A special meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Board was held on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. Those present were Greg Churach, Charles Note, Dennis Elliot, Sherry Paup, and Gary Novack. Also present was Township Manager, Michelle Reddick and Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant, Sherri Griffith. Commissioner, Cathy Paretti was present in the audience along with 14 other people.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **None**

 **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Hollenbach Master Plan Draft Presentation:** Al Gryga from CMC Engineeringprovided a slide showing a wish list of items for the park facility. The feedback came from PGSD, MCPC on Open Space plan. We’re trying to stick with the top 10 on the list. Trails with connections are one of the top 10. We discussed expansion of the park to add things that we’re proposing. Originally, we were proposing to purchase the whole residence, which is right under 4 acres, but the homeowner wasn’t interested in selling the whole portion but is willing to sell 1.4 acres. We’ve had several sketches since March, and he provided the latest one. On this sketch we kept the 2 soccer fields but made them 200 x 300. In this sketch we also have basketball court, 2 pickleball courts, playground, 18-hole disc golf course, 1 mile loop trail, pavilions, concession stand/restroom building and parking. The pavilion will have its own parking. We’re trying to minimize the amount of trees taken down so they can be utilized for the disc golf course.

**The next steps:** We’ll refine the concept plan based upon tonight’s feedback, develop a master plan with implementation/phasing options, develop details construction costs for each improvement item, develop long term maintenance requirements and outline staffing needs, present master plan documents to the Board of Commissioners, finalize the master plan report for adoption consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

1. **Accept public comments on Hollenbach Master Plan:**
2. Patti Grimm, township resident ~ **What’s the total budget for this project?** There’s no budget at this time. **Are there going to speed bumps?** G. Churach got traffic engineer involved & gave us material that would need to be done for the safety on the crossing.

**Will there be electric?** Yes, there will be electric, water and sewer.

1. Jim Capinski, township resident ~ W**hat’s the maximum for parking spaces?** Just shy of 200 spaces. **Will it be macadam or gravel?** Most likely gravel, because of cost. **Detention bases?** 2 onsite plus 1 additional**. Flight zone?** Maybe, but shouldn’t affect anything.
2. Dave Hollenbach, township resident~ **Access to pavilion & parking near a bad bend and bad sloop?** We’re about 150’ away from bend and we are trying to stay away from bend and school entrance. **Potential wetland in parking lot?** We’ll need to do stormwater management either way.
3. Jim Capinski ~ **Is there any discussion or provision on putting a cell tower in the park?** No, nothing about a cell tower.
4. Steve Anspoch, township resident ~ **In order to have multiple purpose fields do you need to move them?** Yes, we do. G. Churach mentioned we wanted to keep disruption to a minimum. Originally, we wanted 3 fields but we didn’t want to destroy everything that was already there so we can move them instead of gut them and put them back. Al, said he’s able to get 2, 200 x 300 fields. **Is there any more discussion about a dog park?** No, the dog park didn’t meet the top 10 list.
5. Annique Ruiz-Brown, township resident ~ **Does the public have access to the documents?** G. Churach said once it’s adopted it will be public. Al mentioned keeping one on hand for anyone to come see it. **What made you guys decide on disc golf?** G. Churach ~ when we had an open house here 3 years ago, we developed a wish list and disc golf showed up on every parks wish list. We asked CMC where the best place in the township for it to be put and it became Hollenbach and that’s why it’s going there. **Is there going to be any shady areas?** Yes, were not showing it on this concept plan and ideally, we’d like to add some trees. **Will the soccer field bleachers be ADA accessible?** Yes, you’re required to have ADA accessible once you get into land development. **Ages for playground?** Ages 3-15 years old. **Is it going to be ADA accessible?** At this point we are just identifying the area where the playground will be not so much what it’s going to be equipped with.
6. Patti Grimm ~ **Is this going to be a dust to dawn park?** Yes, just like all of our parks.
7. Annique Ruiz-Brown ~ **What happens if a partner is not able to fund all elements on the list?** It depends, we had a list of 30 items, only top 10 made the list so it would be the township’s best interest analyze those items. **What’s the next plan?** Take comments this evening and revise this plan so we can turn it into a final plan.
8. Jim Capinski ~ **Any discussing on bridging for the kids to walk the park?** We have talked about that but it’s very expensive.
9. Annique Ruiz-Brown ~ **Any way to guarantee to have inclusive playground items?** We can work with the board with that. **What can we do if we have questions?** Come to the open space meeting.
10. Dave Hollenbach ~ **What’s the accessibility to Fox Hill?** The traffic engineer didn’t think we needed any signalization. I think it’s a great idea for the golf course for that area.
11. Eric Guest, Phat Cats Disc Golf ~ In the future as far as funding is concerned, he would be happy to help. He can advise as the plan for the course starts being developed as he will be able to help and guide on the good and bad ideas.
12. Ashley Strouse, volunteer to help clean grounds for disc golf course.
13. Patti Grimm ~ **When is your Open Space Meeting?**  1st Tuesday of the month @ 7 pm.

**BOARD COMMENTS** – None

 **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Griffith

Planning & Zoning Administrator