

Borough of Lemoyne Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open Space Key Person Interview Summary

Introduction

People interviewed were based on Study Committee recommendations. Interviewees were questioned on the Borough of Lemoyne's recreation strengths, problems to solve, and their vision for Lemoyne's recreation assets in 5 -10 years.

Key Takeaways

Strengths

- **Community Amenities**
 - Farmers Market
 - Riverfront Access
 - Negley Park
 - The view
 - Is used a lot by the community
 - Amphitheater
 - West Shore Recreation Commission
 - Works with school to provide youth programs
 - Adults also utilize programs
 - The parks (especially Negley) which are used for yoga, pickleball, tennis, and other activities
 - The YMCA has, in the past, provided some programming.
 - The Commission utilizes Trinity Lutheran Church for programming
 - Summer playground programs are provided at Fairview Township
 - Safe and easy access to some neighborhood facilities
- **Sense of Community**
 - Diversity of community
 - History
 - Relationships between residents
 - The Borough of Lemoyne was described as the "Little Town That Has It All"
- **Location**
 - Vicinity to Harrisburg
 - Realignment of the interchange
 - Railroad tracks allow easy access to the community
- **Interest in natural assets**

- Street Tree Program
- Parks are well maintained in regards to cleanliness

Problems to Solve

- **Preservation and creation of green spaces**
 - Preservation and promotion of the Negley Park Viewshed
 - Issue with tree replacement and view
 - Increased greening of large, paved areas
 - Greener entrances and features (West Shore Farmers Market, State St., 10th St. Industrial Area)
- **Recreation Opportunities, Facilities, and Utilization**
 - Providing recreation for people of all ages and abilities
 - Accessibility
 - Better utilization of all parks (tennis courts, pickle ball, game fields, trails, playgrounds, fitness stations, and stages)
 - Updates to equipment
 - Better understanding of how the parks are used and what recreation opportunities and facilities people want
 - People are showing interest in dog parks and pickleball courts
 - Some neighborhood facilities are lacking
 - Increased security at parks such as motion lights
 - Programs for teens
 - Ex. Philadelphia provides walls for teens to graffiti
 - Wifi access in parks
 - Connections to Harrisburg or City Island/Cat Bridge
 - Park staff capacity
 - Interviewees recommended the Borough ensures that there is equitable access to the parks and that the Borough's demographics are served

Future Visions

- **Preservation and creation of green space**
 - Require development or reuse to include green space, recreational facilities, or open space
 - Evaluate how to sustain green spaces in the long term
 - Undeveloped areas along 12th Street
- **Better utilization of parks**
- **Improve connections between parks and communities**
 - There is an avid biking community
- **Continue to develop community events**

- Food Trucks
- Concerts
- Historical education/events
- **Implementation**
 - Create a Maintenance Plan for facilities and parks to guide the Borough in budgeting and operations
 - Funding and implementation of this study's findings and recommendations
 - Look into creating a volunteer corps to engage the community and do restorative projects