MEETING NOTES

Project: Green Lane Park Master Plan
Location: Stone Lodge
And Virtually
Re: Steering Committee Meeting
#3: Public Input Update

Project No.: 21002.10
Meeting Date/Time: 05.23.2023
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Issue Date: 06.06.2023

ATTENDEES:
Montgomery County: Pattie Guttenplan, Joe Seltzer, Josh Aniskevich, Ellen Miramontes
Simone Collins: Pete Simone, Sarah Leeper, Emma Haley
Steering Committee Members: Tony Verguldi, Tom Weiss, Leigh Altadonna, Craig Hall, Jean Akers, Donna Usavage, Mark Stannard, Beth Pilling, Jack Findley, Andy Graham, T Garber, Bob Folwell, Danielle Zifra

MEETING SUMMARY SUGGESTIONS AND ATTENDEE COMMENTS:

Simone Collins presented a range of early ideas and suggestions for improvements to various areas in the park. These were meant to stimulate discussion. The following is a summary of those conversations.

Trails
- Single-use trails are difficult to enforce. More park rangers will need to monitor the trails.
- The existing trails offer a good variety of difficulty levels.
- Multi-use trails are the way to go. Not all trails need to be ADA.

Deep Creek Area
- A wedding venue is not needed -- let the local Boroughs host the reception.
- The virtual museum idea should still be considered.
- Improvements should be considered at the campground area in Deep Creek. Tony V. will send a list of suggestions.
- The recession in 2008 and County budget cuts caused the Nature Center at Hickory Point to close due to staff/budget cuts. After years of the building not being maintained, it was eventually irreparable, and needed to be demolished.
- Models for a GLP nature center:
Hickory Run State Park – recently renovated their visitors center and is unmanned.
Wildwood County Park in Dauphin County

- Donations to the park are historically difficult to manage. Create an easier way to donate. No County policy on income-producing activities.
- Teachers and students at Upper Perkiomen High School miss the nature center. Hemlock Point is a preferred location for a potential new nature center.
- Old school building site (building is scheduled to be demolished) should be explored as possible location for a nature center and can double as a gateway into the Park. (Current County plans are to use this site as a trailhead).
- All ideas including volunteering efforts and events at the truss bridge should be checked by the County solicitor before proceeding to recommend them. SC will follow up and speak with County solicitor who handles parks.

Green Lane Area
- The tennis court is also lined for pickleball.
- The Green Lane area should be considered as the “welcoming area.”
- The idea of ice rink is supported -- Franconia Park Ice Rink is an example.
- Deer and beaver culling are supported because of the damage they cause to the environment. Suggest a deer fence/enclosure as an educational tool to demonstrate a healthy forest.
- Signage should let people know that they are entering the park. The arterial roads that are used most to get to the park should be identified as the “gateway” areas. SC will try to obtain PennDot counts to understand relative traffic volumes.
- Traffic speed and noise are a concern. Improvements could include:
  - Crosswalks/speed bumps installed on Green Lane road
  - Traffic calming devices installed around areas with high pedestrian access.
  - Bump-outs to help slow traffic around crosswalk areas.
A loop trail around the lakes is desired.

Deep Creek Road Barn
- Educational loop trail idea is supported.
- Camera traps set up by RES to tell us what species are in the area [around the orange trail].

Hemlock Point
- The idea of the loop trail at Hemlock point is supported. Loop trails are one of the main attractions that bring people into the park.
- Tree identifications plaques should be installed as an educational tool to help identify trees.
- Peace Valley in Bucks County is successful with education about sensitive areas.
- Upper Dublin environmental education program is a good example.

Knight Road – Equestrian/Mountain Biking Parking
- Erosion on mountain biking trails is being taken care of by the mountain bike maintenance crews (group of volunteers).
• The existing single port-a-potty is not enough. Composting toilets / restrooms are supported in this area.
• Pedestrian crossings along Knight Road need to be repainted.

**Knight Road – Gazebo**

• Consider a larger gazebo, with more appropriate rustic materials
• Consider public drive in access / handicapped access to this area

**Walt Road Day Use Area**

• A trail from middle school to Walt Road fishing pier is desired.
• Neighborhoods need to be connected.
• Access to the water should be expanded for kayaks
• Portable bathrooms should be located around the trails.
• The existing trails within the area need to be marked trails.
• Information / signage needs to be improved about the reservoir – especially rules about what is allowed and what isn’t.

**Bird Sanctuary**

• MontCo Bird Facebook Page is a resource
• Wissahickon Preserve in Ambler is an example of a bird blind with an earthen berm instead of a platform structure.

**Fly Fishing Area**

• Trout Unlimited is restoring the part of stream back to its original state: deep and narrow. AQUA has partnered to stock fish.
• Upper Hanover Township owns the land that runs adjacent to the Perkiomen Creek, up to Camelot Park (township-owned).
• Trout Unlimited is developing a trail connection through the park to Township Park.

**Additional Comments**

• Wherever there is a trailhead, there should be a restroom, signage, etc.
• The GLP rangers coordinate with emergency service providers.
• For the Knight Road parking lot, look into acquiring part of privately owned land adjacent and uphill to create a bigger parking lot.

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4** is scheduled in-person and virtually for **06-13-2023.**

**PUBLIC MEETING 2** is scheduled in-person and virtually for **09-20-2023.**
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Sincerely,
SIMONE COLLINS, INC.
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Emma Haley


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