

# Lions Park Master Plan

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SUMMARY

## Introduction

Located in the central portion of Wilkins Township, Allegheny County, Lions Park is one of seven recreational spaces operated by the Township. Of these seven facilities, Lions Park is one of three community parks. At 28.42 acres in size, Lions Park contains a number of recreational uses including; baseball, tot-lot, two tennis courts, one basketball court, a pavilion, restroom facilities and a walking trail.



The park's topography is one that limits the extent of developed recreational facilities. With a stream channel bisecting the park into two steeply sloping portions, the area for potential development is limited primarily to the northern most portion of the park. As such, the steeply sloping stream valley in the southern portion of the park is currently wooded with a mature forest canopy.

Observing the need to renovate many of the facilities currently found in Lions Park as well as deal with access and general use flow issues, Wilkins Township Officials retained the services of Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. to assist with the development of a long-range master plan.

The planning process involved a comprehensive public input process which aimed to determine the recreational needs of the community. Coupled with a detailed inventory of the park's natural features and existing facilities, the study committee and the project consultants set out to develop a master plan that provided as many facilities as possible while respecting the natural systems of the park property.



## Plan Recommendations

Based on the community needs and the development potential of the park property, the following list of improvements are proposed in the Lions Park master plan:

- ❖ Improved park access
- ❖ Improved directional and entry signage
- ❖ Improved traffic flow
- ❖ Improved parking facilities
- ❖ One deck hockey court
- ❖ Central playground with decorative fence enclosure and one point of entry with gate
- ❖ One new pavilion
- ❖ Keep existing pavilion
- ❖ Added court games adjacent to existing pavilion

- ❖ Amphitheater
- ❖ New restroom building
- ❖ Multi-use athletic field with baseball backstop adjacent to use area
- ❖ Dog Park
- ❖ Improved trailhead at Klein Street with additional parking spaces
- ❖ Multi-use trails through out the park
- ❖ Pedestrian access trail to Greensburg Pike
- ❖ Pedestrian access trail to Rite Drive

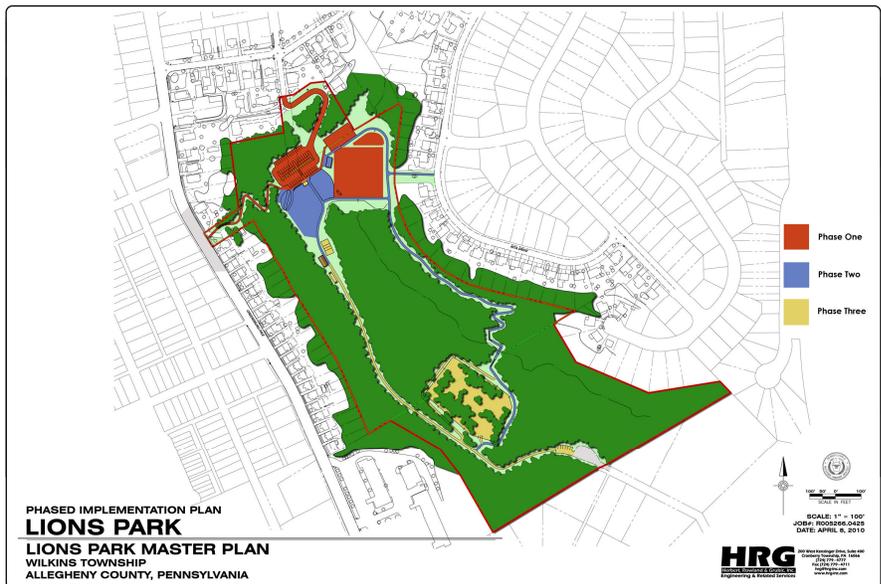
## Implementation and Phasing

Given the extent of proposed improvements called for in the master plan, there is a need to develop a rational and achievable timeline for development. As such, the study committee and consultants prepared a phased implementation plan that prescribes the order in which facilities and improvements shall be developed.

As a long-range plan, with each phase estimated to be complete within 3 to 5 years, the phased

implementation plan will allow the Township to develop the park in a logical and timely manner. Additionally, adhering to this plan will prevent duplication of efforts or the disruption of facilities constructed in a prior phase.

