

Clayton Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2022
Zoom Webinar

Members Present: Karen Berry Elbert, Susan Buse, Jim Craig, Matt Durham, Daniel Henke- Cilenti, Bridget McAndrew, Gary Pierson, & Eric Schneider.

Absent: Ben Beinfeld & Missy McCormick

Also, Present: Lori Rice, Toni Siering, Denise Ucinski & Justin Whipple

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the January Commission were amended, then approved.

Addresses from the Audience:

There were no addresses from the audience.

Livable Communities Master Plan Update

Ms. Toni Siering and Mr. Eric Schneider provided an update to the Commission about the Livable Communities Master Plan. The Selection Committee made a recommendation to the BOA and contract negotiations are underway. The master plan process will take 12 to 18 months to complete. The plan is slated to begin in March. Parks is seventy-five percent of the focus and the Bike & Pedestrian component is twenty-five percent. A public engagement piece will be developed to gather stakeholders' input. Consultants will use innovative ways to engage community involvement. An online engagement piece will also be utilized. A master plan timeline may be available at the March meeting.

Project Update:

The MSD contractor needs additional time at Anderson Park, specifically to build the road into the park. They anticipate being out the end of April. Ms. Siering stated that the dog park will possibly open at the end of May or early June. Dog Park membership sales will begin on April 1. Membership fees and dog vaccination paperwork will be the same. Dog park membership fees cover most of the operating costs. MSD is leaving the park in better shape than it was prior to the project.

The Oak Knoll Pond project is going well. Tuckpointing of the walls and stage is complete. The pavilion has been ordered. Additional work will take place in the spring. Ice rink demo and electric relocation is under way. The transformer has been ordered and environmental remediation began in the building and is nearing completion. ARB approved the construction drawing for the park on Maryland Avenue. Ms. Siering anticipates the bid document being issued in February with construction taking place in late spring and early summer. Park name suggestions are Remembrance Park, Maryland Park and Crispus Attucks Park. Naming rights are still a possibility if a donation becomes available.

Director's Report:

Ms. Siering stated that the Youth Basketball season is off to a good start. Very few games had to be cancelled. The one spectator rule is going well. Games scheduled the first two weeks of the season will be made up. The Tennis Center Management contract awarded to Mr. Clark Taylor who has his own LLC, is going to the BOA for final approval.

Old Business / New Business:

Mr. Schneider recommended that there be a more formal discussion about dog park operations at the March meeting. Ms. Karen Berry Elbert noted the importance of having Pickleball courts moving forward. Ms. Siering said they can talk about that during the master plan process.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By: Denise Ucinski