

Bloomfield Recreation Master Plan Update Committee (RMPUC)- meeting of August 17, 2021

The RMPUC meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Kathy Conradt. The legal notice for the meeting was posted on the website and in the Daily Messenger.

The meeting location was changed to the EB Town Hall, 99 Main St. due to scheduling conflicts at Veteran's Park.

Present:

Committee members:, , Dave Damaske, Scott Kimball, Frank Fessner and Kathy Conradt

Guests: none

Excused: Fred Wille, Mark Falsone, Mike Didas, Jon Mastin

Absent:, Jeff Daley, Bev Bailey

The committee was asked to draft updated language to the sections addressing vision, needs to be served, etc. up to page 30 for discussion. A draft of the plan with updates to several sections was sent out via email by Kathy Conradt with amended or updated sections in red or highlighted in yellow.

The committee reviewed the plan and discussion included:

1. The mission statement was moved to the very beginning of the document
2. Chapter 2 – Analysis – populations statistics were updated
3. Chapter 3 – Evaluation – some language appears redundant – suggest removal (contained on pages 13-17)
4. Chapter 4 – Strategies –
 - a. Page 17 and beyond - suggested to remove all references to a community/athletic center – it is not relevant at this time
 - b. Page 18- remove last paragraph as redundant
 - c. Page 19 – remove reference to purchase of parkland – not consistent with survey responses
 - d. Page 20 – remove second and sixth paragraphs addressing the school and youth sports
 - e. Remove sections of Town Land Facilities that refer to the purchase of more land – not consistent with survey responses
 - f. Page 24 – update section addressing football/soccer/lacrosse, especially last paragraph. Turf would be best
 - g. Page 24 – conditions ok at this time – there is more baseball played than softball
 - h. Page 25 – update language on tennis courts – there are or will be a total of six
 - i. Page 26- add language to address liability for roller sports
 - j. Remove pavilion at Oakmount Ave. from list
 - k. Page 20 – remove language referring to purchase of more land- not consistent with survey responses
 - l. Page 21-22 – remove all language referring to quadrants – not appropriate at this time due to the slow rate of residential development in the community
 - m. Page 28 – remove all reference to the community/athletic center
 - n. Page 29 – remove section addressing gymnasiums – not needed at this time
 - o. Page 29- amend language referring to pools
 - p. Page 29- amend language referring to fitness center

- q. Page 30- remove language addressing teen centers and daycare centers – not appropriate at this time
 - r. Page 30 – remove reference to parks and recreation office
 - s. Pages 31-34 – remove all language concerning funding sources – sources change greatly over time. Maintain language for Recreation Reserve and remove following language for bonds, BANs, etc., as funding sources. Sources will be researched at the time that they are needed.
5. General discussion:
- a. Boughton Park
 - i. Trails are a top priority
 - ii. Benches could be added to the side trails
 - iii. Dam remediation will need to be done in the next 4-5 years
 - iv. Docks need maintenance
 - v. More outhouses would be beneficial
 - vi. May need to look at adding more parking in the future
 - b. Veteran’s Park
 - i. Water, hydrants and electrical service should be expanded
 - ii. The annex building should be upgraded
 - iii. Existing trees should be evaluated and a plan designed to add trees to provide shade
 - iv. A new, changeable copy entrance sign would be beneficial
 - v. Adding an entrance from Rte. 444 should be discussed
 - c. Elton Park
 - i. Maintain the memorials/monument
 - ii. Maintain the gazebo (especially replace the roof)
 - iii. Replace some of the very old trees

All committee members are asked to review the changes discussed so far and to continue the review for discussion from pages 38 to the end of the document. Members are asked to come ready with their recommendations for goals, objectives and an action plan.

In order to provide enough time for review, the next meeting will be held in October – either the 12th or 19th (tbd) at 8:00 pm at Veteran’s Park. Kathy Conradt will incorporate the changes into the document and send it out for review.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Conradt