

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Kevin McGovern at 6:33 p.m. at the Kingston Park Pavilion.
2. **Roll Call – Present:** Members: Kevin McGovern, Chairman, Phil Spohn, Vice Chairman, Maia Simon, Jerry Holum, Shaun Yanchuk; **Council Liaison:** Laura Ray; **Staff Liaison:** Carol Schneider; **Absent Member:** Robert Blasko and Niloo Aflatooni; **Absent Council Liaison:** Priscilla deLeon. **Guests:** Christine Seita.
3. **Approval of June 3, 2024 Minutes** - Kevin McGovern: Let's review the minutes. Last month we had Steve visit us, our attorney. Very nice discussion. That was great. Talked a little bit about the QR code idea. I have not yet reached out to Roger. I will do that. We talked about the picture this app., good discussion on that. That point, Jerry recognized Cole for his efforts. That's very nice of him to do. Robert gave an update on the Eagle Scout project at Polk Valley Road. Robert is coming and talk about Eastern ballfield. Jerry gave us a nice update on that. We talked about the Saucon Rail Trail for a bit talk about noninvasive species. Niloo gave us a report this time which will talk about Heritage Day, Movies in the Park, open space comments, I think we closed that out with Springfield resident Park survey. We'll talk about a little bit tonight. So, a motion to approve the minutes?

Maia Simon: Sure, I move second.

Kevin McGovern: So, moving a second? Okay, anyone, everyone?

Phil Spohn: Are these copied from the audio?

Carol Schneider: Well, I mean, not this one, but they will be moving forward.

Kevin McGovern: Okay, all in favor of the minutes, aye. Any objections? So, the minutes stand. Carol, thank you very much for your good work. As always, we appreciate that. We have no actually, we do. We'll put it down at the bottom. We have a request for. On one of our community members that we're going to talk about towards the end, we'll see that under new business park update.

MOTION: Maia

SECOND: Phil, motion passed 5-0 (Robert & Niloo were absent).

4. **Presentations:** None
5. **Citizen Non-Agenda Items:** None
6. **Special Event Applications:** None

Park Updates:

1. **Town Hall (Niloo)** - Kevin McGovern: I have an update from Niloo, who unfortunately could not be here tonight, and she writes on June 2, 2024 I visited the township Hall Park and spent about 30 minutes exploring its various features, including the playground, trail and pavilion, the park was quiet and calm with only one other visitor accompanied by a black dog. It appeared that there had been a recent gathering in the pavilion, as there was fresh ice scattered on multiple places. Trash cans were quite full, despite a few plastic bottles around the park, the overall cleanliness was commendable. To enhance community engagement, we would increase promotion of our parks and the activities they offer on our website more frequently. She has some nice pictures here, so she did a very nice job for us. Picture the ice, if anyone wants to see it, and a nice welcome sign and the pavilion.

Laura Ray: So, I have an update on Town Hall Park that was given to me at the garbage dump. So, a guy that plays basketball says the hoops there are really bad and the backboards are bad. I don't know how hoops get bad. I don't know how hoops get bad, maybe, they get misshaped? So, he said, the hoop is really in bad shape, and so are the backboards. I said, well, good to know, because I don't play basketball.

Phil Spohn: That's the lighted area?

Laura Ray: Yeah, it's kind of is the only place we have basketball.

Phil Spohn: You know, I saw people playing last night at the Township building.

Carol Schneider: Every day. It gets used a lot.

Maia Simon: So, we could make a request, in that case, directly to Roger?

Kevin McGovern: If everybody's okay. I'll be happy to call Roger. Is that what you think?

Maia Simon: That's what I understand. From what Steve said last month.

Laura Ray: I don't know that he necessarily would prepare them, or replace them.

Kevin McGovern: If everybody's okay, I'll be happy to call Roger Monday.

Laura Ray: We need to make sure we have money to replace them.

Maia Simon: Okay, right? So, it'll then have to go Council?

Kevin McGovern: He may decide they don't need to be replaced.

Laura Ray: If you poll the guys that play basketball there...

Phil Spohn: Steve, but my understanding, what I've read from last meeting was, we make a recommendation, we don't have money to spend. So, we have to make a recommendation to have that request, right?

