

Sports Complex Master Plan Update Committee
Work Session 2

Town of Greenville
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 24, 2017
Greenville Town Hall – Community Room

5:00 pm

Attendance: Tony Nowak, Mark Strobel, Ryan Paschke, Scott Bonikowski, Ryan Gass, Heather Clegg, Keith Voss, Joe Ryan

Excused: Brenda Johnson, Lou Judge, Traci Chisholm

Absent: Renee Sullivan

Guests: John Julius, Geraldine Relien

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Motion by Ryan Paschke, second by Scott Bonikowski. Minutes approved.

III. Introductions

Quick introductions were made.

IV. Survey

a. Review the results

Tony provided a summary of the survey results and highlighted some of the data that stood out. The committee was provided with a summary of the results and a copy of the full results. Tony is working on a more in depth summary of the results that will be post on the website for the public. He will also forward it to the committee when complete.

b. Comparison to first survey

Tony stated that one of the benefits of this survey is that we are able to compare the results to the first survey. While many things did not change substantially from the first survey, Tony provided a summary of the comparison between the two surveys and highlighted some of the significant changes. The most significant change is the increase in soccer participation.

c. Questions/comments/discussion

Members of the committee discussed observations they made from the results of the survey. It was noted that there were several comments regarding moving forward with this project. People are interested in seeing this park developed.

V. Public Hearing

a. Review the feedback

Tony presented a summary of the public hearing that was held on May 2nd from 5-7:00 pm. Notes from the meeting were given to the committee and the highlights were presented. Good feedback was received from the community.

b. Questions/comments/discussion

The committee discussed the results of the meeting.

VI. First Draft of Plan

a. Process

Tony briefly explained the process for providing the first draft of the master plan. The committee will discuss the major priorities of the plan and develop ideas for the layout of the plan.

b. Questions/comments/discussion

There was discussion on master plan with the following highlights:

- The size of the tournaments desired will help to determine the number of fields that should be built. Is the plan to build a facility for the local organizations or to draw larger tournaments from out of the area? This is a good question for the organizations to consider what their intent is.
- The main focus of this park is to provide facilities to accommodate the baseball and soccer organizations as well as provide additional passive use areas. A full aquatic facility likely does not fit into this plan, however, the town should explore the idea further as it appears to be a priority according to survey results.
- A splash pad, on the other hand, may be a good fit for this park. They are smaller, less expensive to build and operate and could take the place of a playground area. It may also satisfy the desire for an aquatic facility.
- Is there an opportunity to work with surrounding communities to provide facilities?
- A four plex of baseball fields with one large and three small would be ideal for GYS. The priority right now is the large field. If phasing, maybe start with 2 and plan for 2 in the future.
- Fox Cities United is looking for space for 4-6 full sized soccer fields, with 6 being optimal.
- There should be enough space to accommodate these facilities.

- The parking should be laid out to efficiently serve all the facilities. How much parking is needed?
- Playgrounds should be included.
- The natural area with trails is important to keep in the plan.
- Be sure to take storm water and erosion into consideration.

VII. Other

Keith Voss brought forward the idea of the town working with a consultant to complete the master plan and provide a quality rendering that can be presented to the community. In order to get buy in from the community we need to present them with quality materials to sell it to them. The committee agreed and there was a lot of discussion on it. The community is ready for us to move forward with this park and this is the next necessary step to make that happen. The town does not have the staff or resources needed to achieve this level of a plan. Heather explained the process she has seen used in other communities. A request for qualifications can be done and selected consultant would submit their concept for the park. The town would then select the plan they like the best and work with that consultant. Tony mentioned that there was funds budgeted for master plan work at Lions Park that is now being funded by the Lions Club. This may be a potential way to fund the master plan. Using that money for the Sports Complex has even already been discussed at the Park Commission. Keith also mentioned that we could approach the Civic Club to see if they would be interested in helping with funding. Tony stated that to move forward with this plan it would need to be approved by the Park Commission and Town Board. **Motion by Ryan Paschke to: “Recommend to the Park Commission and Town Board that the Town explore and pursue hiring a professional park planning consultant to complete the Master Plan and provide a concept rendering of the plan.” Second by Joe Ryan. Vote: Yes – 6, No – 0, Passed.** Tony will begin to research the process and bring this recommendation to the Park Commission for their meeting on May 30th.

VIII. Set date for next meeting and public meeting

A date was not set for the next meeting.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm