



10/29/09

**Gerald Richards Park & Pleasantview Park - Master Site Plans**

Lower Pottsgrove Township, Montgomery County, PA

SC#09111.10

**Committee Meeting #1 – Notes**

Date/Time: 10/26/10, 6:30 PM

Location: Lower Pottsgrove Township Municipal Building

In Attendance:  
See attached sign-in sheet

Notes:

1. The meeting began with a brief introduction of Simone Collins (SC) and representatives of the steering committee. Next, a brief PowerPoint presentation was given. SC presented site photographs, base mapping data, and a draft site analysis plan. Aspects of the project schedule and scope were also discussed. The purpose of the meeting was to informally gather information about the project and to solicit initial programming ideas for the properties.
2. Conversation took place regarding maintenance responsibilities for the park properties. Rod H. stated that all maintenance for both parks is performed by the Township. The Township mows Pleasantview Park once every year. Local sports organizations often donate seed, fertilizer and infield mix for Gerald Richards Park.
3. One committee idea was to dedicate each park to one major sport such as baseball or soccer. This concept was referred to as a "sports complex". Other recreational uses and facilities compatible to the primary sport could be provided to a lesser extent. Members in attendance felt that this would not only help with the layout of the facilities, but also help local sports organizations to take ownership of the facilities - which could lead to improved maintenance and sponsorship.

4. Following the presentation SC asked committee members for input on goals, facts and concepts for the project. The following ideas were generated for **Gerald Richards Park**:

<u>GOALS</u>	<u>FACTS</u>	<u>CONCEPTS</u>			
Address Township & neighborhood recreation needs	Incorrect solar field orientations	Additional parking	Lighting (fields & paths)	Planting plan	Programmable message sign
Fit into overall park system	Poorly drained soil	Artificial turf field	Phased improvements	Slope maintenance on field 3 (landscaping/wind break)	Clubhouse / meeting room (approx. 50)
Begin to meet active recreation needs	30 acres	Additional buffering and screening	Artificial turf = increased maintenance	Storage	Event Space
	Diverse activities	More age groups (baseball)	Improve field storage	Free/un-programmed play fields (drop-in football)	Police sub-station
	Original master plan never completed	Playground (young children)	Make trails police accessible	Volleyball	Rock Wall
		Pavilion/snack bar/restrooms	T-ball at field 11	Lacrosse	Electric hook-ups
	Security Issues / Vandalism	Row of shade trees along main path		No rocks (paved surfaces)	Parking
		Spectator amenities			Young children close to facilities

5. The following ideas were generated for **Pleasant View Park**:

<u>GOALS</u>	<u>FACTS</u>	<u>CONCEPTS</u>			
Create master plan	Bliem road to be relocated	Active recreation	Multi-use field	Full sized baseball	Perimeter jogging path
Fit into overall park system	Will be surrounded by residential uses	Automatic irrigation	Baseball complex	Boardwalk @ wetlands	
Begin to meet active recreation needs	18.5 acres	Trail connections	Field lighting?	Buffering & screening	
	Public water and sewer	Stormwater pond	Low level trail lighting	Trail connections to G.R. Park	

6. The next committee / public meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
SIMONE COLLINS, INC.  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE



Justin M. Keller

Enc.: Attendance Sign-In Sheet

# Gerald Richards Park-Master Plan Update & Pleasantview Park - Master Site Plan

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Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 3:00 PM @ Lower Pottsgrove Municipal Building

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