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MEETING NOTES

Project: **DMP Community Park Master Plan**

Project No.: **22021.10**

Location: **Middle Paxton Twp Building & Virtual - Teams Meetings**

Meeting Date/Time: **November 14, 2022 7:00PM**

Re: **Public Meeting #3: Draft Plan**

Issue Date: **November 18, 2022**

ATTENDEES:

Simone Collins Team: Peter Simone (PS); Anita Nardone (AN); Michelle Armour (MA)

See Attached meeting attendance sheet for in-person attendees and virtual attendees.

NOTES:

A. Introductions

- PS greeted everyone and offered an introduction to the Simone Collins (SC) team.

B. Review of Master Plan Process & Project Schedule

- AN presented an introduction to the Steering Committee and an overview of the master planning process for the DMP Community Park. (See presentation and schedule). At the conclusion of the process, the project will move into securing additional funding, final engineering, and construction of improvements in phases.

C. Mission Statement

- AN presented the park mission statement, which reads:
“The mission of the Master Plan for the Dauphin Middle Paxton Community Park:
 - Honor the history of the Community Park that has served residents for many years
 - Provide cost-effective and beautiful improvements that will serve the residents of all ages and abilities for many years, and

- Preserve and enhance the natural resources that makes the Park a community oasis.”
- D. Update on Public Opinion Survey Responses & Public Meeting #1
 - AN gave a summary of public opinion survey results, public meeting feedback, and focus group meeting feedback to date. (See presentation)
- E. Review of Initial Concepts and Refinements
 - AN reviewed the three initial concepts, presented at Public Meeting 2. AN discussed plan refinements, including proposed park elements, inclusion of the DRA Pool Study in the Master Plan, and a summary how of input received from focus groups informed plan refinements.
- F. Draft Plan
 - AN presented the Draft Plan
 - The meeting opened up to public questions and comments:
 1. *Attendee* – Regarding composting toilet: How will large pump trucks access it for maintenance?
 - SC: A large truck will not be needed – the toilet does not require pumping; compost is removed by hand/shoveled and only requires a smaller truck.
 2. *Attendee* – Will facilities for cooking, such as grilles, be included in the park? There is a lot of use of the park for picnicking.
 - SC: There are none in the master plan now, but these can be considered.
 3. *Attendee* – The plan has a lot of new “grey” area for parking – can other materials be used, such as stabilized turf or permeable paving?
 - SC – The question of long-term maintenance is a question to consider, especially when looking at materials such as permeable paving. The master plan recommends asphalt based on its relatively minimal maintenance and cost. This is a detailed decision for later in the process – for example, perhaps not all lots will be built. Use of this site will evolve.
 4. *Attendee* – I own three houses at the southwest boundary of the park. Several concerns:
 - Most concerned for environmental effects of improvements. The woods serve as a corridor for wildlife, such as eagles, vultures, other birds, fox, and deer. Would like to see those woods remain. Taking everything out of the understory is not good. Would like to see existing trees remain.

- Not in favor of a dog park. Pit bulls have attacked people (and not been reported). What is the liability, and who is responsible for policing the dog park?
 - Concerned about lighting and its effect on neighbors – will light bleed into neighboring residences?
 - Regarding the walkway into the Borough – why is it shown at that location? Will part of my property be taken for this?
 - Two other walkways used to exist near the old maintenance building and the end of High Street. One was paved. A resident put up a gate, which blocked it, but this was public domain. Older residents know about old walkway.
 - Attendee's father, before he passed, charged the attendee with protecting the veterans park (do not move, do not pave over, passive use only).
 - *SC* – There is no intention to clear cut trees; although some removal may be necessary for proposed improvements, the plan seeks to minimize disturbance to the woods. Regarding the walkway connection into the Borough, the Park Authority would need permission from residents for any access. If there was an easement for a previous walkway connection to the Borough, that information will be helpful for this master plan. [Attendee will try to find information regarding the old easement for the former walkway from the Borough into the park.] The draft plan proposes to keep the veterans memorial where it currently exists and proposes improvements which will elevate the beauty and importance of that space.
 - *Attendee* – People trespass through a sewage easement to get from the Park to Erie street; attendee has called the police more than once.
 - *Nichole Staley O'Gorman (NSO)* – We were unaware of this trespassing issue and will look further into this.
 - *Other Attendee* – There once was a stagecoach road at the back of the park (along this easement?), as well as a spring-fed/stream-fed well that residents used to collect water (can reference history books).
5. *Attendee* – What about funding?
- *SC* – Funding can come from several grant sources, including PADCNR and DCED. SC will list sources of funding in the Master Plan Report.

