

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – OCTOBER 11, 2022

The regular meeting of the Park & Recreation Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on October 11, 2022. Mr. Brody called the meeting to order and called the Roll.

Those present:

Park & Recreation Board: Michael Brody, Vice Chair
Kim Rock, Secretary
Mike Blundi, Member
Rob LaBar, Member
Dennis Wysocki, Member

Others: Monica Tierney, Park & Recreation Director
James Majewski, Community Development Director

Absent: Douglas Krauss, Park & Recreation Board Chair
David Malinowski, Park & Recreation Board Member
James McCartney, Supervisor Liaison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wysocki moved, Mr. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of September 13, 2022 as written.

TEMPORARY BIKE LANE PRESENTATION

Ms. Allison Davis, TMA Project Coordinator, was present. She stated she is the point person for the pop-up bike and pedestrian lanes around Bucks County. She stated TMA Bucks is a 501(c)4 Non-Profit, and their goals are to improve transit, ease congestion, create less vehicle pollution, improve access to jobs, and create safer and more appealing facilities.

Ms. Davis stated there is a two-year window for the pop-up bike lane project which was funded by DVRPC, and they are not asking for any funds from the Township. She stated they will be providing the funds and the engineering to put the bike lanes in. She stated they are only asking the Township for a location for the project.

Ms. Davis stated the Bucks County pop-up pedestrian/bike project has the power to connect communities not only throughout Bucks County but through-out the greater Philadelphia Metropolitan region. She stated it will improve the current state of pedestrian and bike infrastructure working toward tying together goals and visions of the region's Transportation Demand Management Plan. Ms. Davis stated the goals for this project are to obtain public support for bike lanes, become permanent in supporting towns, create awareness and safety for bikers and pedestrians, engage community members to decrease single-occupancy vehicle use, promote biking and walking to decrease air pollution, and to gather feedback and data.

Ms. Davis stated if the bike lanes were to be put in place in Lower Makefield, they would do a project evaluation to see if they were successful enough to be put in permanently; and if they were successful enough, they would then attempt to obtain another Grant to have them put in permanently. She stated a pre and post survey would go out to residents around the area where the bike lanes are put in. She stated designated days would be identified for the demonstration. She stated they would gather qualitative and quantitative data through the surveys which would give insight from the user counts and also through qualitative data by asking people what they thought of the project.

Ms. Tierney stated the site they have in mind is on Dolington Road, north of Woodside Road where there is a 12' wide shoulder where a path would not make sense, but a bike lane would ; and she feels this would be a prime location. She added that they have had many residents requesting this site for a bike lane. Ms. Davis asked if it is a State or local road, and Ms. Tierney stated she would have to find out. Ms. Davis stated there is no issue with doing a State road versus a local road, but she would need eight weeks in advance to get PennDOT approval if it is a State road. She stated she does have a contact at PennDOT who has given approval for certain roads.

Ms. Davis stated she has examples of bike lanes that were pop-up projects that were put in, and one was in Narberth in Montgomery County; and it was successful enough where it was put in permanently. She stated there was one in Collingswood, New Jersey that was put in permanently, and there was one in West Chester that was not successful enough to be permanent. Ms. Davis stated she feels the location that Ms. Tierney has suggested would be a good location because it would not involve taking away any parking.

Ms. Tierney stated she has found that Dolington Road is a State road, and Ms. Davis stated she would therefore have to get approval from PennDOT.

Mr. LaBar noted previous meetings when the Board was discussing bike paths that were proposed throughout Bucks and Montgomery County, and he asked if this would provide some data that would help in our assessment of those as there were a number of different paths to try to get down to the river and other places where they were proposing bike lanes.

Mr. Wysocki asked Ms. Davis how they are funded; and Ms. Davis stated they applied for the Travel Options Program Grant, and they were awarded \$270,000 for this program.

Ms. Tierney asked the next step for the Township to take part in this program. Ms. Davis stated they should provide her with the location, and she will go to PennDOT to see if it is approved. She stated Doylestown Borough and Doylestown Township have already given her locations. She stated she has also met with Morrisville, Middletown, Plumsted, Falls, and Wrightstown; and those that give her the locations first will be the priority. She stated her goal is to put in the first one in the spring since they would not be used much in the winter.

