



MP3 COG Board  
Wednesday, December 17, 2025  
6:00 PM  
Reading City Hall Council Chambers

**Members:** – K. Barnhardt (County), L. Olsen (County), L. Kelleher (Reading), K. Bradley (Alsace Twp) – in person and A. Sellers (Lower Alsace Twp), J. Baez, Jr. (Reading), D. Pottiger (Lower Alsace Twp) - virtually

**Members absent:** R. Maurer (Mt Penn), M. Kindlick (Mt. Penn), S. Dieroff (Alsace Twp)

**Others attending** – A. Dempsey – in person and J. Runkle and L. Kissinger - virtually

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Barnhardt called the meeting to order at approximately 6:04 pm. He noted that Mr. Kindlick, Mr. Maurer and Mr. Dieroff had schedule conflicts. This meeting is in place of the November meeting, rescheduled due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Barnhardt opened the floor for public comment. No one present expressed the desire to speak.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA**

Mr. Barnhardt asked the board to consider the minutes from the September meeting and the agenda for this meeting.

**There was no objection to the contents of the meeting minutes or the agenda and they were approved by acclamation.**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Olsen, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report - the MP3 bank account has a balance of \$55,392.79. He stated that the Berks County Community Fund has a balance of \$10,144.86. He stated that he will be meeting with the MP3 representative at Tompkins Bank to relocate a portion of the account balance into an interest bearing account. He reviewed the list of payables below:

- a. Payment of Bills –
  1. Ratifying the reimbursement of Mr. Olsen for PACOG Conference expenses - \$569.89
  2. Issuing a \$150 check for a Zoning Permit Application for the disc golf course
  3. Authorizing the donation of \$500 to the New Year's Eve Fire Works to Berks Festivals

Mr. Barnhardt stated that Mr. Koch, from Berks Festivals, called to inquire if the MP3 would be willing to make a contribution of \$250 to the 2025 New Year's Eve fireworks. He noted that the \$250 sponsorship for the 2024 display was never received by Berks Festivals, and he suggested increasing this year's sponsorship to \$500, to make up for the misstep last year.

Mr. Olsen apologized for missing that payment.

Ms. Kelleher stated that the issuance of a zoning permit check can be eliminated, as there will be modifications to the disc golf course plan prior to its submission. The submission will be for an accessory use in the area zoned for recreation.

**The report and bills were approved by acclamation after a motion by Ms. Kelleher and a second by Mr. Pottiger.**

Ms. Kelleher reminded Mr. Olsen to send out the 2026 MP3 dues.

#### **PRESENTATION – Disc Golf Course Map**

Ms. Dempsey introduced herself, noting that she worked with a group to layout the disc golf course between Mineral Spring Park and Egelman's Park. Mr. Kissinger screen shared the proposed map.

Ms. Dempsey described the layout and questioned if the City would be willing to relocate the gate closing off Egelman's Park to allow additional parking at this site along with adding a crosswalk at the fish hatchery. She also noted the debris and dumping of large items that will need to be removed from various areas.

Mr. Kissinger stated that those requests will need to be considered by the Public Works Director. He noted that due to the 2026 budget reductions and staffing, Public Works will not be able to provide the support the course will require.

Mr. Kissinger noted that the 9 holes in the Mineral Spring Park area (area to the south of the baseball field) will require a considerable amount of clearing work. He suggested redesigning the course to decrease these needs, noting that the 9 holes in the Egelman's Park area will be easier to install.

Ms. Dempsey expressed the belief that after the initial "weed whacking" to clear the undergrowth, the pathway will remain cleared via the foot-traffic from those who play on the course. Mr. Runkle agreed.

Mr. Olsen asked some to approach the monitor for a closer inspection of the screen shared map. He then noted the lack of detail on the map and the need for a more in-depth plan showing where the concrete tees will be located and the strength of the concrete that will be used. He stated that a concrete truck will not have access to supply the concrete.

Ms. Kelleher noted that the map screen shared is a scan of the very large plan. She asked those at the monitor to return to their seats, as those connected virtually cannot hear this discussion.

Mr. Runkle stated that the concrete will not be supplied by a truck, instead bags of concrete will be used with a smaller vehicle. He stated that the size of the tee is the average size of one sidewalk square and that excavation equipment is not required to dig the opening.

Ms. Dempsey stated that approximately 50 trees will need to be removed. She added that the Liederkrantz expressed the belief that their volunteers can remove the fallen trees and chip them.

Ms. Sellers expressed concern about the need to remove healthy trees.

Mr. Kissinger stated that he will need to inspect the site to determine the number of living trees that require removal.

Ms. Dempsey stated that the largest number of trees to be removed are dead or fallen trees.

Ms. Sellers requested an inventory list before the course plan moves forward.

Mr. Kissinger again noted that Public Works has a limited number of employees and no funding for work (preparation or maintenance) at this new course. He suggested that a more feasible option may be a 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-hole area in the Egelman's Park area - the area to the north of the park. Mr. Kissinger and Ms. Dempsey agreed to reconsider the layout of the course. It was suggested that they visit the site together.

Mr. Runkle described the Berks Disc Golf Association and the members' willingness to perform volunteer work to install the course and perform maintenance.

Ms. Dempsey noted that a shift in the design will eliminate the course interaction with private property.

Mr. Barnhardt and Ms. Kelleher noted the need for a stakeholders meeting to determine the feasibility of using volunteer and in-kind donations to install the disc golf course.

Mr. Baez agreed with the need for a meeting to determine the feasibility of installing the course and designing the modified course to work around the need for the removal of live, healthy trees.

Ms. Dempsey left the meeting.

### **MP3 COG REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Review Amendment to MP3 COG Agreement re membership**

Mt. Penn and Alsace Twp. agreements have not been submitted.

**B. Disc Golf in partnership with Liederkrantz – See above**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS – submission in written form only**

- Finance & Capital - none
- Promotions & Marketing - none
- Public Safety & Public Services - none
- Environmental & Land Use Committees – none

**WRITTEN REPORTS FROM PRESERVE STAKEHOLDERS**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Barnhardt stated that the 2026 meeting schedule is Jan 28, Mar 25, May 27, July 22, Sept 23, Dec 2.

Ms. Kelleher offered to host the January meeting at the Reading City Hall Council Chambers while she waits to hear which meetings can be hosted by Alsace, Lower Alsace and Mt. Penn.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present.

**The next MP3 meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Reading City Hall Council Chambers.**

**The meeting adjourned at approximately 7 pm on motion of Mr. Pottiger and Mr. Olsen.**

*Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher, Secretary*

**Action Items:**

1. Ms. Kelleher to follow up with Alsace Twp & Mt Penn regarding the amendment to the MP3 COG agreement.
2. Ms. Kelleher to reach out to Alsace & Lower Alsace and Mt. Penn to define meeting locations
3. Arrange stakeholders meeting to determine feasibility of using volunteer labor and in-kind donations to install the disc golf course.