

TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON

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FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda
Thursday, June 17, 2021, 4:00 P.M.
Conference 2
Ferguson Township Main Building
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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. CITIZEN'S INPUT
- **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - 1. FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS TOUR

Narrative

The annual Parks Tour will be conducted with members of the committee driving separately to meet at Cecil Irvin Park, Homestead Park, Greenbriar-Saybrook Park and then to Tom Tudek Memorial Park. David Pribulka, Township Manager, will review the proposed 2022 – 2026 Parks Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Attached are maps of the Township parks, park master plans for reference on the Parks Tour, and an inventory list of amenities and what, if any, undeveloped phases on file.

- V. OPEN DISCUSSION
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, May 20, 2021 4:00 P.M.

I. ATTENDANCE

The Parks and Recreation Committee held its regular meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021, via Zoom in attendance were:

Committee:

Norris Muth- Chairperson
Tessa Antolick- Vice Chair
Jerry Learn-Secretary
Dr. Shawna Doerksen-Absent
Connie Puckett-Absent
Bill Keough
Rob DeMayo
Rick Tetzlaff-Absent

Staff:

Centrice Martin, Assistant Manager Summer Brown, Recording Secretary

Others in attendance: Sasha Walls, Ferguson Township Intern.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Norris Muth called the Thursday, May 20, 2021 Park and Recreation meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

III. CITIZEN'S INPUT

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Muth called for a motion to approve the April 15, 2021 minutes. Mr. Jerry Learn moved to accept as written, Ms. Tessa Antolick seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT JEFF RESSLER, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR- This agenda item will be moved to the June meeting.
- 2. REVIEW OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE SCORECARD- Ms. Centrice Martin stated that Staff will involve the Parks Committee for the Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan. Ms. Martin noted that the consultant score card and request for proposal (RFP) is attached to the agenda and staff would like the Committee to review the scorecard. Ms. Martin stated staff will review and score the responses and then the committee will review, preferably, one scorecard that represents the committee. The Committee reviewed the score card. Ms. Martin noted that proposals are due May 30th and will be seen by the Committee at the June.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. FERGUSON TOWNSHIP 2022-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET – PARKS TOUR- Ms. Martin stated that this is a 5 year program from 2022-2026. Dr. Muth stated that the Committee will need to decide what needs to be visited during the Committee's parks tour. Ms. Martin stated that the Committee can review the budget and decide what the Township should pursue and what can be pushed to a later year. Dr. Muth stated that most of these do not require a park visit. Dr. Muth asked for a document that shows all parks that need updated phases/masterplans. Ms. Martin stated that staff can compile a document of masterplans and

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the committee can review. The Committee discussed the capital improvement program budget and decided to visit the following parks:

- Cecil Irvin park
- Fairbrook
- Greenbriar
- Suburban Park
- Homestead Park
- VII. PROCLAMATION 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH- Dr. Muth moved that the Committee recommend to approve the Parks and Recreation Month proclamation to the BOS, Mr. Learn seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS

- 1. STAFF REPORT- Ms. Martin stated that the bike chat was canceled due to lack of participants. Ms. Martin suggested the Committee host the bike chat during the Parks meeting next year. Ms. Martin noted that staff received a request asking for more accessibility to Parks. Ms. Martin stated that the Green Infrastructure policy approved by the BOS.
- 2. CENTRE REGION PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY REPORT MR. BILL KEOUGH-Mr. Keough stated that the Whitehall Road Park will have an ADA playground. Mr. Keough stated that he plans on approaching Sheetz for Capital for the park. Mr. Keough stated that a Parks and Recreation guide was sent in the mail, this guide shows all programming that is available in the Centre region. Mr. Keough stated that the pandemic has increased park use. Region pools will open in 9 days. Tudek dog park has added a 4th pod to alternate enclosed areas for rest time.

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

X. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Muth entertained a motion to adjourn the Thursday, May 20, 2021 Parks and Recreation meeting at 6:00 pm. Mr. Rob Demayo made a motion to adjourn, Dr. Muth seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
JERRY LEARN, SECRETARY
FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Tour

4 p.m. on June 17

CIP Route Schedule

- 1. Cecil Irvin Park
- 2. Greenbriar-Saybrook Park
- 3. Homestead Park
- 4. Tom Tudek Memorial Park

Master Plan Information

- 1. Cecil Irvin Park (formerly Westfield Park) | 126 Cinda Drive, State College | 5.5 acres.
 - 2011. Master Plan prepared by Hubert, Rowland, Grubic, Inc. (HRG)
 - a. Developed: Phase 1
 Neighborhood playground; landscape buffer; Sled riding hill; Gazebo and gardens and walking trail.
 - b. **Undeveloped**: Phase 2 and Phase 3
 - a. Phase 2: (2) Multi-Use Field; (46) spaces parking area; pavilion; bike trail; planting bed with decorative pavement; playground; restroom
 - b. Phase 3: Tennis courts; basketball courts, sand volleyball.
 - c. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): 2022. \$320,000 for construction of future amenities.

