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

1. Call to Order (E. Baiada)

Nick Matteo Member
Lee Abberley Member
Robert McGrath Member
Christine Heser Member
Amy Jacoby Member
Katie Widmeier Member

Asher Dahlgren Student Representative

Susanna Ratsavong Commissioner Liaison, Ward 2

- 2. Introductions (All)
- 3. Agenda Item Public Comment (All)
- 4. New Business (All)
  - Committee Expectations
  - Site Tour Schedule
  - Request for Proposal Completion
- 5. General Public Comment (All)
- **6.** Commissioners' Report (S. Ratsavong)
- 7. Call for Adjournment (E. Baiada)
  - Next meeting: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm







#### Planning a Park at 1725 Walnut Avenue

(Former Tank Car Site)

Where We've Been and What Comes Next



#### **Site Details**

- 7.89 Acres
- Located in Oreland, PA
- Four (formerly Five) on-site buildings
- SEPTA Rail Network to the North
- Residential Neighbors to the East & South
- Industrial businesses to the West





## **Site History**

- Former Tank Car Corp. of America Site
- 1921-2001: privately owned and used to rebuild & repair rail cars
- 2006-2011: US Environmental Protection Agency clean-up/removal action
- 2015: Township acquired property and enrolled the site into the Act 2 Voluntary Clean-Up Program

#### **Township Actions**



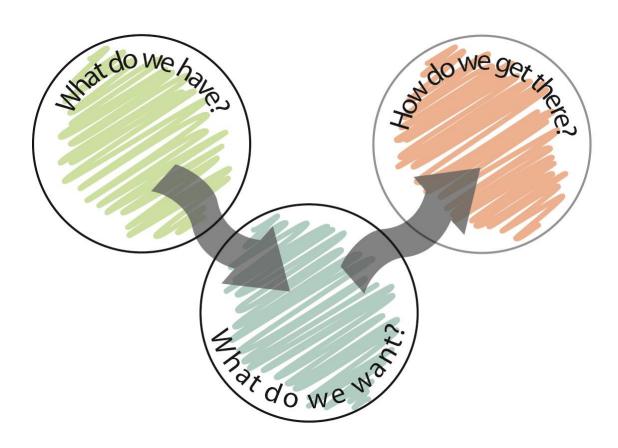
Soil & water monitoring BEGINS

monitoring

• \$102,000 Secured

for soil & water

- Soil & water monitoring CONTINUES
- Soil & water monitoring COMPLETED
- \$100,000 Secured for Abatement & Demolition
- PA Act 2 Voluntary
   Clean-up Report
   SUBMITTED
- \$25,000 Secured for creation of a master park plan
- \$930,000 Secured to redevelop site into a public park
- Master Park Plan Process BEGINS



## **Master Site Park Planning**

- A master site park plan establishes a vision of future uses and features for a specific park.
- Guided by a consultant, a steering committee spearheads the development of the plan.
- The plan will integrate knowledge of current site conditions with local desires/needs.
- Public input is a critical component in the development of a park master plan.
- It takes several MONTHS to create a plan.



# **Next Steps**

- Craft a Request for Proposals for a Consultant
- Request will be reviewed by the Township and potential consultants are invited to submit a proposal
- The Consultant will guide efforts to engage/solicit public input (i.e. surveys, public meetings, etc.)
- The Committee will review regular updates at their monthly meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday)