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FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 13, 2022, 4:00 P.M.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84430721446>

Meeting ID: 844 3072 1446

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. CITIZEN'S INPUT

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. UPDATE ON THE RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE

Narrative

Ms. Tracy Strickland, with HRG, is here to present a status update on the Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan. The RPOS plan provides the Township with a 10-year outlook and vision of Township parks, recreational facilities, and open space. On July 12, the Parks Committee took part in a joint worksession with the Board of Supervisors guided by HRG to provide direction for the RPOS plan update and review the 2009 RPOS Plan.

2. CONTINUED DISCUSSION TO THE RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN EXERCISES

Narrative

HRG provided the Parks Committee and the Board of Supervisors with a series of exercises defining the Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan update. This agenda item focuses on topics not addressed in the Parks and BOS joint worksession. Attached in the agenda packet are materials relating to these exercises. This month's exercises establish the goals and objectives of the RPOS Plan.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION ON A GRANT APPLICATION FOR PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES FALL SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT ROUND FOR CECIL IRVIN PARK PHASE 2

Narrative

On September 6, DCNR opened a supplemental grant round supporting community park development and rehabilitation. The application in support of funding for construction of Cecil Irvin

Park Phase 2 was authorized by the Board of Supervisors at the October 3rd Regular Meeting. Phase 2 includes construction of a main entrance driveway, parking area with pervious pavers, picnic pavilion, dual walking loops, and a connection to existing shared-use facilities along Nixon Road. ADA compliant amenities support the goal of providing outdoor recreation access for all.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks and Recreation Committee discuss the grant application for Cecil Irvin Park

II. REPORTS

1. Staff Report
2. Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority Report – Mr. Bill Keough

III. OPEN DISCUSSION

IV. ADJOURNMENT

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, September 8, 2022

4:00 P.M.

I. ATTENDANCE

The Parks and Recreation Committee held its Park Tour on Thursday, September 8, 2022, in attendance were:

Committee:

Tessa Antolick-Chairperson-Absent
Dr. Shawna Doerksen- Vice Chairperson
Rick Tetzlaff
Norris Muth
Bill Keough-Absent
Rob DeMayo
Douglas Miller

Staff:

Centrice Martin, Manager-Absent
Summer Brown, Recording Secretary
Jaymes Progar – Assistant Township Manager

Others in attendance: Randy Hudson, NVEC Member; Jack & Kelly, Ferguson Township Residents; Jacob Schwartzstein, Ferguson Township Resident.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Shawna Doerksen called the Thursday, September 8, 2022 Park and Recreation Parks tour to order at 4:02 pm.

III. CITIZEN'S INPUT

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Doerksen called for a motion to approve the August 11, 2022 meeting minutes, Mr. Rob DeMayo seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON RPOS PLAN UPDATE EXERCISES

Dr. Doersken suggested the Committee review and submit this to the consultant. Mr. Jaymes Progar stated that the HRG representatives are not present, but this agenda item will be revisited at the October meeting. The Committee reviewed the previous goals and discussed what goals are still important. The Committee discussed if it was possible to combine the current and new goals. The Committee discussed revisiting the goals once the Whitehall Road Regional park is complete.

The Committee worked through the exercise and noted they like Butler Area's goal three, five, and nine. The Committee also discussed removing climate control but combine some aspects of climate control into the sustainability goal. The Committee also would like to keep their own goal of programming even though CRPR primarily handles programming. The Committee had a lengthy discussion on goals for the RPOS plan.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. INTRODUCTION OF DOUG MILLER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

Dr. Doerksen welcomed Dr. Doug Miller to the Committee. Dr. Miller introduced himself to the Committee.

VII. REPORTS

1. STAFF REPORT

Mr. Progar reviewed some issues within some Township parks that are currently being addressed.

2. CENTRE REGION PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Bill Keough is absent so there will be no authority report.

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Doerksen entertained a motion to adjourn the Thursday, September 8, 2022 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting at 5:20 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ROB DEMAYO, SECRETARY
FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

EXERCISE #2 – PROS PLAN GOALS

STEP ONE:

Please read the **2009 RPOS Plan Update Goals** below and **select which goals still apply** to the 2022 RPOS Plan Update.

