

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Kevin McGovern at 6:33 p.m. at the Easton Road Ballfield.

2. **Roll Call – Present:** Members: Kevin McGovern, Chairman, Phil Spohn, Vice Chairman, Niloo Aflatooni, Robert Blasko and Jerry Holum; **Council Liaison:** Laura Ray; **Staff Liaison:** Carol Schneider; **Absent Member:** Shaun Yanchuk & Maia Simon; **Absent Council Liaison:** Priscilla deLeon. **Guests:** Ron & Donna Plebani, Janet Towns, Paul Hoadley and Sarah Stevens.

3. **Approval of June 3, 2024 Minutes -**

**Kevin McGovern**

Okay, we're off and running. We don't have any presentations this evening, and we're going to approve the June minutes from the last meeting. They're in the packet, and that was back in June. Correct? Carol?

**Carol Schneider**

Yes.

**Kevin McGovern**

Did people have a chance to look at these, any additions corrections that we want to talk about? I had a couple little typos that I think are irrelevant. I think it just translated it wrong. One of them was picture the ice. I'm not sure I said that picture the ice in the summer, but it's possible, but I didn't find anything of substance here to change. We gave our reports. We talked about a couple different things, the invasive species. We took a long time on that. So, if people don't have any changes, I need a motion to approve.

**Phil Spohn**

I motion.

**Kevin McGovern**

Phil approved, Robert, second. Okay, very good.

**MOTION:** Phil

**SECOND:** Robert, motion passed 5-0 (Shaun & Maia were absent).

4. **Presentations:** None

5. **Citizen Non-Agenda Items:** None

6. **Special Event Applications:** Lower Saucon Township Historical Society - Apple Fest October 12, 2024

**Kevin McGovern**

We have a special event application in our packet this evening. This is for a really good event. This is the Apple fest, October 12th, by the Historical Society at the old schoolhouse. And looking this over today, it's at the Lutz-Franklin schoolhouse. It's going to be on Saturday, October 12. They want it for a couple days to set up and take down, looking at about 100 people participating. They're going to have a food truck. They're stating historical members will clean up. They've done this for years. I didn't see anything in here that was concerning. I think this is a good group, which is well attended. They always clean up and keep it well, and they take care of this now. I think it makes a lot of sense. Anybody have any comments on that? Anything that people are seeing that's a problem?

**Phil Spohn**

Anything that's a repeat like that? I motion to accept.

**Kevin McGovern**

1 I agree. Phil, yeah, they've done it. It's been well attended. I think people like it. Can't go wrong with Apple  
2 fest, right? All right, so we're okay with that. Any questions?

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4 **Jerry Holum**  
5 Motion to approve.

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7 **Kevin McGovern**  
8 Motion to approve by Jerry, Second?

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10 **Phil Spohn**  
11 Second.

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13 **Kevin McGovern**  
14 Phil's a second. Thank you very much, super.

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16 **MOTION:** Phil

17 **SECOND:** Jerry, motion passed 5-0 (Shaun & Maia were absent).

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19 **Kevin McGovern**

20 Just an off-agenda item we probably all got in our mail. Hi, how are you tonight? We got our mail today, the  
21 Lower Saucon township newsletter. I think it's very well done. Talks about a couple of things that we were  
22 involved with, not that we take full credit for. One was Sebastian with the Gaga pit. Nice picture there. That  
23 went really well. I thought that was great. He did a nice job. Easton ball field is recognized. We're here today.  
24 It's in much better shape than it was when we were here last month. They talk about the town hall playground  
25 update. Did anybody see that?

26  
27 **Niloo Aflatooni**  
28 Yes.

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30 **Kevin McGovern**

31 That was aces. If you haven't had a chance to see it. It came out really nice. That was a really nice project.  
32 Looks like a complete redo. We were over there at the Movies in the Park night. And a shout out to Carol. She  
33 did a great job with that. That was good. And so, the Little Mermaid, and she did a really nice job with that.  
34 So, the playground update is just spectacular. It talks about movies in the park. It was Aladdin, Zootopia and  
35 The Little Mermaid. And again, a shout out to Carol. The screen was great. I think there was nice participation.  
36 The popcorn was good. I guess that's it here, so if you have a chance to look at it, but I thought there were  
37 some nice things that are related to our group here in the document.

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39 **Park Updates:**

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41 **1. Town Hall (Niloo) -**

42 **Kevin McGovern**  
43 Let's do our park updates.

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45 **Niloo Aflatooni**  
46 Town Hall there is nothing.

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48 **Kevin McGovern**

49 Town Hall is good, except for the new playground, yes, which is spectacular, yes. And movie in the park  
50 was there. Community Day (NNO) was there? Perfect. That was it, all right, I got it. Community was also  
51 very good.

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55 **2. Southeastern Park (Kevin) -**

1                   **Kevin McGovern**  
2                   Southeastern Park, I was over there about two weeks ago, nothing's changed. I haven't caught it on a day  
3                   when there's a lot of people using the park, but it seems like it's well kept up, and no major issues with  
4                   that.  
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6                   **3. Steel City (Shaun absent)**  
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9                   **4. Polk Valley Park (Robert) -**  
10                  **Kevin McGovern**

11                  Robert Polk Valley, how we doing out there?  
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13                  **Robert Blasko**

14                  The Fountain... My son and his one friend go over there quite often. The fountain over there is a frost-  
15                  free fountain, and has not been working. They've had a lot of problems with it. They fix it, it breaks. They  
16                  fix it, it breaks. I talked to Cathy Gorman about it, and she had spoken to Roger, and got back to me, and  
17                  Roger said they're going to be putting a new fountain in, not frost free. They lock it out anyway in the  
18                  winter time. But I guess what the problem was with the frost free. When you press the button or turn the  
19                  knob or whatever, you have to wait for a while to bring it up, because that water settles below the frost  
20                  line.  
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22                  **Kevin McGovern**

23                  Gotcha.  
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25                  **Robert Blasko**

26                  And people were, oh, it's not working, pressing it off and on, off and on often, and that's why it was  
27                  broken.  
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29                  **Kevin McGovern**

30                  And it was working with just lack of awareness on how it works, which I would probably do the same  
31                  thing. Okay, so they're going to change that out everything else out there is good.  
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33                  **Robert Blasko**

34                  They've got a grant that they've applied for, for the fencing, I don't know where that is for it, yep. But I  
35                  had reported that fencing the first time that I went over there, after I got in black news and reported the  
36                  fencing, I didn't realize it was that bad, they were going to have to apply for a grant. Maybe more of it  
37                  needs to be tendered to what then what I had seen, other than that, the park is usually clean. I know they  
38                  put the license plate reader up over there. As soon as my son spotted that he said Dad, what's that? And  
39                  when I told him, he said, hey, that's what I figure.  
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41                  **Kevin McGovern**

42                  Okay, so the license plate readers in place. All right.  
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44                  **Laura Ray**

45                  Do you know anything about the Pickleball?  
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47                  **Robert Blasko**

