

Borough of Lemoyne, Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan

Meeting Minutes #3

January 25, 2022 5:00-6:30 PM Via Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Cindy Foster, Sue Yenchko, Jason Schwartzman, Michael Young, Shirley Stark, Rebecca Coleman, Kasha Griva, Gene Koontz, Gale Gallo, John Leverentz, Heather Cuyler (Pashek+MTR)

Discussion Items

Public Input Review:

- 1.1 **Key Person Interviews:** Heather Cuyler reviewed the Key Person Interview Summary with the Steering Committee. Discussion regarding the future Master Plan of Negley Park including possible amenities such as an Amphitheater, improved parking, accessibility and improvement of the view from the park. Heather will reach out to discuss best practices and options with DCNR and County foresters. Stephanie shared contact information for the DCNR Forester in the area. Other topics of discussion included branding/signage for the parks and Borough in general, connectivity including rail/trail and the CAT bridge opportunities, skate park, graffiti wall, dog park, sledding hill (currently the hill in Negley is used for this activity, although the ground hog holes cause a hazard) history, inclusiveness, and safety.
- 1.2 **Questionnaire Summary:** The number of responses to date is 192. There has been an inflow of responses in the recent weeks due to the efforts of the West Shore Recreation Commission and Lisa's work with the Elementary School. The committee agreed to keep the questionnaire open until the week before the next committee meeting, February 15, 2022. Rebecca and Shirley both offered to deliver door hangers to residents in neighborhoods to assure a wide outreach and response. Many thanks to everyone for their efforts.
- 1.3 **Mission and Vision Statement Discussion:** Gene shared sample statements.
Vision: Parks and open spaces that promote healthy bodies and minds

Mission: Lemoyne Borough develops and maintains a diverse park, open space and trail system for the betterment of our community and the environment

The Committee also discussed the West Shore Recreation Commission statement: West Shore Recreation Commission, based on an agreement of intergovernmental cooperation, is dedicated to enriching lives by providing quality recreational and leisure-

time opportunities for all residents. The Committee would like to rework a combination of all three of these statements and include, play, safe places, connection to nature, inclusiveness, celebrate and recreate. This item will be revisited at the next meeting.

1.4 Connectivity

Heather shared with the Committee and updated connectivity map. This map will be used as a guide towards future connections in the community with the understanding that some of these connections may be possible currently and not in the future and vice versa. Cindy shared with her recent conversation with New Cumberland and a possible connection along the riverbank. It should be noted that this area will flood and the trail should be constructed with that in mind.

1.5 Program Review

An analysis of the West Shore Recreation Commission programs was shared. The Commission offers a variety of programming. These programs are offered in over 18 locations. The area in which programs are not offered are inclusive programs for individuals with special needs and programs which would strengthen diversity in the region. The aquatic programming is held exclusively at the West Shore Natatorium. Programming at the Lemoyne pool is limited to do staffing and unheated water. The Lemoyne pool is utilized for summer camps by different organizations.

Next Steps

1.6 Study Committee Meeting February 15th, 5:00-6:30 PM via Zoom

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