Ms. Tierney asked the timeline once the Township commits; and Ms. Davis stated once she is provided the location and gets approval from PennDOT, a design will be put in for the location depending on whether it is a one-way bike lane, a two-lane bike lane, or doing it on both sides of the street. She stated they have an engineer on their Board who will help with the engineering design of the bike lanes and the materials needed. She stated pop-ups are put in place between four and fourteen days. She stated they would do marketing so that the Township residents know when the pop-up will be put in place so that it gets used and so that they have data.

Ms. Tierney asked if it is successful would TMA Bucks help the Township look for Grant funding to make it permanent, and Ms. Davis agreed. Ms. Davis stated the Travel Options Program has Grants that go into place. She stated this is a two-year one, and there will be another one that comes out in two years. She stated if this were successful enough in a few Townships, they would apply for a new Grant to put them in permanently. She stated the goal is for them to be permanent, and the purpose of this Grant is to test it out.

Ms. Tierney asked the Board if they want to pursue this; and if they do, she would recommend making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors so that we do not miss out on this opportunity.

Mr. Wysocki asked what a pop-up looks like physically. Ms. Davis stated it looks like a normal bike lane except they put up cones instead of barriers. She stated they do use paint for the sharrows, which are pictures of bikes and arrows. She stated they would also do the set-up and clean-up process. Ms. Davis stated the location Ms. Tierney has indicated it has a 12' foot shoulder. Mr. Wysocki asked if that is a paved shoulder, and Ms. Tierney stated it is. Ms. Tierney stated there was a picture of it in the Board's packet, and she showed the Board the page.

Mr. Brody asked if TMA Bucks would try to fund the permanent bike lane if it is successful or are they just providing the pop-up with the hope that the Township will pursue the permanent bike lane. Ms. Davis stated while that has not been discussed, they do want to apply for the Travel Options Program since they were successful in obtaining the funds for the pop-ups.

Ms. Tierney stated Mr. Majewski also suggested that a second option could be Afton Avenue into Yardley. Mr. Brody stated he is familiar with the roads in Narberth that Ms. Davis referred to and that road connects a lot of houses to their Main Street. Mr. Brody stated he feels the option into Yardley would serve as a commuter path into and out of Yardley Borough. He asked what would they be connecting to if they did it at Dolington. Ms. Tierney stated there are a lot of cyclists who have asked for this so it would be safer.

Mr. Wysocki stated it is a highly-traveled road used by cyclists, and it is a way to 532, Newtown, and Washington Crossing for a lot of people. He stated it is also a fairly dangerous road since there are high speeds being traveled. He stated if there is room that would be a relatively straight-forward, easy one to do.

Mr. Brody asked if it would be possible to do two. Ms. Davis stated it would depend how long they are mileage wise, but they would have to be put in place at the same time. She stated she would not be opposed to doing two in the same Township. There was discussion about discussing this with Yardley Borough since the path would be taking it into Yardley. Ms. Davis stated she has reached out to Yardley Borough a few times, but they have not gotten back to her although they may respond to the Township. Mr. Brody stated it may be difficult to do anything in Yardley because there is tight parking.

Ms. Davis stated she was thinking about the road where the Canal is that takes you to CVS, but there is no room because there is no shoulder.

Ms. Rock stated she feels the original location suggested by Ms. Tierney on Dolington is a great location. Ms. Davis agreed adding that people ride their bikes and walk to Memorial Park. She stated Lower Makefield is an active community; and if they market it, she feels the people in the Township will use it.

Ms. Davis stated she does not need an answer today, and this is an introductory discussion. She stated if she is provided a location, she will “definitely do it here.”

Mr. Wysocki asked for further clarification of the Dolington site suggested; and Ms. Tierney stated it is Dolington, north of Woodside, that is shown on the new Bucks County Study Map up to Odessa Lane. Ms. Rock stated this is not where she was picturing it, and she felt it would be at Snipes. Mr. Blundi stated he feels it should go from Dolington and Woodside across 95 and connect Quarry Hill and Afton. He stated because we are building a bike path on Woodside Road to connect to the Canal, that would be another connection from that area down to the Canal and up to the Garden of Reflection/Memorial Park. Ms. Davis asked when the Township is building the bike lane crossing 95 to get to the Canal, and Ms. Tierney stated that is not going to cross all the way. She stated it will go down Woodside and end. She stated that project should be starting soon.

