

## Bondsville Mill Park Committee Meeting, October 23, 2025

In attendance: Sandy Moser, Charlie Lindsay, Arne Jensen, Carl Capriotti, Rocky Stone, Bruce Rawlings, Doug Freeman, Noah Stribrny, Jeff Nye, Nancy Kirshgasher, Dan Tieri, Bob Watts, Beth Watts

Meeting start: 7:35

**Volunteer Hours for this month:** Gardens – **NR**; Construction: - **71**

**September Minutes:** Approved with changes as suggested by Sandy

**2025 Budget Update:** (based on 10/21 Financial Report from Township)

- General Fund: (\$20,000 budget; \$18,000 Development & Maintenance/\$2000 Events & Marketing)
  - \$11,415 spent to date; October charges:
    - Charged to D & M:
      - \$427.50
    - Charged to E & M:
      - \$352.96
  - \$8,585.00 remaining (\$6,937 D&M / \$1648.03 E&M)
- Capital Fund Park Development: (\$23,335 budget; \$10,000 of this has been earmarked for Bld B Masonry).
  - \$3935.96 spent to date
  - \$19,399.04 remains
- BMP Funds in EB Foundation: No update this month.

The Financial Report was approved by the BMP Committee.

**2026 Budget Request:**

- Budget to be ready for Nov 6 budget meeting. Budget committee is meeting today to review
- Total request was for \$60,098:

**Trails:**

- New volunteer Eric has helped with the trails
- Scott Brit has helped with identifying where trail markings are needed. 6 more were requested
- Charlie is working on “you are here” signs (need to be laminated).

**Construction:**

**Building A:**

- South side windows are almost completed excluding one
- North side windows will be next

**Building C:** Building C will not be finished under the current budget. Copper Gutters were proposed for the external completion of C however the proposal was changed to aluminum by the township. As the construction crew will not install aluminum gutters this will not be completed by the volunteer crew. Bojako was proposed by Carl as a potential contractor to provide an estimate for gutter installation.

- Rough wood is available for completion of siding. Some will need to be stored outside as it won't fit in building A or C. Rocky will haul the rough wood and unload at no cost by December 15. The Township needs to make a decision regarding what to do with the rough wood that was originally purposed for both inside and outside building C (sell or store somewhere). If hauled to the park or Township, it will need to be hauled away to a mill to finish it.

- Options for the rough wood: store on site, sell and transport to a mill, disposal. Noah will take this to the township for a township decision
- Rocky suggested to drain the water in C to save heating oil fees. Of note: The park will need someone to check the equipment and purchase oil. If not heated, the existing equipment stored in building C will be jeopardized. This needs to be discussed with the Township. Unsure if the heating oil is included in the 2026 budget. Noah will confirm and report back.
- **Building F:**
  - Repair of the roof was completed by the Township.

**Garden Report:** Volunteer Hours: **NR** (no report)

- **Work: Weeding.** Prep work for 10/11/25 - Keep Chester County Beautiful.
- Jim Redding has been sanding and applying Tung oil to the garden chairs.
- **Trail work:** Garden volunteer Scott has placed the red trail markers and has asked for 6 more trail markers of each color (Charlie to help with that).
- Scott purchased the small stone pile by the new parking lot to use on the steps on the Yellow Trail. He plans to begin repairing the steps on Saturday.
- Kimberton Whole Foods (KWF) has emailed that the Mill is to be included on their Rounding -Up calendar for April 2026. Need someone to lead this (Support and staff a table with info about the mill). Sandy will forward KWF information to the person willing to lead this project – last year the mill general fund was gifted \$3,714.32 through this program.
- The park needs to have a dedicated person to plan and run educational programs. There is currently a plan for a minimum of 4 events with speaker fees assuming budget approved however there are additional opportunities to use the park for programs and provided additional donation and grant funding
- **Event report: 10/11/25 - Keep Chester County Beautiful** (registered PA PennDOT) event in bird area. Twenty volunteers plus Gardeners worked to clear still grass + from left race. Giant grocery store had provided a \$50 food donation card and PennDOT provided heavy duty work gloves and trash bags for this event. The PullerBear was a big help pulling out the privet, wild rose, and burning bush invasives. Motorcycle Dave cut up and disposed of a very large branch that had fallen and broken segments of the post and rail fence in this area.
- Reimbursement to David for bulb order. Total \$503.38
- This order had prior approval for up to \$500. David is donating an additional 270 bulbs value of \$170.91. Reimbursements were approved by the committee.
- Noah has ordered the following and they can now be removed from the 2026 budget request:
  - Tree wrap - 15 trees (8" x 100 yds) 4 rolls at \$55 each \$250
  - Bird suet \$200
  - Deer repellent 2 containers 5 gal concentrate. Makes 50 gal. \$400
  - 2 Radius shovels (\$49 each) \$100
  - \*Milorganite for the lawns 6 bags of 32 Lb Lowes \$19.95 total \$120
  - \*Fuel for posthole digger 3 cans for \$90
- David requests an additional \$300 be approved from the Garden Fund to purchase plants that will bloom in the spring. This was approved by the Committee
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- **Future Expenditure Approval:** If funds remain in the Mill's 2025 account, the Gardeners would like to purchase the following up to \$1000 as available: pruners and hori hori knives and heavy duty hose reels such as these:
  - <https://www.lowes.com/pd/Fiskars-Traditional-Bypass-Pruner-with-5-8-In-Cut-Capacity/5002001745> \$12 each
  - <https://www.lowes.com/pd/Corona-Corona-Hori-Hori-Knife/5005414225>. \$20 each
  - [https://www.amazon.com/Giraffe-Tools-Industrial-250-Feet-Outside/dp/B0BCG4DK7L/ref=sr\\_1\\_6?dib=eyJ2ljojMSJ9.eb2edMJmiEFPogp1kim4JTNHvAgyW0c12qrXzzObUABD9OQy7PQsTo8uXjoM0sgcohpSs32nmh8Wg2Dp3MVIHMkMaDRUU66nWUw1GUxUsK-CZu9XhXFOgTsPKV-NjeTqFX\\_8n1sj-qFn2vIBG8oX](https://www.amazon.com/Giraffe-Tools-Industrial-250-Feet-Outside/dp/B0BCG4DK7L/ref=sr_1_6?dib=eyJ2ljojMSJ9.eb2edMJmiEFPogp1kim4JTNHvAgyW0c12qrXzzObUABD9OQy7PQsTo8uXjoM0sgcohpSs32nmh8Wg2Dp3MVIHMkMaDRUU66nWUw1GUxUsK-CZu9XhXFOgTsPKV-NjeTqFX_8n1sj-qFn2vIBG8oX) \$185 each

Approved by the Committee. Noah to confirm availability of 2025 funds.

- **Park Planting area map:** Noah presented a draft park map outlining areas maintained by township vs park volunteers and areas that are planted by park volunteers. Edits were provided and this map will be revised for discussion before the next meeting. **Events:**

**Miscellaneous:**

- **Park Brochure:**
  - The brochure for the Park still needs to be updated.
- Signs in the Park need to be updated (maps do not include the additions of the Culp Clearing and the new parking lot).
- Need to confirm 2026 committee members by Dec 1
- All available funds from 2025 budget need to be spent by end of Nov
- Need the township to address Building F window repair and maintenance for parking lot (e.g. stone to smooth ruts)

**Adjournment:** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:20 AM.

**Next BMP Committee meeting:** November 20, 2025.