



**Hampshire Township Park District
Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2023**

Call to Order:

At 6:22 p.m. Vice President Herrmann called the meeting to order.

Commissioners Present: Jamie, Herrmann, Tamara Chiu, Meagan Tiffany

Commissioners Absent: Nathan Looman, Jennifer Reid

Staff Present: Laura Schraw- Executive Director, Michael Prill- Recreation Manager

Commissioner Chiu made a motion to approve the agenda with adding item E. Seconded by Commissioner Tiffany. Motion passed 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain.

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Tamara Chiu made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Meagan Tiffany. Motion passed by 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain

Presentation: Executive Director Laura Schraw discussed the original development plan for Dorothy J. Schmidt Park. Executive Director Schraw talked about the proposed new plans to update Dorothy J. Schmidt Park. These new plans include converting the pre-existing shuffleboard court into a pickleball court. This process will include adding concrete, re-surfacing, and fencing around the pre-existing shuffleboard court. Playground equipment is planned to be updated. An ADA compliant surface will be added underneath park exercise park equipment and new fitness equipment is being quoted. Executive Director Schraw also proposed an ADA Gaga Pit to be constructed near the current pavilion on the east side of the park. A quote was received to update the five picnic tables, two in ground tables, three benches, and all pre-existing garbage receptacles. This proposed new plan will keep the disc golf holes in the park and label them as practice as a new 9 hole court is being designed for Seyller Park.

Citizens to be heard: None

Schmidt Park Redevelopment: The board discussed the park design. Commissioner Chiu asked if the shelter on the hill could be used for any other purpose. Executive Director Laura Schraw discussed the financial plan for funding the project. In meeting with financial consultant Aaron Gold, Executive Director Schraw came to the conclusion that it is in the community and Park District's best interest to use the cash value of the potential donated nature area located in the new Kelly Road property. The cash value is believed to match the OSLAD grant money needed to cover the proposed redevelopment of Dorothy J. Schmidt Park.

Resolution of Authorization #2023-07:

Resolution of Authorization #2023-07 Schmidt Park OSLAD Grant: **Motion:** Commissioner Tiffany made a motion to approve the Resolution of Authorization #2023-07 Schmidt Park OSLAD Grant. Seconded by Commissioner Chiu. Motion passed by 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain.

Adjournment: At 6:56 p.m., Commissioner Chiu made a motion to adjourn the Special Board Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Tiffany. Motion passed unanimously.