Mr. Brody also noted the area by Giant going toward Shady Brook where they could build the bike path up to where the new development will have a bike path. Ms. Tierney stated that could be an option for connectivity.

Mr. Brody asked Ms. Davis the ideal mileage, and Ms. Davis stated it should not be over 2 ½ miles. Mr. Brody asked what time of year this would be done, and Ms. Davis stated she wants to put the first one in between March and May of 2023.

Ms. Tierney suggested that the Board discuss this again in November and agree on a recommended location and then make that recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Davis stated this would be fine. Mr. Wysocki stated whatever they propose it should total approximately 2 ½ miles.

Ms. Tierney stated she will work with Mr. Majewski on this and reach out to the Park Board members with some proposals throughout the month so that a decision on a recommendation can be made at the next meeting.

Mr. Brody asked if there would be a sidewalk, bike lane, and the street; and Ms. Davis agreed. Mr. Brody asked if there would be some kind of curb if it were permanent, and Ms. Davis stated most likely there would be. She stated as she had noted earlier that for the pop-up they would use cones as the barrier or something similar. She provided information on the materials that could be used for pop-up bike lanes.

Ms. Tierney stated they are interested, and it just a matter of determining the logistics. Ms. Davis stated since she is looking to put them in next spring, getting the recommendation in November would be good.

Mr. Wysocki asked if everything would be taken away if it was found not to be successful. Ms. Davis stated she would learn from that experience as she is doing it in different Townships. Mr. Wysocki stated if it is successful, then it is a candidate for being permanent; and Ms. Davis stated that is the goal. She stated DVRPC also granted them a data-counting machine that would be put in before the pop-up was installed to see how much it is used prior to the pop-up and then how much it is used during the time the pop-up is in place. She stated they would be counting the amount of cars, bikers, and pedestrians; and they would be looking for the increase or decrease in the numbers. She stated she would also do a pre and post survey to get qualitative data.

Mr. LaBar asked if they could get input from the Police Department with regard to the proposed locations as to whether they would be problematic or not, and Ms. Tierney stated she could do that.

Ms. Tierney stated we have our connectivity plan where there are gaps identified and it may be possible to find a two mile stretch in one of those locations.

Ms. Rock stated this is a great way to see how something would work without committing to it if it is an area that we are unsure about.

Mr. Brody stated Ms. Davis has agreed to send slides of some other examples so we can see how they look.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CAPRA Update

Ms. Tierney stated we received our formal Accreditation Certificate which was included in the Board's packet. She stated she and Ms. Todd went to Arizona and presented while they were there and learned a lot. She stated we should be getting a plaque which will be housed at the Community Center.

Play For All Planning

Art in the Park Partnership and Grant Application – Ms. Tierney stated there was a Grant due for Visit Bucks County and they applied for Art in the Park and they asked for \$5,000 for that project. Ms. Tierney stated the Township will put in \$5,000 and the Artists of Yardley will put in \$2,500 as part of the Grant Application for the art installation, programming, and marketing for the project. Ms. Tierney stated the Township could not do this alone and we partnered with Artists of Yardley which is a non-profit agency, and the Application was submitted jointly as it had to be done in partnership with a non-profit organization. Ms. Tierney stated if we do get the Grant, we will be working on an Agreement as to how this will work and the logistics. She stated Artists of Yardley also agreed to provide some programming within the parks, and we are also looking at dance studios, theater, and other programs in the parks. She stated we should hear about the Grant in the next few months. Ms. Tierney stated the Application was included in the Board's packet.

5 Mile Woods ADA Accessibility – PECO Green Region Grant Discussion and Motion to Recommend Match – Ms. Tierney stated this Grant is offered annually. She stated the Application was submitted and was provided to the Board in their packet. She stated this creates an opportunity for those who have mobility issues to be able to access the 5 Mile Woods easily. She stated parking spaces lined for ADA-accessibility will be part of the project as well as 600' of trail that goes back to the vernal pools with a small platform at the end. She stated this was part of our ADA Accessibility Plan. She stated they are proposing a wood boardwalk leading back to that area. She stated there is also an area that leads to the classroom at 5 Mile Woods. She stated we went for \$10,000 which we will need to match, and there is money in the Fee-In-Lieu which can be used for this project.

