

TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

3147 Research Drive • State College, Pennsylvania 16801
Telephone: 814-238-4651 • Fax: 814-954-7642
www.twp.ferguson.pa.us

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 12, 2023, 4:00 P.M.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89447141106>

Meeting ID: 894 4714 1106

Zoom Access Instructions

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. CITIZEN'S INPUT
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- IV. DISCUSSION ON PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR GREENBRIAR-SAYBROOK PARK

Narrative

Upgrade and replacement of the Greenbriar-Saybrook Park playground equipment was identified in the 2022-2027 CIP and approved in the 2023 Operating Budget. Township Engineer Ron Seybert will present three options for playground equipment to the committee, which will provide input and feedback regarding the upgrade.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee *discuss* and *provide comment* on the playground design.

- V. DISCUSSION ON 2024-2028 PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Narrative

The Capital Improvement Plan is a rolling five-year outlook for capital investment projects in the Township. Park Improvements of over \$2500 can be found in this plan. New projects added to this plan are phase 1 projects of both Greenbriar-Saybrook Park and Fairbrook Park. Outstanding projects include Tudek Park Phase III, Cecil Irvin Park Phase II, and Haymarket Park Restrooms. The Committee is asked to review the plan and provide comment. The CIP is presented to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee *provide* feedback on the parks Capital Improvement Plan.

VI. REPORTS

1. Staff Report
2. Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority Report – Mr. Bill Keough

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Ferguson Township Park and Recreation Committee
Thursday, January 12, 2023

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, March 9, 2023
4:00 P.M.**

I. ATTENDANCE

The Parks and Recreation Committee held its regular meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023, via ZOOM in attendance were:

Committee:

Dr. Shawna Doerksen – Chairperson
Tessa Antolick - Vice Chairperson
Jerry Learn
Norris Muth
Bill Keough
Rob DeMayo
Rick Tetzlaff
Doug Miller

Staff:

Jaymes Progar, Assistant Manager
Summer Brown, Recording Secretary

Others in attendance: Brandon Lumbco, Ferguson Township Resident; Randy Hudson, Ferguson Township Resident.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Shawna Doerksen called the Thursday, March 9, 2023 Park and Recreation meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Brandon Lumbco a Ferguson Resident is present tonight. Mr. Lumbco stated that he lives across from an access to Tudek Park. Mr. Lumbco and his wife would like to recommend a soccer rebound wall be placed at Tudek Park. Mr. Lumbco stated there is one located at Circleville for reference. The Lumbco's are willing to make a donation for this project. Mr. Jaymes Progar explained the next steps of this request.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Shawna Doerksen called for a motion to approve the January 12, 2023 minutes with member name amendments; Dr. Norris Muth seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION ON AMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Dr. Shawna Doerksen stated that there has been discussion on moving the Parks Committee meetings to a quarterly meeting/ad hoc if needed. Mr. Progar stated that the Committee can do the following: leave schedule as is and meet whether if there is agenda items, meet quarterly, or move to an ad hoc as needed schedule. Mr. Progar stated that a quarterly meeting would be on a more predictable schedule. Mr. Hudson noted that important items may be missed if the Committee does not meet consistently. Mr. Progar stated that he works closely with staff and has a good understanding of upcoming items. The Committee discussed this topic in length.

Ms. Tessa Antolick made a motion to move meetings to every other month during the same time slot, Dr. Muth seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Progar noted that April meeting will be cancelled and the Parks Committee will meet in May.

2. DISCUSSION ON PARKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN TOUR DATE

Mr. Progar stated that he would like to discuss how the Committee would like to schedule this year's Parks tour. Mr. Progar stated that normally meets for the parks tour during June. Mr. Progar stated that he will put together a list of parks that will be toured. Dr. Muth suggested keeping the parks tour in June. The Committee decided that the parks tour will be held on June 8th at the normal meeting time.

VII. REPORTS

1. **STAFF REPORT** - Verbal Report
2. **CENTRE REGION PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY REPORT – BILL KEOUGH**
Mr. Keough provided the Committee with an update on the soft spot that was located in the roadway for the Whitehall Road Regional Park. Mr. Keough also noted that there is a lack of sports officials in the Centre region.

