

Sports Complex Master Plan Update Committee
Work Session 1

Town of Greenville
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 7, 2017
Greenville Town Hall – Community Room

5:30 pm

Attendance: Tony Nowak, Mark Strobel, Lou Judge, Ryan Paschke, Scott Bonikowski, Ryan Gass, Traci Chisholm, Brenda Johnson, Heather Clegg

Excused: Renee Sullivan, Joe Ryan, Keith Voss

Absent: Pete Gervais

Guests: John Julius

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Motion by Lou, second by Ryan Paschke. Minutes approved.

III. Introductions

There were new members present so the committee went around the table and introduced themselves.

IV. Review Data

a. Previous surveys and plans

Tony provided a summary of past data that was collected including the survey from the original 2006 Master Plan and the survey from the 2015 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

b. Greenville Youth Sports

Ryan Gass and Scott provided registration data for Greenville Youth Sports. Registration has been consistently growing in the past few years. 2016 saw approximately 770 participants in the program and 2017 is likely to approach 800. They stated that this is their maximum capacity and that they need additional facilities to support the growth. They stated that they are really seeing an increase in T-ball registration and this will trickle up as the kids get older. They currently use the ballfields at the schools but those facilities are limited and they are unable to make improvements to the facilities.

c. Fox Cities United Soccer

Traci provided a summary of Fox Cities United Soccer Club's operation and registration history. They have seen a steady increase in registration since beginning their program in Greenville and had full rosters in 2016 for all age groups. They have about 250 participants in the club program plus another 100 in the recreation program. Their participants are primarily from Greenville and they have a working relationship with the Fox West YMCA and the Hortonville School District. Their organization also has smaller satellite operations in New London and Brownsville.

They are currently limited by the facilities. To hold tournaments, they would need 6-8 fields along with supporting facilities of concessions and restrooms. Traci also expressed some safety concerns regarding the highway and shelter from storms.

d. Fox West YMCA

Brenda provided a summary of the Fox West YMCA. They started with about 1,000 members in 2002 and have grown to a current membership of 6,400. They have about 1,000 participants per year using Lions Park for their soccer and flag football programs. They anticipate continued growth in these programs. They have about 14 acres of undeveloped farm land on their property that they hope to develop into playing fields in the future. She does not anticipate the YMCA needing field space at the Sports Complex.

e. Other

Greenville and School District demographics were also discussed.

V. Survey

a. Review Survey

Tony presented the proposed survey. It was drafted based off the original 2006 survey with some changes made to simplify it and make it more specific to the property.

b. Survey Discussion

The committee discussed the survey and suggested some changes. The "Field of Dreams" name should be included in case people are not aware of the name change. It was suggested to eliminate question 5 as we can get the needed info from questions 6 and 7. Any facilities in question 5 not mentioned in 6 and 7 should be included. A question regarding the name of the property should also be added.

Distribution of the survey was also discussed. It will be done online via Survey Monkey and will run through the end of April. This will allow us to publicize it in the Town Newsletter. We will also have paper copies available at Town Hall for those who prefer that method. The survey will

be distributed and publicized through the website, Facebook, the schools and user groups.

c. Approve Survey

The committee approved distribution of the survey with the changes.

VI. Discussion of Ideas/topics

a. General discussion

The committee engaged in discussion on several different topics:

- Will the Hwy 96 access be sufficient? Will we need to look for additional access from adjoining properties in the future?
- Traci stated that Fox Cities United Soccer Club would like to see a minimum of 4 full size soccer fields with 6 being ideal.
- GYS stated that long term a four-plex of fields would be ideal. 3 little league fields and 1 full size field. The full size field is currently the priority as it would free up space at Community Park.
- Are the wetlands shown on the current plan existing or proposed? They are proposed and it is currently all farm field. There is a shoreland buffer in the northeast corner of the property. Wetland delineation may need to be done on this part of the property. The airport overlay may also pose a problem for proposed wetlands and stormwater facilities.
- There was some discussion on neighboring properties and the possibility of adding land to the park in the future.
- There was discussion on the name of the park and the possibility of changing it. The “Sports Complex” may be misleading as the intent of the park is to provide more than just sports facilities.

VII. Set date for next meeting and public meeting

We will shoot for the end of April for the Public Meeting. This will allow for us to publicize it in the Town Newsletter.

The next committee meeting will be scheduled for Mid-May.

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.