

Springfield Township
Park and Land Preservation Board
September 14, 2026

Members Present: Frank Hollenbach(Chairman), Kevin Boyd and Jay Fuggiti

Members Unavailable: Jerry Fritz

Additional Participants: None

F. Hollenbach called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The minutes from the August 10, 2026 meeting were approved as amended.

There were no financial updates.

Peppermint Park – K. Boyd indicated he has removed the original cork from the kiosk and plans to install the new cork by the end of September. The bench dedicated to Dr. Brown has been installed at the top of the Park and that project is now completed.

F. Hollenbach reported that he met with T. Kovacs from the Heritage Conservatory on 26 August and walked the Park trails. He identified several invasive species of plants including Russian olive, miscanthus, black locust and others and provided his recommendations on how to eradicate them which included using herbicides. F. Hollenbach will send him the link to the EAC website as requested.

Upper Bucks Rail Trail – F. Hollenbach has continued his contact with Erin Lee regarding her memorial bench. The site has been selected, the bench paid for and the wording for the plaque submitted. The plaque template needs to be approved and then the bench will be installed with a completion date set for the end of October. R. Pursell provided the PLPB with a quote from Wabash Valley MFG. to purchase five benches which will ultimately be used on the Rail Trail. The Board voted and approved spending up to \$9,000 for the purchase of the five benches for which the quote was received. (the quote came in at \$8,911.35). J. Fuggiti will request R. Purcell proceed with the purchase. The ash tree removal project has been completed for this year and the PLPB will walk the trail in the spring to identify any additional trees which may need to be removed.

Zion Hill Trolley Line – Rich Pursell presented the PLPB's recommendation regarding the Hickon Road property to the BOS who discussed it with no decision or comments forthcoming. F. Hollenbach has attempted to contact the primary land owner whose property would be needed to establish the trail and is awaiting a response hoping they will meet with us to discuss the concept.

Lime Kiln – Nothing is currently being done regarding the Lime Kiln. We have heard there is a possibility that the Historical Society may fund a study of the Lime Kiln.

Open Space – While nothing formal has been received, we were informed that the HC, BOS and property owner of the Fuller Preserve parking area have been in discussions regarding the future usage/ownership arrangement. The PLPB will address this issue if and when it comes before us.

Correspondence – A request was received from the Knights of Columbus to conduct their annual Jack-O-Lantern 5/10K run on the Rail Trail on September 26th. This was approved by the PLPB.

Public Comment – None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.