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Doerksen entertained a motion to adjourn the Thursday, March 9, 2023 Parks and Recreation meeting at 5:00 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ROB DEMAYO, SECRETARY
FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan

PARKS AND RECREATION

The proposed five-year Capital Improvement Program Budget for Parks and Recreation (not including CRCOG) totals **\$2.4 Million or 10% of the Capital Projects Requests**. The following projects are recommended in the upcoming five years.

These projects represent the park improvements to meet the growing needs of the Township's residents and are consistent with the Township's Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan and each of the parks' master plans. The projects are proposed to be paid for through grant funds, parkland fee-in-lieu funds, and general funds. It should be noted that the Township is a partner in the Centre Region Parks and Recreation, Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority, and in the various regional programs offered by the CRCOG. Long-term debt has been issued to renovate and expand the two regional pools and parks. The Township's portion of the repayment is now incorporated into the Township's annual operating costs.

The 2023-2027 CIP includes Suburban Park phase A improvements, Cecil Irvin Park improvements, Tudek Park Phase IIIA, and restroom facilities at Haymarket Park.

The CIP also includes two park master plan updates, Fairbrook and Greenbriar/Saybrook Parks, which may be included in the Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan update scope of work.

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP							
2024 – 2028 CIP CAPITAL EQUIPMENT DETAIL-CASH BASIS							
PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND 34							
34,400,452,750							
Description	Loan/Grant Amount	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	TOTAL
Playground Safety & Updates		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	50,000
Community Orchard Program		10,000					10,000
Park Surveying Program		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000		40,000
Fairbrook Park Phase 1	210,000					420,000	420,000
Greenbriar Saybrook Park Phase 1	185,000				370,000		370,000
GaGa Pit		5,000					5,000
Cecil Irvin Park Phase II	386,000	773,000					773,000
Restroom outside sewer service area in Township Park				50,000			50,000
Haymarket Restroom Facilities		165,000					165,000
Veterans Memorial @ Louis E Silvi Baseball Field	50,000	50,000					50,000
Compost Facility at Meadows Park			5,000				5,000
Tudek Park Phase IIIA			355,000				355,000
Tudek Park Butterfly Garden Observation Deck			50,000				50,000
Tudek Park Playground Replacement				100,000			100,000
Total	831,000	1,023,000	430,000	170,000	390,000	430,000	2,443,000

Strategic Plan Alignment

The Capital Improvement Plan seeks to advance the goals, objectives, and action steps outlined in the Ferguson Township Strategic Plan. Over the next five years, several Strategic Plan items will be accomplished through the proposed expenditures in the Capital Improvement Plan.

2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan

□ **Objective 10.1: Promote environmental and social stewardship in parkland development.**

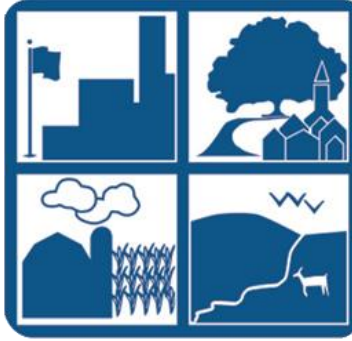
2024	
Playground Safety and Contingency Program	\$10,000
This item provides funding for equipment upgrades and replacements to meet playground safety standards.	
Community Orchard Program	\$10,000
Residents have requested in prior years that the Township install a community orchard at a local park. Several concerns accompany this request, and the staff requires additional time to research and plan for this installation appropriately. This is budgeted as a placeholder for 2024.	
Cecil Irvin Park Phase II	\$775,000
Phase II of Cecil Irvin Park includes a dual-loop trail system, entrance driveway, ADA accessible parking, a pavilion, and connection	
Haymarket Restroom Facilities	\$165,000
The master plan for Haymarket Park includes the construction of restroom facilities. This park is a highly-used, centralized park. Currently, the only Township park where permanent restroom facilities are constructed is Tom Tudek Memorial Park. This estimate represents the cost of a two-stall turnkey restroom.	
Park Surveying Program	\$10,000
This is a continuation of the park surveying program. Parks that will be surveyed in 2024 have yet to be identified and will depend on priorities and the ability of staff to complete any work in-house.	
Veterans Memorial at Louis E. Silvi Baseball Field	\$50,000
This appropriation is to install a memorial to honor military veterans at the Louis E. Silvi Baseball Complex. The request was submitted by the Louis E. Silvi Foundation to honor Mr. Silvi's service and commitment to remembering veterans' sacrifices from all branches. The funding for this installation is planned to come from the Louis E. Silvi Foundation.	
GaGa Ball Pit	\$5,000
Residents requested a GaGa Ball pit in Ferguson Township. GaGa Ball is a dodgeball-type game accessible to all ages and physical abilities and growing in popularity. The permanent installation of a Gaga Ball pit is unique to the Centre Region.	