Kevin McGovern: In this, I like your wording, but I don't think it's as much a recommendation. It's just awareness as a citizen. I could call Roger, and I could call him, and I've done it and say, "hey, I see this on the road, or I see this". I see this. It doesn't have to go through a committee meeting, just phones. Hey, Roger, great guy. No, let's just make something happen here. So okay, good report.

2. **Southeastern Park (Kevin)** - Kevin McGovern: I visited southeastern park again, just what I saw in the past. Beautiful, well kept. Didn't see any activity the day I was there, but in really good shape. No major concerns with that.
3. **Steel City (Shaun)** - Kevin McGovern: So, Shaun, Steel City Park things are good?

Shaun Yanchuk: The ballfield needs to be regraded between shortstop, first and second base, because every time it rains, it puddles up, so you need to regrade from shortstop to first in between. Also, the playground area, the rubber tire mulch. Everything's is not graded properly. So, all the rubber tire mulch goes onto the walking path. There's always mulch on the walking path. But otherwise, it's a nice park.

Phil Spohn: When are we visiting that park? I've never been to there.

Carol Schneider: I don't believe it's on the list this year, but it is on the Movies in the Park. Okay, that'll be July. That'll be next month.

Kevin McGovern: Anything else?

Shaun Yanchuk: No.

Kevin McGovern: Appreciate the update.

4. **Polk Valley Park (Robert)** - Kevin McGovern: I know Robert has an update for us on Polk Valley when he comes.

Phil Spohn: I talked with Sebastian today. He said Bob would have lots to tell us. So, I saw it. I went, drove after progression.

Carol Schneider: From what I understand, Sebastian said that the Gaga pit was what is ready to go.

Maia Simon: We've got a lot of ambient noise (she couldn't hear).

Carol Schneider: Roger said that Sebastian didn't build the benches so, I might have to reach out to him to see when they're going to do that.

5. **Kingston Park (Kevin)** - Kevin McGovern: Kingston Park, you're all here. You see what's happening. Beautiful Park. No major issues.

6. **Easton Road Ballfield (Jerry)** - Kevin McGovern: All right, Jerry, I've driven by the ballfield a lot and it looks like it's making progress today.

Maia Simon: I can't hear you, Jerry,

Jerry Holum: Obviously, I said I sent everybody a note, and certainly couldn't pull off and see what was going on here, because they just needed to paving and working on the field.

Maia Simon: Yes, I pulled in and turned around and left because I saw people working.

Jerry Holum: The bleachers are completed. The dugouts in place, but it still needs work. Appendages. The press box is in place. It still needs painting and some other kind of field lights are in place. You can see those. Field lights are in place, but they're still wiring, that's certainly a bigger job. The outfield fence, was about 60% completed, and they're working on that. The retaining walls are completed, and they're painted. I don't know why they painted the walls. It looked like stone, but they painted them blue. The concrete decking is under construction. It's the electrical pants and with sight lighting, that's under construction. It's all netting, if you want, by their subtle towers, netting, posts are in place. The netting is paving that was supposed to start this week. Started today. Here's it's finished. The grading and the sub-grading of the fields are nearly completed, and the topsoil has to be placed on a field distribution where the sockets are in place the original completion date was May 15, but CHL Construction got an extension with a change order, and they got an extension of 71 days. So, the completion date should be July 31 according to the contract, as of today, the price will be a little bit over \$2 million. The sod is the big thing. I'm not quite sure if the completion date that I was given takes into consideration the sod in place or the sod, taking place, right, right. I'm not sure what that date, but according to Hanover Engineer. Really think it's going to be ready for fall baseball.

Kevin McGovern: I guess it all depends on the weather. How much rain you get...

Jerry Holum: What they're going to do for watering, they were going to use there's the fire hydrant from across the street by the church. I think their first plan was to run hoses as they got permission from Bethlehem. But I saw some correspondence that indicated that they're going to bring water trucks in. I'm not sure which direction they're going. Maybe they're just going to fill the trucks up from the fire hydrant, okay, but it's certainly good.

Kevin McGovern: It looks, I haven't walked around, but it looks nice from the road before seeing it all right? Anything else Jerry?

Jerry Holum: No.

7. **Heller Homestead Park (Maia)** - Kevin McGovern: All right, very good Maya, anything on the Heller homestead.

Maia Simon: So, we had Heritage Day, a pretty decent turnout, considering the weather. I failed to take note of whether the broken pavement had been fixed. Did you notice that they made a lump?

