THOMPSON WOODS PRESERVE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
4:00 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, this meeting will be held at 1481 E. College Avenue, State College PA, 16801, 1st Floor Conference Room. To attend virtually, please see the information below.

To Attend the LIVE Meeting Via Zoom on Computer or Smart Phone:
• Click HERE to REGISTER for the meeting via Zoom. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

To Attend the LIVE Meeting Via Phone:
• Dial +1 646 558 8656  ●  Meeting ID: 843 5416 6049  ●  Passcode: 543211

* Click here for detailed instructions on how to participate via zoom.

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 agenda items and for items not on the agenda, written public comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon the day of the meeting by emailing mbloom@collegetownship.org.

THOMPSON WOODS PRESERVE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

CALL TO ORDER:

REORGANIZATION: Interim Chair will call for nominations for the following officer positions:
o  Chair – Bill Keough served as Chair in 2023
o  Vice Chair – Earl Moore served as Vice Chair in 2023

OPEN DISCUSSION: - For any item not on this agenda, please:
- Limit comments to five minutes
- Provide the who, what, where and why
- Ask to add your topic to this or a future agenda, if needed

CONSENT AGENDA: CA-1 January 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS: OB-1 Survey Update

NEW BUSINESS: NB-1 Preserve Maintenance Discussion

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 4:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT:
ATTENDED BY: Bill Keough, Chair
Earl Moore, Vice Chair
Eric Silver
Charles Fisher

STAFF: Mike Bloom, College Township

PUBLIC: Ryan Reynolds

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Keough called to order the January 10, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Thompson Woods Preserve – Governance Committee at 4:02 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS:

There was a round of introductions for all in attendance.

PUBLIC OPEN DISCUSSION:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A minor edit pertaining to meeting room location was offered on the minutes. Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the December 13th meeting minutes as revised, Mr. Silver seconded. Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: OB-1 Survey of Stakeholders

The Committee reviewed the latest update to the survey and the following revisions were offered:

- Add “other” to affiliations
- Include a subcategory under Advisory Committee to indicate who they represent.

The Committee felt electronic distribution of the survey would be best and that the Committee should try to control the distribution points as much as possible. The Committee discussed Mr. Bloom’s recommendation to roll out distribution in two phases. The first phase would be to the
Governance and Advisory Committee member with the intent to test the survey and gather input. The second phase would be to Municipal Elected Officials and Staff. Mr. Bloom will contact the respective municipal managers to determine which staff members should receive the survey. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the distribution plan, Mr. Fisher seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

In addition to the survey, the Committee felt a cover memo/email offering guidance on completing the survey would be in order. This memo should include a link to the videos of Mr. Keough’s presentations to each of the Councils and outline the covenants. Mr. Bloom will

NEW MEETING:
Mr. Bloom noted that the next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2024 and would be the Committee’s reorganization meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:
Chair Keough accepted a motion from Mr. Silver to adjourn the January 10, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Thompson Woods Preserve – Governance Committee, which was seconded by Mr. Moore. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Mike Bloom
College Township Assistant Manager
The intent of this message is to transmit a survey site to key stakeholders of the Thompson Woods Preserve property. The survey is seeking input that may inform the future approach to management and maintenance of the property.

In addition to the survey, this site provides a wealth of pertinent information on the Preserve, including its history, the property covenants and mapping, that should be reviewed and used to help inform your responses to the survey.

**Background:**
In 2023, College Township and State College Borough entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement that established a new governance structure for the jointly owned Preserve property. This new structure consists of two committees, Governance and Advisory, which are collectively tasked with providing proactive stewardship of the Preserve through more formal and consistent management oversight.

**Overview Presentations:**
Mr. Bill Keough, Thompson Woods Preserve Governance Committee Chair, updated the respective Councils of both College Township and State College Borough on the early progress of the new governance structure during the Fall of 2023. To view those presentations, please click on the links below:

- [10-5-23 College Township Council (presentation begins at 2:18)](#)
- [10-16-23 State College Borough Council (presentation begins at 6:48)](#)

In addition to the overview, these presentations extended some broad questions to the Councils and noted that a formal survey of stakeholders would be forthcoming.

**Next Steps & Schedule:**
Stakeholders are asked to complete the survey by **no later than March 15, 2024**. The responses to the survey will be received and reviewed by the Committees, with the results being shared with the respective Councils of both College Township and State College Borough soon thereafter.

**Questions:**
Any questions on the survey or the information provided on the site should be directed to the following:

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