



Meeting Minutes

Parks and Pathways Committee

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

08:00 am

2870 Jacksmith Ave. SE,

Article 1. Call to Order at 8:01am

- a. Present: Supervisor Lesperance, Chair Reese, Director Zwick, Engineer Thone, John Driscoll, Ryan Bruneau, Sydney Aubert, Jeff Coffey
- b. Absent: Matt Douglas and Bill Otten.

Article 2. Approve Current Agenda

- a. Motion by Bruneau seconded by Driscoll

Article 3. Public Comment (5-minute limit per individual)

- a. Peace Street slated for 2026 resident states his concerns about the paths getting covered by dirt, the Township is looking into this situation.

Article 4. Update from Director Zwick

- a. Leaf season is approaching for the Parks Department
- b. Fall clean up day was Saturday the 18th for Residents
- c. Irrigation systems are currently being blown out
- d. Continuing to sweep paths on the Townships Bike Path system
- e. Parks Department is brush cutting at Burton Park

Article 5. Update from Coordinator Aubert

- a. The Parks Department finished their walking club group for the season it will start again in the Spring of 2026.
- b. October 28th the Parks department will be hosting a Halloween Hustle at Rec Park.
- c. December 6th is the tree lighting at the museum then following Santa will be at the Stonehouse.

Article 6. Update from Engineer Thorne

- a. Burton St. pedestrians crossing is estimated to start for 2026 construction pending approval from MDOT.
- b. Improvement plan for Pathways in 2026 is being reviewed. Currently working on bids for the improvements.

Article 7. Bylaws and committee members

- a. Eileen Boekestein and Bill Otten have resigned from the committee. The committee is currently at 7 members.
- b. The committee is planning to have 7 members serve on the committee in the future years.
- c. Next meeting the committee will decide who wants to stay on the committee or resign.

Article 8. Update on Tassell Park

- a. Design has been progressing on the Tassel Park improvements.
- b. There will be a presentation to the DDA and Township board October 21st, 2025, and October 22nd, 2025 on the Tassell Park project.

- c. Goal is to start some construction in 2026, but permitted areas will likely be starting in 2027

Article 9. Other Comments

- a. Millage needs to be updated for expansion of Parks and Pathways.

Meeting to adjourn, motioned by Bruneau seconded by Driscoll

Meeting adjourned at 8:58am