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## MEETING NOTES

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Project:	<b>Woodlawn Park Master Plan</b>	Project No.:	<b>21073.00</b>
Location:	<b>Upper Moreland Township Meeting Room 117 Park Ave, Willow Grove, PA 19090</b>	Meeting Date/ Time:	<b>05.18.2022 7: 00-8: 30pm</b>
Re:	<b>Steering Committee Meeting #2</b>	Issue Date:	<b>06.02.2022</b>

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### ATTENDEES:

Anthony Benvenutti, Steering Committee	Matthew Candal, Township Manager
Michael Chauveau, Steering Committee	Clifton "Kip" McFatridge, President, Board of Commissioners
Matt Duffey, Steering Committee	Cheryl Lockard, Vice President, Board of Commissioners
Jeff Herb, Steering Committee	Nicholas Scull, Ward 1 Commissioner
Annmarie Mangin, Steering Committee	Peter Simone, Simone Collins (SC)
Mary Meister, Steering Committee	Sarah Leeper, SC
Phil Strybuc, Steering Committee	Michelle Armour, SC
Dean Swedberg, Steering Committee	Public Attendees (see attached sign-in sheet)
James Torpey, Steering Committee	
Barbara Tuck, Steering Committee	
Pat Stasio, Director of Parks and Recreation Department	

### GENERAL NOTES:

#### INTRODUCTION

- Pat Stasio introduced himself, the Commissioners, and the Township Manager
- Commissioner McFatridge addressed attendees, stating that the Township has no agenda, that the Committee was chosen at random, and that the intent was to select members from different areas. He expressed his hope that, with Committee and public participation, the community will come up with a good design for Woodlawn Park.
- Pat S. stated that Public Meeting 1 has been advertised, and that survey will be finalized tonight.

- Peter Simone introduced the agenda, project team, committee, project schedule, and master plan process. Psi asked attendees to spread the word about Public Meeting 1 by sharing with networks.
- Sarah Leeper reviewed public input to date (committee suggestions/comments for the public opinion survey and focus groups), project site history, existing conditions, context within the Township parks system, and the schedule of field usage.

#### **Committee Discussion: Focus Groups**

- Committee member: Does it have to be only 4 focus groups?
  - SL: The number is limited by budget – it is important to figure out groups that are most related to this park in particular
  - Pete S: If people do not fit exactly into groups they will not be excluded, there will be some cross-over
- Committee member: “Passive activities” is vague. A “teenagers” group should be part of the “passive activities” group or a “mommy and me” group
  - PS: The challenge is to find teenagers to participate. Maybe the “passive activities” group can be replaced with a “teenagers” group.
  - Committee member: It depends on how you market it to the group. For example, teenagers may come to an “active sports” meeting thinking about sports but not about other activities.
  - Pete S: We ask the Committee to please communicate to us which groups to reach out to and provide their contact information – sports teams, churches, etc.
  - Pat S: Neighbors of the park would be helpful to identify teenagers as well.
  - Committee member: I suggest replacing “passive activities” with “teenagers” or “families” in general.
  - Other group suggestions: “unorganized family events” or “families”; to address needs of all ages
- Pat S: We would like to have this ironed out before Memorial Day.
- Committee member: Do you want our contact lists or to have us send info out to our groups?
  - Pat S: We need your help to identify people and to get their contact info to us.
- Sarah L: The “neighbors” group should likely go beyond the adjacent residences.
- Pat S: Consider holding meetings outdoors at the park.
- Pat S: Adjacent neighbors can choose a “neighborhood contact captain” to represent their interests and serve as a point of contact.

#### **Brainstorming**

##### **GOALS**

- Universal access for any disability: mobility, hearing, sight – all inclusive

##### **FACTS**

- Very engaged community
- No summer program on basketball courts
  - Need 2-3 courts to run a program

- Parking in neighborhood and church on corner of Abbeyview will let people park on busy days
  - Gets crowded sometimes
  - Baseball usually only 2 teams, not too bad
  - Church parking is not in great shape – when we have a better park, the church may not be able to afford to allow parking
- No dogs are allowed in any park besides the existing dog park
- The Township is currently working with Septa on a skatepark location – delayed
- The highpoint is not well-shaded – brick hard in summer
- Water control measures are necessary
  - No SW management currently
  - MS4 requirements
- Highly active Environmental Advisory Council
- The tennis courts on site are unused
- There are many tennis courts at Mason's Mill
  - During one attendee's visit every pickleball court was being used, the tennis unused (some of the tennis courts are in disrepair)
  - The tennis courts are walk-up use
- All boundary fences besides on Division are privately owned – residences
- Baseball players hit fences by right field sometimes
- Walkway behind the tennis courts is well-used
- Lighting – idea could be scary for residents (trees coming down, large lights, etc.)
- Space for programming: The Township needs own space (per Township Program Coordinator)
  - All is currently rented - spends about \$20-25K a year on rental space
  - No Township owned building/community center
  - Have a widely popular drama program
  - The Key club – teenagers – highly active group
  - The Golden Age Club – 400-member senior citizen club
  - Summer camp – use school facilities
    - Can only offer 8 weeks because of school year schedule, few weeks lull because no facility
    - No scholarships for program
    - Program is full w/in 15 minutes
- Summer concerts held at Masons Mill
- No spray pad. Have a spray “pole” – looking to vastly increase that
- Existing synthetic turf fields in other locations are well-used
- Twp applied for \$200K from DCNR to apply retroactively – for open space acquisition
- Woodlawn Site was formerly known as Frazier Hill – owned by W.W. Frazier
- WW Frazier owned a couple hundred acres and called it all Overlook Farms
- The USGS survey was commissioned by Thomas Jefferson
- Good location for a Community Center
  - In a densely populated area of Woodlawn – would be well used
  - Would not be as visible, so would be more neighborhood use – “ours”
- Woodlawn neighborhood bounds:

