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**DATE:** November 10, 2021  
**TO:** Recreation Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Susan Wheeler, Public Works Project Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Meeting Location: Zoom

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Our agenda for the Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. is as follows:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Enclosed are the minutes from the October Recreation Advisory Committee, which should be reviewed and accepted.

3. **INTRODUCTION**

Ms. Alexandra Castrechini, the Township Engineer, will be now attending the RAC meetings. Ms. Wheeler will introduce Ms. Castrechini.

4. **GREEN HOLLOW PARK HISTORICAL/EDUCATIONAL BOARD**

Mr. Mumma has asked if he could sponsor/fund the design and installation of an historical/educational board about the existence of a charcoal pit/iron furnace that was once located in the Sara Godbey Tot Lot section of Green Hollow Park.

At the October 19, 2021 RAC meeting, the Committee asked Ms. Wheeler to investigate the potential location of historical features in Green Hollow Park with the Centre County Historical Society and the Park Ranger at Greenwood Furnace.

Ms. Wheeler will provide an update on the information found to date.

**5. GREEN HOLLOW PARK ACCESS PATHS**

A resident in Park Forest Village living on Sierra Lane asked Staff about the access paths that lead into Green Hollow Park from Sierra Lane and Park Lane. There are two (2) access paths on Sierra Lane and one (1) on Park Lane.

Historically, these 15' wide access paths have been maintained by the adjacent property owner(s) and they are meant to be kept open and clear so that residents can access the park in locations other than the main entry points on Park Forest Avenue and Sierra Lane. A map is provided.

The existing conditions of the access paths are as follows:

- One (1) access path is mowed and kept free of any plantings,
- One (1) access path is mowed and leads to the park but “dead-ends” in vegetation so there is no path that leads directly into active parkland,
- One (1) access path has a tree and plantings that obscure the entrance to the path from the roadway so it is difficult for residents to know that the access path exists. The path is mowed and leads into the park and connects to one wooded trail that leads into active parkland. However, in addition to this connected path, a property owner has developed a network of paths that are encroaching into the immediate area behind another property owner.

This property owner would like to know how this access path and the developing network of paths behind his home could be better managed.

The Committee should discuss possible immediate solutions and a discuss a long-term plan to keep these access paths open for use.

**6. SCOTIA ROAD SHARED USE PATH SCOPING STUDY/ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS**

The Circleville Road Bike Path was completed in 2015, and the Gray's Woods Shared Use Path was completed in 2019. These two shared use paths are within close proximity but are not connected to each other in the area of Scotia Road (map attached).

Wilson Consulting Group (WCG) designed the Circleville Road Bike Path and in 2014 WCG provided the Township with designs for three (3) alternatives to connect the Circleville Road Bike Path to Gray's Woods Boulevard. No action was taken on any of the proposed routes and nothing has been constructed.

In 2019 ELA Group was retained to complete an alternatives analysis for the Circleville Road and Scotia Road intersection which resulted in the implementation of a 3-way stop sign solution. The 3-way stop has been in place since 2019.

The formally adopted “*Patton Township Parks and Pedestrian/Bicycle Path Plan 2020-2019*” identifies five (5) projects of high importance. One of those projects is the Scotia Road Shared Use Path Connector.

An RFP has been prepared. It is planned that a professional design firm will be retained and this study will be completed in 2022.

**7. BERNEL ROAD PARK PHASE 2B DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DCNR) GRANT**

Staff will update the Committee on the Bernel Road Park Phase 2B grant application.

**8. DECEMBER RAC MEETING DATE AND TIME**

The December 2021 RAC meeting is scheduled to be held on December 21, 2021. Historically, the December meeting is held at 12 noon so that the Committee can enjoy a holiday lunch while discussing regular business.

Staff suggests that this date be changed because it is close to the holidays. Also, the Committee should decide if they would like to have a lunch meeting this year.

**9. REGIONAL PARKS ISSUES UPDATE**

Ms. Solic will provide an update.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

cc: Doug Erickson, Township Manager  
Larry Pegher, Finance Director  
Alexandra Castrechini, Township Engineer  
Patton Township Board of Supervisors Members  
Nicole Pollock, Senior Planner, CRPA  
Pam Salokangas, Director, CRPR  
Jim Carpenter, Parks Supervisor, CRPR