

North Strabane Township Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Plan

Meeting Minutes #4

March 15, 2023 - Municipal Building

In attendance:

Emily Holmes, Township Supervisor
Matt Cunningham, Parks and Recreation Director
Lisa Sheehan, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board
Michelle Quinn, Member of the Parks and Recreation Board
Josh Hickman, Community Volunteer and Scout Leader
Jill Motzer, Citizen Volunteer
Joseph Barnes, Ea
Heather Cuyler, Pashek+MTR

Absent:

Donald Progar, Citizen Volunteer
Steve Glancy, Youth Soccer Organization Leader
Davis Garner, Youth Citizen Volunteer

Discussion Items

1.1 Presentation by Joseph Barnes, Future Eagle Scout. Joseph presented his proposed Eagle Scout Project which is the construction of a GaGa Pit. He is seeking approval from the Township.

1.2 Where are we in the process?

The committee reviewed the Key Person Interview Study and questionnaire results.

Key takeaways:

- Community Park is well loved and maintained but could use an update.
- Landscaping and sustainability maintenance plans should be developed.
- Trails and connections are important to the community.
- Additional synthetic turf fields.
- Indoor recreation space
- Additional water features...splashpad.
- Borland and Alexander are under utilized and should be updated.
- Residents believe the Township should protect key historic and diverse areas.
- 80% of respondents feel it is extremely or very important to invest tax dollars in public parks, trails and open spaces.

1.3 Vision and Mission Statement:

The committee began brainstorming to develop a Mission for the Parks and Recreation Department.

A draft mission was developed. It will be reviewed at the May SC Meeting.

Draft Mission:

The Mission of North Strabane Township's Parks and Recreation Department is:
Enhance the quality-of-life year round for all ages and abilities by providing safe, sustainable places and activities to engage the community in play, celebration and recreation while honoring the local heritage while moving forward.

Next Steps

Next Meeting May 17 3:30-5:00 PM

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