48                  I know they had the equipment over there when we did the Gaga pit, and they left it there when we were  
49                  done with the Gaga pit. I don't know. I didn't even totally slip my mind. To go back over and see if it was  
50                  done.  
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52                  **Laura Ray**

53                  I thought it would be done by now.  
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55                  **Robert Blasko**

1 I think that was the next project that they were going to work on.  
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3 **Laura Ray**  
4 They had it leveled out, I think. And there was like, gravel down.  
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6 **Carol Schneider**  
7 I think that we're getting a new paver, and they need to be trained on the paver in order to do that. They're  
8 going to use that. They were going to but then they were told that wouldn't be a good project to train them  
9 on. So, right now they're working on roads. I mean, they're putting in new roads too. So, that's been on  
10 the back burner.  
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12 **Robert Blasko**  
13 Send them out to ABE, let them put a new tarmac in, then it can come down after they get that practice.  
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15 **Kevin McGovern**  
16 Biggest pickleball court in the world, right? All right, so, Robert, you're pretty good.  
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18 **Robert Blasko**  
19 Yeah, all right.  
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21 **Carol Schneider**  
22 We have a resident that would like to join the meeting, but can't make the steps.  
23

24 **Kevin McGovern**  
25 Okay, let's go down stairs.  
26 No problem. That's right thing to do. Let's all go down.  
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28 **Carol Schneider**  
29 I'm good. I just don't need to get everybody's name. Can I get your name?  
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31 **Janet Towns**  
32 Oh, can you do it for me?  
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34 **Carol Schneider**  
35 Sure. What is your name?  
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37 **Janet Towns**  
38 Janet Towns.  
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40 **Carol Schneider**  
41 And your address?  
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43 **Janet Towns**  
44 2236 Church Lane.  
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46 **Carol Schneider**  
47 That's all I need. Okay, good. And your name, Paul. Can you spell your last name, Paul.  
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49 **Paul Hoadley**  
50 H, O, A,D, L, E, Y.  
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52 **Carol Schneider**  
53 Same address?  
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55 **Paul Hoadley**

1 Yes.

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3 **Carol Schneider**

4 Okay, thank you. Now we're moving again.

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6 **Janet Towns**

7 Steve can make it up on his motorcycle too.

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9 **Phil Spohn**

10 But if you keep everyone standing, it makes for the shorter meetings, right?

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12 **Niloo Aflatooni**

13 Carol, do you want to take that corner so you can use that?

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15 **Carol Schneider**

16 Yes.

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18 **5. Kingston Park (Kevin) -**

19 **Kevin McGovern**

20 All right. So, let's continue with the park updates. Kingston Park, no problem. Maia had given me a given  
21 us report today, and she talks about Kingston Park and its Ella's Garden. And it says the Wildflower rain  
22 garden was installed in 2013 and it's overrun. And she's asking if, and it's a nice round part of the park.  
23 It's beautiful up there. And she's asking if we would like to do a work party to clear that out. She said a  
24 Girl Scout troop in the past was doing it, but she's had trouble engaging with that group. So, the question  
25 on the floor is, are we interested in as a committee, volunteering to help up a Kingston Park one day just  
26 to clean out those old flowers in that garden? We haven't set it up yet. We're just asking for the idea if  
27 people want to do, and then we can set up the day. I'm in as well. Others think it's a good idea or no?

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29 **Laura Ray**

30 There are a lot of invasive weeds in there.

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32 **Kevin McGovern**

33 All right, so what do we want to do? We want to let this for Roger and team or are we interested in doing  
34 it?

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36 **Carol Schneider**

37 I don't think that's something Roger and Public Works would do it.

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39 **Kevin McGovern**

40 Wouldn't do it. Okay.

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42 **Laura Ray**

43 You really, actually need to be able to identify which are the bad that get ripped out, which would stay.  
44 The Plant App. does that very well.

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46 **Kevin McGovern**

47 It does okay. So why don't we do this? I'm hearing I'm in, Robert's in. I will reach out to Maia, and I will  
48 say to her, we have lukewarm reception to this, and we'll see if there's a date that works before it gets too  
49 cold, and we'll go from there every okay with that? If people don't think it's a good idea, say it's not a  
50 good idea.

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52 **Laura Ray**

53 Maybe she can do like an email with a couple of date choices.

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55 **Kevin McGovern**

1 Sure, okay, she talks about the invasive plant project. So, I will follow through with that. She's thinking  
2 about that in September and October. She also sends her best wishes, she's been laid up a little bit here,  
3 you all have this email as well.  
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5 **6. Easton Road Ballfield (Jerry) -**  
6 **Kevin McGovern**

7 Jerry, we are up at the Easton ballfield, would like to give us an update. Looks a lot better than when we  
8 were here last time. The grass is growing in pretty well, I think.  
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10 **Jerry Holum**

11 Yeah, I'm working with the Engineers. They still have to change the lights.  
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13 **Carol Schneider**

14 I need to bring this (recorder) over here. I can barely hear you.  
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16 **Ron Plebani**

17 They did the batting cage. He did two on a batting cage, and they fell off the ladder, but slightly, they did  
18 do two in the batting cage, the outer two.  
19

20 **Kevin McGovern**

21 For the lights?  
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23 **Ron Plebani**

24 Yeah, only the outer two, which is not going to do much anyway.  
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26 **Jerry Holum**

27 Not to change gears. But how did that work out the last time we were out here, as it relates to when they  
28 turned them on? Did you guys see shadows?  
29

30 **Ron Plebani**

31 Shadows? All over my house. And then we walked out back, and that light actually reached the other  
32 cemetery across my whole yard. We went out back before you turned them off, that light was so strong  
33 and went my backyard, 400 feet, you know, it was lit up to the next cemetery back here on the other side  
34 of my land, there's another cemetery.  
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36 **Donna Plebani**

37 I think they determined what lights they had to adjust.  
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39 **Ron Plebani**

40 They determined, you know, they were turning them on and off, I don't, and they figured out which ones  
41 they have to adjust. But there were shadows. Well, the outcome was it was shadows all over our houses,  
42 and they were going to do the adjustment, and they haven't yet. That's kind of where that stands.  
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44 **Kevin McGovern**

45 So, when we met last time, I sent Cathy a follow up email, and I think everyone here got this. We talked  
46 about the lights being adjusted. How late can the lights how late can the lights remain on. Can there be a  
47 fence placed between the ball field and the houses? We talked about drainage? Can a sign be placed at  
48 the start of Church Lane in the candidate of no access to the ball field, which I thought was a really good  
49 suggestion. Is there a way for EMTs to access the field? Will there be a loudspeaker system and who does  
50 the scheduling for the field? Cathy was very responsive. She did a real nice job with this. She got back to  
51 us right away. Just for clarity there, that was not an official meeting. I think people know that that was  
52 our meeting was canceled. That was just the discussion we had, and that's noted as well. Cathy followed  
53 through, and she said she has talked to the engineers and Jerry, I don't want to steal your thunder. The  
54 lighting has to be adjusted to reduce adjacent property glare to your point, sir, the remaining gate  
55 installation and gate hardware adjustment, the fence guard and padding needs to be installed. Sod

1 deficiency needs to be addressed and reinstalled with topsoil and then remedy for portable scoreboard  
2 communication that one's new to me, and so those things are going to be addressed by the engineering  
3 team. She also said that, I believe, in a previous email, she had talked to Roger about the drainage issue  
4 or the engineers, I'm sorry I keep saying Roger, so I think those issues were brought forward, but they're  
5 not addressed, but they seem like they're going to be formed on here.