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP 2009 RPOS PLAN UPDATE - GOALS

The Township's first RPOS Plan was adopted by the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors in 1998. The Plan identified the importance of providing updates on a regular basis and to that end, the Plan was updated in 2009. In the 2009 Plan Update, the RPOS Planning Committee established the following goals to serve as guidelines for the Plan Update:

- **Goal #1:** Develop a strategy that allows the Township to provide recreation, park, and open space facilities to current and future populations.
- **Goal #2:** Evaluate how the services at the local level are impacted by the recently obtained regional park opportunities.
- **Goal #3:** Provide safe and convenient access to park / open space for all residents of the Township
- **Goal #4:** Provide a range of park, recreation, and open space opportunities which support both active and passive recreation needs and serve all ages and abilities.
- **Goal #5:** Ensure public awareness and involvement in the planning process Plan.

STEP TWO:

To develop a more comprehensive list of Plan Goals, please review the examples of Goals from peer RPOS Plans and **select the Top 3 Goals from each example** that you like the most.

BUTLER AREA RPOS PLAN - GOALS

1. Develop a comprehensive network of safe bicycle and pedestrian access routes in the greater Butler area.
2. Develop a unified and cohesive method to publicize existing recreation facilities, recreation programs and general recreational opportunities in the greater Butler area.
3. Develop partnerships among municipalities, local organizations, and recreation providers to foster a culture of open communication and collaboration.
4. Maintain all municipal recreation facilities to the highest level of acceptable standards to ensure clean, safe, and aesthetically pleasing facilities.
5. Develop a plan to ensure the long-term financial sustainability for the operation, maintenance and development of parks, recreational facilities, and programs.

6. Preserve open space areas that contain features of natural and/or cultural significance.
7. Develop and maintain clean, safe, and well-appointed facilities that meet the needs of all users in the community.
8. Maintain the staff necessary to support the development, implementation and maintenance of all facilities and programs.
9. Build a culture of sustainability within the parks and recreation organization to promote green building practices and the use of alternative methods for park development and maintenance.
10. Develop a well-rounded offering of programs for all age and user groups within the community.

WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP RPOS PLAN - GOALS

1. Moving forward with a strategy that recognizes parks, recreation, open space, and trails as part of the Township's overall infrastructure serving environmental, economic, health, and social needs is essential.
2. Enhancing the quality of life and the Township's resiliency and sustainability through parks and recreation in accordance with Best Management Practices and the expressed opinion of the public is the foundation of this plan.
3. The Plan Update's implementation will protect our natural resources and open space
4. It will shape the beauty and character of our landscape
5. It will expand access for all
6. It will improve health
7. It will increase revenues
8. It will mitigate the effects of severe weather and climate change
9. It will help build a strong sense of community
10. It will provide opportunities for our residents to create memories that will last a lifetime

JACKSON TOWNSHIP RPOS PLAN - GOALS

1. Initiate cooperative efforts between Jackson Township, Zelenople and Harmony
2. Boroughs to efficiently provide the best quality recreation for all residents of the region
3. Prepare for the development of Jackson Township's first recreation facilities
4. Sustain the quality of existing recreation resources, and plan for increased level of use
5. Plan local and regional trail networks
6. Preserve open space
7. Prepare to fund new recreation infrastructure
8. Develop local partnerships to provide robust recreation facilities and programs

LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP RPOS PLAN - GOALS

Programming:

1. Maintain support of MARA1 to continue long range planning and management of programs and services.
2. Establish performance measures and policies to facilitate effective park programming.
3. Expand, update, and formalize partnership agreements.
4. Recognize the value and importance of partnerships and volunteers that donate each year.

Facilities:

- 5. Realign the Neighborhood Parks to be the primary interface with citizens and a priority component of the park system.
- 6. Maintain and establish regional sports complexes to serve club sport’s needs.
- 7. Update recreation ordinance requirements to bridge the gap between project population and municipally owned facilities.
- 8. Establish additional signature parks that create a sense of community pride and livability.

Connectivity:

- 9. Prioritize connections within existing park facilities to enhance users to access amenities.
- 10. Prioritize gaps in sidewalks that connect neighborhoods to parks in various areas of the Township.
- 11. Work to enhance the Swatara Creek Water Trail Access.

