

Minutes for September 16, 2017

Start time 10:00 AM at Jennifer Schweitzer Park

Present:

Mike Snyder
Chuck Lang
Donna DeStefano
Richard McNutt
Lois Fedele
Tim Counihan
Nick Lykon

Traveled together on our annual pilgrimage within the parks of P&R:

Jennifer Schweitzer Park:

Observed the new hardscape materials for the play ground by the tot-lot and swings
Observed new back stop and cameras placed at park

North Branch Park:

Recommendation to consider adding a tot-lot for the neighborhood, using similar set up as Jennifer Schweitzer Park

Mountainside Inn Tour:

We had chance to walk down to the river to learn river access. All agreed that the access to the river front would be beneficial to Plumstead Township residents. Liked the fact we had parking area and access over the canal that already exists.

Discussed how perhaps we could utilize grants to enhance this area. Richard McNutt explained it is an area owned by Federal, State, local government. We also walked around the permanent buildings to view them. It will be exciting to further the discussion and possibilities.

Gardenville Fields:

We walked all the fields to see the structure of set up for Baseball, Soccer and discussed who else could use it. It was shared presently no organization is using the fields for sports yet. We will add this to our discussion of field inventory and ask Soccer and Baseball if they plan to use it in 2018. If they are not in need, we discussed reaching out to perhaps Lacrosse and Football organizations to learn their overall need for practice facilities.

Allohawken Park:

We showed where the park is located and discussed the use of the back area for disc golf.

Recommendations:

1. Consider using the back portion of the property for the Disc Golf program and explore what is needed to make this happen
2. Fix the white fence or paint it & give it some TLC

Hanusey Park:

We walked around the complete facility and went into the community center. We discussed how the community center is currently utilized learning about rentals of the building and pavilion.

Recommendations:

1. Put the hardscape surface on ground cover for present Playground
2. On the opposing side, of grassy area consider putting in swing sets and if able an additional play structure
3. Light walking paths with either Solar / Electric lights for safe walking after dark during the Fall, Winter and Early Spring. Have the ability for the lights to turn off after 9:00 PM
4. LOVED EAC Community Garden initiative and would fully support their efforts
5. Place lit timers on the b'ball courts to allow a resident to turn on the lights when needed, and have them be turned off when not in use.

Parks we did not see: Owls Next, Landis Greene,

Next Meeting: Monday, October 9th at 7:30 PM

We are hosting a work session on Monday, October 9th at 7:30 PM. Our Plumstead Supervisor and community members from various sports organizations have been invited. Our meeting will begin with a work session with all attendees, followed with our committee to come up with recommendations we will pass onto the Supervisors. Expect this meeting to last at least 2 hours ~ ending by 10:00 PM if necessary.

NEW Business we must discuss soon:

Tree Lighting event in December. Donna will reach to Tohickon Middle School to learn about signing & Plumstead Business Alliance to learn if they'd like to be involved.

Meeting ended at 12:10 PM in the parking lot of Jennifer Schweitzer Park