

E Bloomfield Recreation Master Plan Update Committee (RMPUC)- meeting of April 27, 2021

The RMPUC meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairperson Fred Wille. The legal notice for the meeting was posted on the website and in the Daily Messenger.

Present:

Committee members: Fred Wille, Frank Fessner, Mark Falsone, Mike Didas, Jeff Daley, Jon Mastin, Dave Damaske, Bev Bailey and Kathy Conradt.

Guests: Sara Turnbull, Justin Steinbach

Absent: Scott Rogers

I. Introductions – the meeting opened with introductions of all in attendance and their affiliation with any organizations or boards.

II. Summary of current recreation master plan – Fred Wille gave a short summary of the current plan, adopted in 2006, which includes a detailed description of outdoor facilities. A description of indoor facilities is minimal. Highlights include:

- A. A capital improvement plan
- B. Recommendation for an indoor recreation/community center
- C. The need for multi-purpose trails
- D. Desire for connectivity to neighbors

III. General impressions of the current plan

- A. Development to date has been well done.
- B. Need to develop the annex building at Veteran's Park
- C. Need for year-round programs
- D. Sand volleyball would be a welcome addition to Veteran's Park
- E. Restroom facilities available to those utilizing the playing fields are needed
- F. The Veteran's Park building is critical for use by senior citizens
- G. An additional entrance/exit to Veteran's Park would greatly enhance safety and traffic flow
- H. Trails connecting the schools to Veteran's Park and the golf course to the Town are desirable
- I. The cemeteries should be considered for their historical and contemplative value
- J. Boughton Park is a "forever wild" park which has had little financial investment to date but will need funding for maintenance and improvement of trails going forward.

IV. Survey – it is felt by the group that the community should be re-engaged in the process of determining the recreational needs.

- A. The survey should be available both online and via paper questionnaire
- B. The survey should not be so long as to discourage participation.
- C. Various user groups could be contacted to send out the questionnaire to their membership to foster better participation in the survey.
- D. The survey used for the 2006 master plan will be sent out to all members for review

E. RMPUC members will develop questions appropriate for a new survey and send them to Kathy Conradt for compilation. The compilation will be then sent out to all members (and guests).

V. Next meeting – **the next meeting will be May 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Veteran’s Park.**

- A. The committee will review the compiled list of questions at the next meeting to select those questions to be included in the final draft of the questionnaire.
- B. Kathy Conradt will get a list of users for Veteran’s Park. Groups to assist with distribution will be identified
- C. Jeff Daley will assist with the setup of the online questionnaire.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Conradt