Laura Ray: Yeah, so they made it a lump so it's not broken, right?

Maia Simon: Okay, great progress, not perfection. And this is sort of ancillary, but I was manning a table on bugs and birds and native plants, and I was right outside where they were going to see the quilts. And so, everybody that went by I said, you know, I'm talking about trees and bugs and birds, and most people wanted to hear what I had to say, and I had a couple of really significant interactions. Gave away a lot of handouts, but my favorite one was nine-year-old twins, a boy and a girl, and I leaned down to the girl and I said, What's your favorite subject in school? And she said, science. So, I pulled out one of my handouts that was about which species of trees support the most. You know, the Oaks support 557 different kinds of Lepidoptera. Well, they were enthralled. They took one of everything I had that was one of the things that I gave that I gave out. And I was so excited about nine-year-old's, yeah, getting excited about it. And I also had an 88-year-old woman who is much more vigorous and energetic than I am. She's clearly not been chronically ill her whole life. And when I said it's my old age project, she said, well, I think it's going to be mine too.

Kevin McGovern: That sounds like a good event. Yeah, good. That was very nice. That was good. All right. Phil, how's San Diego looking

8. **Sandra Yerger Community Recreation Area & Nature Preserve (Phil)** - Kevin McGovern: Phil, how's Sandra Yerger Community Recreation Area & Nature Preserve looking?

Phil Spohn: I haven't walked in a month because I had knee surgery, but the new sign went up. I don't know if you drove, but you probably Yeah. Switch the name to Sandra Yerger Community Recreation Area & Nature Preserve rather than woodland. It went up before the last meeting, I think it might have went up.

Kevin McGovern: I missed it.

Maia Simon: I want to go back to Kingston Park for a minute, because Carol on the website, it gives us an address on the road where the church is, and you can't find it on GPS, you know, it says I'm there, but there's nothing that says the park. So, I came around. And the name is up here, and that has an address on the that road, Lyman or lane. So, it would be great if I knew there was something I wanted to remember,

Carol Schneider: move the sign? Or?

Maia Simon: No changes on the website to give it that address, the Limpar Lane address, yeah, that's a lot easier than moving the sign.

Carol Schneider: Let's see what we can do. Thank you.

9. **Saucon Rail Trail (Maia/Jerry)** - Kevin McGovern: And how are things on the rail trail these days?

Maia Simon: I haven't been down there, except to look at the garden.

Phil Spohn: I've been down but it's not our section that's the problem, at least I don't think it's our section...

Jerry Holum: It's our section.

Phil Spohn: The only parking lot in Lower Saucon, Reading Road. So, it would be from Reading Road towards Hellertown it's a problem.

Maia Simon: Yeah, it's ours.

Phil Spohn: Where's the boundary of the Rail Trail from Water Street?

Jerry Holum: Borderline is the railroad tresses.

Phil Spohn: Okay, then it's our problem.

Jerry Holum: That's what I brought up the last right. Specifically, what are you talking about?

Phil Spohn: The ash trees that are falling down, people are moving them, but they're still in the way, it doesn't bode well. But people eventually move them. I mean, there's one down there least last week.

Kevin McGovern: Really?

Phil Spohn: Where you had to go around. I mean, the trails this wide, the trees all the way over to here...

Jerry Holum: Yeah, I reported that to Cathy on Monday, are you talking about the one that was just south of Meadows Road, Public Works got. I notified Cathy, I like to get on the trail once a week, I saw that and I wrote a note to Cathy at the township and Public Works took care of it a day or two later.

Phil Spohn: Okay. Now, that's what we should do is call public works?

Jerry Holum: After the presentation last month with Steve, I thought I should go through the chain of command, so Cathy gets it.

Phil Spohn: Okay, good, yeah. Well, I mean, yeah, Cathy.

Jerry Holum: But yeah, you're exactly right.

Phil Spohn: I didn't know. I didn't think that was ours. But if you're saying the river, the river is from there, south for a while.

Jerry Holum: Yeah, if you go south, you'll see, you'll see the market where Upper Saucon takes over.

Phil Spohn: Right, right.

Jerry Holum: They take over. I take over the golf course, would be right? And you see a sign there, the gravel changes, yeah, ours is gravel. Theirs is a paving, right? So, we have the cheaper stuff, it gets dusty that people complain about.

Kevin McGovern: all right, and then.

Jerry Holum: In addition to that, I recorded that, I also, I also reported on my tour yesterday, to the trail I know that and you probably saw before, maybe, maybe you should have seen it. They were, they were ash trees that were over. Yeah, they had broken off. They had broken off part of the front trail. They were like twin trees. They were right next to each other. Now, I notified Cathy of that, as well as the mowing trail side was not done this year, typically, public works does that all right. Public Works has one hell of a schedule. So, you know it's on their bucket list. The other thing I noted to Cathy is the historic sign is down

for the Ehrhart Mill. So. It's coming apart. It needs some it needs some more. Not a lot of work, but it needs some attention. I didn't, I didn't want to fool around with it after Steve's comments, so I didn't do anything. I just reported it. Cathy said she passed it along to Roger. It's on a list.

Jerry Holum: I attended the Rail Trail Oversight Committee. Probably the biggest thing along the trail, if anybody goes that far, is the DeSales University is going to be putting a bridge in at Preston Avenue that will bring traffic sales college onto the trail that's probably going to be finished in early spring of next year, which will be a good thing. Probably the only other thing I, at the Oversight Committee, I talked about I thought there was a need, and I think we talked about it at the last meeting for I call them lean to type of construction along the stock and rail trail that permits bikers and walkers when there's a quick change in weather like we have in the summertime, and it rains downpours, people have someplace to go, shelter just to lead to, not anything extravagant. They thought they weren't in favor of it at that time, because, I don't know, digest this one. They thought it was going to be a home for homeless. The homeless would take over to shelters. I ran into the president at Heritage Day, the president, Eric. I ran into him, and I was talking to him about it. He said I wasn't at that meeting, but I'm going to put it on the agenda at our next meeting, there's some discussion about putting on a lean to you know, their concerns with obviously, privacy is one, but there are places, especially in that area you talked about Phil, that you recognized all those branches, there's an area there, it's isolated from, you know, public residents. So, I'll be attending that, see what happens with the lean to.

Kevin McGovern: And we'll move on.

- 10. Nature Reserve-Invasive Species - Review the Picture This App.** - Maia Simon: First of all, I want to share with you this, I guess it's 60–70-page booklet I've put together with data from DCNR, the State agency about common invasive plants. Let me pass it around so you can see what it is. I will send the link to you. and if you can-do double-sided color at home, you can print it. And if you can't, Carol will ask Cathy if we can print some for us, you know, but if you can do it yourself, great. The thing that needs to be done with the invasive plant inventory. Oh, let me stop Sam VanNorman, wants the Boy Scouts involved in that project, and he runs this summer day camp, and I don't know he's, you know, he's a big wig in all kinds of places like fire department. Did you know he's an EMT? I mean, he's a rising junior and he's an EMT.

Kevin McGovern: I didn't know that. I did know that.

Maia Simon: Anyway, and he's working for me part time and he's wonderful anyway. So, what we need to do is set a date that we can tell the boy scouts that we're going to be there, and we don't all have to be there, you know, if two or three or four of us are there, you know, we can make it happen, and we will part of what will happen there is we will troubleshoot anybody's access to the apps. Okay, so I'm asking us to set a date. I'm having my left hip replaced on Wednesday.

Kevin McGovern: So, you'll be probably be out sometime.

Maia Simon: Well, I don't think it's going to be that long. Nonetheless, if we pick a date, I can get there and sit in the shade and be a resource, you know, while other people are doing things. So, as soon as well, maybe not next weekend, because I'll only be three days post op, but you know, any time after that, on a Saturday or a Sunday, so the people who go to work can join us, unless people would like to pick a work weekday.

Phil Spohn: I can. I'm missing there? Have we established a place?

Maia Simon: Yeah, I want to do the Heller Homestead first and this park next (Kingston Park).

Phil Spohn: I might do that, I'm curious, what will we be doing?

Maia Simon: We are identifying and mapping invasive plants, and yes, we're that's why we're doing it, and once we get a significant block of data that we can extrapolate to the all the 125 acres, or whatever we have in parks, that we can prepare a grant to DCNR, who will pay 80% of the cost to remove them.

Carol Schneider: Maia, do you have the name of the grant? Cathy couldn't find one.

