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Project:	<b>Woodlawn Park Master Plan</b>	Project No.:	<b>21073.10</b>
	<b>Upper Moreland Township</b>		
Location:	<b>Meeting Room</b>	Meeting Date/	<b>05.25.2022</b>
	<b>117 Park Ave,</b>	Time:	<b>7:00 – 9:00 PM</b>
	<b>Willow Grove, PA 19090</b>		
Re:	<b>Public Meeting #1 – Project</b>	Issue Date:	<b>06.02.2022</b>
	<b>Intro &amp; Brainstorming</b>		

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### ATTENDEES:

See attached sign in sheet.

### NOTES:

1. Peter S. & Sarah L. reviewed the master plan process, park existing features, and introduces the brainstorming session. The public was invited to share Goals, Facts, Concepts, and Partners for Woodlawn Park.

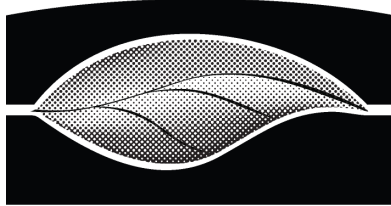
### BRAINSTORMING:

#### Goals

- Provide for all ages
- Appeal to a diverse population
- Create a beautiful safe park
- Create an inviting space
- Park to be a good neighbor
- Create community

#### Facts

- 4 walls of neighbors
- Houses border park
- Basketball courts used for parking
- Team sports in park
- No dogs in park
- Guard @ Mason Mill Park
- Ex. Playground in poor condition
- 9.5 acres
- Woodlawn Ave - 2 Cars cannot pass
- Traffic on Forest Ave due to access path
- No ADA curb ramp @ Forest Ave
- People run stop sign @ Woodlawn & Division
- Questions regarding fences
- Used Tennis Courts to learn how to bike



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## Concepts

SHADE & TREES	GATHERING SPACES	COMMUNITY CENTER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trees</li> <li>• Keep existing trees</li> <li>• Plant more trees</li> <li>• Plant native trees</li> <li>• Shade</li> <li>• More areas of shade</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Space for people to gather</li> <li>• Open air pavilion</li> <li>• Gazebo or stage</li> <li>• Concerts + Movies in the park</li> <li>• Food truck event</li> <li>• Picnic tables</li> <li>• Water @ pavilions</li> <li>• Grills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Center</li> <li>• Kitchen / multi-purpose room / small rooms</li> <li>• Music painting classes</li> <li>• Police PALS</li> <li>• Indoor basketball</li> <li>• What need will a community center meet?</li> <li>• No community center @ Woodlawn</li> </ul>
PLAYGROUND	PARK AMENITIES	PARK IDENTITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Slides</li> <li>• Wood playground</li> <li>• Inclusive playground</li> <li>• New playground</li> <li>• Shade @ playground</li> <li>• Learn to bike area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bathrooms</li> <li>• Drinking fountains</li> <li>• Storage</li> <li>• Snack Shack</li> <li>• Teen employment opportunities</li> <li>• Vending machines</li> <li>• AED emergency panel</li> <li>• Stormwater controls</li> <li>• Limited lighting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community center will turn Woodlawn into a community park</li> <li>• Keep green space</li> <li>• Neighborhood park</li> <li>• Dawn to Dusk</li> <li>• Limit facilities in the park</li> <li>• Size comparison studies</li> <li>• Some ideas could be met elsewhere in the township</li> </ul>
RECREATION IDEAS	DOGS	FUNDING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pickleball courts</li> <li>• Walking trail through trees</li> <li>• Basketball courts keep</li> <li>• Keep tennis courts</li> <li>• Skate park</li> <li>• Outdoor fitness equipment</li> <li>• Pump track</li> <li>• Hockey in-line rink</li> <li>• Putting green</li> <li>• Disc golf</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog park</li> <li>• Dog friendly portion of park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Needs focus group</li> <li>• Donation paver bricks</li> <li>• Grant funding</li> </ul>
WATER RECREATION	TRAFFIC & PARKING	EXAMPLE SITES & PROGRAMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor Community swimming pool</li> <li>• No pool</li> <li>• Splash pad</li> <li>• High use for pool</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gate Woodlawn Driveway</li> <li>• Relocate driveway</li> <li>• Traffic may increase</li> <li>• Speed bumps</li> <li>• Traffic calming</li> <li>• Pedestrian safety / crosswalks</li> <li>• One-way streets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abington adult evening school</li> <li>• Dupont Hospital music playground</li> <li>• Cresmont Club (Abington)</li> <li>• Spruce street park</li> </ul>

