

Twining Valley

Preparing for Management



Purpose

Provide an broad informational update to the Commissioners and the community concerning the Township's preparation for taking over management of the Twining Valley property on December 1, 2019, which is approximately 5 months away.

Updates

- Status of Grants
- End of Lease Preparations
- Use of Clubhouse & Maintenance Garage
- Property Management
- Programs & Special Events

Update - Status of Grants

- Awarded
 - **Montco 2040 Implementation Grant** - \$200,000 (20% match)
- Pending
 - **PA DCED Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program**
 - Up to \$250,000 (15% match)
 - Award announcement in 4th Quarter of 2019
 - **PA DCNR Community Conservation & Partnership Program (C2P2)***
 - Up to \$250,000 (50% match)
 - Award announcement in 4th Quarter of 2019
 - ***Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**
 - \$500,000 to \$1,000,000+ (50% match)
 - Application submission announcement in late June/early July 2019
 - Award announcement in 2nd Quarter of 2020
 - Award would affect construction timeline

Update - End of Lease Preparations

- Lease ends November 30, 2019
- Inspections of Buildings
 - Inspection occurred in January
 - Follow-up will be in July
- Links Management, Inc. Responsibilities
 - Letter with punch list was sent after the January inspection
 - All items must be completed by November 30, 2019
- Soil & Water Testing
 - Work is being scheduled

Update - Use of Clubhouse & Maintenance Garage

- Clubhouse survey completed
 - Building floor plan with dimensions will be provided
 - Includes identification of load bearing walls and utilities
- Leasing the Clubhouse
 - Draft lease agreement/terms to be authored
 - Property needs to be marketed
 - Repairs to the building needed - quotes being sought
 - Replacement of exterior metal steps & repair of interior window wells
- Maintenance Garage
 - Repairs to the building needed - quotes being sought
 - Replacement of garage doors (2) and entryway door
 - Interior demolition required (*Township Staff*)
 - Relocate supplies from existing storage facility

Update - Property Management

Need to Determine and Finalize:

- Allowable uses
- Permitted access points
- Placement of signage
- How to regulate use and enforce rules
 - Police Department and Sitewatch
- How to discourage golf play
- Restroom placement
- Maintenance plans

Update - Programs & Special Events

- Goal is to introduce residents to the property and its new use
- First event will be in December 2019
 - Cyclocross - bike race on a variety of surfaces with obstacles
 - Need to:
 - Finalize course layout
 - Apply for USA Cycling permit
 - Advertise
 - Cultivate network of partners
 - Open registrations
 - Solicit sponsors
- In 2020, programs may include:
 - Birding, Plant Identification, Walking Club, Mountain Biking Clinic
 - Volunteer Opportunities



Budget Impacts

2019 Operating Budget

- Repairs to clubhouse and maintenance building

2020 Operating/Capital Budget

- Additional repairs, staffing and maintenance needs will be proposed and discussed
- New revenue opportunities will be proposed and discussed

Questions?

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