Maia Simon: I will send you the information on the grant, and my hope is to get into the fall grant period so that we can get it into the 2025, budget for the township. And if we don't, it'll go in next year. You know, I mean, I'm not trying to make this hard for anybody. So yes, can we pick a date?

Kevin McGovern: I do not have my calendar with me. I would prefer to do it after work. My weekends are extremely busy. And I don't want to be selfish. If people say, I'm not going to go with that. That's fine too.

Maia Simon: I can do it more than once.

Kevin McGovern: But I want to hear what other people share. If people say I can't do after work, I want to be accommodating.

Maia Simon: I can meet with you after work to get you going.

Phil Spohn: I would say, if this is something that's going to be repeated, yeah, you would have something that's repeatable.

Maia Simon: Yes.

Phil Spohn: So, well, first of all, you want to do a time frame, how much do you want to do? are you two

Maia Simon: Two hours.

Kevin McGovern: Well, so what do people want to do? They want to pick a Saturday. They want to pick a work day. They want to think about it. You've got surgery coming up.

Maia Simon: I'm saying not before the 15th.

Kevin McGovern: So, what are people's thoughts?

Phil Spohn: Do you need to be mobile to walk around and be able to point things out?

Maia Simon: I think that when I'm not that mobile, that I can sit, I can bring my rollator and sit in the shade. And when people have questions about the technology, they can come to me. Or if they have a question about the identification, they can come to me at Hellertown, it's not a big park, you know, I can put myself in the middle pretty much, and by the time we do the next Park, I should be mobile.

Phil Spohn: But right now, what I hear saying, you'd sit there and people would take their phones out and identify plants?

Maia Simon: And do the pin drops. And you know, we would start out with everybody sitting around me looking at their apps and making sure that people knew how to do it, you know, and to make sure that their camera had location services on and then things like that. You know that the first half hour for sure, is going to be shaking out everybody's personal applications on their smart smartphones, you know. And then they'll spread out and if there's a problem, they can come to me, or they can call me, you know, if it's something I can answer on the phone and they don't want to walk, you know.

Phil Spohn: but publicity wise, how's the word getting out?

Maia Simon: We're not ready for that yet, that what we're doing now is proof of concept that somebody besides me can do it right and we might invite some of the Boy Scouts to join us that you know, tell them what to tell Sam what the date is, but we're not going to be reaching out to the public until We have a smooth-running system that is fully documented. You know, I'm I have proof of concept. I've done it

myself. Laura sent me a photograph to see if the location was on it, and it was not. So, the idea that people can just take a picture and send it to me depends entirely on whether their phone is assigning a location to the photograph. So, these are the kinds of things that I want us to work out, and then I can write a manual that says, you know, if it's an iPhone, you go here and you do that. And if it's an Android phone, you go here and you do that, you know? And I will expect to be present anytime people say they want to do it. I mean, the Boy Scouts might get together and say, we want to do it on July 19 or something, and I'll say, Fine, and I'll go. But what we're doing now is test driving the system beyond my own personal use.

Phil Spohn: What happens when you get the pin drop? So, the expectation of this first session is you have a bunch of pin drops.

Maia Simon: They're going to be joining a group so that they're all in the same group, and the pin drops will be in that group, and we will be able to map where those trees and plants are with their GPS location.

Phil Spohn: And is that? Is that through the picture may have

Maia Simon: No that's through pin drop. That part is through, yeah, picture, this is for identification. You and there are other apps for identification that people can use too, that might not cost money, but I haven't used them.

Phil Spohn: I thought government was planting a lot of crown vetch along the highways.

Maia Simon: Yeah, they do, and it's in DCNR as an invasive plant. And I wrote to DCNR a year and a half ago when I was first here, and I was told that PennDOT is their own fiefdom, and they don't have to take direction from anybody else.

Kevin McGovern: So, you've asked for some dates. I can, I'll speak for myself. I can get back to you with some I'll look at my calendar tomorrow and get back to you about. An evening in the next you said, after the 15th, after post 15? Do you folks want to think...

Phil Spohn: Do you want to send it out via email?

Kevin McGovern: I'll send to the group.