Ms. Tierney stated she will be going to the Board of Supervisors at their meeting next week so they can approve a formal Resolution. She stated we did ask for permission to get a Resolution after the fact since the last Board of Supervisors' meeting was canceled. Ms. Tierney stated she worked with John Heilferty and Mr. Majewski on this project.

Mr. LaBar asked if the \$20,000 will cover the materials needed. Ms. Tierney agreed adding that the Friends of 5 Mile Woods and other volunteers and staff will build the boardwalk. She stated it will be a community project. Mr. LaBar asked about maintenance moving forward, and he asked if that will have to be put into the Budget. Ms. Tierney stated there are boardwalks there now, and the Friends of the 5 Mile Woods clear and fix the boardwalks within the Park, and sometimes this is done through Boy Scout projects. Ms. Tierney stated this will be a composite wood as regular wood rots and can be slippery when moss grows on it. She stated the Friends will help us maintain this for the foreseeable future, and the Friends have been there since the 1970's helping maintain the Park. She stated we are trying to make that Park more accessible and in the future hope to provide more programming and to rehabilitate the facility so that we can run classes there in the future.

Mr. LaBar asked if that would be the end of the ADA accessibility or would there be something planned in the future if we got additional Grant funding. Ms. Tierney stated there is the potential to do more, but this Grant was for \$10,000 with a \$10,000 match; and this was what they could accomplish with \$20,000. Ms. Tierney stated initially the plan was to create a loop so that could be considered in the future. She stated they may also be able to add more education platforms where someone could talk about the Woods.

Mr. Blundi asked the width of the path and asked if there will be railings. Ms. Tierney stated it will be a flat walkway with guiderails on the base. The path will be 48" wide and every 200' there needs to be a turn-around bump-out. Mr. Blundi stated that is not very wide, and Ms. Tierney stated that is why they have the bump outs. She stated 5' wide would have been too wide for the size of the path and would have been much more expensive. She stated 48" is in compliance with the ADA standards with the 200' bump-out like was what was done at Memorial Park.

Ms. Tierney asked if the Park Board would make a recommendation so that she can take this to the Board of Supervisors next Wednesday.

Mr. LaBar moved, Mr. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of a \$10,000 match coming from Fee-In-Lieu for the 5 Mile Woods ADA Accessibility PECO Green Region Grant.

Ms. Tierney showed a slide of what the front entrance looks like now adding there is no way anyone with a mobility issue could use this. She stated there are also a number of roots throughout the path. She stated on the right-hand side it shows what it will look like with the walkway and base rail.

Mr. Wysocki stated he assumes that a 48" wide path is the correct width for wheelchair access, and Ms. Tierney agreed. She added that Mr. Majewski provided the ADA standards which was what they were working from. Mr. Blundi stated he feels that is small, and you could not walk three abreast. Ms. Tierney stated the idea is to get a wheelchair down there. She stated they applied with the measurements; and while they may be able to make a change, currently the Application is for 48".

Community Trail Update – Grant Project Update – Ms. Tierney stated the trail is paved, and the only thing they are waiting for are the ADA ramps which takes additional time. She stated once they are all approved, they will be installed, and the whole project will be done. Ms. Tierney stated the crosswalk is the next phase.

Mr. Brody stated he feels a lot more trees were taken down than he expected. He stated those trees were good as a sound barrier, and he asked if there is a plan to get some of the trees back. Ms. Tierney stated some of the trees were removed because of sight line issues so that anyone crossing at the crosswalk would be safe. She stated we have a student from Delaware Valley University working on her Landscape Architecture Degree, and she asked if she could do a project in one of the parks as her Senior project; and Ms. Tierney suggested this site and the site by Caiola so she will be creating a Plan with her professor. Ms. Tierney stated many people are using the path already. She stated once she knows the timeline for the crosswalks, she will advise the Board.