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7 **Ron Plebani**

8 Is that all the issues?  
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10 **Kevin McGovern**

11 That's the issue that I have.  
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13 **Ron Plebani**

14 I have one more to add, and that's noise. I'm in bed by eight o'clock. I get up at four in the morning, and  
15 my bedroom window is couple 100 feet from here. I'm just wondering how that's going to get dealt with.  
16 Is it going to keep waking me up or not?  
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18 **Donna Plebani**

19 What is the time limit, how late are the games?  
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21 **Ron Plebani**

22 How late do the games run? That's what I need to know. Nobody was sure what? Yeah. Nobody gave me  
23 an answer. And it's like, I go to, yeah, there's a noise ordinance. And I don't know how many decibels,  
24 but I'm in bed at eight, and if there's going to be a lot of noise, I'm going to have an issue.  
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26 **Jerry Holum**

27 That's an interesting question, because I was thinking about that, correct me if I'm from wrong Carol,  
28 parks close at nine o'clock, let's say nine o'clock.  
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30 **Paul Hoadley**

31 They close way before nine o'clock.  
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33 **Jerry Holum**

34 Yeah, yeah, well now, yeah, but the need for lights, they have to get some kind of exception in order to  
35 play here, because if they don't conform to the rules that the township has for parks.  
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37 **Carol Schneider**

38 The lights at Town Hall, just for an example, those lights cannot be used past 10 o'clock. Oh, okay, all  
39 right, that's not to say that that's gonna happen here.  
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41 **Ron Plebani**

42 Yeah, it's fine, but that's not solving my problem. They keep waking me up. What do I keep calling the  
43 police? I mean, how is this gonna work? I don't know. I don't think anybody forethought any of this. Take  
44 nobody talk to us before, right?  
45

46 **Donna Plebani**

47 So, the game's not over.  
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49 **Ron Plebani**

50 Yeah, they're gonna keep turning the light. Yeah, they're gonna keep playing till it's over, I'm sure.  
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52 **Paul Hoadley**

53 And something I like to bring up is, we did watch that YouTube video of the meeting, and multiple people  
54 brought up that none of us had a complaint before the ball field was put in, and that there was no input  
55 from anybody here about the project. We were never we were never notified. The only reason we knew

1 anything was happening was I saw people, the engineers were bidding for the job, walking around over  
2 here, and I asked them straight up, what was going on. And they told me that all this was going on. And  
3 then we contacted the township and spoke to Mark Hudson.  
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5 **Janet Towns**

6 Yeah, Mark Hudson, good. It was very helpful. We were told that...  
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8 **Paul Hoadley**

9 Lights wouldn't be going in.  
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11 **Janet Towns**

12 Because, I think a baseball field was here before that, they didn't have to have meetings, because it's  
13 grandfathered in.  
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15 **Robert Blasko**

16 But they didn't have lights here before.  
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18 **Janet Towns**

19 And I don't know if you guys remember how it was, but the orientation was completely opposite of this.  
20 The dugouts were that way. Right, right, yeah. Which, if you ask me, that would be smarter, because then  
21 you have all of your access and stuff.  
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23 **Ron Plebani**

24 But with the noise, would have been away from the residents. Yeah, that would have made more sense to  
25 me, but I don't know.  
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27 **Kevin McGovern**

28 You guys were really good last time. It wasn't a meeting, we were conversations. So, you are consistent.  
29 What I hear today, and this is helpful, is the noise what we can confirm, although Carol's not wrong,  
30 usually. 10 o'clock is the time. I can send, I can send Cathy an email.  
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32 **Ron Plebani**

33 But I need eight hours sleep. That's my issue, right? Just so you guys know.  
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35 **Kevin McGovern**

36 I understand.  
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38 **Sarah Stevens**

39 Are you taking comments about Ballfield now?  
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41 **Kevin McGovern**

42 Sure, I'm open to discussion.  
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44 **Sarah Stevens**

45 So, I didn't see any of the plans, and I had come a few weeks ago, and the first thing I wondered is, how  
46 is this ADA compliant? Nobody. I mean, there's different levels of mobility, and certainly don't be in a  
47 wheelchair if you get into the spectator bleaches or into the press box. I can't comment on the grade.  
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49 **Kevin McGovern**

50 We saw that this evening with our meeting.  
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52 **Sarah Stevens**

53 And that's, I mean, there is laws about ADA compliance, so there must be some plan how to get this really  
54 compliance.  
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1 **Kevin McGovern**  
2 I am not sure that I understand what you're saying. I am not sure that it's not ADA non-compliant. But I  
3 understand what you're saying. How would spectators sit if you couldn't again, wheelchair. I will follow  
4 through with Cathy, because this was discussed at our last meeting.  
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6 **Phil Spohn**  
7 I saw the plans, and I think, I think they get away with seating on the cement there and the cement here,  
8 that's for wheelchairs. The grade is a whole other ball of wax that I don't find ADA compliant.  
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10 **Kevin McGovern**  
11 And just to be clear, we didn't plan the park.  
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13 **Sarah Stevens**  
14 I'm not an ADA law expert, but I think the law does require that people in a wheelchair have to be able  
15 to sit at a similar place as people who are not, and to say that that person has to be in a level when there's  
16 elevated bleachers, I think is not compliant.  
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18 **Kevin McGovern**  
19 I don't know, I would say that ballparks I've been to, which isn't factual. This is speculation that you see  
20 wheelchair seating for individuals in wheelchairs, that at a certain level. I've never seen that on a ball  
21 field, but I am not a baseball or an ADA expert. I'm just saying we can follow through for sure. I think  
22 it's a good point, because we talked last time about the seating, and we talked last time about the ramp  
23 and the grade of that ramp, I think would be very hard.  
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25 **Janet Towns**  
26 Priscilla was.  
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28 **Kevin McGovern**  
29 That's right. Priscilla was very concerned about.  
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31 **Phil Spohn**  
32 How would any of those plans be approved? It wasn't ADA compliant today.  
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34 **Laura Ray**  
35 Because at the Township they don't have to go through or follow that.  
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37 **Kevin McGovern**  
38 Good question.  
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40 **Jerry Holum**  
41 Well, actually Phil it is ADA compliant. I checked into that the rise from the parking lot up to the field is  
42 16 feet. 16 feet. That's what that rise is in that run. The run, the distance is like 235 feet. Now, what they  
43 did to be ADA compliant is, if you walk down there, there's flat areas, there's three or four flat areas. And  
44 in order to be ADA compliant, you can have a run, but so far, then you have to have a leveling off before  
45 you have another rise. So they are, according to the engineer who I spoke to, they are ADA compliant.  
46 Now the wheelchair thing, and I don't know anything about that. I was just concerned about that rise  
47 because that is, I have bad knees, and that's difficult for me to get up there. And the concerns that I have  
48 in the recommendation that I think we should have to council is there should be at least a railing in that  
49 walkway? All right, they should be a railing. You to be ADA, compliant. You couldn't have if you're  
50 coming up the walkway, you couldn't have the railing on the right-hand side, something to do with the  
51 rules, but you could have it on the left-hand side, but then there's specs that you have to do. But I  
52 personally think it needs a railing there, at least a railing going up there. I don't know how anybody else  
53 feels about it.  
54