Maia Simon: And you know, I don't have any expectation that everybody on the board is going to play this game. But I want everybody to feel welcome and know that,

Phil Spohn: yeah, I know. I hate Japanese knotweed. What it's doing to the Saucon Creek is just, Oh, it's terrible. This stuff is terrible. So, and it's like a lake bamboo. I mean, it gets so it's just nothing can grow.

Maia Simon: One of the things about this is they have how to control the thing. So, some of them are three pages long.

Kevin McGovern: Yeah, so that that's nice. Okay, very good. So, we got our park updates done. Thank you very much. So, we got our park updates done. Thank you very much.

7. Event Updates:

- 1. Movies in the Parks** - Kevin McGovern: Events. We have movies in the parks. Thank you. Two to three volunteers needed and Carol the dates not it's going to be there the 21st of the 28th.

Carol Schneider: It will more likely be on the 28th.

Phil Spohn: The 19th is good. I can commit to the 19th.

Maia Simon: July, 19th?

Carol Schneider: Unfortunately, I'm at the mercy of the gentleman who donates the LED screens, and right now he can't commit to be determined. So, I have a backup plan. I have enough in donations that I will be purchasing a movie screen that is 24 feet, and a projector, so that I can go ahead and I can confirm dates for the public.

Kevin McGovern: And when you say, buy. Is that's yours, or is that the Township?

Carol Schneider: the township.

Jerry Holum: 24 ft? Wow.

Phil Spohn: It's outside.

Carol Schneider: the LED screens are way bigger than that. Yeah, beautiful.

Maia Simon: So, I'm happy to attend one or both of those when we make the dates are firmed up.

Kevin McGovern: I'd like to do the same. You'll let us know via email.

Maia Simon: Well, so, here's the deal, guys, and you're doing something by email, you have to send Kevin a text telling him to go look for it.

Kevin McGovern: There you go. That's a good idea.

Maia Simon: Because he doesn't email.

Carol Schneider: I'm the only one I have, more than likely have to get somebody from public works, so that'll be

Kevin McGovern: So, we're just participating, just to be there?

Carol Schneider: I've been giving out things, making popcorn, but if I don't have enough volunteers, that popcorn is going to be the first to go.

Kevin McGovern: Now we have to have popcorn. No,

Carol Schneider: I get I get treats for the kids and bags. I'll just get bagged popcorn versus,

Maia Simon: I absolutely am prepared to do that.

Laura Ray: Is there enough plug-in power for us?

Carol Schneider: Well, it depends. Polk Valley doesn't have electricity, so we can bring a generator. We may have one or two at the township. So, it all depends on the park. But volunteers are the most important.

Kevin McGovern: We will if you would send us out, I think some of us would love to attend. Yeah. Jerry, good.

Jerry Holum: Yeah, you're looking for a number three, I'll be happy to help.

Kevin McGovern: yeah, the 28th is going be hard, but the other ones, here. Okay, let's see how it goes. It's a very nice thing,

8. New Business:

1. **Polk Valley Stairs Request** - Kevin McGovern: Alright, we have some new business. I have a letter here. Did everyone get this? Yeah, everyone got letter run great from a Jennifer Andrews asking for steps on Polk Valley Park. I thought the letter was very well done. Seems like a reasonable request. I also have a letter from our acting town manager, Kathy, asking us to two questions, do we support the idea. And then number two is, where do we think would be the best place to install the stairs?

Maia Simon: So, Bob isn't here. He's our Polk Valley guy, and they want to

Phil Spohn: incorporate into a five-year plan. So, I think it's smart. Smart, but doesn't it trigger the need for ramps?

Laura Ray: That's what I was thinking when they said, ADA.

Phil Spohn: yeah, I think you've got to do ramps.

Carol Schneider: And that's hard going up that side of the mountain.

Phil Spohn: It's not easy at that location. I'm sure there had to be a reason why there was somebody requesting this.

Carol Schneider: I guess there was a coach who sent the information, but there was somebody one of the teams that injured her ankle, either going up or coming down.

Kevin McGovern: So, I think what we're being asked to do is, do we support the idea?

Maia Simon: Yes. Okay,

Kevin McGovern: That's no, you don't. You want to speak to it Sean?

Shaun Yanchuk: It's been working so far, this long, I mean there's access all around the parks, my kid plays baseball there...

Phil Spohn: You come in a different parking, a different spot.

Laura Ray: I'm not too familiar with it. You know what 4-A field is? I wouldn't even know.