The following provides a brief review of each phase as well as the estimated cost of development for each phase:



### Phase One - \$402,470

- ❖ Widen and pave existing access road into park
- ❖ Installation of parking area
- ❖ Dek Hockey court
- ❖ Multi-use athletic field with baseball backstop
- ❖ Sidewalk from parking area to Dek Hockey court
- ❖ Pedestrian trail from parking area to Greensburg Pike

### Phase Two - \$590,955

- ❖ Amphitheater
- ❖ Playground with decorative fence and gate enclosure
- ❖ Pavilion

- ❖ Pedestrian trail from parking area to Rita Drive
- ❖ Pedestrian trail through wooded area on the eastern side of the park.
- ❖ Pedestrian trail through valley to connect to existing trail on the western side of the park. Trail to include steps and foot bridge over stream.

**Phase Three - \$212,466**

- ❖ Dog Park
- ❖ New restroom building
- ❖ Court games adjacent to existing pavilion
- ❖ Klein Street trailhead improvements including parking area improvements
- ❖ Surfacing of existing trail in western portion of park.

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CHAPTER ONE

# 1

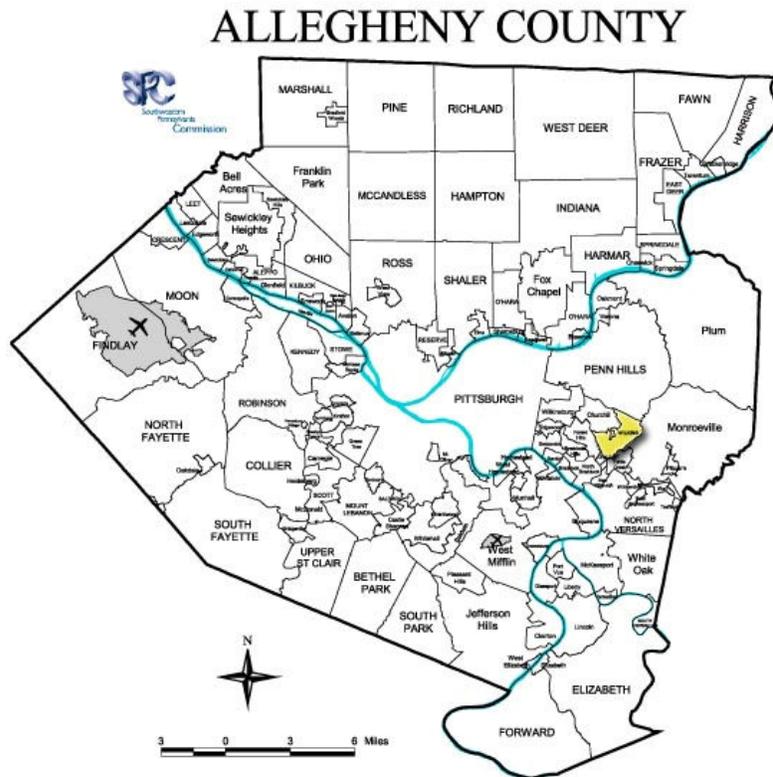
COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

## Introduction

Located in the east-central portion of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Wilkins Township is a dynamic suburban community located approximately 5 miles east of the City of Pittsburgh. Largely a bedroom community, the population of the Township has remained relatively steady for the past forty years. This is due in part to the demographic make-up of the community and the appeal of home ownership within the Township due to the Township's geographic location and the ease of access to multiple regional transportation corridors.

This section provides information about the demographic trends of the Township, as well as comparisons to corresponding regional and state demographic trends. Analysis of such trends, including changes in Township population, age distribution and income level may suggest the need for recreational services not currently provided to the existing population.

The following demographical statistics are based upon data obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau 2000 Census and information based thereon as available from the Southwest Pennsylvania Commission.



## Historic Trends

The population size of Wilkins Township has shown a generally decline over the last twenty years (See Table 1.1). This decline is due in part to the ageing population base and the limited number of new housing developed within the same time period.

