

A special meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Board was held at Hollenbach Park on Tuesday, June 28, 2021. Those present were Greg Churach, Charles Note, Sherry Paup, Dennis Elliot, Scott Wagner, and Al Gryga of CMC Engineering. Also present was Township Manager Michelle Reddick. Commissioners Cathy Paretti and Renee Spaide were also present in the audience. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Churach at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

EXISTING FEATURES PLAN –

1. No existing floodplains
2. Very limited site distances at existing crossing – consider crossing at the middle school and trail along N. Hanover Street from Fox Hill Trail but would need easements or consider connection along Meadowview Drive close to the meadow
3. Show multiple connections on plan and see what works best – try to loop the trail from north side to the south side
4. PGSD uses the trail for cross country so could contribute to the loop trail or use a stone dust trail
5. G. Churach said there is a cost difference between using paved versus using a stone dust trail, but the stone dust trail is more maintenance in the long term
6. G. Churach said we could use a few paved trails if most trails in open space are stone dust.
7. D. Elliott said to pave the heavily used trails such as Althouse Arboretum.
8. C. Note said that the Schuylkill Trail started as stone dust and is now paved with stone dust on the side.
9. D. Elliott asked where a pavilion in this park could be located. A. Gryga said it depends upon intended use.

PHASING ON CONCEPT PLANS – A. Gryga could have 1 to 2 concept plans and the presentation to the public could include this phasing. D. Elliott asked about grants. A. Gryga said there is a definite need for grants, which could include removal of ash trees. G. Churach asked if the fields stay. The answer is yes. C. Note talked about adding a field. A. Gryga talked about redoing the parking area. G. Churach asked A. Gryga to take these ideas and use his expertise to get the most for our dollars.

G. Churach said we could approach the owner for purchase or first right of refusal for 1352 N. Hanover Street.

S. Wagner put in a word about re-designing the fields.

A. Gryga will move forward with the sketch plans.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by D. Elliott, second by S. Paup, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle L. Reddick
Township Manager