Maia Simon: I don't either.

Phil Spohn: I mean the real steep one, you can park where the Gaga pit is and walk right in almost the ground level, but if you park up top, then you got then you got an issue.

Maia Simon: So why don't we? Can we table this till next month and the rest of us can go look at it first.?

Kevin McGovern: That's reasonable.

Phil Spohn: I'm sure it's going to trigger ADA stuff; you're going to have to put a ramp.

Laura Ray: Yeah, I would say that's what I was thinking, you would need a ramp.

Phil Spohn: Then you're, then you're...

Kevin McGovern: So, do we have a motion or suggestion?

Maia Simon: We don't have a motion. You have a suggestion.

Kevin McGovern: Thank you, motion to table? Everybody, okay with that? Do a little more research? Okay.

Maia Simon: Whoever can go, look at the fields.

Laura Ray: Are the fields marked up on a map or something so, you would know?

Carol Schneider: I can send a map.

Jerry Holum: Carol can we change the schedule so we can be at that park next month?

Carol Schneider: You don't have a meeting next month (July). Your next meeting is in August.

Kevin McGovern: We meet in August at the Easton Road, Ballfield,

Jerry Holum: We might have to hold up. I'm not quite sure what facilities we're going to have there to entertain.

Carol Schneider: Well, as of right now, Roger said that he talked to Frank, and Frank said, mid to end of July, Easton Road should be ready to go, ready to go, as far as being done on our part, I don't know about sod taking seed, or taking root or anything, but

Phil Spohn: So, as of right now, the August meeting will be there.

Carol Schneider: Next month can always change.

Kevin McGovern: Let's see how the ballfield goes. Let's leave the meeting on the August 5th at Easton Road. And then if people can make an effort to go over and look at the space, we'll bring it back next month. I like the suggestion.

- 2. Resident Park Survey** - Kevin McGovern: All right. Resident Park survey, Laura, you and I talked about this with the group a little bit. Just want to get a clarification. Do we, I think we talked to you, but I don't know if we made it official. Do we have to make a special request of the council to do this for the park? Okay, okay, okay, so can

Laura Ray: We could do that tonight.

Kevin McGovern: Through you, if we all agree, how do we do that?

Laura Ray: You could. And then you know, obviously we would work on that.

Kevin McGovern: okay?

Maia Simon: And one of you sent an email to all of us with the state level survey that I had referenced last month. We can use that as a template.

Kevin McGovern: Was that a state level survey, or was that the school survey.

Laura Ray: I think it was a state. One that was about outdoor activity, like State Parks.

Maia Simon: Recreation and outdoor.

Laura Ray: Now that survey is no longer open, so if you didn't look at it, you have to kind of remember what you saw.

Maia Simon: Or maybe we could get somebody to give it to us.

Kevin McGovern: Well, I think the thing tonight is, if people feel it's a worthwhile endeavor, we had a discussion last time, I think it would make sense. I like referencing that the Saucon Valley School. I like what they put together. I thought that was pretty straightforward, and we talked last time. We haven't done anything in years about what our community members want to see. So, I'd like to propose that we ask the township to do a Resident Park survey thought, we're going to ask them yes because we can't do it, so we have to get their approval to do it.

Maia Simon: We can develop it.

Kevin McGovern: If they say yes and do it, we would be happy to volunteer help. the

Laura Ray: We would come up with the questions, I would say...

Kevin McGovern: I would be happy to help you with that and volunteer. So, everybody, anybody opposed to that? If you are, it's okay to speak up. Everybody, okay with it?

Laura Ray: A motion and a second?

Kevin McGovern: I'm going to motion that we asked Lower Saucon to complete the to develop a resident Park survey.

Maia Simon: I don't think that's the right motion.

Kevin McGovern: Okay, correct it.

Maia Simon: I think the motion is that we want to ask the township to commit to a resident park survey that Parks and Rec will help develop.

Kevin McGovern: Okay, fair enough. Okay, sure.

Maia Simon: Because if they think they have to do the whole thing by themselves, they might say no.

Kevin McGovern: I like that. Okay, so that makes sense, so I'll make that as the motion that's I will second All in favor. Aye. Anyone opposed? No, motion passes, good. Thank you, folks.

MOTION: Maia

SECOND: Kevin motion passed 5-0 (Robert & Niloo were absent).