2. Greenbriar-Saybrook Park | 1386 N. Foxpointe Drive, State College | 8 acres

2004. Park Improvement drawing by Ferguson Township Public Works. No master plan on file.

- a) **Developed**: Playground, horseshoes, baseball court, 2 pavilions, walking path. Baseball backstop, gravel path, benches, tree plantings
- b) Undeveloped on Park Improvement:
- c) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): 2023. \$25,000 for Master Plan.

3. <u>Homestead Park</u> | 145 Farmstead Lane, State College | 10 acres

2005. Master Plan.

- a) Developed: playground equipment ages 2-5, playground equipment ages 5-12, basketball court, pavilion, youth ballfield, seasonal soccer field, perimeter walking trail. Tree plantings instead of tennis court.
- b) Undeveloped: park play equipment
- c) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): 2021. \$75,000 for park play equipment.

4. Suburban Park | 101 Suburban Avenue, State College | 13.8 acres

2019. Master Plan prepared by YSM Landscape Architect

- a) **Developed**: basketball court, tennis/pickle ball court, pavilion, playground ages 5-12, softball and youth baseball field,
- b) Master Plan Phase 1: Coordinating with grantor, completing LMOR and CLMR and then preparing bid schedule.

5. Tom Tudek Memorial Park | 400 Herman Drive, State College | 87 acres

2015 Master Plan prepared by Daniel R Jones Landscape Architect.

- a) **Developed**: playground ages 5-12, basketball court, pavilions, tennis court, perimeter walking trail, baseball and soccer field, restrooms, dog park, community garden plots, butterfly garden
- b) **Undeveloped**: Phase 3a
- c) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - a. 2025. \$355,000: construction of (2) basketball courts, completion of remaining sidewalk, paving remainder of parking lot, landscaping, and stormwater improvements

6. Fairbrook Park | 1210 Tadpole Road, State College | 29 acres

1998. Master Plan prepared by Battaglia Jones Landscape Architect

- a) **Developed**: pavilion, playground ages 5-12, soccer field, softball and youth baseball field, perimeter walking trail
- b) Undeveloped: restrooms, basketball courts, tennis courts
- c) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - a. 2021. \$25,000 Master Plan Update
 - b.2022. \$6,000 Native Landscape Areas

7. Haymarket | 1631 Bristol Avenue | 12 acres

1994. Master Plan prepared by Battaglia Jones Landscape Architect

- a) **Developed**: basketball court, pavilion, playground ages 5-12, softball and youth baseball field, volleyball, perimeter walking trail
- b) Undeveloped:
- c) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): 2023. \$120,000 Restroom Facilities

8. Park Hills Park | 1251 W. Park Hills Avenue | 4 acres

Park Improvement drawing prepared by Ferguson Township Public Works Department

- a) **Developed**: playground ages 5-12, recreation field
- b) Undeveloped:
- c) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

9. Autumnwood Park | 2207 Autumnwood Drive | 9.5 acres

Township acquired park in 2004. Master Plan Report generated in 2010.

- a) **Developed:** playground ages 5-12, basketball court, pavilion, soccer field, perimeter walking trail, free little library
- b) Undeveloped:
- c) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

10. Louis E. Silvi Baseball Complex | 485 Airport Road, State College | # of acres

2014 Master Plan prepared by Daniel R Jones Landscape Architect.

- a) **Developed**: baseball field, pavilion, concession stand,
- b) **Undeveloped**: playground
- c) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - a. 2021. \$6,000 Fence Installation
 - b.2023. \$50,000 Veterans Memorial

11. Meadows Park | 101 Timothy Lane, State College | 2 acres

Acquired by the Township for recreational purposes in 1988.