55 **Kevin McGovern**

1 I wouldn't argue with the railing. And I appreciate your concerns. I think you're right, and that was brought  
2 up last time. We want to be everything should be accessible to everyone. That's what we strive for in our  
3 community, and that's how life should be. So, we can bring these concerns back. I'm with Phil. You would  
4 think that was discussed, and Hanover Engineering is a good group, then you would think that these  
5 things were considered. However, when you look at that without a railing, and you look at the seating,  
6 we want to make sure that we're okay with that. Right, that's the right thing to do.  
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8 **Sarah Stevens**

9 I think the other thing with other ballparks can be my read is older facilities can kind of get away without  
10 being compliant, but once it's modified or rebuilt or new standard. So, I'm thinking that might be why  
11 there's some variation.  
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13 **Kevin McGovern**

14 That's probably fair. Okay, Jerry, good points. Say that again, sir.  
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16 **Paul Hoadley**

17 I said this was also very much uphill.  
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19 **Kevin McGovern**

20 Oh yes.  
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22 **Paul Hoadley**

23 There's ground level down there at the road, right? Ball area is all the way up here.  
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25 **Kevin McGovern**

26 Yes, yeah, I like that.  
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28 **Paul Hoadley**

29 We look around Hellertown and stuff like that. Most of the ball fields are pretty much street level or  
30 downhill.  
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32 **Kevin McGovern**

33 You're right. You don't see too many that are built right, like this on a plateau. You're right. Jerry, anything  
34 else you want to talk or any other discussion?  
35

36 **Jerry Holum**

37 It's 16 feet in the slope. I'm not an engineering but doing some calculations. The slope it out is six, 6.8  
38 which then it becomes a problem for ADA compliant, and that's why they have those little plateaus,  
39 because they have to get the rules.  
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41 **Laura Ray**

42 There are no plateaus coming up this walkway.  
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44 **Jerry Holum**

45 Yes, there is. Yeah, I think, and I noticed them when I came up. You can see where the water sat on those  
46 plateaus, and it's a little muddy on the sidewalk. So, I think there's three or four. I didn't, I didn't count  
47 them. I walked up with Phil and he wouldn't let me count.  
48

49 **Phil Spohn**

50 They're there.  
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52 **Kevin McGovern**

53 All right, anything. So, we have some concerns. We want to follow through on. We're going to follow  
54 through with the noise the 10 pm nights. We'll confirm that, although I'm sure Carol's right, we'll talk

1 about a ramp and maybe a railing. We'll talk about wheelchair access. I thought that was really good.  
2 Anything else you want to talk about with the ball field?

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4 **Jerry Holum**

5 Yeah, I the gentleman that was out here last time. Yeah, from HLS, I asked those guys, why don't you  
6 come out and join us and explain the Parks and Rec how HLS functions, and what do you expect to be  
7 doing at the field, as far as scheduling and whatever. He called me back and he said he'll get back to me.  
8 I sent him out a note yesterday or today. I said, I guess you're not interested in giving us a short  
9 presentation on your organization and how you expect to function out here, because I said, I'm sure some  
10 neighbors are going to be there, and I'm sure they're going to have some concerns, but never got back to  
11 me, and not here this evening.

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13 **Kevin McGovern**

14 I appreciate you doing that.

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16 **Jerry Holum**

17 I would think next time, next meeting, I think we should ask, maybe formally ask him, or ask the  
18 representative, the president. I was hoping that the recommended directors will come out.

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20 **Kevin McGovern**

21 I'm good with that. Carol, I think you said to me that the township does the scheduling. So, the scheduling  
22 here is done by the township receptionist.

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24 **Jerry Holum**

25 Not true. Actually, Carol you allow them a block of dates to use, but if they have to reschedule a game  
26 because of rain, they have their own in house system that reschedule, and then they get back to you to  
27 confirm.

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29 **Carol Schneider**

30 Let me clarify, we don't schedule games. We scheduled fields. So, participation on the fields is scheduled  
31 by the township, games and make-ups, that's on the organization.

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33 **Kevin McGovern**

34 So, an organization could say, I want to have Tuesday and Thursday evening, and you would say, yes,  
35 you have it. And then it's up to that organization to schedule who's playing. Okay, that's good clarification.  
36 Okay, anything else on the ball field? We have residents here. Thank you very much for coming. Anything  
37 else that you want us to bring back.

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39 **Janet Towns**

40 We've been invited to a Council meeting next Monday.

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42 **Kevin McGovern**

43 I'm not aware of that. On Monday, a council meeting?

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45 **Laura Ray**

46 We have a council meeting next Wednesday.

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48 **Janet Towns**

49 We were invited, Cathy reached out to us.

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51 **Laura Ray**

52 Maybe she said something up special?

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54 **Janet Towns**

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**Laura Ray**  
With the engineer maybe, Roger?

**Kevin McGovern**  
That sounds good.

**Laura Ray**  
Well, I wasn't invited, so I don't know about it. That's fine. I'm just I probably can go anyway, but hopefully somebody councils there.

**Janet Towns**  
So, because I couldn't make the council meeting that some eluded too. I got sort of pissy.

**Laura Ray**  
They're not the most protective meetings to go to anyway.

**Janet Towns**  
Yeah, I know I will.

**Sarah Stevens**  
I think they're appalling.

**Paul Hoadley**  
Oh, my God.

**Kevin McGovern**  
So, the good news here is what I'm hearing you say, which is news, which is good is Cathy responded to our concerns, your concerns as neighbors, and she set up a meeting with you folks, and we believe the engineer is going to come. So, the things we talked about tonight, you'll have, you'll have an opportunity to talk to them directly about and your issue. The lights of the noise, sir, which is going to happen Monday. Oh, is the lane? Yes,

**Janet Towns**  
I don't know which gentleman he was, he was sitting way on the end.

**Laura Ray**  
Way on the end?

**Janet Towns**  
Yeah, yeah. The loud guy.

**Ron Plebani**  
The loud guy. That's the one.

**Janet Towns**  
And you know, I couldn't go to the meeting because I was waiting for results, because they thought I had breast cancer again. So that tops the damn baseball field.

**Janet Towns**  
Yes, but the man has no respect. And he was saying about we had that we had been approached in the beginning about buying the lane or using the lane, and that never happened. I've got documentation where they had wanted me to sign off on a variance, but for them to put that big gray box, that's the electrical thingy. Yeah, thank you. A right of way so they could put the electrical there and they go underneath the

1 lane. And when I talked to Mark Hudson, oh, okay, so they're gonna maintain the lane. And he goes, no,  
2 because the minute we let you guys start maintaining our lane, then we lose our privacy.

