

Hampton Township Comprehensive Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan

Steering Committee Meeting #4 **Community Center, Adult Lounge**

June 28, 2022

6:30-8:00 PM

Minutes

1. **Community Park Pond site visit:** Much of the outreach input has included improvements to the pond area. To understand the topography better, members of the committee met at the pond prior to the regular committee meeting. The members which participated in the site visit included: Liz Spence, Liz Sasada, Laurie Christy, Melanie Martino and Heather Cuyler. The group walked the perimeter of the pond. The pond is a gem in the park that has not been showcased to the community. Pond improvements included:
 - ADA parking
 - Accessible trail to boardwalk
 - Redevelopment of board walk for environmental education programs and school activities
 - Dredge the pond
 - Replant the area with native plants
 - Replace overflow and inlet pipes
 - Add wildlife houses such as duck boxes
 - Include interpretive signage
 - Establish policies and partnerships with the School District to ensure safety and coordination of programs

2. **Farmers Market Public Outreach Discussion**
 - Heather and the Committee Members which participated in the Farmers Market on June 15, 2022 shared the input received from the public. Although it was a very HOT day, between 30-40 people stopped by to share their thoughts. Committee members included: Erika Chapman, Emily Rzotkiewics, Lissa Geiger Shulman, Liz Sasada, Chris Lochner, Melanie Martino & Heather Cuyler

Top Desired Park Amenities & Programs included:

- Dog Park
- Trails, Including existing trail enhancements
- Splashpad
- Disc Golf
- Pond
- Community Events: Holiday, Music, Movies
- Fitness in the Park

These top ideas were consistent with other means of public input.

3. **Partnerships:** The committee discussed different partnerships which could be enhanced such as Scouts, School District, Garden Clubs, Youth Organizations. Heather and Dr. Cunningham will set up a meeting to discuss thoughts related to strengthening the School District and Township partnership.
4. **Community Park Concept Plan Review:** The draft concept plan was reviewed. This plan originated during the Implementable Comprehensive Planning Project. Suggested improvements to the original plan included:
 - Wayfinding, the appropriate location of the signage should be identified
 - Irma Kost connection to the pond
 - Irma Kost loop trail
 - Replanting of the existing raingarden area and convert lawn area to native plantings
 - Identify police shooting range on plan
 - ADA parking and access to existing pavilions
 - Sidewalk or trail down main road of park
 - Accessible, shaded seating at soccer fields
 - Shade over playgrounds
 - Replacement of smaller play area
 - Plant additional shade trees
 - Removal of invasive species
 - Cooperative trail through School District Property

These ideas will be taking back and discuss with the Pashek+MTR team. As appropriate they will be incorporated into the concept plan. Once the plan has been updated it will be sent out to the Committee for review.

5. Next Steps

- Heather will begin to develop recommendation, strategies and phasing plans. These will be shared with the committee for review.
- There will not be a July meeting
- Next meeting will be held on August 23, 2022 6:30 8:00 PM in the Adult Lounge of the Community Center.

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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