- a) **Developed**: playground ages 2-5, playground ages 5-12, pavilion, basketball court
- b) **Undeveloped**:
- c) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - a. 2025. \$5,000 Compost Facility

12. Songbird Sanctuary | Owens Cul-De-Sac | 8.99 acres

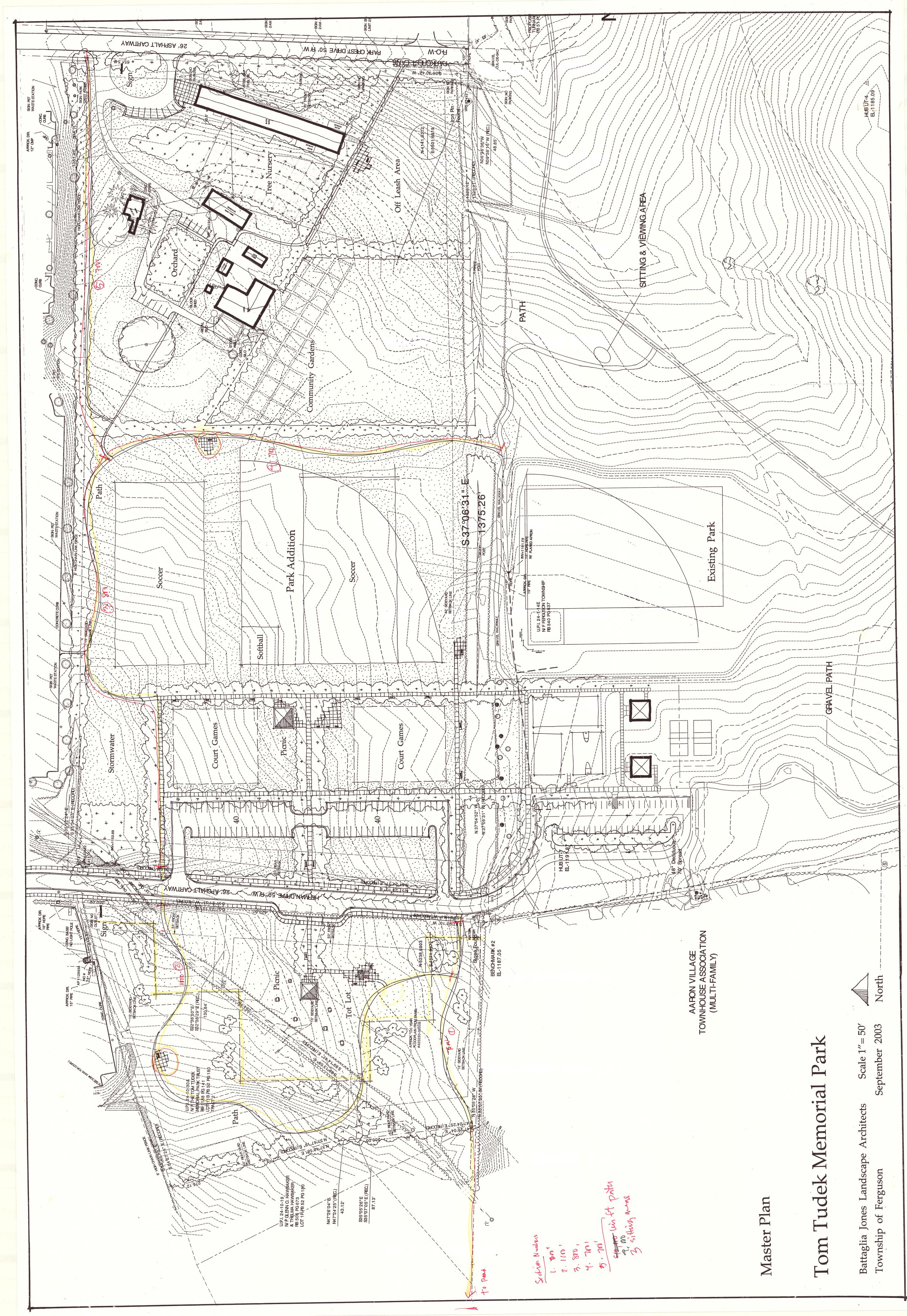
2018 master planning still in progress

- a) Developed:
- b) Undeveloped: ADA Path, fenced off tree plantings, pollinator garden, non-ADA pathway, tree planting area
- c) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - a. 2021. \$50,000 Passive Recreation such as, walking, bike trails, educational kiosks, nesting boxes, educational signage, benches.

































Staff Report June 17, 2021

- 1. Residents near the Homestead Park area were invited to provide input on the type of park play equipment for consideration as park play equipment is selected for the park.
- 2. The Township received four (4) responses to the Request for Proposal for Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan. Staff will review and score the responses to present the top two (2) responses to the Parks Committee for review.