- Overlook Ave or Terwood Road to Moreland Road, and Davisville Road to Edge Hill Road
- Ward 1 and parts of Ward 6

#### CONCEPTS

- Community center
  - Indoor gyms - multipurpose
  - Restrooms
  - Classrooms
  - Arts
  - Stage
  - Seniors
  - Flexible space
  - Kitchen area
  - Rental areas for revenue stream
  - Meeting Hall
  - Wi-fi (public attendee comment)
- Keep green space – put community center elsewhere
- Sports
  - Turf field (synthetic) – lacrosse, field hockey, etc.
    - Lighted
  - Skin infield for flexibility
    - accommodate 60- and 90-foot fields
    - movable mound
  - Basketball courts
    - outdoor
    - lighted
  - Pickleball courts for seniors
    - Indoors – players are loud
- Playground / play areas
  - Water park – splash pad
  - “Climbing park, not a sliding park”
    - “Ninja Warrior” – inspired
  - Zip line – play equipment
- Skateboard park
- Cut grass shorter for field hockey
- Native tree plantings
  
- Outdoor fitness course
- Outdoor movies
- Dog park
- Walking paths/trails – add/improve
  - Low level lighting
- Pavilion(s)

- Seating/picnic benches/tables
- Traffic / Parking
  - Traffic calming – circulation in and around the park
  - Parking on site
  - Street parking – cut away edge of site for parallel/angled parking (Woodlawn Ave, Division Ave)
- Public pool (public attendee comment)
- Drinking fountains (public attendee comment)
- Name Ideas:
  - Woodlawn Park at Frazier Hill
    - Reference the history of the site

#### PARTNERS

- Miss America Organization

#### Public Q&A

- Pete S: How to decide on priorities?
  - Public attendee: Need an “umbrella”
    - Why?
    - Who?
    - What? Overall intended serving of audience
      - Ex. 13–20-year-old kids – codify that
- SL: Is this a neighborhood or community park? How does it fit in with other facilities in the Township?
  - Community park. I think we can get everything that is wanted or needed in this park before we say, “we can’t do this”. Let’s think win/win and try hard to get everything in.
    - (Agreement from another attendee)
  - Neighborhood park. There is no parking. Mason’s Mill is a community park. This park can serve larger community, but on a day-to-day basis it is neighborhood park.
- Pete S: Is this park needed for leagues?
  - Pat S: Yes, or another location is needed for them – another piece of ground. The school has hardball fields (maintained during school year). We have softball fields that may be able to be converted. We need what is there and more. If this field is removed, other fields in the Township could be lit, but this field is used every night.
  - Committee member: Can we convert other fields’ sizes?
    - Committee member: That is why a skinned field with no mound would be good – flexible size.
- Committee member: Would any of these concepts be a liability (ex. skate park)? How about hiring people to man them? Where do those funds come from?
  - Pat S: None of these concepts would increase liability.
- Building:
  - Horsham did a good job with their community center - large meeting hall
    - No gyms
- Will emailed ideas be presented at the Public Meeting to be brought up?

- People can mail ideas in. Also, virtual attendance will be available.

#### **Next steps**

- SC tasks:
  - Finalize Online Opinion Survey
  - Coordinate dates and times of Focus Group Meeting with Township
  - Prepare for Public Meeting 1
- Committee tasks:
  - Share meeting information
  - Share survey information
  - Provide suggestions/contact info for Focus Groups

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

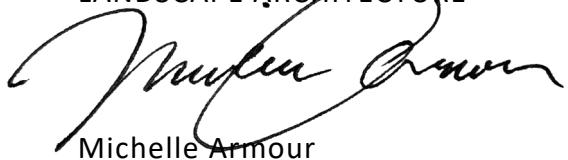
- Public Meeting 1: Brainstorming – Wednesday, May 25, 7-9 PM
- Committee Meeting 3: Analysis & Programming – Thursday, June 9, 7-8: 30 PM
  - Review Public Feedback –Meeting & Survey
  - Review Potential Program Items through Initial Concepts / Bubble Diagrams

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Sincerely,

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Michelle Armour

## MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

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Location: Upper Moreland Township

Topic: Steering Committee 2 – Site Review & Brainstorming

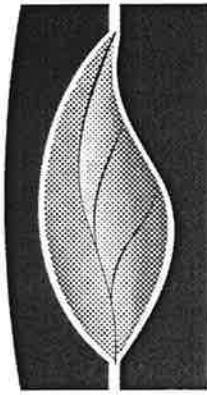
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