

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

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### Public Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2021, Memorial Park, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Approximately 30 people participated in the Open House Public Meeting. Participants were very engaged in the process, and many stayed for the entirety of the meeting. The following comments were gathered during the meeting.

### Station #1 Existing Parks

#### Borough of Lemoyne Existing Parks Public Input Summary

- Removal of invasive trees and plants at both Negley and Memorial Parks.
- Remove pear trees but have smaller shade trees along path at Negley
- Design parks around views at Negley and Memorial
- Several people stated they would like to restore the view at Negley
- Benches and swings overlook view at Negley
- Many people loved the viewing platform idea on tree line at Negley - in a specific spot that has the view of bridges on right and center, city, and mountains on left.
- No mention of pool, but in fairness we didn't mention it anywhere in our Parks and Open Space promos or write ups, or even have a board for it. Although the pool is housed next to Memorial Park, it is fenced off and you can only access the pool if you purchase a membership. It is viewed as a separate entity by residents.
- Bocce at Negley and/ or Memorial
- Games for teenagers and adults at all parks
- Climbing equipment for adults/ teens
- Fire pits and seating areas in major parks; nighttime use in parks
- Cameras in parks to reduce crime
- Improve foundation of all tennis courts and basketball courts - all have cracks and all are used heavily by residents. Rubber/ new concrete/ new rims/ fencing/ backboard
- More tennis / pickle ball/ basketball courts and lights for use of all courts at night.
- Painted pickle ball lines on all tennis courts!
- Leave some tennis courts free of pickle ball lines, it's confusing!
- Adult swings / equipment at all parks
- Equipment for all ability levels - including differently abled children and child/ grandparent shared equipment
- No more wood chip carpet
- Better children's playground equipment at all parks

- Purposeful design of parks with better equipment layout - free space to play without equipment in all areas
- Natural education areas and signage at all parks
- More green spaces in Lemoyne
- Identify history in parks and open spaces
- Access to river - "Hang out park" benches, trails, etc
- Sidewalks/ safe connectivity between all parks and to major destinations
- Several people mentioned kids in Clark St area need a safe space to play- must cross dangerous S 3rd St /Bridge St to access Maple St Park; they also mentioned kids on Herman/ Hummel / Bosler need safe place to play - must cross dangerous S 3rd St to reach Memorial Park. Are there open spaces near these areas we can acquire?
- Community Garden at Negley
- Splash pad for children
- Indoor park - skateboarding, rock climbing walls, trampolines, indoor play equipment, etc
- Walking paths /trails, particularly on abandoned railroad land

## **Station#2: Connectivity**

- Lowther & Third Street- Pedestrian Crossing
- Rail Trails
- Design trail maps for parks
- Connect Library, Farmers Market, Negley Park
- Urban Forest: Frazier, Negley, So we don't have to drive to take a "walk in the woods"
- Need sidewalks to keep walkers off the streets
- Idea: Marietta Borough Trail: on road plastic reflectors in the road to see where the trail is
- Better connections to Lowther Street for Bikes
- Concerns about I-83 connections
- We should connect the railroad trail & other trails to the Harrisburg Green Belt
- Consider sidewalks the entire way on Lowther to river
- Could we inventory blight, abandoned/foreclosed problem properties and see if the Borough with CCARA can purchase them and make them pocket parks for Herman, Hummel, Bosler etc
- Sidewalks needed from Fort Couch past Negley (Washington Terrace to Negley)
- Amphitheatre somewhere or seating at Frazier or picnic tables
- 7<sup>th</sup> Street Walking Bridge- use this to connect rather than 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Meadows, Trails
- Skatepark

### **Station # 3: Programs**

- Urban forests with native trees
- Open mic type music activity
- “Show Up Mondays” Jam Sessions
- Negley best for Art in the Park
- Tai-Chi maybe on Sunday
- Zip line in Negley
- History Days to talk about the role of Lemoyne in pivotal moments of US history
- Collaboration with Farmers Market for food and food related events
- “Library in the Par” day collaboration with Fredricksen Library
- Cornhole tournaments
- Pickleball tournaments
- Wiffle ball field
- Geocaching
- Harrisburg Academy “Stem”
- Family events
- Community events
- Walking Dogs
- Concerts in the Park
- Touch a Truck
- Environmental Education
- Bocce Ball

### **Next Steps**

- 1.1 Continue to promote the digital questionnaire to the public through December 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Committee will meet on December 16<sup>th</sup> via zoom to discuss public input.

The information contained in these minutes was recorded by Pashek + MTR and represents our interpretation and understanding of the discussions that occurred during the meeting. Please notify Pashek + MTR within one week of distribution. Otherwise, minutes will be distributed as final, and assumed accurate as written.

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