

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

Meeting Minutes #6

March 17, 2023 - Municipal Building followed by Community Park site visit.

In attendance:

Emily Holmes, Township Supervisor
Matt Cunningham, Parks, and Recreation Director
Michelle Quinn, Member of the Parks, and Recreation Board
Jill Motzer, Citizen Volunteer
Davis Garner, Youth Citizen Volunteer
Heather Cuyler, Pashek+MTR

Absent:

Lisa Sheehan, Chair of the Parks, and Recreation Board
Steve Glancy, Youth Soccer Organization Leader
Josh Hickman, Community Volunteer and Scout Leader
Donald Progar, Citizen Volunteer

Discussion Items

1.1 Greenways & Open Space

Heather shared with the committee her observations while driving through the Township. Now is the opportunity to set in place conservation measures to protect green space in the Township. Heather will work with the Township Manager and Planner to identify potential areas of preservation as well as additional park land. Heather will review the County Greenways and Trails Plans to determine possible connections.

1.2 Review of existing parks and National Standards

Heather shared with the committee spreadsheets outlining the Township's facilities in comparison to national standards.

According to the standards the Township should identify additional locations for:

- Pickleball
- Tennis
- Multi-purpose fields (soccer may be losing a contract in Cecil Township)
- Deck Hockey
- Indoor Recreation Facility
- And additional park lands

Canonsburg Lake: savecanonsburglake.org: The lake area may have opportunities for additional recreation facilities. The August meeting will be located at the lake for discussion.

Heather spoke with the Audubon Society regarding habitat and species enhancement measures in Community Park as well as other areas of the Township. Emily mentioned the inclusion of birding within the community.

84 Property/Station 2: This newly acquired parcel could serve as a location for new amenities to serve the community. Although the site contains challenging topography, it also provides opportunities. A name should be determined for this park. This could be developed through a contest or sponsorship opportunity. Potential sponsors could include: 84 Lumber, Canonsburg Hospital, or UPMC.

American 250 www.american250.org. Emily shared with the committee the possible future funding related the celebration of America's 250th Anniversary.

1.3 Public Engagement

Pashek+MTR staff will attend the Touch a Truck event, July 22, as well as Community Day on August 5.

Branding and Signage: The committee discussed possible branding. Mascot and signage needed for the Parks and Recreation Department.

1.4 Community Park Site Visit

The committee visited three possible sites for a splashpad area.

1. Concession Stand Area: advantages to this site include location to concession stand, restrooms, and pavilion.
2. Larger Miracle playground area: additional features added to the existing structure.
3. Lower Playground: possible relocation area for the toddler train equipment or new inclusive merry go round.

Other notes:

- Inclusion of wind screen in the park, especially near the lower playground area.
- GaGa Pit location, near swing area, in green space or possibly near secondary swing area.
- Additional "curtains" or windscreens needed for pavilions.

Please Note: THERE WILL NOT BE A JULY MEETING

Next Meeting August 16, 3:30-5:00 PM: Canonsburg Lake TBD

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