

# Harcrest Park Committee Meeting Minutes

**Purpose:** The Penn Township Park Committee met at 6:30 pm on April 19, 2023, at the Penn Township Municipal Building, 157 East Airport Road, Butler, PA 16002 for the Harcrest Park Phase II design and engineering.

## Attending:

- Ashley Helmstaedter – Butler County Parks & Recreation
- Bert Mowry – Penn Township Supervisor
- Bill Geibel – Park neighbor
- Doug Roth – Penn Township Supervisor & Park Committee
- James Feath – HRG - Registered Landscape Architect
- Karen Trempus – Park Committee
- Lance Welliver – Butler County Director of Parks & Recreation
- Melissa Heagy – Park Committee
- Sam Ward – Penn Township Supervisor
- Theodosia Regal – Park neighbor
- Janet Sperling – Park neighbor

## Distribution of minutes:

- Attending
- Bill & Kelly Greb – Park neighbors
- Cathy Woller – Park neighbor
- Christina Sarson – HRG Engineer
- Clinton Bonetti – Penn Township Land Use Administrator
- Craig Thomasmeyer - Park neighbor
- Diane Curry – Park neighbor
- Grayson Hixon – Park neighbor
- Jim Woller – Park neighbor
- John Weston – BSA Troop 53 Scoutmaster
- Kimberly Geyer – Butler County Commissioner
- Linda Zerfoss – Penn Township Manager
- Mark Gordon – Butler County Chief of Economic Planning
- Scott Gumto – Park Committee
- Warren Carr – Park neighbor

## Discussion:

- Melissa Heagy made the motion and Karen Trempus seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 9, 2023. The motion was approved.
- HRG representative, Jim Feath, reviewed the revised Phase II development concept considering the February 8 and March 9, 2023 meeting comments in a new PowerPoint, dated April 19, 2023.



### DRAFT MASTER PLAN

- TENNIS COURT
- PICKLEBALL COURTS (3)
- BASKETBALL COURT
- SHADE STRUCTURE
- ADULT FITNESS STATIONS
- LARGE SHELTER
- RESTROOMS (2)
- OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
- THE ELLIPSE
- LOOPING TRAILS



### PHASING PLAN



### Phases

- Preliminary for initial estimate



- Jim Feath stated that the new draft Master Plan is now in AutoCAD and is the start of a construction document.
- Jim Feath pointed out the Draft Plan features:
  - Stormwater controls.
  - Outdoor Education Center.
  - Planting areas in front of the Pavilion.
  - The Memorial Tree area has shifted the Pickleball Courts location from the March 9, 2023 plan and must be surveyed to verify the exact location.
  - Theodosia Regal likes the new Court area.
  - Melissa Heagy stated that the new plan "nailed it."
  - Jim Feath stated that he will break down the project into affordable phases.
  - Doug Roth suggested that the Ellipse, Pavilion, and parking be the first phase.
  - Jim Feath suggested that the Outdoor Education Center be a separate phase.
  - Lance Welliver likes the way the Committee and park neighbors came up with the revised plan layout.
  - Jim Feath stated that the Phase II development works well with the existing topography.
  - Karen Trempus asked what type of trees would be included in the Ellipse area.
  - Jim Feath stated that options would include Sugar Maple with Fall colors. We could have a "Maple Syrup Festival." There will be less cleanup with Maple than with Oak trees. Other options could include Tulip trees.
  - Jim Feath also suggested plants with flowers blooming in the Spring and Fall, including Red Buds, Witch Hazel, and other colorful plants.