G. Next Steps

- SC will publish the Draft Plan Report for public review in mid-December.
- Upcoming Meetings (see full schedule on following page):
Public Meeting #4 | Final Plan | 2/13/23, 7:00-9:00 PM
- Participants are encouraged to reach out with any questions or comments (see contact information below).

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DAUPHIN-MIDDLE PAXTON COMMUNITY PARK MASTER PLAN MEETINGS	Purpose	Date	Time
Rev. 08/24/2022			
Committee Meeting #1	Kick off meeting	Thursday, May 19, 2022	7:00 to 8:30 PM In-person
Web Based Survey		June 27 through November 14	
Public Meeting #1	Programming	Monday, June 27, 2022	7:00 to 9:00 PM In-person and virtual
Committee Meeting #2	Analysis and Initial Concepts	Monday, August 15, 2022	7:00 to 8:30 PM Virtual
Focus Group Meeting #1*	Plan Input: Active Recreation	Monday, September 19, 2022	7:00 to 8:30pm Virtual
Public Meeting #2	Initial concepts	Monday, September 26, 2022	7:00 to 9:00 PM In-person and virtual
Focus Group Meeting #2*	Plan Input: Passive Rec/ Senior/ Community Groups	Monday, October 24, 2022	6:00-7:30PM Virtual
Committee Meeting #3	Draft Plan Preview	Monday, October 17, 2022	7:00 to 8:30 PM Virtual
Public Meeting #3	Draft Presentation	Monday, November 14, 2022	7:00 to 9:00 PM In-person and virtual
Committee Meeting #4	Revisions to Draft Plan	Monday, January 30, 2023	7:00 to 8:30 PM Virtual
Public Meeting #4 - Final Plan to Authority	Final Plan	Monday, February 13, 2023	7:00 to 9:00 PM In-person and virtual

This report represents the Professional's summation of the proceedings and is not a transcript. Unless written notice of any correction or clarification is received by the Professional within ten days of issue, the report shall be considered factually correct and shall become part of the official project record.

Sincerely,
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DMP Community Park-PUBLIC MEETING #3 SIGN IN SHEET

November 14, 2022

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1. Summary

Meeting title	DMP Community Park MP: PM3
Attended participants	
Start time	11/14/22, 6:33:42 PM
End time	11/14/22, 9:05:56 PM
Meeting duration	2h 32m 14s
Average attendance time	1h 32m 15s

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2. Participants

Name	First join	Last leave
Michelle Armour	11/14/22, 6:46:21 PM	11/14/22, 8:29:34 PM
Herbstritt, Joseph	11/14/22, 6:59:04 PM	11/14/22, 8:27:42 PM
Larry	11/14/22, 7:00:01 PM	11/14/22, 8:25:26 PM
David Ertel	11/14/22, 7:01:10 PM	11/14/22, 9:05:56 PM
Greg Martin	11/14/22, 7:13:36 PM	11/14/22, 8:12:51 PM

3. In-Meeting activities

Name	Join time	Leave time
Michelle Armour	11/14/22, 6:46:21 PM	11/14/22, 8:29:34 PM
Herbstritt, Joseph	11/14/22, 6:59:04 PM	11/14/22, 8:27:42 PM
Larry	11/14/22, 7:00:01 PM	11/14/22, 8:25:26 PM
David Ertel	11/14/22, 7:01:10 PM	11/14/22, 9:05:56 PM
Greg Martin	11/14/22, 7:13:36 PM	11/14/22, 8:12:51 PM