Woodside Bike Path Update – Grant Project Update – Ms. Tierney stated the Board of Supervisors awarded the project to Richard E. Peirson Construction at their meeting on September 21 in the amount of \$646,200. She stated this is a project that is partially Grant funded.

Mr. LaBar asked when this is proposed to be started; and Ms. Tierney stated while she had hoped that they would start in the fall, that may be impacted by weather. She stated once the Contract is signed and she is updated, she will provide the Park Board with more information. She stated she feels this may be a spring project.

Trail Gap PennDOT Grant – Ms. Tierney stated PennDOT will be opening up a Multi-Modal Transportation Grant with a deadline of November 14. She stated for many years there has been discussions about connecting our bike paths, and there is a Long-Range Bike Path Plan. She stated she met with Mr. Majewski and Mr. McLoone, the new Planner; and they went over some higher-priority gaps that we might want to address with this Grant. She stated we need to consider if we will have funding for a match, how much the projects would cost, and if they are all Grant-eligible. She stated she is looking for input from the Park Board on prioritizing the three sites that they are considering. She stated if we do get a Grant, we would have to budget for the match, but it would probably not hit the budget until 2024. She stated this is only a 30% match Grant.

Ms. Tierney stated one project they are looking at is the Community Trail Phase 2 which would be a linkage into the current Community Trail, the second is the Edgewood Village linkage, and the third is the Woodside link into Yardley Borough.

Ms. Tierney showed a slide of what Phase 2 of the Community Trail would consist of – with one section shown in green by Edgewood Road and another section down Oxford Valley Road. She stated the Edgewood Road portion would be sidewalk – 670’ on the north side and 500’ on the south side to connect the sidewalks. She stated the second part of this project would be 925’ from the softball fields to Mill Road on the north and 1800’ on the south side from Hearthstone to Stony Hill or 2,800 feet on the north side from Hearthstone to Stony Hill. She stated that would be a very expensive project.

Ms. Tierney showed a slide of the Edgewood Village linkages shown in green. She stated this also includes upgrades for signal/ADA access. She stated the Mirror Lake Road gap is 570', the Edgewood Road gap is 505' with an upgraded signal, and the Stony Hill Road gap is 625' to Fox Hollow Drive, and then 1000' feet from Fox Hollow Drive to Hidden Ponds Drive.

Ms. Tierney stated the last connection is the one to finish the Woodside bike path that we are working on now, and that would connect the proposed bike path at the northwest corner of the intersection with Taylorsville Road to a new path installed by the DRJTBC located on the southeast corner of the intersection with Taylorsville Road. She stated the work would include traffic signal upgrades, revised striping at the intersection, adjustments to the guard rail, and ADA-accessible ramps. Ms. Tierney stated we have engineering on this because we were considering this as part of the Woodside bike path so some work has already been done on this particular path.

Mr. LaBar stated the Woodside project would allow going across to the new Park & Ride and access to the bridge that now has a bike path. Ms. Tierney stated this would be the piece to link to the tow path. Mr. LaBar asked if there is an estimate on the cost for this, and Ms. Tierney stated she is not sure that they have costed this out. Mr. LaBar stated he feels all of these are projects that need to be done, and he would like to see something that would complete connectivity. Mr. Blundi stated he agrees that this would complete the connection.

Mr. Wysocki stated he feels the priority should be whichever project provides a higher level of safety. He agrees that the Woodside project would meet this requirement because of the Taylorsville crossing; but he is not sure how to compare that to the other projects in terms of safety. Ms. Tierney stated she could reach out to the Police to get their feedback as to what their priorities would be.

Mr. Brody questioned the extension of the Community Trail as he is not sure how much value we would get from that. He stated the non-Community Center side of Oxford Valley Road has a path that extends to the road past Mill Road so that connects all the developments to the right. He stated the extension would only get to fifteen to twenty houses that line Oxford Valley past the Synagogue across Stony Hill. He stated he agrees it would help with safety although it would be expensive. He stated there will be a crosswalk installed on Oxford Valley so he does not feel that we need to extend the Community Trail. Mr. Brody stated he would be in favor of

finishing off Woodside. Ms. Rock stated she agrees and they should try to get people into the parks and the locations that they cannot currently get to. Mr. Brody stated he feels Edgewood could be considered once Wegmans is in and the rest of the area is developed as there would then be a better sense of what is needed.