3. Community Day Softball Game Status - Kevin McGovern: I like I said that community day softball game status, Jerry?

Jerry Holum: are developing, as a matter of fact, tonight at in heights. Who is the mayor? I spoke to him. He talked to the borough manager. The borough manager was concerned about safety. I try. I talked to David. I said, I think we addressed that. We're going to have a committee set up safety rules, and I explained to herself, some bring it up, the only thing that I'm concerned about. He said, is our public works, people have to work. So, he's going to Canvas some people and see, see what kind of reaction he gets. Okay, I personally, he said, how are you doing? I says, well, I know four people and Recreation that are going to do it. And I said, Carol's going to do it. I says, I got five players already.

Carol Schneider: I may not be home.

Maia Simon: I won't be doing it, I'm old.

Kevin McGovern: Has this been brought to council?

Jerry Holum: Yes.

Kevin McGovern: And okay, so you guys are okay, you have a little bit of traction on it.

Jerry Holum: Well, Laura said you had some retired guys. We want to have women involved.

Kevin McGovern: Diversity is a good thing.

Phil Spohn: What is it called cornhole? Yeah, I think maybe switch it if you want women involved, I think, or lawn darts, or something.

Kevin McGovern: No lawn darts.

Maia Simon: Yeah, people have been killed with lawn darts, yeah. So, if its safety issues are they afraid we're going to break out in a fight?

Jerry Holum: No, people getting hit with balls and bats.

Carol Schneider: Or just getting injuries.

Maia Simon: You know, people play softball all the time.

Laura Ray: These would be people that don't play softball all the time. It could throw the pitch and hit you in the head, knock you out.

Jerry Holum: She was receptive to it. She said, well, you'd have to play up on the top field (Dimmick Park bleacher field). You have to play up there. You can't use the lower fields, because they will be used for parking. I'm going to be meeting with Dave Heintzelman. He said, I can't meet for two a week and a half two weeks. So, we're going to depending on how it's received at the council meeting tonight, we're going to sit down with people that are involved. The former Chief of Police Guy Lesser, Cole is going to be involved in it and Heintzelman. We're going iron out all the safety issues and how to play the game.

Kevin McGovern: Okay? All right, nice thing to the progress. All right. Thank you very much. Okay, so we cover the park, updates, the events, the new business we talked about. Our next meeting is set for August 5th. Is set up. I'm sorry, August 5 at 630 at the Eastern Road ball field, pending any construction issues, anything else that we need to talk about this evening?

Maia Simon: So, I just have a question about if we're meeting on August 5th, and the community day is the 18th or something, you know, do we have to do something else to make this happen? Or can this just happen because you and Heintzelman and whoever are going to make it happen. Well, I mean, we can Well, empower you to make it happen.

Jerry Holum: Council thought it was an acceptable idea, so we just have to have someone spearhead it. Dave would be a representative for Hellertown and I'll be the representative for Lower Saucon.

Maia Simon: So, it's not a concern that we're not meeting again until two weeks before.

Jerry Holum: I think the biggest concern is the safety aspect.

Phil Spohn: Just have an EMT there.

Kevin McGovern: The date again, August, 17th. Yeah, we'll meet the week before, and Jerry, if anything crazy goes on, you have our emails. Just email us and say, this what we're thinking.

Jerry Holum: That doesn't work.

Maia Simon: You send them a text and say, go look for my email. It works every time.

Kevin McGovern: Simple approach, simple approach.

Laura Ray: I get told to check my email.

Jerry Holum: Laura, you said you're interested in playing. Priscilla said she's interested in she's not going to run around. You guys are all interested.

Phil Spohn: Not with my knees.

Jerry Holum: Your knees aren't worse than mine.

Kevin McGovern: So, you're the you're the score keeper.

Maia Simon: We need a pinch runner for Priscilla, oh, talking about EMT. Sam, is an EMT.

Kevin McGovern: Alright? Last call. Anything else for tonight? Anything from our guest, you're good. Carol, we good, did we cover everything we're supposed too?

Carol Schneider: Said yes.

Maia Simon: Look at that, we're done an hour.

9. **Adjournment** - Kevin McGovern: All right, folks, thank you very much. Meeting is adjourned. Thank you.
10. **Next Meeting**: Monday, August 5, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. @ Easton Road Park.