

Meeting Minutes: Chickies Creek Day Use Area
 Master Site Development Plan
 Public Meeting #2

Date: September 30, 2021
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: East Donegal Township Municipal Building
By: Chuck Strodoski, RLA
Project No.: 20EDT-01

Persons Attending: Cory Sine, Chairman, EDT Park Commission
 Tom Jones, EDT Supervisor
 Allen Esbenshade, EDT Supervisor
 Scott Kingsboro, EDT Park Commission
 Paul Weiss, Lancaster Co. Parks and Recreation Department
 Bryce Sadler, DHS Teacher
 Cindy McCarty, resident
 Mike McCarty, resident
 Keith Brodfuehrer, resident
 Vicki Brodfuehrer, resident
 Ann Yost, YSM
 Chuck Strodoski, YSM

Purpose of Meeting: To present the Pre-Final Master Plan to the public and seek input.

Of Record:

1. A. Yost introduced the purpose of the meeting, meeting agenda, and a brief overview of the master plan process completed to date.
2. A. Yost narrated a PowerPoint presentation of the site and site analysis. The site has an interesting history. The Marietta to Columbia Trolley Line traversed the site and remnants of the trolley bridge abutments remain. The site contains a historic farmhouse complex with two bank barns, smokehouse, summer kitchen, and corn crib. The presentation included photographs of each historic structure, the sites natural features, and images of the existing built amenities.
3. A. Yost provided a brief summary of the needs assessment completed to date. Outreach included working with a study committee, holding an open house, and conducting key person interviews.

4. C. Strodoski presented the Pre-Final Master Plan. Discussions of the Pre-Final Master Plan is summarized below.
 - What was the most popular request for the park? A dog park. Further investigation concluded people enjoy walking their dogs in this natural setting. A fenced area for off leash exercise was not favored.
 - There is a strong desire to keep the back (northern) section of the park natural.
 - A resident noted the consideration to remove the single lane bridge crossing of the Donegal Creek at Long Lane and replacing with a wider structure that would be closer to the stone farm house. This relocation could provide a pedestrian corridor and eliminate the harsh, hairpin turn on Long Lane north of the creek but would not impact the proposed improvements illustrated on the master plan. There are no plans currently for this bridge replacement.
 - The intersection of Route 441 and Long Lane is a safety concern that should be addressed. There have been fatalities at that intersection. Proposed park improvements are modest and should not generate a significant increase in traffic. Should the park host a large-scale event, temporary traffic controls should be implemented to limit west bound traffic from the park. A recent event was scheduled in the park and the Township temporarily made Long Lane one way in to prevent traffic from exiting onto Route 441.
 - Installing restrooms should be a high priority in the park.
 - Park funding was questioned. Could organizations such as Trout Unlimited help offset costs for streambank stabilization and floodplain restoration? Yes, organizations with interest in the park could provide funds that can be matched against grants to help fund the project.
 - A potential funding strategy for park improvements is to apply for grants. DCNR offers a grant program that will match funds 50/50, typically up to \$250,000 per application. The master plan report will include a list of potential funding sources.
 - The project schedule was questioned. This master plan project will wrap up in the next few months. A. Yost outlined a typical sequence from master plan development: preparing and submitting a grant application; grant review and potential award; design, engineering, and permitting; and bidding for construction. This process typically takes two to three years until a potential construction start.
 - A resident noted concern that there may be a former dump site at the confluence of the two creeks.
 - Residents note an increase in use from people outside the area. The park is becoming known in the region. The Northwest River Trail may be attracting visitors from the greater region.
 - An attendee expressed interest in rebuilding a portion of the trolley line trestle to celebrate the form and its history in the park.
5. The next study committee meeting will be to finalize the Master Plan design, present probable construction costs and discuss project phasing.
6. Please provide changes or corrections to these meeting minutes to anny@ysmla.com at YSM within one week of receipt.