

Springfield Township
Park and Land Preservation Board

May 11, 2026

Members present: Chairman Frank Hollenbach, Keevin Boyd and Jay Fuggiti

Also present: Jim Nilsen (Supervisor)

F. Hollenbach called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

There were no financial updates nor was there any new information regarding the Hickon Road property.

The **Park and Recreation Management Plan** was reviewed and changes proposed. The updated version will be reviewed at the June 8th meeting and a vote taken to accept it.

Peppermint Park - The Board reviewed correspondence from Tyler Kovacs, a biologist with Heritage Conservatory, who made recommendations regarding the management of Peppermint Park. Based upon his recommendations, the decision was made to mow the field and meadow portions of the park once a year, between 16 September and 31 October allowing for clear weather. Mr. Kovacs also indicated he noticed some mugwort (an invasive plant) in the south east corner of the park.

Upper Bucks Rail Trail – F. Hollenbach reported that the Zion Hill Church conducted a cleanup on the trail on May 2. He will contact the church and extend our appreciation for their efforts. The decision was made for Board members to walk the trail on May 17th and mark trees that need to be taken down. At the March meeting, approval was given to spend up to \$7,500 for tree removal from the Trail.

Zion Hill Trolley Line – J. Fuggiti asked if we had received any feedback from our recent meeting with the Board of Supervisors regarding our priorities. F. Hollenbach indicated we had received no formal response. J. Nilsen indicated the Supervisors were to attend a conference and would be spending time together to discuss their priorities based on input from all Township committees and that we should be getting an official answer in June. He did note that that informal discussions regarding the trolley line plan were very positive and based upon that, F. Hollenbach will reestablish contact with the primary land owner whose property would be needed to establish the trail.

Lime Kiln – An inquiry was made by the local Lions Club as to whether they could install a bench at the Lime Kiln. It was decided that at this time, we would defer that until a comprehensive plan is developed for that location.

Correspondence – An email was received from M. Eddy indicating the EAC would like to apply for a \$15,000 Schuylkill Highlands grant to “revitalize the meadow with native flowers” at Peppermint Park. While not objecting to this, the PLPB believes it would be better used for the Zion Hill Trolley plan. This opinion is based on the fact that the Zion Hill project is actually in the Schuylkill watershed while the park is not.

Other - It was questioned whether we should be seal coating the park parking lot. J. Fuggiti will contact the Township Manager for input regarding this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.