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4 **Janet Towns**

5 I didn't sign the papers but, I got documentation up the wazoo.

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7 **Ron Plebani**

8 What's the lane gonna do for them? I don't know. Can't answer that. And when you get to the top, what  
9 are you gonna do when you get to the top? You gotta turn around to come back, but backing all the way  
10 down. That all gotta be addressed.

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12 **Kevin McGovern**

13 We're not aware, as no company of the meeting on Monday, which is fine. I think it's neat, if it's about  
14 what we think it is, that Cathy scheduled it with you folks. I think that's great. I don't know if Hanover  
15 Engineering or someone else there, but that's great that Cathy and the team is being responsive. And I  
16 don't know if it deals with the lane, the lights, the sign that you guys thought.

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18 **Janet Towns**

19 But it said the meeting with the engineer concerning the ballfield and Easton Road, and the gentleman  
20 with the big mouth was saying, well, this is why we got the email. Maybe we should, oh, now maybe we  
21 should get in touch with the neighbors and see what we can do.

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23 **Sarah Stevens**

24 It would've been nice if somebody would have thought of that 1½ ago.

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26 **Paul Hoadley**

27 A lot of things..

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29 **Kevin McGovern**

30 Good points. So, we hope Monday is productive and leads to some resolution, right? Don't lose your  
31 temper.

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33 **Phil Spohn**

34 Jerry, are you invited?

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36 **Jerry Holum**

37 No, as a matter of fact, I was in contact with Cathy, and I asked her if she could get the Hanover  
38 Engineering out here to see you.

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40 **Phil Spohn**

41 Can you look into attending, because that would be good feedback for this team, this group.

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43 **Janet Towns**

44 Can I invite you? I don't know. Meetings and everything.

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46 **Kevin McGovern**

47 All right, all right.

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49 **Robert Blasko**

50 And here we have this imagine that.

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52 **Paul Hoadley**

53 Every time, though, it's like, you know, Drew Ray has no idea about a meeting where he was talking.  
54 And you know what? I mean, it's like, one hand don't know what the other one's doing, deliberately, not  
55 invited to this, and the other people not deliberately invited to that.

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**Ron Plebani**

The name calling is beyond anything I've ever seen in a meeting. My gosh.

**Robert Blasko**

Carocci did not even get there until after the meeting started, stood there, sat there and said that he was locked out.

**Kevin McGovern**

So, good discussion. Let's get back on track. So, we talked about the ball field, a couple other things. Maia's not here.

**7. Heller Homestead Park (Maia Absent)**

**8. Sandra Yerger Community Recreation Area & Nature Preserve (Phil) -**

**Kevin McGovern**

Phil, how are we doing up the Sandra Yerger Community Recreation Area? Things good?

**Phil Spohn**

Trees came down, and good ash trees, they're coming down. I think the lawn mowing is a contracted outside of our staff, and they're in no mood to move a tree. They don't move anything. They go so the trail has changed course at places, some of that has been fixed. I'm thinking, what I'd like to do is I'd like to start a Friends of the Preserve, February or early March, two-hour cleanup, trail cleanup, where you get a Sunday afternoon, we get a bunch of people there who can do things, because the trail is definitely getting overgrown. Trees are down. And does anybody know there seems to be some type of research going on. They have, and I have pictures. They have huge circles that are totally brown, something to killing something in a certain area. I don't know who's doing it. I don't know if its research or something. I can show you pictures like night and day, green and the brown. It's circled and expensive. So, someone's putting some type of pesticide on there and doing some type of study radically kill everything, you know? I mean, the pictures are pretty start. I was pretty startled last week. I mean, it's like night and day, so I don't know. And you can see it's definitely an area that's enclosed and they're just totally barren. And who's doing that?

**Robert Blasko**

Wow, that's a good area.

**Phil Spohn**

I don't know who's doing it. Somebody, somebody's doing some type of research. There's a bunch of these. So how would I find out who does that picture?

**Kevin McGovern**

Cathy.

**Carol Schneider**

You can send pictures to me and I can forward them.

**Phil Spohn**

Okay, and I want to take initiative to start a Friends in the Preserve, February, March, publicize it, get people out do some trail maintenance.

**Kevin McGovern**

Okay, Jerry Saucon Trail?

1                   **Robert Blasko**  
2                   One more thing for the ballfield. When we were here last month, there were a few guys here that said that  
3                   they wanted to take care of the ball, that they would do the maintenance.  
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5                   **Kevin McGovern**  
6                   Jerry had addressed that and what he called for them, and he asked him to come tonight, but they couldn't  
7                   make it or declined. So, he said, there may be another opportunity. I heard you right. Maybe we can go  
8                   back to them and see we talked about the scheduling.  
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10                  **Robert Blasko**  
11                  My question there is, if they're going to be here maintaining the field, they're going to be using lawnmower  
12                  equipment and stuff like that. They're not going to come back here with zero turns or whatever it was  
13                  several months ago, I think it was Jerry brought up about the Rail Trail and the trees and things that had  
14                  come down, and, I mean, I would volunteer to go out there and help cut these up. And we were told what,  
15                  you can't handle equipment.....that's not part of the game. Roger has that to do that. Well, if that's the  
16                  case for the rail trail, that was just an exception?  
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18                  **Jerry Holum**  
19                  Well, from a cost perspective, if somebody wants to mow this, and it saves us taxpayer money, let them  
20                  mow it.  
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22                  **Robert Blasko**  
23                  If it's a liability for us, oh, I got use of chainsaws and such. How is it not? Well, I'm sure volunteers to  
24                  come in here.  
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26                  **Jerry Holum**  
27                  When I asked that question, if they did something like that, they would sign some kind of contract waiver.  
28                  Maybe they would get an exemption.  
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30                  **Robert Blasko**  
31                  For the rail trail then?  
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33                  **Jerry Holum**  
34                  Well, if you get somebody to cut the rail trail and clean it. I guess you could do it.  
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36                  **Phil Spohn**  
37                  That would be a concern with the preserve too. I've got to look at those are issues again.  
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39                  **Robert Blasko**  
40                  They can do it for one. They can't do it for the other.  
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42                  **Jerry Holum**  
43                  We'll see. That's what's a good idea. Idea to have them at one of these meetings a week talk about that,  
44                  what they expect. But the way I understand, in a short conversation I had with them, they would expect  
45                  to have some kind of legal contract, that the liability wouldn't come back to the township if they had an  
46                  accident of how they were mowing.  
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48                  **Robert Blasko**  
49                  But then I said, if they can do it here, we should be able to do it for other places. This is why, I'm a do it  
50                  type of person. And I see something that needs done. I like to get I don't like to talk about I don't like to  
51                  ask somebody else. I like to do it. I'm more of I mean, I was in maintenance for years and years, and if I  
52                  saw something to be done, I didn't need to be told to take care of what I did. I think there's a certain  
53                  amount of self-satisfaction. I do any other job, to do a good job, need to be told.  
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1 **Kevin McGovern**

2 I agree. Also think, and you're making a good point, is the liability, and the township wants to make sure  
3 that you know, you and I are out here on the ball field and get hurt. We're not going to sue the township.  
4 So, I think there's probably a Jerry's right. I'm speculating that there's a wave or something that says we're  
5 going to be with Phil in the winter. I love the Friends of the Preserve. We're out there cleaning it up that  
6 they're aware of it, and we're doing that on our own, like you and I are out there working if we get hurt.  
7 That's on us. That's not on the township, all right?

