

Hampshire Township Park District Board of Commissioners Working Meeting Minutes May 5, 2025

I. Call to Order

Jamie Herrmann called the working meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

**Commissioners Present:** Jamie Herrmann, Tamara Chiu, Meagan Tiffany, Jen Reid

Commissioners Absent: Nate Looman

Staff Present: Laura Schraw- Executive Director, Patti Prill-HR/Finance Director

III. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Reid made a motion to approve the agenda with the correction of Coom to Coon. Seconded by Commissioner Chiu. Motion passed 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain.

IV. Citizens to be Heard: Steve Maske

Steve Maske attended the meeting. Mr. Maske thanked the board for all the improvements around the area. He brought up a concern about the bathrooms at Seyller park in regards to the graffiti. He did receive communication from Toby stating clean up would be addressed during the spring when the water could be turned back on. He was wondering what the current plan is to get it cleaned up. Mr. Maske's property sits right behind the bathroom and he is concerned with the number of children that he sees on top of the building. Toby had mentioned to Mr. Maske about the possibility of some fencing to protect that area.

Commissioner Herrmann stated that we do have constant conversations about this damage. ED Schraw stated that there is a plan in place to get a fence put in and we are just waiting for quotes to get that done. She let Mr. Maske know this will be hopefully done in a month or so.

A second concern Mr. Maske brought up was the electric bikes and scooters on the paths at the park. He asked what could be done to try to limit this since they are not allowed. ED Schraw

stated that she can put in a contact with the Chief of police to have the patrols be more vigilant. This is something that the police would be in charge of. Mr. Maske asked if the police could be stationed at times in the vicinity.

## V. Agenda

A. Junior Whips IGA: The draft was shared for commissioners' review. It would require their 501C be dissolved. The park district has helped out somewhat this year with the program so they feel comfortable with this addition. We will review this agreement and vote at the May 19th meeting.

B. Memorial Committee Update: Meg Gara stepped down from her position. ED Schraw is working on finding someone who can freshen up the memorial, but Jan has been helping in the meantime. There have been some more brick pavers purchased. There are some funds available to help with the freshening up.

C. Coon Creek Days: They reached out with their plans for the area for the carnival. They are losing some of the parking area. Carl is asking if they can use our parcel for extra parking. The area they are using has more rocks and not as nice of grass. Coon Creek will also be upping our sponsorship level.

D. Office Update: The framing is up in the office for separate spaces. The 12th & 13th the electric will go in and then the following week the dry wall will be done. Offices have all been switched and it should be done around May 19th. The current phones that we have are no longer being made, so we were only able to get one more phone so there will be enough phones. There will be a room in the basement for storage. We did sign a 10 year agreement with the option to leave sooner if we give a 2 year notice.

VII. Adjournment - Next meeting - May 19, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Commissioner Chiu made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Tiffany. Motion passed Ayes 4, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain.