



Shelby Township Recreation Master Plan Public Input Meeting

Monday December 21, 2020 7pm

Board Members Present: Marilyn Glover, Clerk Shelby  
Becky Griffin, Treasurer Shelby  
Richard Raffaelli, Supervisor Shelby  
Scott Meyers, Trustee New Era  
Cindy Rapes, Trustee New Era (joined late)

I. Open comments: Changes to agenda None

II. Introductions:

A. Nick-Technical advice for zoom cell phone mute/unmute \*6 to mute and unmute \*9 to raise hand

B. Welcome by Raffaelli, to grow and prosper Shelby Township needs infrastructure need more housing, parks, what can we do as township to pave way. 5year plan with regards to parks, cemeteries, need to get people outside with area that they can go and socialize, exercise. Proposed park is state of art and will support Shelby and surrounding areas.

III. Purpose of Meeting:

A. Bob Ford LAP: purpose of meeting to introduce public to process and requirements of DNR to apply for funding for recreation projects.

B. 3 main entities are: trust fund. Land and water and passport

C. Allowed to apply for one two or all three. The intent of funding from all sources we recommend doing this before grant submitted.

D. Meeting to provide Shelby residents with information to understand DNR grants and to go through plan process to see what is working well and things not so well and project for future.

E. Public hearing on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Grant application can be adopted as well as the 5-year plan which can also be adopted after public hearing. Grants which vary from annually are applied as follows:

1. Trust Fund: Gas/Oil mineral rights money \$15,000/300,000 with 25% matching funds from donors, etc.

2. Land &Water: Federal program moneys \$20,000/500,000 with 50% matching funds from donors, etc.

3. Passport: State moneys \$7,500/150,000 with 25% matching funds

IV. MDNR 5-year requirements:

A. Community description: Giving the public a guide to follow during the phases

B. Administrative Structure: Park board created to oversee 5-year plan. Plan will happen with or without grant money—just at a slower pace and with more fund raising.

C. Recreation inventory: Keeping track of equipment, cost of equipment

D. Planning process:

1. Public input meeting

2. 30-day plan review: Plan on display at Township Hall, also on website

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3. Public Hearing and adoption by Twp. Board, tentatively scheduled for 1/18/21  
E. Goals and objectives, Action Program, Capital Improvement plan: Coupled with grants, foundation money, and donors

V. Recreation Opinion Survey

A. Encourage everyone to take the survey.

VI. Proposed Concept: Showed the Concept Plan map. Some grading will need to be done, but property is well suited to a Recreation park of this size. Includes being attached to the Hart/Montague Rail Trail

VII. Public Input:

Becky Griffin asked about the funding for bills that are coming in. In an agreement with the Oceana Community Foundation and the County all bills will be paid by them with funds from grants and donors.

If not enough funds from donors and private funding or grants the Phasing will be pushed out farther.

Possibly start a \$10,000 capital improvement fund from the Township for future capital improvements.

Damien Omness from the Shelby Rec Club Soccer Program wondered if we could add a kickboard to the soccer area for goal practice for soccer teams. Bob Ford got some dimensions and will investigate adding that to plans.

Trish Varney/Nancy Falkner from Shelby asked if adjoining properties had been informed. Mr. Raffaelli said that letters were going out in the next couple days to them. Also wondered about the results of survey. Holli Schlukebir said that we had 229 responses with 226 of them being positive. Also, Trish asked about security lighting, as her property is directly to the east of park. The light will be dusk to dawn security lighting and there will be no nighttime sports being played so no need for fields to have lighting.

Becky Griffin, Shelby asked about Planning Commissions involvement. There will be PC approval for buildings, but not park itself. Also, would like to see more benches at rail trail entrances.

Online feedback asked about safety nets around ball diamonds

Brian, Hart Would like to see more restroom facilities by softball diamonds and by south entrance to rail trail.

Scott Meyers, New Era suggested getting ahold of Joes Mikkelson about contacts from the Rail Trail Committee as they have worked with DNR on benches, exercise stations, etc. Also would like to expand the pickleball courts

Dan, Hart Very much approves of the park as has family involved in soccer and other sports that would benefit from this. Also, asked how property was secured. Answer was from private donor with help from Larry Byl who suggested the land that was acquired.

Text Messages: More exercise areas for Senior, including fitness stations placed along park pathways



VIII. Next Steps:

Refine the plan based on public comments from survey and public hearings. Phase I will involve the Township Master Plan and will be put in Phase II. Schedule public hearing for middle of January.

IX. Adjourned at 7:59 by Richard Raffaelli, Township Supervisor

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn Glover  
Shelby Township Clerk