable, please advise so that it can be added to the Five-year Plan.
Date: Feb 8, 2023
Park Name: Spring Creek

Parks Rep: Simpson

Report: Damage to ball field at end of January caused by vehicle.

Maintenance Issues: Under police investigation.
February 1, 2023

Ms. Judi Sittler
108 Gaslight Circle
State College PA 16801

Dear Judi,

At their January 3, 2023, Reorganization Meeting, College Township Council authorized your re-appointment to the College Township Parks and Recreation Committee for another five-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

On behalf of the College Township Council, we extend our appreciation for the expansive time and effort you dedicate to the betterment of the area’s parks.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Snyder, CGA
Executive Assistant

cc: College Township Parks & Rec Comm.
CRPRA
February 1, 2023

Mr. Earl Moore
1255 Oak Ridge Avenue
State College PA 16801

Dear Earl,

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Sincerely,

[Signature]
Jennifer Snyder, CGA
Executive Assistant

cc: College Township Parks & Rec Comm.
    CRPRA
Centre Region Policy for the Operation of E-Bikes on Shared Use Paths

The Centre Region’s elected officials took action at the May 23, 2016 General Forum meeting to amend the Centre Region Bike Plan to allow e-bikes, as defined by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in Act 154 of 2014, to operate on the Centre Region’s shared use paths.

What is an electric bike?

Battery  
Power controls & Gear shifts  
Motor (Hub or Chain drive)

Pennsylvania Act 154 of 2014 amended the definition of pedal cycle to include pedal cycle with electric assist and defined a pedal cycle with electric assist as follows:

A vehicle weighing not more than 100 pounds with two or three wheels more than 11 inches in diameter, manufactured or assembled with an electric motor system rated at not more than 750 watts and equipped with operable pedals and capable of a speed not more than 20 miles per hour on a level surface when powered by the motor source only. The term does not include a device specifically designed for use by persons with disabilities.

This allows pedal cycles with electric assist (e-bikes) to operate as bikes throughout the Commonwealth. Informational Flyer: Is My E-Bike Legal in PA?

The majority of the Region’s shared use paths are signed “No Motorized Vehicles” as a condition of federal funding. However, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provides an exception for electric bicycles when State or local regulations permit.

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PA Bicycle Driver's Manual

State College Borough Bicycling Info

Penn State University Bicycling Info