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9 **Robert Blasko**

10 But, I mean, this has come up about the rail trail at different times.

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12 **Kevin McGovern**

13 And then there's a line, because we're going to sit out at Kingston Park and pick weeds, that's one thing.  
14 And then you say, well, I got clippers, that's one thing. And then you say, well, I got a chainsaw, that's  
15 something else, and a zero-turn mower. So, there's a line of demarcation somewhere in there that, you  
16 know, we want to let the council know and let the house we know what we're doing. Okay, all right. So,  
17 any other discussion on anything we've covered so far, anything about the parks? All right, super-duper,  
18 so event updates....

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20 **9. Saucon Rail Trail (Maia/Jerry) -**

21 **Jerry Holum**

22 I can give you the one on Saucon Rail Trail? At the Saucon real trail had the had direct had their monthly  
23 meeting on the 26 we can't they can't hear you. Saucon real trail had their monthly meeting the 26 and  
24 the items that came up, are rather significant. They finally got the installation of all the railroad signs up,  
25 railroad signs that mark all the train stations along the rail trail. They got all of those in place. In addition  
26 to that, they have, it's not called a billboard, but they have information relating to how the train station  
27 functioned and things of that nature. So, they have something there. It's, I've seen a couple of them, and  
28 they're pretty nice, good. They have an event, the 22nd prostate cancer run. They're looking for volunteers  
29 for plant garden, cleaning up their plant garden. I think it's the plant garden that's out of the Bingen station.  
30 I believe that's the plant garden. They're looking for volunteers, annual contribution by the community is,  
31 is due. They're asking for their annual contribution this year. The other thing, if anybody was on the rail  
32 trail, they noticed the growth. The last meeting that we had, formal meeting that we had, I said something  
33 about the grass mowing that it needed attention as well as what Bob brought up a work party or something  
34 like that. Well, the Public Works got right on it. They did the grass, they did the weed whacking over all  
35 the bridges and trestles. I brought it to Cathy's attention on Friday that it needed some attention. They  
36 took care of it. That's right, good. They took care of it, and it did a heck of a nice job. They did it tonight.  
37 So, get a quick response from Cathy and public works. So special salute to those guys in public works.  
38 That's all I have on this Saucon Rail Trail.

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40 **Kevin McGovern**

41 That sounds good progress, Jerry, that sounds like some nice things over the summer. Sounds good.

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43 **Jerry Holum**

44 Yeah, all right.

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46 **Sarah Stevens**

47 We talking the bridge over Preston Lane. Yeah, that's been a long time. They've tuned all the prep work  
48 on the side.

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50 **Jerry Holum**

51 They're gonna have a link over to the DeSales College. They're gonna have your overhead walkway or  
52 something.

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54 **Phil Spohn**

55 Preston is where on the trails?



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2 **Sarah Stevens**

3 It's Upper Saucon Community Park.  
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5 **Kevin McGovern**

6 Gotcha. Yeah, nice. That will be nice. Jerry, what about on the other end of the trail? Like when you go  
7 over towards like Third and Fourth Street? Are there any plans on how to connect that?  
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9 **Jerry Holum**

10 Yeah, there is. The piece of the land they need is owned by Hellertown, I think they want to buy it from  
11 Hellertown and then link it up. Or no, it's owned by maybe it's owned by Conrail, whatever it is they want  
12 to purchase that they were in that process about two months ago. You know how bureaucracy works?  
13 Yeah, they're going to link that whole thing up. Yeah, so it's, it's on the drawing board.  
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15 **Kevin McGovern**

16 All right. Good process, good progress. Anything else on parks that we want to cover? Anything else?  
17 All right, so event updates.  
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19 **10. Invasive Plant Inventory (Maia Absent/discussed earlier) -**

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22 **7. Event Updates:**

23 **1. Movies in the Parks -**

24 **Kevin McGovern**

25 We talked as the meeting started again, a big shout out to Carol for the Movies in the Park. I thought that  
26 was grossly successful, and we've made nice improvements this year in the parks in our community.  
27 Carol, looking ahead to 2025 that would be something that I would anticipate continuing the movies in  
28 the parks. Is that anything we need to do, or is that a township that's just happening. All right, so we have  
29 to have a formal motion on that.  
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31 **Carol Schneider**

32 It wouldn't hurt.  
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34 **Kevin McGovern**

35 Do I have a motion to support the Movies in the Park again for next year, for 2025?  
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37 **Niloo Aflatooni**

38 I second.  
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40 **Kevin McGovern**

41 First Robert, second Niloo. Okay, very good. Thank you very much.  
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43 **Robert Blasko**

44 Carol, if you need help, please call me. A lot of times I don't see the text or the emails or whatever. Give  
45 me a call.  
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47 **Kevin McGovern**

48 Carol did a great job.  
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50 **8. New Business:**

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52 **1. Formulate Questions for Resident Park Survey -**

53 **Kevin McGovern**

54 One thing I want to talk about is, and we mentioned this before, we haven't, for a while, to my knowledge,  
55 have done a survey about the parks, and we all have our interests. So, there's people that are standing in

1 a baseball field. We have pickleball courts going in. We've heard they've taken out the Bocce before it  
2 was It wasn't used. And the question we talked about was, do we want to do a survey of the community  
3 to see what people like and don't like? Maybe people are concerned about the lights and how the noise  
4 is, good point. Maybe people are saying, I need more signs. They want this. They want that. It seems  
5 like a good idea, but I'd like to hear everybody's thoughts on proposing to council that we do a survey  
6 of our community to see what they think of the parks, and are any additions that they'd like to say. What  
7 do folks think?  
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9 **Phil Spohn**

10 I think it's a good idea. I would say, in tandem with that is an awareness of the parks. I've been in Lower  
11 Saucon for 25 years. I didn't know Kingston Park. I don't think people have a real strong awareness of  
12 the facilities. So, to do some something, hand in hand. And I mean publicity, that's something you guys  
13 paid for to get the word out that people who move into the area, are aware of.  
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15 **Kevin McGovern**

16 I know on this on the Our Town website, is there. Okay, so you're talking about awareness. What do you  
17 what do you think about the survey?  
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19 **Niloo Aflatooni**

20 It depends what the questions are. We cannot promise something. If it's just for information, wonderful.  
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22 **Kevin McGovern**

23 That's fair.  
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25 **Phil Spohn**

26 The other coming up is to replace wooden fencing. I would say, in regards to putting a survey up, do we  
27 wait to hear the problem? Look like the wooden fencing, and then can make recommendations? Or do  
28 we want to be proactive and maybe not be able to execute on what we get back, you know this, I mean  
29 this one, I this one I think we should act on.  
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31 **Kevin McGovern**

32 We are going to do that tonight.  
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34 **Phil Spohn**

35 Do we take that? Do we take that posture right now, with all the parts like light, you know? Do we expect  
36 to hear residents say, the lighting is a problem, the sounds a problem, this is a problem, that's a problem,  
37 and then we address that? Another way to do it.  
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39 **Kevin McGovern**

40 You don't know what you don't know. So, we all have our interests, and I think, as a committee, we want  
41 to get feedback. We have community members here today. We have folks here. We're all expressing our  
42 views. If you want to widen the net on that, one way to do it is a survey we talked a couple meetings  
43 ago. How Saucon Valley School board did that. They sent out, I think, a postcard with a code on it. And  
44 you went online, you filled it out, and I think it would fill give us information on what people are looking  
45 for related to the parks. They may say, the same thing you did. Hey, I like to know about the parts. They  
46 may say, you know what the lights are? 10 o'clock is too late. It should be nine o'clock. They might say,  
47 midnight. That's the way to go. Let's crank it up. We don't know what our community members want. I  
48 don't think one's been done for a long time, and I think it will be a great idea. No promises. That's a good  
49 point.  
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51 **Niloo Aflatooni**

52 We are advisory. We are not we don't have lots of authority. We are advisory committee, so we have to  
53 make sure of what we are saying.  
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1                   **Kevin McGovern**  
2                   All we're doing is asking, you're right, but it sounds like you're not supportive, which is, okay, I'm just  
3                   saying you don't know what people want, and so if you get that information, we certainly can't say that's  
4                   a great idea. Let's do that. We can only recommend the council, but at least we know what people want.  
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6                   **Phil Spohn**  
7                   Could you easily, which I mentioned before, a QR code. And at one of these meetings, like I take them  
8                   for the Preserve, Jerry takes and with a little thing that you post up there, it's going to be biodegradable,  
9                   whatever, but it says concerned with the park as a QR code. But we need someone who's going to take  
10                  that information and give it to us and make sure. And then, you know, it's only up for it could only be  
11                  up for a month or two months, then we make sure we take it down. And that could be some good  
12                  feedback.  
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14                  **Jerry Holum**  
15                  Yeah, I think that's better than (inaudible).  
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17                  **Laura Ray**  
18                  That's kind of different thought, that was more to people see a problem.  
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20                  **Phil Spohn**  
21                  That's where I'm saying concerns, but I'd say concerns...  
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23                  **Laura Ray**  
24                  It's not really a survey.  
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26                  **Phil Spohn**  
27                  My experience is a QR code last for a certain period of time.  
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29                  **Jerry Holum**  
30                  How would you get the survey out?  
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32                  **Kevin McGovern**  
33                  I'm sorry.  
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35                  **Jerry Holum**  
36                  Kevin, how would you get the survey out?  
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38                  **Kevin McGovern**  
39                  I think you could do it a number of ways. I think you could do what Saucon Valley did as a postcard, I  
40                  think it was a QR code. I think you could put a simple link on our website, the township website. You  
41                  could do a I think is a number of ways you could do that to make it as easy as possible. Again, my pitch  
42                  is we don't know what people think of the parks. We all have a park and go in there again. I think it's  
43                  important that we know what the community wants to do there and what they think. I think it would give  
44                  us valuable information. If people say, Kevin, no, we don't, that doesn't make sense. That's okay. We  
45                  don't have to do it.  
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47                  **Laura Ray**  
48                  I think it's an excellent idea. Like we make our plans, we plan our budget based on what maybe only a  
49                  couple people said, hey, let's build this ballpark. Now, we don't really know. Maybe people really needed  
50                  a soccer field instead, or maybe have any of whatever horseshoe pits. Maybe people want those.  
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52                  **Phil Spohn**  
53                  In a targeted, I mean, you would get better information from a targeted mailing with a QR code a targeted  
54                  Lower Saucon mailing. right? You could get some really good information from that system.  
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1 **Kevin McGovern**  
2 Robert?

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4 **Robert Blasko**  
5 I think it's a good idea. The question is, how to do it, how to implement it?

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7 **Kevin McGovern**  
8 Jerry, what do you think?

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10 **Jerry Holum**  
11 I have mixed emotions. Yeah. It depends how it's approached. It sounds good on paper, but you know,  
12 for this is implemented in the right fashion, it's BS. I don't know. I like the idea of a QR code at the  
13 locations, but then you're not seeing everybody's opinion. You're just seeing those people that come to  
14 the ballpark or go to Kingston Park.

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16 **Kevin McGovern**  
17 I thought the QR code was a good idea. And I thought when I heard that idea, it was about and you come  
18 out here to the ball field and there's birds' nests in the boxes, you can take a picture of the QR code and  
19 say, hey, I'm at the deal. Someone needs to come and get the bird nest out of the dugout, right? That's  
20 what I thought it was for. It wasn't necessarily, oh, I think it would be great hit the QR codes. I think we  
21 prepared no more than this so we can find the rain. Yeah. I thought was different. Yeah. I thought the  
22 QR code was a, I'm out here on the trail. There are trees everywhere, and we have a problem. And I like  
23 to report that instead of going home or get my cell phone and calling in, it would just click it, boom, and  
24 I'm here. You brought up an issue before Phil, which was good about the water in certain spots. I'm  
25 trying to walk on the trail and make it easier for people. I think that's I'm thinking of two different things.  
26 I love the QR code idea. I think we should move forward with that as well. Table that for right now, but  
27 I think a survey would give us an opportunity to see what our community needs. And it doesn't mean  
28 we're promising anything. All we're saying is, hey, what would you like to see as a community? Some  
29 people with little kids might say, I want to see more stroller access. Some people might say, to your  
30 point, you know, the parks need to be more ADA accessible, that would be really helpful in our world.  
31 Some other people might say, I like tennis courts. I like this. But how do we know? You don't know,  
32 right? When you haven't done this in a while?

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34 **Robert Blasko**  
35 I think also what it would do is it would help to alleviate something like, what's happening here?

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37 **Kevin McGovern**  
38 Yeah, people have an opportunity.

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40 **Robert Blasko**  
41 The opportunity to say something, not trying to react to something that was decided ahead of time.

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43 **Phil Spohn**  
44 And I'll tell you, if you use two relatively cheap resources, would be to put something the QR code in  
45 the newsletter.

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47 **Kevin McGovern**  
48 You could do that.

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50 **Phil Spohn**  
51 Josh from the Saucon Source would do it first. It's not, you know, as a community, we just need to figure  
52 out how to gather that who's going to be looking over and put that picture up together. But those are two  
53 quick resources to get it out there.