Mr. Majewski stated with regard to the Oxford Valley Road connection, that would connect all of the developments that access the current bike path that is on the west side of Stony Hill Road. He stated this would connect the developments further down – Emerald Drive, and the townhouse complexes. Mr. Brody asked if that is the section between Stony Hill and Heacock/Oxford Valley, and Mr. Majewski agreed. Mr. Majewski stated currently there is a bike path along Oxford Valley between the Kohl's section of Oxford Valley/Heacock Road and Stony Hill Road. He stated it ends, and it does not pick up again until you get to Roelofs.

Ms. Tierney stated she regularly sees kids on bikes where there is no trail. Mr. LaBar stated there is a path, but it ends right before Stony Hill and there is no way to get to the Pool and that area.

Mr. Majewski stated with regard to Edgewood Village there are several gaps where you cannot get into the Commercial area where Giant and McCaffrey's are located. He stated there is a proposed path that will go from the Prickett Preserve project across I-95 and down Stony Hill Road to connect into Langhorne-Yardley Road where there is an existing sidewalk. He stated there is a gap in front of the Woodside Presbyterian Church from the bike path near Giant leading up to where the Masonic Hall is. He stated there was also a bike path built in front of Veterans Square, but they left out any connection to get to the other intersections and this would upgrade the traffic signal at Edgewood Road and Heacock/Mirror Lake Road so that you could cross. He stated at the other section on Mirror Lake Road there is a bike path for those developments but there is a gap where there is an old stone house across the street from the Patterson Farm, and that is an area that is missing a piece of the bike path that would connect people all the way up near Yardley-Newtown Road and hopefully someday that will be connected further.

Mr. Brody asked Mr. Majewski which site he feels would have the greatest degree of land acquisition. Mr. Majewski stated probably Oxford Valley Road would require right-of-way or an Easement. He stated for the one at Mirror Lake Road, there is right-of-way at the Woodside Presbyterian Church, and there is right-of-way going down Stony Hill Road or only a minimal amount

would need to be acquired. He stated the Board should consider if they want to connect to the Commercial area in Edgewood Village and fill in those gaps at this time or connect the neighborhoods along Oxford Valley Road up toward the Community Center/Pool area. He stated they both have safety issues which is one of the reasons why these two locations were chosen in addition to the Woodside Road traffic signal crossing. Mr. Majewski stated the Grant does prioritize connectivity and safety; and these are the areas which are most easily feasible, have small gaps that are manageable cost wise; and with a \$1 million Grant, we may be able to afford to connect these areas.

Ms. Rock stated she did not realize that the people in the Oxford Glen/Emerald area could not get to the Pool. She stated there are a lot of houses there, and she feels it would be more important to provide a way for those people to safely get to the Pool, the Library, and the tennis courts than to the Commercial areas. Mr. LaBar stated while you can get there, it is less direct and less safe. Ms. Tierney stated she sees kids going up and down Oxford Valley often. Mr. Brody asked if they could do a bike lane there, and Ms. Tierney stated it is too narrow. Mr. Majewski stated they would have to widen the road to be able to do a bike lane.

Ms. Tierney stated she is hearing that Woodside Road and Oxford Valley Road would have a higher priority. Mr. LaBar stated he feels Edgewood would be more cost effective since they are smaller. He asked if we could do Woodside and one component of Edgewood. He asked if they all need to be in one area. Ms. Tierney stated while the Grant is up to \$3 million, we cannot go for that because we could not do the match. She stated she feels we can pick and choose what we want to do, but she feels Woodside would be an easier package since it is already prepared; and we could keep looking for Grants for the other areas. Mr. Majewski stated they could do Woodside and all or part of one of the other two areas. Ms. Tierney stated it would depend on how much Woodside comes in at as far as price estimates.

Ms. Tierney stated since it appears that the Board is agreed that Woodside is the priority, she will work further on this; and if anything else can be fit into the Grant she will look into those other sites. This was acceptable to the Board.

