

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

Meeting Minutes #5

March 15, 2022 5:00-6:30 PM Via Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Cindy Foster, Sue Yenchko, Michael Young, Shirley Stark, Kasha Griva, Gale Gallo, John Leverentz, Lisa Trogner, Gaylon Morris, Bradley Mills, Heather Cuyler (Pashek+MTR)

Discussion Items

Public Input Review:

1.1 **Questionnaire Summary:** The number of responses to date is 264. The number of responses has increased by 110 since the February 15 meeting. This increase is due to the distribution of door hangers through out the Borough and specifically targeted to the region near Memorial and Maple Parks. A review of the responses indicates that the priorities for the Borough remain consistent with the previous responses. Heather will close out the questionnaire and four gift cards will be awarded. The Borough will mail the gift cards to these individuals.

1.2 **Memorial Park Draft Concept Plan Review:** The committee review the draft plan. Michael has recently visited both Memorial and Negley Parks to get a better understanding of the proposed updates. The group provided the following comments:

- A dog park in this area would create additional maintenance, especially due to the location and the need to remove leaves in the Fall, as well as dog waste. Would it be possible to form a committee to help with the maintenance? Would the dog park be better located in another passive park? (probably not due to the proximity of homes near these parks) If the dog park was located in the Memorial Park location, could there be additional landscaping to “beautify” the entrance? Dog Parks located in nearby Townships may be sufficient to serve the Borough’s dog needs.
- Landscaping and beautification at both park entrances should be enhanced. Many Bradford Pears have been planted in the park. A removal and replacement plan will need to be developed.
- Permanent restroom structure. The plan indicates the addition of permanent restroom facilities. The proposed location should be reevaluated. Alternative locations discussed were near the concession stand, in the triangle grassy area, or near the proposed pavilion.
- The proposed playground area will not work due to the use of that area by the baseball association. This ballfield will be the only field the Borough will provide

for the use of the community. Improvements to this field and associated amenities including the concession stand, addition of accessibility, barrier netting in the backstop area, and a batting cage should be considered.

- The committee agreed the addition of a second basketball court would be a good addition to the park. Basketball is very popular among the residents.
- A second bocce court should be included for leagues.
- The Susquehannock Village Discovery Trails will be a great addition to the park.
- Care should be taken to not obstruct the trail connection to Bosler.
- Smoke in the Park is a very popular event organized by the Fire Department. Heather will contact the organizers including Todd Shadle to gain a better understanding of the event and it's set up.

Negley Park Updated Draft Master Plan: The committee discussed the updates to the previous version of the Master Plan. Comments included:

- Net tree loss should be understood prior to the final Master Plan approval. Heather will schedule a visit with the Forester in the next month or two to visit the parks and identify diseased or invasive trees and/or plants. A plan will be in place to assure proper stormwater planting, shade, and habitat improvements. The Borough has taken proactive measures to begin the removal of vines and other invasives. This will help to reestablish the views up river and of the City. The Borough should continue to budget funds to continue this effort.
- The improvement of Stan Jones Drive to establish a safe two way access into the park will be a welcome improvement. Construction should take into consideration the slopes and also the potential multi-use area where the existing entrance and the proposed two way road would intersect.
- There is no need for the proposed permanent structure which could be used for the Symphony event.
- The proposed basketball court could be constructed in the area of the proposed bocce court. There is no need to fence the court.
- Negley Park is known for its views. Every attempt should be made to enhance this experience within reason. The area where the existing dumpster is located should be reexamined for a potential viewing area. The Bridgeport neighbors use the gate in this area for their landscaping access. Care should be given to be “good neighbors” in this area.
- History of this area should be shared through education and wayfinding signage and materials. A walking tour from Negley to Fort Couch is one possibility. Moving the Grave Markers, enhancing the Veterans Memorial and the VERY LARGE stainless steel sculpture may all find a home during the final rendition of the park plan.

Next Steps

1.6 Study Committee Meeting April 19, 5:00-6:30 PM via Zoom, If an in person meeting/site visit is possible on this date, the Committee will be notified.

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