



11/17/09

Gerald Richards Park & Pleasantview Park - Master Site Plans

Lower Pottsgrove Township, Montgomery County, PA

SC#09111.10

Public Meeting #1 – Notes

Date/Time: 11/10/10, 6:30 PM

Location: Sunnybrook

In Attendance:
See attached sign-in sheet

Notes:

1. The meeting began with a brief introduction of Simone Collins (SC), the steering committee and the Township. 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 from the public.
2. A representative from the Pottsgrove Soccer Club stated that presently there are no available soccer fields in any of the Townships surrounding Lower Pottsgrove. He went on to state that Gerald Richards is the only park in the Township with dedicated soccer fields and is heavily used and greatly needed.
3. Pete S. confirmed that most of the sports field scheduling is done by the Township. He stated that Lower Pottsgrove should consider joining with adjacent Townships to create a joint recreation authority. This would create one contact point for scheduling and reduce the burden on the Township(s).
4. Pete S. asked sports organizations to submit the following program needs to SC as soon as possible:
 - Sports Facility Needs (number and sizes of fields or other sports facilities)
 - Participation Rates
 - Game Scheduling Information
 - Storage Needs (SF)

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5. 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>			
Fit Into Overall Park System	34 Acres	Playground (Young Children)	Trail Connections to Gerald Richards	Pavilion/Snack Bar/Restrooms	Water
	Incorrect Solar Field Orientations	Additional Buffering & Screening	Preserve Nature	Field & Trail Lighting	Relocate Playground
	Poorly Drained Soil	Improve Soils	S.W. corner Has Stormwater Issues	Additional Parking?	Tennis
	Restrooms Not ADA Compliant	School Partnership (fields)	Pond as Stormwater Management	Field Under-drainage	Artificial Turf Field
	Exercise Stations Not Used	Site for New Twp. Building?	Existing Use Study?	Soccer Complex	Multi-purpose Field
	Poor Maintenance Conditions	Spectator Areas	Bleachers	Water Fountains w/ Hose Bibs	Wind Screening

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

<u>GOALS</u>	<u>FACTS</u>	<u>CONCEPTS</u>			
Address Twp. And Neighborhood Recreation Needs	23 Acres	Active Recreation	Snack Bar/ Restrooms/ Water	Buffering	Preserve Nature
	Bliem Road to be Relocated	Tennis	Historical Investigation?	Baseball Complex	Clubhouse / Meeting Room (50)
	Wind!	Softball	Accommodate many age groups	Limited Use of Baseball Fields	Lighting
	Public Water and Sewer	Security / Vandal Resistance	Restrooms (one locked access)	Equipment Storage	Dog Park
	Will be surrounded by residential uses	Water Fountain / Hose Bib	Expand Paths	Electric for Baseball	Permanent Trash Cans
		Phased Improvements (Re: Bleim Road Relocation)			

7. **The next committee / public meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 6:30 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,
SIMONE COLLINS, INC.
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE



Justin M. Keller

Enc.: Attendance Sign-In Sheet

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