Veterans Square/Memorial Park ADA Accessibility DCNR Grant – Ms. Tierney stated a DCNR Grant became available with a maximum of \$250,000 and a 50% match. Ms. Tierney stated there is already a plan to do the playground repairs at Memorial Park as part of the ADA Transition Plan, and there is funding allocated to that from the Sewer sale. She stated there is also money allocated toward the Veterans Square playground and ADA improvements; but we do not have some of the other improvements that have been on the list for Veterans Square. She stated they are looking to bundle these two projects together to come up with a good Application with the emphasis on ADA implementation and connectivity. She stated there is a quick turn-around as this is due October 27, and some of the framework has already been put together. She stated this will require support from the Board of Supervisors, and will be on their Agenda on October 19. She stated the Veterans Square Master Plan has already been approved as has the funding of the projects that she mentioned so this would be an easy package to put together. Ms. Tierney stated with this Grant, we could do more than what we had planned for without spending any more money.

Ms. Tierney stated this would build out Veterans Square. She stated she had provided the Board with a copy of the old Plan and previously discussed some of the challenges with ADA accessibility. She showed a mock-up of a new potential Plan. She noted the location of a pavilion that no one is really in favor of so that might change in time, but they know that they want a pavilion. She stated the pavilion will have a bathroom, and there is sewer available. She stated the playground will be completely renovated and expanded. She stated there will be a path that circles the remainder of the way so that there will be a loop. She stated there is also a pollinating garden that will help with rainwater. She stated they are also looking to pave the parking lot to make it an easier flow in and out. She stated the original Plan was just to provide some ADA accessibility, but the new Plan will be the complete build out of Veterans Square. Ms. Tierney stated this is a change from what was previously proposed.

Ms. Tierney stated the Board of Supervisors has agreed to the funding, but they will have to pass a Resolution to commit to the funding for the Grant Application. Ms. Tierney stated they will be asking for approximately \$215,000, and the match would be \$215,000 which has already been allocated to projects we were planning in the parks.

Ms. Rock moved and Mr. Blundi seconded to recommend to the Board of Supervisors moving forward with the Veterans Square/Memorial Park ADA Accessibility DCNR Grant.

Mr. LaBar asked if what is being shown would increase the budget which will be filled in with the Grant money. Ms. Tierney stated all the amenities that she is showing were approved by the Board of Supervisors for the built-out of Veterans Square other than the bathrooms which were not included before. She stated she feels the bathrooms are needed and will enable people to spend more time at the Park and will provide ADA accessibility. Mr. LaBar asked if the Grant and what has already been approved will be enough to add what is now being proposed. Ms. Tierney stated she is still evaluating everything, but it looks like we will be able to cover everything. She stated she would not apply for something that we do not have a full match for. She stated they will need to match whatever the ask is, and if necessary they could remove something if there is not enough money.

Motion carried unanimously.

Schuyler Tennis Courts Update – Ms. Tierney stated on September 21, the Board of Supervisors approved the CoStars vendor Keystone Sports Construction, Inc. She stated there was an initial meeting on site. The amount of the project is \$387,110.06, and this will also cover the paving of the parking lot which was an Add Alternate. She stated construction should start shortly, and she will keep the Board advised. She stated she feels a lot of this will be done in the fall and temporary lines could be put in until it can be painted in the spring as it needs to be above 60 to 70 degrees three days in a row before they can paint.

Macclesfield Plan Update – Ms. Tierney stated on September 21 the Board of Supervisors approved JMT which was the recommendation of the Park & Recreation Board. There was a kick-off meeting, and we are reviewing the Contracts. She stated they are looking at October 12 and October 15 as on-site visits. She stated they want to spend time during a busy weekend evening and a busy weekend. There will be drone footage, measurements done, and assessments of the Park.

Ms. Tierney stated we are starting to form a Committee which will be seven to nine members including one Park Board member. She stated they are trying to get an EAC Board member, a representative from all current Leagues, a member of the community at large, and to also get neighboring residents involved. She stated we can also consider potential future users from cricket or field hockey as part of the discussion.

