

Augusta Township Parks and Recreation Plan Steering Committee

Meeting Notes from September 9, 2021 10:00 am

Committee Members: Brian Shelby, Dan Woolf, Belynda Domas and Christopher Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA of Carlisle Wortman present.

- Brian Shelby had questions about the parcel of land Augusta Township owns that was evaluated during the Feasibility Study. Belynda Domas provided a copy of the Augusta Township Trail & Feasibility Study page 11 which states: "The park connector path has several major constraints that will likely drive up construction costs. First, the John Bird Drain makes up the northern and western edges of the park parcel. Any trail alignment would need to cross the drain, and therefore a pedestrian bridge would be required. Second, the parcel west of the park is almost certainly all wetland. While there are alternatives for how to run a trail through wetland areas, from filling portion of the wetland to building boardwalks, all alternatives are expensive and any disturbance to the wetland will require EGLE permits." Chris Nordstrom provided answers to Brian Shelby's concerns and questions.
- A Draft Master Plan Online/Paper Survey was provided. The group edited the survey based on what is true for Augusta Township. A draft will be provided next week for the Steering Committee.
- A map of Augusta Township was provided. Chris Nordstrom asked Committee members to indicate where potential trails could be placed if money was not an issue. What would you like to see in the township? Potential trails were provided for going east and west and north to south.

Things requested from Domas and provided to Nordstrom:

Augusta Township Farmland Preservation Board – Description, Ordinance and Application and original ballot language that includes parks

Lincoln Senior Center Resolution to appropriate funds

Organizational Chart – don't have one. Park Committee description – don't have one.

Schedule a Park Committee Meeting – Thursday Oct 21 at 10:00 am

Things Nordstrom will do:

Send a draft survey to committee members via email

Reach out to Lincoln School Districts Superintendent's office for Trail update and next steps needed

Things Shelby will do:

Reach out to Lincoln School Districts Superintendent to ask for a park committee member to join our committee.