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**Date:** 01/29/2020

**Project #:** 1051219.000

**Meeting #:** 3

**Project Name:** Memorial Park Master Site Planning

**Location:** Borough Hall, East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Jim Thorpe, PA

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30pm

**Attendees:** The meeting began with a review of the previous meeting and identifying notable responses from the public survey. The following is a list of the attendees. Two committee members were unable to attend the meeting and are in marked in gray text.

Greg Strubinger – Council Member

Joe Micko – Planning Commission

Connor Rodgers – Junior Council Person Program

Clem McGinley – Jim Thorpe Rotary Club, Summer Recreation Program

Natalie Rodgers – Borough Resident

Keith McQuait – Commander of American Legion

Emily Sofranko – Jim Thorpe Athletics Coach

Maureen Sterner – Jim Thorpe Borough Manager

Christine Mildner – Barry Isett & Associates

Ashley Eichlin – Barry Isett & Associates

**Purpose:**

Discuss public survey results

Review three conceptual alternatives

Address opportunities and constraints of each concept

Discuss future committee meetings and public meetings

## 1. Public Survey Results

The committee was presented a summary of the survey results. Notable responses were discussed.

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## **2. Discussion on Conceptual Plans**

Three concept plans were presented to the committee. Opportunities and constraints of each concept were addressed. The following discussion points were noted:

### **Concept A**

- Utilize storage building as a centralized bathroom building location instead of new bathroom buildings
- Keep the existing building but refurbish it
- Keep the walking trail on flatter areas; no stairs
- Ensure the multi-sensory educational garden is low maintenance; make it smaller to allow more playground space.
- Ask for bike rack donations from local bike shops.
- Access from 9<sup>th</sup> street into the park will need to be confirmed with the Jim Thorpe Police Department

### **Concept B**

- Include two basketball courts in final design
- Open lawn adjacent to the road is a safety concern.
- Extend park hours beyond dusk.
- Place an exercise station course in place of Basketball Court #2. Basketball Court #2 would then be moved next to Basketball Court #1.
- Establish seating areas in the skating rink.
- Little interest in the Children's Garden.

### **Concept C**

- Keep the skating rink separate from the bandshell.
- Incorporate an exercise course into the design
- Keep basketball courts on the outer edges of the park
- Keep some parking on 9<sup>th</sup> street entrance but may not necessarily need as much that is being proposed.
- Incorporate the trail from Concept B.

## **3. Final Plan Layout**

- Utilize storage building as a centralized bathroom building location instead of new bathroom buildings
- Keep the existing building but refurbish it.
- Ensure the multi-sensory educational garden is low maintenance; make it smaller to allow more playground space.
- Include two basketball courts in final design

- Place an exercise station course in place of Basketball Court #2. Basketball Court #2 would then be moved next to Basketball Court #1.
- Seating areas would need to be established in the skating rink.
- Keep the skating rink separate from the bandshell. Move the skating rink into the main area of the park.
- Incorporate an exercise course into final design
- Keep basketball courts on the outer edges of the park
- Keep some parking on 9<sup>th</sup> street entrance but may not necessarily need as much that is being proposed.
- Incorporate the trail from Concept B into the final plan.
- Access from 9<sup>th</sup> street into the park will need to be confirmed with the Jim Thorpe Police Department
- Implement safety lighting for night event use.
- Install memorials that highlight war veterans, but are easy to replace in the event of vandalism

#### **4. Public Meeting to Present Final Concept**

BIA will take the committee feedback on the three alternative concepts and create one final draft Master Site Plan. The committee agreed to that they would like to see the final plan draft prior to the public meeting. BIA and the committee meet in March followed by a public meeting in April.

#### **5. Next Committee Meeting (April)**

Following the public meeting, BIA will prepare a phasing plan that prioritizes the capital improvement projects and cost opinions associates with each phase.

Action:

##### **Isett**

- BIA to review committee comments and create one final concept from the three presented concepts
- BIA to review costs to renovate existing storage building into restrooms.
- BIA to confirm the number of required public meetings.
- BIA to confirm the structural integrity of the existing storage building to see if repurposing the building as bathrooms

##### **Next Meeting Date:**

Wednesday March 18, 2020 at 6:30pm

Recorded by: A. Eichlin/ C. Mildner

Copies: Attendee List

***Meeting Agenda***