Ms. Tierney asked if anyone on the Park Board would be interested in participating in the Macclesfield Park Study. Mr. LaBar agreed to be the representative, and this was acceptable to the Board. Mr. Wysocki stated he could attend if Mr. LaBar is not available. Ms. Tierney stated Ms. Laurie Grey is present tonight, and she would like to be involved.

Pool Update

Survey Results - Ms. Tierney noted the information provided to the Board with regard to the Pool including a survey that was sent to residents. There were over 400 responses and great feedback about the staff and the amenities. She stated people did comment about pricing but it was felt that people felt they got value from their membership. She stated she has received a lot of comments personally that people who had left the Pool last year and went to another pool were not happy so she feels some people will be back next year that we may have lost initially.

Bathroom/Filtration Projects – Ms. Tierney stated they hope to renovate the bathroom before next season. She stated they are working on the filtration project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Laurie Grey stated she lives on Slate Hill Road, and she owns a property that backs up to Macclesfield Park. She asked Ms. Tierney if she will be contacting her to serve on the Macclesfield Committee, and Ms. Tierney agreed assuming Ms. Grey is willing to serve; and Ms. Grey stated she is. Ms. Tierney stated once a meeting is set up, she will include Ms. Grey in the communications which could be in one or two months. Ms. Grey asked what time they will be on site on Wednesday and Saturday; and Ms. Tierney stated on Wednesday it will be in the evening, but they hope to get there prior to when people start coming to the Park, and they will stay through the night. She stated on Saturday she feels they will be there most of the day doing an analysis of the site so that they can see the flow and determine the peak times. Ms. Grey stated people start coming around 7 a.m. on Saturdays. Ms. Grey asked if there will be input from anyone during these two times or are they just gathering data. Ms. Tierney stated the intention is to gather data.

Mr. Brody asked Ms. Grey if the light situation has been any better; and Ms. Grey stated overall it has improved, and when there are problems she contacts Ms. Tierney and “George from YMS” who is very responsive. Ms. Tierney stated it was “really bad before it got better.”

Mr. Wysocki asked if there will be neighboring residents other than Ms. Grey serving on the Committee. Ms. Tierney stated she has met with other residents, but she would like to keep the number on the Committee to seven to nine. She stated we will have focus groups in addition to the Committee. She stated the focus groups would be residents at large and anyone who is interested in the project could participate in these broader, bigger meetings.

Ms. Grey stated her intent is to serve on the Committee of seven to nine members. She stated she does keep her Board Association of Rivergate aware of everything including small Minute meeting notes after every meeting. She stated the Board Association is aware that she is planning on serving on the Committee and they are aware that there will be focus groups. She has also spoken individually to several residents.

Ms. Tierney stated outside of the local population, there are other people interested in how this might impact other projects that might be near their homes so she may reach out to them as well to broaden the scope.

Snipes Update – Ms. Tierney stated she is looking to potentially move forward with some of the public feedback. At this point she is reaching out for the “natural assessments” but she is having difficulty finding someone to commit to the tree count studies and the habitat studies. She is looking to set up some public feedback even if it is not on site design, and it would be what the residents would like to see on the site.

Maintenance

Tree Planting – Ms. Tierney stated there will be a tree planting at Kids Kingdom in the next week or so as a number of trees had to be removed due to disease over the last few years. Tree Bank Fund money will be used to cover this. Ms. Tierney stated the Public Works Director will be taking over the tree planting at Mirror Lake as it is not a park, but she is working with him. She stated this will probably be done in the spring. Ms. Tierney stated there will be other tree plantings done in the future along Oxford Valley Road and at a site at CVS across

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from Kohl's. Ms. Tierney stated she will be meeting with the Chair of the EAC on site at the site across from Kohl's where a number of trees have died to discuss how to address this area. She added this is the buffer between the residences and the CVS.

Fall Transition – Ms. Tierney stated they are doing fall transition work. She stated they will be closing the bathrooms in November, and they will put out port-a-potties in high-use areas, Ms. Tierney stated they have updated the Maintenance Plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Brody stated they had re-done the baseball fields at Stoddart; and while it rained a lot last week, the fields held up well. Ms. Tierney stated they plan to do the same number of fields every year.

There being no further business, Mr. LaBar moved, Mr. Wysocki seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Rock, Secretary