

Borough of Lemoyne Comprehensive Recreation Park and Open Space Plan

Meeting #2 Minutes

December 16, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

In attendance: Lisa Trogner, Sue Yenchko, Jason Schwartzman, Gaylon Morris, Michael Young, Jessica Orndorf, Shirley Stark, Rebecca Coleman, Heather Cuyler (Pashek+MTR)

Discussion Items

1.1 **Public Input Review:**

- **Public Meeting Recap:** Heather Cuyler, Pashek+MTR shared remarks regarding the successful event, approximately 30 people participated including the Police Chief. Jason Schwartzman shared thoughts on the Program Station. The participants shared their thoughts which were shared with him such as community-oriented events for all ages. Shirley Stark shared comments on connectivity and the desire to connect the Borough from Negley Park to Memorial Park. Lisa Troger manned the registration area and shared comments from the community including the “10 Million Tree” initiative. The comments reflected a desire for connections and green infrastructure.
- **Questionnaire:** The Borough has received 146 responses to the questionnaire. And 208 website inquires. The Committee and Consultant agree that the questionnaire should remain open and additional marketing to reach all demographics of the Borough. Publicity ideas include school backpack flyers, church bulletins, newsletters and possible electronic message boards. Heather will update the promotional materials and resend to the committee and Borough staff.

1.2 **Vision and Mission Statements:** Sample Vision and Mission Statements were provided. The consultant asked the committee to review and provide feedback prior to the next meeting.

1.3 **Connectivity:** The group reviewed the draft connectivity plan and discussed routes that are feasible and others which may create challenges. A priority is to connect the Negley Park area to the Memorial Park area. The committee will review the draft and provide feedbacks via mark ups to the consultant to better identify dangerous intersections and routes that have not be identified. Heather shared with the committee metrics provided through The Trust for Public Lands which creates data to identify underserved areas. According to the metrics, 89% of the residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park. This indicates that the Borough should concentrate efforts to enhance their existing facilities and not necessarily strive to develop new parks. The National Recreation and Park Association also provides metrics for benchmarking. According to this data, it is recommended that 10 acres of

parkland be provided per 1,000 residents. The Borough of Lemoyne existing park acreage is 51 and their 2020 population is 4,659. The Borough is right on track according to the metrics. This is not to indicate that green space should not be protected for stormwater management and habitat protection.

1.4 **Key Issue Discussion**- Based on the recommendation of the committee to continue to gather public input, the priorities and key issue discussion was tabled until the questionnaire has been closed in February. Heather will continue to gather data regarding programs and facilities, such as the pool.

Next Steps

1.5 Heather will resend the draft connectivity map to the entire committee along with the minutes for feedback. The promotional materials will also be updated.

1.6 The monthly meeting date for 2022 was discussed. The meetings date has been changed to the third Tuesday of the month at 5:00 P.M. The next meeting will be held on January 19, 2022.

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