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PROJECT MEETING NOTES

Meeting Date: February 13, 2019
Meeting Time: 6:30 PM
Written By: Justin Maxwell and Jim Dziatkowicz
Client: City of Whitehall Parks & Recreation
Project: Whitehall Dog Park
EMH&T Project #: 20181107

Location of Meeting: Whitehall City Hall

Purpose of Meeting: Public Input

Attended By: EMH&T: Jim Dziatkowicz, Justin Maxwell
Whitehall: Shannon Sorrell, Parks Board Members
Public

Review Concepts: The public was invited to attend and participate in an input and information gathering session at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to solicit input regarding the design of a dog park location at the northwest corner of Beechwood and Washburn Roads. Conducted in a workshop format, residents were shown images of amenities located at other central Ohio dog parks, educated on the components typically found in dog parks and then asked to offer specific design ideas. The following comments were made at the meeting:

- Provide interior play elements that are more “nature – themed”. Logs and boulders, not store purchased elements.
- Not a lot of interests in agility course
- Provide a path system internal and within dog fence area to keep pet owners out of the mud
- Make sure paths lead to a destination like a bench or shelter
- Restrooms requested
- Parking lot should be placed away from Lamby Park because recreation user overflow will compete with dog park parkers
- Play equipment made from drainage tile and hydrants
- Prevent dogs from “fence running” (running along adjoining fences)
- Splash pad! (consider water for play)
- Pick one material for fencing (metal or wood for a consistent design)
- Tunnels for dogs and paths. Made from pipes?
- Provide differences in materials (mulch, gravel, turf, concrete)
- Provide access from the Beechwood Road sidewalk (maybe a second bullpen)
- If chain-link is used, put slats in for privacy along residential properties
- Natural look to park and equipment; logs, stones, mounds, tree stumps, hollowed logs
- Paths through park; doesn’t have to be asphalt, gravel is okay
- Both dog areas should have lots of shade with shelters and trees



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- Provide two areas, little and big dogs
- Consider the small area be entirely in artificial turf area (this may help with overuse)
- If necessary, consider using the artificial turf small dog area to compensate for all dogs in the event that the grass turf area of the large area needs to be regenerated.
- Make sure to address all drainage issues
- Save as many trees as possible!
- While some neighbors will walk to the park, the majority of people (including the group that attended the meeting) will drive to the park
- Consider different height fencing. Higher for big dog area and shorter for the small dog area

Next Steps

EMH&T to provide meeting minutes to Whitehall Parks & Recreation staff

EMH&T to provide a revised concept sketch based on meeting to Whitehall

Whitehall to schedule future public meetings

Preparation of a final master plan

Preparation of engineering documents

The summary provided herein represents the preparer's best understanding of the items discussed during the subject meeting. Please review for accuracy and completeness and advise EMH&T of any errors or omissions within five (5) business days of issuance.