

THOMPSON WOODS PRESERVE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, April 8, 2026
2:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person or via Zoom)

General Meeting Information

College Township offers both in-person and virtual meeting attendance for all public meetings. To attend in-person, this meeting will be held at **1481 E. College Avenue, State College PA, 16801, 1st Floor Conference Room**. To attend virtually, please see the information below.

To Attend the LIVE Meeting Via Zoom on Computer or Smart Phone:

- [Click HERE to REGISTER for the meeting via Zoom.](#) Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: Please use the raised hand feature to participate. The moderator will recognize those with their hands raised (either by name or phone number).

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS: For specific agenda items and for items not on the agenda, written public comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon the day of the meeting by emailing mbloom@collegetownship.org.

THOMPSON WOODS PRESERVE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

CALL TO ORDER:

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- For any item not on this agenda, please:
- Limit comments to five minutes
- Ask to add your topic to this or a future agenda, if needed

MINUTES:

March 11th Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

OB-1 Signage (Type and Content)

OB-2 Update on Council action on Forest Restoration Plan Update and Committee Restructuring.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 2:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT:

**THOMPSON WOODS PRESERVE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 11, 2026
2:00 PM
1481 E. College Avenue, State College PA 16801
1st Floor Meeting Room**

ATTENDED BY:

Bill Keough, Chair
Earl Moore, Vice Chair
Mark Bergstrom
Deb Hilands
William Ray

STAFF/OTHERS:

Lance King, State College Borough
Mike Bloom, College Township

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Keough called to order the March 11, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Thompson Woods Preserve – Governance Committee at 2:00 PM.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

None

MINUTES:

Mr. Moore made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the February 11, 2026, meeting, Ms. Hilands seconded. Approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Signage

The Governance Committee discussed the signage types and content that may be appropriate for the entrances of the Preserve.

The following type/location comments were provided:

- Sign placement at entrances will be key
- Larger sign at main entrance with parking, smaller signs at the other two primary entrance points
- Path connecting Oak Ridge to Walnut Springs Lane is a “no-man’s land” with lack of clarity on biking rules. May need a small sign at their entries.
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The following content elements were discussed:

- Include the basic rules/covenants, limit to the most egregious violations.
- Biking signage needs to be consistent (where is it allowed, where are riders to dismount)
- Signage cannot conflict with the property covenants
- Map will be key to identifying locations, and clarifying rules for use. Needs to be large enough to be informative. Eliminate Walnut Springs Park from mapping.
- The more we say “Don’t” the less effective the messaging
- Use consistent symbology (green and red) – check with CRPR and State Parks

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- No hunting needs to be made clear
- “Leave No Trace and “Dawn to Dusk” messaging should be included
- 2 QR codes, 1 directed to website, 1 to the report issues page

Further discussion will be warranted at the April 8th meeting. Staff will attempt to provide a template/design concept.

OLD BUSINESS: Forest Restoration Plan Update

Mr. Bloom reported that the small contingent of the Advisory Committee had met and reviewed the Plan Update. While the Advisory Committee acknowledged that Option 1 was likely the most effective, they also shared the same concerns over impacts of this approach. As such they felt Options 2 and 3 may be more palatable. They unanimously recommended that the Plan Update be accepted.

Mr. Bergstrom and Mr. Keough noted that the Plan Update and signage are actually connected projects.

Mr. Moore made a motion to recommend to the Borough and Township Councils that they accept the Forest Restoration Plan Update as written. Mr. Bergstrom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Committee Structure

Mr. Bloom reported that the Advisory Committee also reviewed the Committee Restructure proposal. The members present agreed that it was appropriate to merge the committees and liked the idea of being a 12 member board with 5 voting members and 7 non-voting, ex-officio members. They unanimously recommended that the proposal be accepted.

Mr. Bergstrom asked if it would be appropriate to have someone from West Penn Power on as a non-voting member. While everyone agreed that the Committee needs to have discussions with them, it was determined that they shouldn't be added at this time.

Mr. Bergstrom made a motion to recommend to the Borough and Township Councils that they approve the proposal to effectively merge the committees. Mr. Ray seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Keough accepted a motion from Mr. Ray to adjourn the March 11, 2026 meeting of the Thompson Woods Preserve – Governance Committee, which was seconded by Mr. Moore. The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By,
Mike Bloom
College Township Assistant Manager



COLLEGE TOWNSHIP

MEMORANDUM

To: Thompson Woods Preserve Governance Committee

From: Mike Bloom, Assistant Township Manager

Re: OB-1 Signage: Content, Design and Materials

Date: April 2, 2026 for April 8th meeting

The Committee should continue discussions on the proposed entrance signage project.

In particular, Committee members are asked to provide their thoughts on:

Content:

The Committee had previously discussed inclusion of the following:

- Basic Rules (using symbols).
- Overview Map.
- “Leave No Trace” messaging.
- QR codes directing users to website and report issues page.
- Dawn to Dusk.

Design:

- Utilize the basic design concept from previous Penn State class project.
- Main entrance sign should be more significant.

Materials:

- Committee liked the “natural look”, materials should correspond to that.
- Weather resistance, low maintenance.
- Ability to change our icons/OR codes, if possible.

Sample:

Utilizing the design concepts previously provided by the Penn State class and the guidance provided by the Governance Committee to date, staff used AI to generate a couple sample signs on the following page. These samples are provided strictly for illustrative purposes and are in no way meant to represent a final product.

