

Minutes from the Fern Park Master Plan Meeting held 9/28//2017

Present: Lynn Durkin, Sylvia Padden, Joanne Vogan, Sue Schahan, Hannah Schoen, Pete Sala, Bonnie Lutz, Margie O'Hara, Aimee Van Wie, Ted Christadoro, Devlin Hennessey, Ben Cohen, Elisha Pylman, Danicia Nerschook, Ray Koop, Adele Burnett and 2 other people who did not provide their names.

This was a meeting meant to gather ideas and to find out how people felt about Fern Park. One item that surfaced early and strongly was the need for the town to maintain and improve the existing trails. It was recommended that people attend the next Town Board meeting (Oct 10 @ 7:30) to express their concerns.

It was also suggested that the committee survey the general public for input into the future of Fern Park. Danica Nershcook volunteered to draft a simple survey that would then be sent out through Constant Contact to elicit ideas.

The town's plans for moving current snowmobile trails were also discussed. This topic will also be brought up at the Town Board meeting. It was agreed that this committee must work closely with the town as it goes forward with their plans because anything that they do that involves Fern Park will have a direct impact on future plans for the park. Lynn Durkin will work with John Frey and others to make certain this group's concerns for children's safety are heard by the town.

The group brainstormed ideas for Fern Park and these are the items that were captured:

Develop a Picnic Area

- Covered
- Water fountain
- Electricity
- Grills
- Garbage cans
- Charging stations
- Web cams
- ADA compliant bathrooms

Games

- Giant chess/checkers
- Volleyball
- Corn hole
- Disk golf
- Table tennis
- Pickle ball
- Nature Play ground
- Dog park
- Rock wall

General signage leading to the park, within the park and on the trails needs to be improved drastically.

Ice rink needs a total refurbishment. Think about adding cooling to maintain the ice for all seasons.

Improve parking

Improve and maintain trails for year round use

Hiking

Biking

Skiing

Snowshoeing

Devlin Hennessey volunteered to co-chair this committee

The next meeting will be Tuesday 10/24 at 7:00 in the Inlet Town Hall.

Thank you to all who attended this meeting.

Lynn Durkin