Administration and Implementation:

- 12. Assign staff and funding necessary to implement key elements of the Plan.
- 13. Annually review the recreation maintenance budgets to assure there is adequate funding to maintain and repair existing amenities.
- 14. Establish and update all recreation policies and procedures.
- 15. Develop a communication and marketing plan to promote recreation services, facilities, and parks to enhance for Community use.

STEP 3 - RESULTS:

Please list your selections for 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice from each example below.

** In the case of Ferguson Township, you may elect to choose all the previous Goals from the 2009 RPOS Plan to continue to include in the 2022 Plan Update.

| RPOS Plan Goals | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | 1 ST CHOICE | 2 ND CHOICE | 3 RD CHOICE |
| FERGUSON TWP 2009 PLAN ** | | | |
| BUTLER AREA PLAN | | | |
| WHITPAIN TWP PLAN | | | |
| JACKSON TWP PLAN | | | |
| LOWER SWATARA TWP PLAN | | | |

Project Location



LEGEND

PROPOSED

- PROPOSED BITUMINOUS DRIVEWAY
- PROPOSED CONCRETE CIRCLE
- PROPOSED CONCRETE EDGING
- PROPOSED CONCRETE SIDEWALK
- PROPOSED GRASS AREA
- PROPOSED GRIT PATH/WALKWAY
- PROPOSED LANDSCAPING
- PROPOSED PAVILLION
- PROPOSED PERMIABLE SURFACE/PARKING

EXISTING

- EXISTING CONCRETE WALKWAY
- EXISTING GRASS AREA
- EXISTING PERGULA
- EXISTING PLAYGROUND (MULCH)
- EXISTING BIKE PATH
- TRASH RECEPTACLE
- WATERLINES
- SANITARY
- STORMWATER PIPE
- STORMWATER STRUCTURE
- NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALKS

CONTOURS

- MINOR (2')
- MAJOR (10')

SOIL CLASSIFICATION

- HAB

OTHER SYMBOLS

- TREE BUFFER
- WATERLINE
- WORK LIMITS

NOTES:
 TOPOGRAPHIC DATA WAS OBTAINED FROM LIDAR DATA
 PROPOSED AND FUTURE DATA IS BASED ON WESTFIELD/HILLSIDE
 FARM ESTATES PARK MASTER SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
 PREPARED BY HRG, INC. DATED MARCH 12, 2013.
 THERE ARE NO FLOODPLAINS OR WETLANDS LOCATED
 ON SUBJECT PROPERTY.

Scale: 1 inch = 60 feet

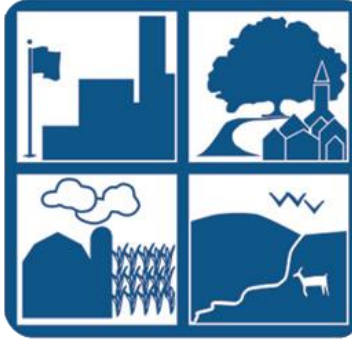
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North Arrow



CECIL IRVIN PARK PHASE 2.1

SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
 FERGUSON TOWNSHIP
 CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



STAFF REPORT

October 13, 2022

- 1.** Staff reviewed the grant status for Suburban Park and met with DCNR representatives. The grant, originally awarded by DCNR in 2020, was moved to the Land Water Conservation Fund in 2021. LWCF has since returned the grant to be funded by DCNR. Staff is currently working towards beginning the construction phase of the project, expected early 2023. Immediate next steps include securing a deed restriction limiting use of the property to parkland in perpetuity.
- 2.** Staff continues to survey and delineate park boundaries. Tudek Park, Cecil Irvin, Songbird Sanctuary, and Haymarket Park are completed. The next park to be completed is Suburban Park expected this winter, followed by Greenbriar Saybrook Park, expected in 2023/24. Park Hills Park boundaries will be surveyed following completion of the Park Hills Drainageway project, expected by 2025.
- 3.** Staff continues to receive updates regarding the Recreation, Parks, and Open Space Plan update from HRG.
- 4.** Staff is anticipating the design of the Greenbriar Saybrook Park playground equipment to coincide with delivery of the Park Master Plan from HRG, expected by the end of 2022. Design is expect to rollover into 2023.