

MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT NAME: New Freedom Borough - Marge Goodfellow Park
PROJECT NUMBER: 2023.0007.02
MEETING NUMBER: 5
MEETING PURPOSE: Identify Top Priorities for the Park & Review Existing Buildings Assessment
MEETING DATE / TIME: Tuesday March 19, 2024 at 1:00 PM
MEETING LOCATION: New Freedom Borough Office & Virtual via Microsoft Teams

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DISCUSSION

SD-1 - ITEM	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESPONSIBLE
SD-1.1	Identify Top Priorities based on Citizen's Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sam Howard presented the Citizen's survey results to the committee, highlighting the top priorities. The committee expressed no objections to the presented priorities. 	
SD-1.2	Committee Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee reached a consensus on incorporating the following priorities: Shade Bathrooms Pavilion 	-

		<p>Walking Path Additional Parking/ADA Parking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While playground activities and amenities like a skatepark, pickleball court, and swimming/splash pad were identified as top priorities, the committee expressed concerns about their impact on open space and interference with public events. • Patti emphasized that the park is currently at capacity and any new structures would hinder the annual fireworks display which is a cherished community event. • Marianne advocated for a pickleball court, but it was acknowledged that the current park layout might not accommodate it (due to encompassing too much open space). Exploring other parks for this purpose was suggested. • It was identified that the walking path was more for park connectivity rather than walking. • The committee agrees that a pavilion should be utilized for shade. • Consideration was given to installing a shade structure or shade sail over the playground. • Bathrooms could be standalone or connected to the pavilion. • A need for additional lighting for the parking lot was identified by the committee. This should be added to the list of top priorities for the park. • The idea of purchasing some of the adjoining land from Arrow was floated to the group. 	
SD-1.3	Existing Facilities Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam Howard presented the results from the Existing Facilities Assessment to the committee and identified the deficiencies related to the shell of the building, health/food preparation, utilities, and accessibility. • The committee recognizes these deficiencies but feels that the current buildings serve their purpose for their current use. • The committee felt that these upgrades would be very costly. • The committee asked if ADA Compliance and Building Code regulations would be required once any building alterations were made? • The committee asked if an exhibit could be prepared to illustrate where a new building could be located and how much open space would be consumed. 	