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1                   **Kevin McGovern**  
2                   All right, so where do we want to go from here? We have a motion to do it. Want to think about it?  
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4                   **Phil Spohn**  
5                   I know people who do the QR code stuff.  
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7                   **Kevin McGovern**  
8                   I'm talking about survey.  
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10                  **Phil Spohn**  
11                  The QR code is tied to the survey in such a way that it gives us material. I have people who do that.  
12                  Besides the survey, that's the first step, right?  
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14                  **Jerry Holum**  
15                  Yes, we have two things we're talking about here. I like what you're saying. Phil, I if we just did our  
16                  parks and put up a QR code with a sign saying your input or opinion is appreciated, had the QR code  
17                  there. Get feedback. But where does it? I know nothing about it. Where does it go to?  
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19                  **Phil Spohn**  
20                  Someone who's actively looking at the results.  
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22                  **Jerry Holum**  
23                  Well, we certainly can't push it on the township.  
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25                  **Phil Spohn**  
26                  We might need to use the township somewhere on there that it gets gathered at the township. But they  
27                  don't need to be responsible read it.  
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29                  **Laura Ray**  
30                  They can just put it on a spreadsheet or list.  
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32                  **Jerry Holum**  
33                  We can just put signs up your input or your input is appreciated. Comment is appreciated. Just put a sign  
34                  or two up at our all our parks, maybe more than one.  
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36                  **Phil Spohn**  
37                  We are talking about two different surveys.  
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39                  **Jerry Holum**  
40                  Let's bite off something we can handle. I mean, that survey is a bit complicated. To get it to do it right?  
41                  I don't know. Do we have somebody here on staff have the ability to write and put together a survey?  
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43                  **Laura Ray**  
44                  We would do it.  
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46                  **Kevin McGovern**  
47                  I think it's work Jerry, but I think that would be pretty there's a ton of examples out there.  
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49                  **Phil Spohn**  
50                  We can use AI.  
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52                  **Kevin McGovern**  
53                  So, I'd like to make a motion that we ask council to do a community survey of the parks in lower Saucon  
54                  to see what the communities find favorable, what they like to see changed, and what they like to over  
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**Phil Spohn**

And that's not so that's not to QR code here. It's gonna be something called a newsletter, or Saucon Source to get it out.

**Jerry Holum**

Kevin, so we're passing the buck.

**Kevin McGovern**

I can't get a second on my motion Jerry and we have to take it for a vote.

**Phil Spohn**

I second that one. I like that.

**Niloo Aflatooni**

I have a question for the survey. Are we doing this or is Council?

**Kevin McGovern**

We're going to ask council if they would support it, and that would be probably through some funding, but we'd have to develop the idea a little more, and then we could, as a committee, help Council, or we would say to council, we'd be happy to do the survey.

**Laura Ray**

I'm not sure how much funding we would have to ask for.

**Kevin McGovern**

Well, it depends on how you do it. If you, did it in the newsletter link, you'd need some development of the survey, right? And that would be, you'd have to have some knowledge for that, for somebody to develop it. If you went the way Saucon Valley School did, they sent out a postcard and they sent it to everybody else, and that's more money. So, you could develop it however you want it, open to all ideas.

**Phil Spohn**

You can do it at minimal, minimal cost, if you use the township newsletter and Saucon Source, I would get, you're going to get to get 100 might get 100 which is great, and it doesn't take a lot to put that together.

**Carol Schneider**

The Township has an account with Survey Monkey. We can add a QR code as well. Parks and Recreation can come up with the questions.

**Kevin McGovern**

I would be happy to lead the group to come up with the questions and work with this. This our committee here and send them out and see if people are there. So, we have, I have a motion a second, all in favor, those opposed. It's okay to say no.

**Niloo Aflatooni**

No.

**Jerry Holum**

No.

**Kevin McGovern**

You're a no. Motion carries three to two, so Laura will ask Council, thank you very much for the discussion. We will recommend to Council that we want to do a survey and that the committee would help with those questions.

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**Laura Ray**

I would say that we don't know of any costs?

**Kevin McGovern**

No, we don't. No, we're just asking for the we're asking for the like what Carol said about Survey Monkey, and then we can talk about council that we would develop the idea farther. All right. All right. Great info. We're losing light, so we got to keep going

**MOTION:** Kevin

**SECOND:** Phil, motion passed 3-2-2 (Jerry & Niloo oppose, Shaun & Maia were absent).

**2. Support Grant Submission for to Replace Wooden Fencing at Town Hall and Polk Valley Parks**

**Kevin McGovern**

The last thing here is I need a motion to approve a fencing project. And this was on the wish list. I think we saw this of last year's group. They developed the top five wish list. And this is a fencing, a chain link fence around, I think it's Polk Valley and the township right Carol?

**Carol Schneider**

Yes.

**Kevin McGovern**

This was on the wish list last year. It replaced an old wooden fence with a chain link fence split the old split rail fence, I'm sorry, a Polk Valley Park that's going to help so kids can retrieve balls easier. I guess it can be like a backstop. And then there's also a request for the township Town Hall Park fence as well. And they're asking, Cathy has asked us if we would still support that. I would say we would. It sounds like

**Kevin McGovern**

Robert discussion.

**Robert Blasko**

I don't know about everywhere, but I know in a lot of other places I've looked, but there is fencing along with the support thing. Maybe there's additional maybe it was only a certain spot. I think it's something that is not completed, or needs to be completed. It should be.

**Kevin McGovern**

Cathy Gorman sent us, let me read it to make sure we're on the same page. This is from Cathy to us on July 26 got this today in order to avoid delays in filing staff request council's consideration to file grant applications, grant applications for the replacement of fencing at Town Hall Park and Polk Valley Park. Okay?

**Robert Blasko**

Replacement.

**Kevin McGovern**

Our public works director recommended replacing the split rail fence with chain link fencing around athletic areas and around bases due to concerns of children climbing over the split rail at feet balls, as opposed to exiting the proper openings. This project is also a straightforward application where no engineering or site reviews will be necessary. This was recommended to council as it was a top five request on the park and rec committee's wish list. We clarify that's last year and the Public Works Department requested consideration due to the condition of the existing fences, obviously in poor shape. We would request a motion now to support these applications as well. All as well, so we can provide the committee support in this application. So, I'm going to make a motion to support this.

1                   **Robert Blasko**  
2                   Second.

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4                   **Kevin McGovern**  
5                   Second discussion. Anybody opposed? All in favor? Aye. Okay. Motion carries super Okay, so that's  
6                   what I had on the formal agenda. Anything we missed, or any other public comments. Do anything else  
7                   people bring up?

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9                   **MOTION:** Kevin  
10                  **SECOND:** Robert, motion passed 5-0 (Shaun & Maia were absent).

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12                  **Phil Spohn**  
13                  If you if you want to start the survey, yep, and we should have that wrapped up for the next day. If you  
14                  start email, we could just be brainstorming and put ideas.

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16                  **Kevin McGovern**  
17                  I think we can do that. I think there's a lot of examples out of there. I like that a lot. I'm just looking for  
18                  our next meeting is seven, October, 7 and town hall. Okay, anything else? Talk about Carol.

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20                  **Carol Schneider**  
21                  We're good.

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23                  **Kevin McGovern**  
24                  Okay, last call.

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26                  **9.        Adjournment**

27                  **Kevin McGovern**  
28                  All right. Meetings adjourned at 7:43 p.m. Thank you all very much for coming. Really appreciate that.

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30                  **10.       Next Meeting: Monday, October 7, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. @ Town Hall.**