## **Partners**

- DCNR
- Township EAC
- American Academy of Dermatology
- Pennypack Trust PERT

## **PUBLIC Q&A:**

1. Neighbors noted concerns regarding the location of the driveway being so close to neighbors and hidden areas behind the building creates hidden areas in the park for illicit nighttime activity.
2. An attendee asked how all the ideas on the board could fit in the park and what is the process to refine ideas. Pete agreed that all the ideas on the wall would most likely not end up at Woodlawn Park. He noted that we will be looking at the survey results, public comments, committee feedback, and township staff to determine what is best for the Park. It is the SC team to take all the ideas and explore how they fit into the site conditions and pair that with the communities needs and desires. We will come back to the committee and public with multiple concept ideas to for the park to help explore the various ideas.
3. An attendee asked for SC examples of parks similar in size to Woodlawn. Pete noted that some of the examples that we had shown were larger than Woodlawn. He noted that every park is different so it difficult to show specific examples similar to Woodlawn Park. Pete noted that we will do some size comparisons to help people understand the size of the park.
4. An attendee asked if some ideas do not fit at Woodlawn but there is a clear need, would there be opportunities to look at other parks in the Township. Pat S. noted that yes, this is something that the Township could do. He noted that the Township is currently looking at a different location for a skate park, one of the ideas shared tonight. One of the key person interviews will be with the Parks Department to identify facilities that the Township is planning.
5. An attendee asked if we consider getting feedback from kids. Pete noted that often we try to collaborate with school boards to set up meetings, but it can be difficult to fit it into a school day. He noted that if someone had a connection to a school or kids and wanted to help organize a group that we would be happy to hold a focus group with kids. He also encouraged parents to bring their kids to the meeting, have them take the survey, and/or have them email us.
6. An attendee asked about DCNR requirement to allow anyone to use the park and noted that Green Lane Park had once to closed to just Montgomery County and Avelthorpe Park is limited to just Abington residents. It was noted that those facilities had not been acquired or funded with state or federal funds.
7. An attendee asked how quickly we will see the results of the survey and will we see wide results. Pete noted that we will share key results at the next meeting. When we submit the plan, we will have the full results and comments in the plan.
8. An attendee asked regarding focus groups did you consider neighborhood parents and kids. Pete noted that that was really specific and that we have the neighbors focus group. It was questioned if that group would just be limited to bordering neighbors.

Pete noted that we will need to determine the range of neighbors with Pat, but that it would be wider than just the edge of the park.

An attendee noted that the steering committee is composed of six ward 1 residents, none of which border the park, the balance is made up of other wards. It was noted that ten adjoining neighbors had submitted to be on the committee and had not been selected so a meeting reaching out to adjacent neighbors should be considered.

Pete S. noted that it is the team's job to listen to all voices equally whether you are a commissioner, on the committee, or a member of the public. He noted that the committee meetings are open to the public and that at the end of the meeting business the meeting is opened to public Q&A.

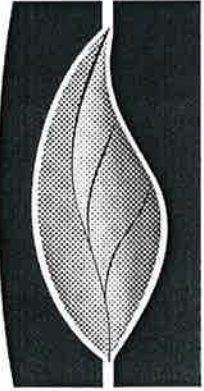
9. It was requested that meetings be held on varying evenings to avoid repeating conflicts for individuals. Pete noted that the schedule gets set at the beginning of the project dependent on the team's schedule and Township meeting Schedule. He noted that the meetings are being recorded and will be posted to the project website and we welcome people or email us with their ideas.
10. Is there a target age for kids focus group, for example *"my 6-year-old will ask for made up things"*? Pete agreed that with younger kids you can have a fun session, but the information you glean from it is limited. However, if you can get a group of teens together you can gather some important information and what they would like to see. It was noted that there is a period of time in early June when school lets out prior to camps starting that might be a good time to reach out to kids.
11. Pat S. thanks everyone for their comments tonight and for creating an open atmosphere for everyone to share their ideas. He noted that the Township Manager and four commissioners, and Parks and Rec Program Coordinator were also in attendance at the meeting and heard all your ideas. He encouraged everyone to go to the Project Website to stay up to date with the progress.

This report represents the Professional's summation of the proceedings and is not a transcript. Unless written notice of any correction or clarification is received by the Professional within ten days of issue, the report shall be considered factually correct and shall become part of the official project record.

Sincerely,  
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