

May 25, 2021

## Johnnycake Mountain Park

<b><u>Park Programming Activities</u></b> (Based on 2017 & 2021 Residents Survey and other JCMAC Public Outreach Efforts)	<b><u>Comments</u></b>
<b><u>Active Recreational Activities</u></b>	
<b>Lacrosse / Multi-use Field</b>	Major design consideration for the park. Long Term need documented by Parks & Rec (RD)  Field Study proved a need for additional fields (TT)  Talked about Olmsted approach to having work with the natural topography of the land so they blend in  Irrigation needs
<b>Lacrosse / Multi-use Practice Field</b>	Makes sense to have consultant look at/study & then maybe implement depending on the cost (MM)

<b><u>Passive Recreational Activities</u></b>	
<b>Walking / Hiking Trails along with Pocket Park areas along Hiking Trail &amp; Specialty Signage for Hiking/walking Trails</b>	Major design consideration for the park, and one of the community's largest wants for the property in both the 2017 and the 2021 resident surveys.
<b>Dedicated Dog Park &amp; dog-friendly trails</b>	<p>Major design consideration for the park. Need to figure out the location and develop a preliminary level design, identify materials used including identifying parking &amp; access issues.</p> <p>Dog waste considerations</p>
<b>Outdoor Music Venue / Size</b>	Need further discussion the size of events and number of events to be handled. Not sure if an amphitheater or any specific construction would be needed to accommodate this. There's been discussion of having one large event per year which would require the property to accommodate a significant amount of parking (on grass areas).
<b>Playscape / Playground</b>	Major design consideration for the park. Identify and plan location as well as help decide on type of playscape and materials used. There's been discussion about having something more unique that fits the character of the property.

	<p>Potential consideration for having a main playscape area, but natural obstacles (stumps, logs to balance on, small rocks to climb, etc.) can be installed along the trails for kids.</p>
<b>Community Gardens</b>	<p>Identify area, and help coordinate approach, plot size. Would be community activity and not likely included in construction.</p>
<b>Fishing</b>	<p>Would be accommodated in the existing pond(s). Potential for more plantings and trees installed around the pond to maintain its quality for fish and other aquatic life.</p> <p>General pond evaluation (dredging needs?)</p> <p>Potential consideration for a small fishing dock</p>
<b>Winter Activities: Snow Shoeing, Ice skating &amp; hockey, Cross Country Skiing, Sledding</b>	<p>Don't expect much design work to be involved. Presumption is hockey space is on existing pond when frozen.</p>

<b><u>Park Amenities</u></b>	
<b>Building for Parks &amp; Rec. &amp; Community Programming</b>	<p>Programming will identify a location for a building to be used for Recreational activities and town events. General thought is that this building would look like a barn. Not expecting the Master Plan consultant to do much other than to identify a space for this building along with potential areas for septic, and we do not expect it will be included in the initial phase of construction.</p>
<b>Pavilion w/ Picnic Tables</b>	<p>Major design consideration for the park &amp; was highly rated in the recent resident survey. There's been talk about building something resembling a barn &amp; also talk about re-using some materials (metal beam &amp; columns) from the existing barns</p>
<b>Specialty Planting Areas</b>	<p>Similar to the BSC Master Plan there's a need to identify specific areas for things such as wild flowers, special planting considerations, planting plan for trees used for shade &amp; wind protections, Town wants native species only.</p> <p>Ultimately need a maintenance plan for turf management, but this may not be part of the Master Plan.</p>

<p><b>Refuse, Recycling and Sustainable Materials Management</b></p>	<p>Need to develop a basic plan for waste management, carry in &amp; carry out versus specific containers, type of containers used</p> <p>Sustainability. Reuse materials already found on the farm.</p>
<p><b>Bathroom Facilities</b></p>	<p>Need to have a short term (which may be portable toilets) &amp; longer term for accommodating rest rooms</p>
<p><b>Specialty Planting Areas &amp; Non-programmed areas</b></p>	<p>Need to identify specific areas for things such as wild flowers, special planting considerations, planting plan for trees used for shade &amp; wind protections, Town wants Native species only</p> <p>Designate fields not used for active recreation as grasslands, free play area, hay fields, wildflower fields, event fields, grassy fields for parking during bigger events.</p>

<b><u>Other Park Master Plan Design Considerations</u></b>	
<b>Maintain the bucolic farm like setting</b>	Critical to residents in both surveys & a mission statement goal of the commission
<b>Gravel or paved roads &amp; parking areas</b>	Location of roads, number of parking spaces that we need to accommodate, location of parking  Gates at entrances and exits?
<b>Design standards for the park (ex. type of fencing to be used, signage for the park, benches, etc...)</b>	One big related issue is addressing the fence that surrounds much the property, and is in regular need to maintenance and repair
<b>Walkways around the park (separate from Hiking Trails)</b>	Accessibility compliance/offering (with walking trails and playground. Some areas must be universally accessible.)
<b>Maintenance Equipment and Material storage</b>	PW and Parks & Rec.
<b>Lighting Considerations</b>	No large-scale lighting beyond what is needed for the

	indoor space(s), no field lighting  Need for security lighting?

### Other Commission member design comments and considerations

1. A phase approach to the development needs to be considered when designing the masterplan.
2. Potential for Public Art (Ex. Cows Statues or Murals)
3. Water / well
4. Native species for plantings (*especially in the Ledges area*)
5. Overall environmental impact kept to a minimum
6. Plant clusters of trees throughout the park to provide natural shade, but not too many. We want to maintain field views.
7. Potential for a small fishing dock on pond for ADA accessibility.
8. Maintain certain grasslands for bobolink nesting. Song bird boxes.
9. Include bridges and platforms on trails. Have trails go through tall grassy fields for bird watching, not just cut pasture.
10. Leave the pine trees there, if possible. They provide a buffer for wind and can hide buildings and fields. *I don't agree with this comment since they are in poor health and are unsafe to be around (CAB)*
11. Potentially phase in different sections of trail. Begin with the western and central areas and then do the eastern, wooded side. Make them meander and have some crushed stone on the trail to make it easier to walk there.
12. For the right of way that enters the park between two housing lots from Mountain Top Pass, design the right of way to look like an entrance to the park.
13. Address the dead trees in the wooded section of the park. Currently a safety hazard in that area and yet there is such great landscape and acreage that is going unused.