2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan

2025	
Tudek Butterfly Gardens Observation Deck Design	\$50,000
This is at the request of the board of supervisors to design and install an observation deck at the Tudek Park butterfly gardens. Design is scheduled for 2024 and construction in 2025.	
Compost Facility at Meadows Park	\$5,000
In collaboration with residents, staff recommends the Township designate a compost facility at Meadows Park.	
Tom Tudek Memorial Park Phase IIIA	\$355,000
Completion of Tudek Park Phase 3a includes the construction of two pickleball courts, completion of remaining sidewalk connections, paving the remainder of the parking lot, and associated landscaping and stormwater improvements. Phase IIIA is located on land owned by the Tom Tudek Memorial Trust and is adjacent to the park entrance on Herman Drive.	
Park Surveying Program	\$10,000
This is a continuation of the park surveying program mentioned in 2021. Parks that will be surveyed in 2024 have yet to be identified and will depend on priorities and the ability of staff to complete any work in-house.	
Playground Safety & Update Program	\$10,000
This item provides funding for equipment upgrades and replacements to meet playground safety standards.	
2026	
Park Restroom – Outside Sewer Service Area	\$50,000
This item is to install restroom facility services by a conventional or unconventional treatment system for a park to be designated outside the Centre Region Sewer Service Area.	
Park Surveying Program	\$10,000
This is a continuation of the park surveying program mentioned in 2021. Parks that will be surveyed in 2025 have yet to be identified and will depend on priorities and the ability of staff to complete any work in-house.	
Playground Safety and Contingency Program	\$10,000
This is a continuation of the park surveying program mentioned in 2021. Parks that will be surveyed in 2025 have yet to be identified and will depend on priorities and the ability of staff to complete any work in-house.	
Tom Tudek Memorial Park Playground Replacement	\$100,000
Tudek Park playground was identified as needing replacement in about 2 years according to an inspection report completed in the Fall of 2022. This project is scheduled after the Phase III project to maintain accessibility in the park.	
2027	
Greenbriar-Saybrook Park Phase 1	\$370,000
A master plan for Greenbriar-Saybrook Park was completed in March of 2023. Phase 1 includes ADA parking, trail extensions, bocce court, paver plaza, accessible benches and amenities, bike parking, exercise stations, educational signage, and native landscaping.	

2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan

Park Surveying Program	\$10,000
This is a continuation of the park surveying program mentioned in 2021. Parks that will be surveyed in 2026 have yet to be identified and will depend on priorities and the ability of staff to complete any work in-house.	
Playground Safety & Update Program	\$10,000
This item provides funding for equipment upgrades and replacements to meet playground safety standards.	
2028	
Fairbrook Park Phase 1	\$420,000
A master plan for Fairbrook Park was completed in March of 2023. Phase 1 includes trail extensions, storage shed, landscaping, and stormwater drainage improvements.	
Playground Safety & Update Program	\$10,000
This item provides funding for equipment upgrades and replacements to meet playground safety standards.	



STAFF REPORT

June 8, 2023

1. Work began on Suburban Park Phase 1
2. Still awaiting a decision on Cecil Irvin Park DCNR grant submission. Staff met with DCNR and LWCF to discuss potential funding opportunities.
3. Staff is developing a communications plan to promote National Parks and Recreation Month in July.

