



**Study Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Spring Meadows Community Park Update**  
**Project No. 13.1141.001**  
**Date: 04.29.2014**

Study Committee Meeting No. 1 was held at the Township Municipal Building on 03.20.2014 for the above referenced project. The following people were in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Andrew Mears	JMT		
Ann Toole	Toole Recreation Planning		
Sarah Colondrillo	Director of Recreation		
Kurt Uhler	Director of Parks & Facilities		
Brady Pyers	Parks & Recreation		
Andrea Ciccocioppo	Parks & Recreation		
Duff Manweiler	Board of Supervisors		
Matt Steiman	Dickinson College Farm		
Patrick Brady	Member at Large		
Jarrett Sweeney	SMT		

The purpose of the meeting was to kick-off the project and explore the committee’s goals and expectations for expansion of the park.

The following items were discussed:

1. S. Colondrillo introduced the consultant team and Committee Members introduced themselves.
2. A. Mears reviewed the meeting agenda, presented a brief overview of JMT and Toole Recreation and discussed the planning process that would be undertaken to develop the park master plan.
3. The Study Committee meeting dates will coincide with the Township’s Park and Recreation Board meeting dates as much as possible.
4. A. Mears presented an overview of the existing park facilities, conditions and relationship and proximity to the High School Campus.
5. A. Mears and A. Toole led a brainstorming/discussion session to explore the opportunities and concerns for the park. A series of questions were asked to solicit feedback from the committee regarding the park, the current uses, future uses, and concerns for redevelopment.

The questions included:

- a. What do you like about the existing park?
- b. What improvements could be made to the existing park?
- c. Who are and will be the primary users of the park?
- d. What Opportunities Exists For Expansion Of The Park And What New Facilities Should Be Developed?
- e. What are the concerns for expansion of the park?
6. A discussion on each of the questions ensued and the following general comments were noted:

- a. Connectivity between the park and beyond is critical. It was noted that Dickinson College supports bike initiatives and that there is larger vision to provide a non-motorized connection between Carlisle and Boiling Springs.
- b. Look to make the expansion of the park bike friendly.
- c. The open space and walking trails are a big asset of the park.
- d. An amphitheater for community events and concerts should be considered.
- e. A primary concern is building a lot more of the same. We should strive to provide more variety at this park. We could run the risk of spending a lot of money and seeing very little obvious change.
- f. Concern for developing an “urban park” verses a “rural park.”
- g. The openness of the park is a great attribute.
- h. Parking and the lack of defined spaces are a primary concern.
- i. The recently planted trees are great and getting better each year.
- j. Better fitness stations could be incorporated in the design.
- k. The park needs a community focal point.
- l. Provide connections to the school campus.
- m. Consider an environmental theme and partnerships with schools and colleges.
- n. Need swings, more parking, and basketball courts.
- o. Loose dogs and speeding drivers through the park are a concern. Others would like to be able to walk dogs off leash in the park.
- p. The many pop-up fields throughout the park are a distraction from the overall rural character of the park.
- q. Volleyball courts are wet.
- r. Tennis courts closed due to lack of use and maintenance.
- s. Swings and playground areas are needed in the park. Separate areas for younger children and tots should be provided.
- t. Overlapping fields are not desired.
- u. Multi-purpose rectangular fields are needed.
- v. A splash pad has been previously discussed and would also benefit the younger age groups.
- w. An area designated for a memorial space or display of the American flag should be considered in the design.
- x. The existing disc golf course should be expanded to include a back nine. A loop style course is desired to bring players back to the starting point. A 12-hole course could be considered, but the overriding goal is to circle the players back to the start.
- y. Disc golf and pop-up soccer fields near the existing wetland areas are in conflict.
- z. Disc golf course needs to be developed with mapping, kiosk, rules, signage, etc. to improve play and experience.
- aa. There needs to be places for seniors to sit, watch, and enjoy all aspects of the park.
- bb. The playground area needs to be developed with a hub for supervision.
- cc. A second restroom facility is needed for the expanded area of the park.
- dd. A skate park is needed for teens. There are two students researching the development of a skate park for their senior project.
- ee. Consider winter use and activities for the park. The existing trails are used by cross country skiers.

- ff. This is a semi-rural community and community gardens are not seen as a big need. Most people have their own gardens in this area.
- 7. The final question for the group - If you came back 10 years from now what is the one thing you would like to see happening in the park? - yielded the following responses:
  - a. Playground
  - b. Playground
  - c. Playground
  - d. Back nine for disc golf
  - e. Amphitheater/Swings
  - f. Something for the little guys – tot lot
  - g. Maintenance area
- 8. A. Mears presented a summary of the preliminary park program elements that were identified to date, an overview of the existing site constraints, opportunities, and potential park/school connections.
- 9. A. Mears concluded the meeting by outlining the next steps in the process.  
JMT will begin working on:
  - a. Project Site Analysis
  - b. Key Person Interviews
  - c. Draft Vision Statement
  - d. Formalize Park Program
  - e. Schedule and Conduct Public Meeting 1
- 10. The next meeting will be the first public meeting and was scheduled for April 17, 2014 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Municipal Building immediately following the regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Board Meeting.
- 11. A. Mears and A. Toole were introduced to the Park and Recreation Board meeting which was held following the Park Study Committee meeting.
- 12. Following the meeting A. Mears and A. Toole met briefly with Bronwyn Stever and Annie Reynolds to discuss their senior project and their desire to make a case for a skatepark. A. Mears requested a copy of the presentation that the young ladies had made to the Board of Supervisors.

The above represents a true and accurate account of the discussion during this meeting to the best of my knowledge. If there are any conflicts, misrepresentations, or omissions with the above statements, please contact the undersigned within ten (10) days of this date.



Andrew A. Mears

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