

Burlington Johnnycake Mountain Park Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2021

- **Call to order:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm. Commissioners present: Tricia Twomey, Robert Dunn, Elizabeth Delano, Christie Dockman, Karen Geitz, Craig Battisto, and Mark Moriarty. Absent: Joan Mack

- **Motion to approve the November 8th meeting minutes:**

Robert made the motion, Liz seconded it and all voted in favor.

- **What is your middle name?**

Commission Members (CM) shared their middle names. The goal with this activity is for the CM to get to know each other better.

- **Mission Statement:**

Christie read the Mission Statement.

Mission Statement is to create a feasible and visionary short and long term master plan for the purchased property that provides the multi-generational community of Burlington with opportunities for active and passive recreation. Our recommendations will be based upon considerations and input from our entire community, will support documented community needs, will strive to retain the unique, farm-like character and natural landscape of the property and will be aware of the potential impact to the surrounding neighborhoods.

We endorse the following values:

- Open-mindedness
- Team unity
- Respect for one another
- Commitment to a positive outcome

- **Public Comment:**

None

- **Public Meeting Preparation:**

CM reviewed the slides for the PPT presentation.

Brian Kent proposed the Master Plan and how to present it. He can go through the design process step by step. He can explain the rationale of where program elements were located or he can describe the plan. What do CM think is best? Can he interweave the two? For the

lacrosse field, it's important that the public knows that the test holes were dug and the location is the best place for the field.

We had four concepts come out of the design charrette. Three out of the four designs were very similar. The charrette was direct community input into the master plan. Should we talk about the process? Yes. It gives validity to the process and the outcome. We had steps and opportunities for back and forth. Then we refined it with a series of plans with the CM. We'll talk about why we located certain features where we did.

Mark asked Brian for an example of a similar project that K/F did that was a farm. Mark would like Brian to talk about how it was transformative to the community and the impact it had. When the park was built, did it get used? It's important to explain to the public how it will play out, what the dramatic impact will be. Brian will show the Cooper Farm project they did. It had a positive impact. Brian will show the before and after transformative effect of the community park. JMP has similar benefits and it's always important to give examples. This speaks to the theory of the community park and how its outcome is for the good of the community. Brian will go through the process, plan and show the sketches. Brian showed us the MP Jpeg and zoomed in on different sections of the park. He also presented the gestural sketch of the pond area. Brian will complete the sketch of the entryway and the view people will see as they come into the park.

Craig suggested putting the finances before Brian's presentation. How will the Town pay for the park? The BOS will answer that. We can tell the public that there is \$743,000 in existing funds to use for the park. Craig will talk about the RFP, RFQ and then the Project Cost Estimate.

- **Upcoming Public Meeting on Monday, November 15th at 7:00pm.**
All CM to arrive at 6:00 pm at Lewis Mills HS Auditorium.
- **Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45.**
Robert made the motion, Liz seconded it and all voted in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Karen Geitz
November 15, 2021