



MEETING NOTES

Project:	Upper Macungie Twp CROSP	Project No.:	24018.10
Location:	Upper Macungie Township Bldg 8330 Schantz Rd Breinigsville, PA 18031	Meeting Date/Time:	August 15, 2024
Re:	Upper Macungie Township – Parks and Recreation Board Meeting	Issue Date:	August 27, 2024

ATTENDEES:

- Ryan Griffiths – Recreation Manager
- Emily Crosby-Piszczek – Recreation Supervisor
- Matthew Benard – Chair
- April Navarra – Vice Chair
- Jaclyn Svetcov – Secretary
- Jason Krier
- Wes Schlauch
- Gwen McCurdy
- Pete Simone, RLA FASLA Simone Collins
- Rob Gladfelter, RLA ASLA Simone Collins

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1. This was a public meeting and was zoomed
2. Ryan Griffiths introduced Pete S. and Rob G. to the Board members
3. Pete S. started the presentation and noted that the presentation was meant for the board to understand the scope of work, the schedule, and the process for the Comprehensive Recreation and Open Space Plan
 - A. Pete noted that most of the information that the Board saw will be shown to other committees and future public meetings.
4. As Pete S. started to go through the parks tour section of the presentation a discussion started over Fogelsville Quarry
 - a. Matthew B. asked if there were other quarries opened for public recreation. Pete noted that there are several precedents, and that SC had recently completed a master plan for a stone quarry with Mercer County, NJ.

Pete S. discussed the Public Survey. A discussion about some of the questions followed.

- b. Pete S. noted that the survey is not a yes or no vote, but rather a list of questions to get a finger on the pulse for what people in the community are looking for when it comes to recreational needs or open space preservation.
 - c. Matthew B. noted that question 22, (When the Upper Macungie Township Community Center is constructed, do you believe you/your household will use it for recreation opportunities?) did not have a no option. Rob G. noted that all questions were done with Township personnel assistance, and no one believed that a no to this question would support recreational uses that is being sought after with the question. Pete S. noted that having a no to this question could bring more negativity. Rather it is more important to provide the Township with insight on promoting and providing information and programming to the community. Both Pete S. and Rob G. noted that they would review the question again with the Township.
 - d. April N. said she felt the park system offers little to older residents and that there were not enough questions related to this. Rob G. explained that there are a couple of open-ended questions to provide additional thoughts and one at the end of the survey. Pete S. noted that this was important information and through the survey and public outreach, the SC team needs to hear these comments so that the plan is helpful for all residents in the Township.
5. Pete S. continued the presentation and started to show existing data.
 - a. April N. asked if the SC team was working with the Township engineers. Pete S. confirmed that the SC team was continuing to work with KCE and that there was good relationship formed while completing the Vision Zero Action Plan.
 - b. April N. asked if there are any plans for new trails. Rob G. noted that the recently completed Vision Zero Action Plan has a lot of new trails recommendations and that they would be noted in this plan. Pete S. noted that there is nearly \$60 Million of suggested trails and trail improvements in the Vision Zero Action Plan and this Comprehensive Plan offers an opportunity to check the suggested trails to any recommendations that comes from this process.
 6. Pete S. continued the presentation and noted that the SC team will be attending 3 public events. Ryan added that the third event was yet to be determined and since the National Night Out was postponed due to weather, a conversation would be needed between the team and the Township to identify the three events. Pete S. mentioned that the Township communicate with the SC team soon so that the team can make sure they have people available for those dates.
 7. Pete S. finished the presentation with the next steps and contact information. Pete S. explained that anyone should feel welcome to contact members of our team. Rob G. added that it was important to get public feedback throughout the process so that the team can learn as much as they can about the needs of the community.
 8. Pete S. thanked the Board for their time.

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Sincerely,
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