

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
WALNUT AVENUE STEETING COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order (E. Baiada)

Nick Matteo	Member
Lee Abberley	Member
Robert McGrath	Member
Christine Hesar	Member
Amy Jacoby	Member
Katie Widmeier	Member
Adrienne Smythe	Member
Asher Dahlgren	Student Representative
Jim Lee	Commissioner Liaison, Ward 3
Jonathan Cobb	Commissioner Liaison, Ward 6

Guests:	Gary Pogue	Resident, Oreland
	Terry Kane	Resident, Oreland
	Seth Harrison	Springfield Soccer Club

2. Introductions (All)

Committee members introduced themselves and explained their experiences as it pertains to the Walnut Avenue property and master site planning as it pertains to public parklands.

Mrs. Baiada provided a summary of the Walnut Avenue property. The Township is currently completing additional testing for benzene levels.

3. Agenda Item Public Comment (All)

No public comments regarding the agenda were made.

4. New Business (All)

Committee Expectations: The Committee will oversee the development of a draft RFP for a Master Site Plan and Needs Assessment of the 1725 Walnut Avenue property.

Site Tour Schedule: The Committee noted the schedules to conduct a site tour can be flexible pending the day of the week.

Request for Proposal Completion: The Township has obtained a grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). The DCNR stipulates use of the provided Request for Proposal (RFP) template. The Committee will collectively work on the RFP via a shared document.

5. General Public Comment (All)

Terry Kane inquired about public comments and community engagement. Mrs. Baiada noted the RFP would include a request for services to conduct a Needs Assessment Survey which would be distributed to the community to gauge needs and wants for the property. All meetings are open to the public.

6. Commissioners' Report (J. Lee)

The Commissioners continue to discuss the 2024 budget which is scheduled to be approved in December. The Shade Tree Commission appointed a new member. During the October Board meeting, the Commissioners will update the verbiage of the Single Use Plastic Bag ordinance. The Board will also listen to a brief presentation of the Springfield Township Trails and Connectivity plan from the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

7. Call for Adjournment (E. Baiada)

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm