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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: **June 27, 2022
7:00PM**

Re: **Public Meeting #1**

Issue Date: **July 5, 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:

1. Introductions/ Project Team Experience

- PS greeted everyone and offered introductions to the Simone Collins (SC team (including AEG Group---ecologists/ engineers.)
- PS gave an overview of the relevant types of SC experience for park master planning in the area.

2. Master Plan Process

- AN presented on overview of what the master planning process will 'look like' for the DMP Community Park. The DMP JPA conceived of the 'idea' and secured funding for the master planning process. Master planning is a seven (7) step process over the next eight (8) month. (See presentation and schedule). At the conclusion of the process, the project will move into securing additional funding, final engineering, and construction.

3. Web Based Opinion Survey

- AN discussed the use of the 'survey monkey' web based public opinion survey. The survey is available as of June 27th.
- The survey is intended to 'take the pulse' of the community on the many issues regarding how the Community Park factors into the lives of the community.
- Audience reminded that there is a slight change to link address for the survey. See bottom of these notes for correct link.)

4. 'Brainstorming'

- PS led the attendees through a card-based brainstorming session to solicit goals, facts, concepts and partner input. PS urged group to be 'aspirational'---not constrained by costs or apparent challenges. The following input was received:
 - GOALS
 - a. Provide for all ages
 - b. Master Plan!
 - PARTNERS
 - a. DAA (Dauphin Athletic Association)
 - b. DRA (Dauphin Recreation Authority)
 - FACTS
 - a. Tennis courts not used
 - b. Invasive species a problem
 - c. Boy Scouts completed a trail through the wooded area in the 1990s
 - d. View of the River beautiful
 - e. Concession area needs improvement
 - f. Bathroom issues
 - CONCEPTS (Ideas)
 - a. Tennis courts could become skate park
 - b. Tennis courts can become pickleball courts
 - c. One basketball court (placement important)
 - d. Illuminate the basketball courts (also tennis courts)
 - e. Light ballfields and multi-purpose fields (as recreation groups grow, lights give extended usew options)
 - f. Community gardens (potential Girl Scout project)
 - g. Dog Park (a potential Girl Scout project)
 - h. Age-appropriate playgrounds
 - i. Importance of security after 10pm
 - j. Conflicts of different uses at the Park
 - k. Vandalism is possible
 - l. The 'multiuse' path is used! Formalize it.
 - m. Connect to other Borough trails, paths
 - n. Use as site for 'special events' e.g. Pumpkin Fest
 - o. Signage to inform community about how the Park and the fields are maintained (e.g. Borough/ Township partnership; DAA and DRA volunteers; DAA empties trash receptacles.)
 - p. More trash receptacles
 - q. Walking trails for exercise
 - r. A 'pavilion' with a view of the water
 - s. Historical aspect of the fields (e.g first home of the Harrisburg Senators) is nostalgic and noteworthy
 - t. Batting cages

- u. Field equipment storage is needed
- v. Parking is a challenge
- w. Water at Kennedy field?
- x. Food trucks for use at events
- y. Alcohol permits needed for beer/wine trucks?
- z. Are grants applicable to the JPA and Borough parcels within the park?
- aa. Upgrade the pool
- bb. There is a need for communication about what is going on at the DMP Community Park
- cc. Include the 'Veterans Memorial Park' on the Borough-owned parcel as part of the Master Plan Study
- dd. A public notice board is needed
- ee. Draw educational attention to the 'native' species that are naturally part of the park

5. Other Discussion Items

- Steve Ludwig (Steering Committee member) noted that there is a need for lots of participation. Would hope for more attendance at the meetings
- 'Adam Rickey' Park noted for an example of park with donated volunteer time and equipment to keep it useable.
- DMP Park Maintenance: Shared by Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township; field also maintained by DAA
- Historical significance of 'Kennedy Field'; also site of small circuses in the past
- Boy Scouts have done some maintenance/ trail clearing of the trails they built in the past
- Parking is a challenge as the pool and baseball/softball overlap seasons
- Jeff Thrush (Steering Committee member) noted that the DRA Pool Master Plan Study to envision pool improvements in a phased approach is expected to be completed in July 2022.
- The Lions "Carnival" (July 12-16th) is a good place for advertising of the Master Plan process. SC to provide Steering Committee with a black/white flyer and mounted Park map to generate interest.
- DRA was asked to give a small update on the Pool Study at the next Public meeting (September 26th)

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Public Opinion Survey Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DMPCommunityParkMP>

Survey will be open from June 27th through November 14th

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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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anita Nardone".

Anita Nardone, PE
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DMP Community Park-PUBLIC MEETING #1 SIGN IN SHEET

June 27, 2022

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Attended participants

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Start time 6/27/22, 6:52:02 PM
End time 6/27/22, 8:24:26 PM
Meeting duration 1h 32m 24s
Average attendance time 1h 7m 58s

2. Participants

Name	First join	Last leave	In-meeting duration	Email	Participant ID (UPN)	Role
Michelle Armour	6/27/22, 6:52:38 PM	6/27/22, 8:24:26 PM	1h 31m 48s	marmour@simonecollins.com	marmour@simonecollins.com	Organizer
Alan Miller	6/27/22, 6:58:32 PM	6/27/22, 8:23:59 PM	1h 25m 27s			Presenter
Heather	6/27/22, 6:59:05 PM	6/27/22, 8:23:49 PM	1h 24m 43s			Presenter
Andy Parker	6/27/22, 7:08:20 PM	6/27/22, 8:24:10 PM	1h 15m 49s	AParker@aegroup-llc.com	aparker@aegroup-llc.com	Presenter
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3. In-Meeting activities

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Michelle Armour	6/27/22, 6:52:38 PM	6/27/22, 8:24:26 PM	1h 31m 48s	marmour@simonecollins.com	Organizer
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