

**Meeting Minutes: Central/Buchmiller/Sunnyside Parks  
 Master Plans  
 Study Committee Meeting #12**

**Date:** March 31, 2008  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Shuts Environmental Center - Central Park  
**By:** Chuck Strodoski  
**Project No.:** 06LAN-01

**Persons Attending:** James Hackett, Director, Lancaster County Parks and Recreation  
 Dave Martin, West Lampeter Township  
 Nevin Greiner, Lancaster County Conservation District  
 Lt. Jim Zahn, Lancaster City Police  
 Chuck Strodoski, YSM  
 Ann Yost, YSM

**Purpose of the Meeting:** To receive input on the draft Master Plan Report for Central and Buchmiller Parks. This is the second committee meeting to complete the draft review.

**Of Record:**

1. A. Yost opened the meeting and requested input on the draft report. This is a follow up meeting to the March 3, 2008 meeting that reviewed the first half of the draft report submitted to the County in January for review.
2. C. Strodoski presented a revised sketch of the design modifications proposed as part of the previous study committee and park staff review. Modifications include the landfill area, river access at Rockford Road, overlook, and destination playground.
  - Generally, the revised sketches were well received.
  - D. Martin noted that the gradual slope from the new special events area to Golf Road create an opportunity for a natural amphitheater.
  - Additional parking adjacent to the special events area should be developed. The adjacent slope falling toward Golf Goad should be considered.
3. A. Yost facilitated input on the draft report. Input received is documented below:
 

**Buchmiller Park**

  - Connecting Buchmiller Park to the City of Lancaster is an important goal.
  - The committee generally agreed with the Staff comments for Buchmiller Park.

- The proposed reconfiguration of the triangle island within Route 222, at the northern entrance to the park, was well received. The reconfiguration would allow vehicles exiting the northern drive turn left to travel north on Route 222, crossing one lane of traffic at a time.
- The proposed pedestrian underpass was well received. Park staff strongly opposed the suggestion in the report. The committee believes it is an important long term goal that should not be lost. The connection was compared to the Park City/Longs Park underpass of Route 30.
- The proposed restroom should be self composting, as sewer and water are not convenient.
- The proposed picnic facility shall be an indoor/outdoor facility. The pavilion should be conveniently accessible by vehicle for maintenance and drop-off.
- The existing baseball field shall be replaced with a multipurpose field.
- The proposed playground shall be relocated to be central to the new picnic pavilion and Pavilion No. 33.
- Verify that the proposed boat launch does not point directly at the existing outlet for the wastewater treatment plant.
- A narrow finger of County park property extends from Buchmiller Park to Route 222. This property shall be considered and rendered on the master plan.

#### **Miscellaneous Report Items**

- In Chapter 8, 8-3 Advisory Committee – suggest possible make-up, such as expertise, geographic makeup, etc.
  - The proposed closure of Rockford Road was favorably reviewed.
  - It was noted that the landowner at the existing bridge crossing of the Mill Creek (N/F Dennis Grim) has placed the property in Agricultural Preserve.
  - Need to make the language on volunteers more pro-active in terms of getting volunteers. The committee agreed with the idea of engaging active seniors to fill volunteer roles. This is a trend in recreation and a great untapped resource. It strengthens donor opportunities. Willow Valley is a great, close to the park, resource.
  - Operations and Management needs to be added to the Strategic Action Plan chapter.
  - The report should include a statement restricting timbering. Park trees should not be a revenue source. The approach to woodlands should strive for conservation and preservation. Trees should only be removed for health and safety reasons.
  - The Lancaster County Conservation District holds a senior Enviro-thon in Central Park each year and use Pavilion 22.
  - Program fees vs. rental fees were discussed. An overhaul of the program was suggested, as currently the program fees are not tied to the actual costs.
4. A. Yost concluded the meeting by outlining the next steps in the planning process. YSM will revise the draft master plan and report based on the comments received by the Study Committee and Park Staff. Once all comments have been addressed, a revised draft report will be provided.

Provide changes or corrections to these meeting minutes to C. Strodoski at YSM within one week of receipt.