

4.3.24 Minutes/Notes from Rivers Edge Committee Meeting

Discussion with Engineer.

Rain garden siltation is a challenge and needs to be addressed. Sue indicated the importance of better understanding the cross pipes/pipes flows, and determinations; understanding the lack of pipe placements. Jon Clarifies that survey elevations on the pipes and existing conditions did not meet the conditions of the design plans.

Sue wants to know what has failed, what the capacity of the failure is when we go an re-design. Jon The re-design will work, and Jon will put a report together on what has to be addressed and fixed so the committee has that knowledge.

Robert points out that the original contractor originally did not install the facility correctly compared to what was promised. Mike said that the plan was not completed in accordance with the approved plan. Sue wants to understand that situation better. Jon said he intends to get the track to where it was supposed to be in the first place.

Jon suggests the possibility of soil cement on the existing pump track; mix dry cement with existing soil, conservation district said it might be a good idea; it would make a hard pack. Jon is not sure about the power of the bike and whether it would tear up the hard pack. Sue sees that as problematic, and this is agreed by Kyle. Kyle says the cement works alright, but it's just a temporary fix. Emphasis the importance of tarping and un-tarping.

It's pointed out the silt is going into the raingardens, and the raingardens is where the water should be infiltrating. Problem is stormwater water isn't going to the raingardens correctly, and the existing pipes aren't doing their job.

Jon will give a list of the deficiencies as identified by the comments by the county, and how the Engineers addressed them, and the proposed re-design to the committee through Alex a summary. Paving would be examined as possible, and if so, added to the NPDES permit for a future possible improvement.

Disk Golf

Keith spoke briefly about the importance of getting the park going again; there's confidence of getting a small grant to help clear the invasive species; and we got a donation from MST on the metal nets. Alex stated that the 9 holes will be in place probably by the time we have the consultant come in. Those 9 holes will remain in that way; and the Native American Dig site is in the northeastern section of the parcel; and off limits. Keith points out the big problem with the site was it getting overgrown. They offered to volunteer to keep the course good; but the Town is needed to clear the invasive shrubs. The course is basically set up; it's not like trees need to come down. You don't want to be bushwhacking through prickler

bushes chasing after disks. Keith said there's a lot of excitement about opening this new disk golf park.

Discussion on Scope of Work/RFP Edits

Lengthy discussion and presentation by Alex: Revisions are classified as minor, we've done well; it's likely to proceed quickly, next meeting is following Tue. Alex goes over the scope of work suggestions. Substantial revisions to purpose goals and objectives. Removed the NPDES permit from SOW since it's an implied aspect of the future improvements. Alex asks about difference between major amendment and new permit for parking lots; Jon points out the process is similar. If the earth is disturbed over an acre, it triggers a major modification or new permit. Sue asks about phasing for permits; Jon points out it's typically not allowed to phase it in permitting.

Alex clarifies process; go out to bid next, and carry out scope of work for the Townships. Jon asks if construction drawings are included in SOW. Alex clarifies site drawing and basemaps as final product.

Lengthy discussion on rehabilitation of existing pump-track will be a significant part of the SOW; and incorporated into the SOW, and produce final products. The end result will be a detailed conceptual planning tool, but not construction drawings and no specific construction plans. Further discussion, and clarification that once the eventual improvements are in, and the site is stabilized there will not be routine site inspections (weekly, monthly) by permitting agency.

Back to the SOW. This MSDP will bring us up to pricing; we then apply for the full construction grant in a latter cycle based on the results of this process. Alex will clarify about construction plans. We will know by the end of the MSDP an estimate as to what the construction will cost; estimated cost to produce the construction documents.

Back to SOW. Alex incorporated DCNRs suggestions; discussion on the presence of public officials. Presence of elected officials at least 2 of the meetings, which will include a quorum of elected officials and have formal advertising requirements; the elected officials will have input from the beginning of conceptual plans to ensure they are part of the process from the beginning.

It was pointed out that the Lenape Anthropological Site is of significant value and needs to be a priority in the planning process; the Historical Marker is at the entrance to Rivers Edge; some discussion on where exactly the site is, recommend reaching out to local historians.

Track Maintenance Discussion

Lengthy discussion on the importance of tarping the track. When the tarp is left open, it causes significant issues with drying, and then after big rains.

Robert asks whether there's any other medium that works besides dirt/pavement. Sue would do some more research and talk to people about this. Robert pointed out that he has experience with ADA accessible tracks and blacktop isn't entirely necessary; that it's unforgiving if you fall on it accidentally. Kyle stated the importance of enforcing helmets. Sue pointed out that the paved tracks are doing very well; she doesn't see anything wrong with the asphalt, and emphasizes the importance of separating the skill sections to prevent accidents. Concrete was suggested, but it was pointed out a lot of the times concrete freezes up and cracks more frequently than asphalt, which has more flexibility.

2024 Site Prep, and Grand Opening May 4th

Alex asks if it would be possible to see if Township's could offer a couple of folks to help with the grooming of the track and prepping it for Spring. Mike says it wouldn't be a problem, and Robert suggested anything we can do to make it a success.

Agreed on an opening day, Township can help out the week prior to May 4th.

Robert suggests a food truck/repair truck/bicycle rentals. Sue indicates she submitted a permit to get a cargo container to rent bikes out, but was turned down. Suggested doing learn a bike. Alex asks if we should make an event out of the grand opening.

Steel rakes, rough up the soil, tampering, smoothing back and forth a few times.

Mike says that this would be a prelude into the 4th. If Sue can give us direction during the week, we can send a few guys leading up to the grand dig on the 4th.

Mike emphasized the importance of having direction and guidance for the Township so it's all ready for the kids to come in and sculpt the track. Mike asked Sue to coordinate with Chris. Chris says he needs the days, and then based on the days we need; Alex will be included and coordinate with the Township DPW.

Sue will get a taco person to one of the events to help provide refreshments.

Sue will reach out to Alex and Chris with direction and guidance to prep for the May 4th grand dig.

Robert asked if we have power. Sue said yes, we have power.

No public comment. Meeting adjourned.