**Table 1.1 Wilkins Township Population Data**

Year	Population	# Change	% Change
1990	7,585		
2000	6,917	668	-8.80%
2008*	6,206	711	-10.28%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2000 Census

\* U.S. Census Bureau estimates

The overall population decline of the Township is increasingly significant, especially when compared with countywide and statewide population trends over the last twenty years (See Table 1.2). Both Allegheny County and Pennsylvania have seen steady decreases in population, however, the overall rate of decrease is significantly lower than what has been observed in the Township. These statistics are not surprising as western Pennsylvania, especially Allegheny County, is one of the oldest communities in the country.

**Table 1.2 Local vs. County and State Trends**

Year	Wilkins Township	Percent Change	Allegheny County	Percent Change	Pennsylvania	Percent Change
1990	7,585		1,336,449		11,881,643	
2000	6,917	-8.80%	1,281,666	-4%	12,281,054	3%
*2008/2005	6,206	-10.28%	1,235,841	-4%	11,979,147	-2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2000 Census. \*2005 county and state estimates based upon 2000 Census. 2008 Township estimates from U.S. Census Bureau data.

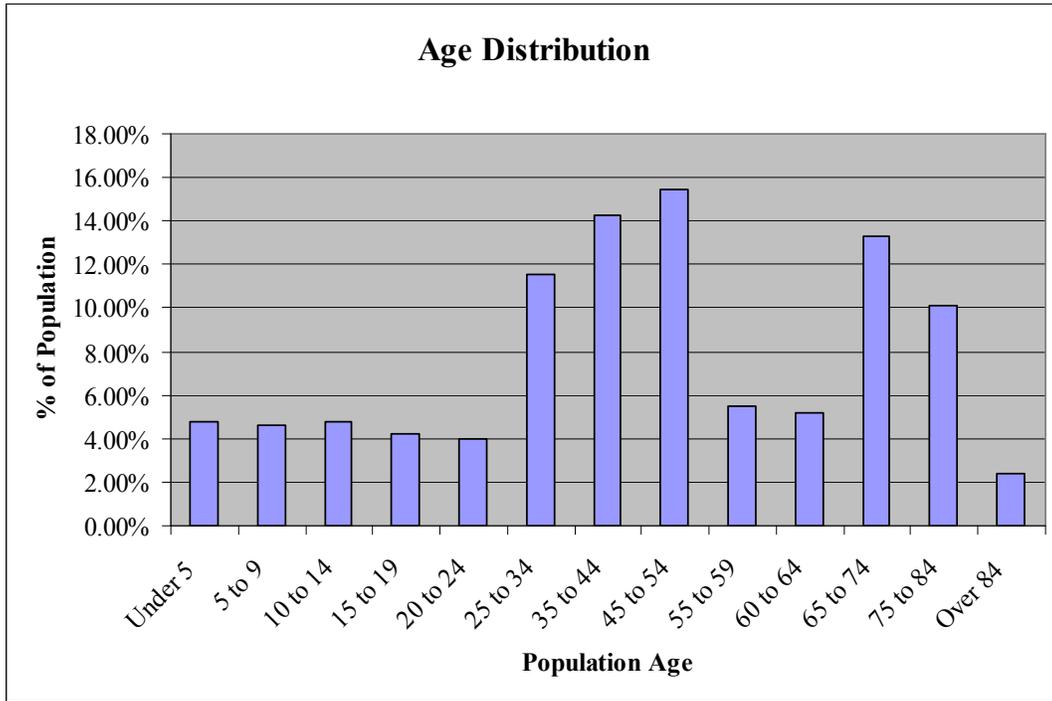
## **Current Population Characteristics**

Age and household income distribution are two important areas to evaluate in relation to recreational services as these two areas can provide a gauge as to the types of services required by residents. The following two figures show the age and income distribution of the residents of the Township at the time of the 2000 Census. Figure 1.1 illustrates the current age distribution of residents in the Township, suggesting that there is a notable dominance of middle-aged and senior residents. Similarly, Figure 1.2 displays the household income distribution of Township residents.

What we can learn from an evaluation of Figure 1.1 is who the target audience for municipal recreation will be. With youth and seniors as an important target audience for municipal recreation services, we can see that the Township has a youth population of more than 20% (under the age of 19) and a senior population of more than 25% (over the age of 65). That means that nearly 50% of Township residents are within the key demographic for municipal recreation services.

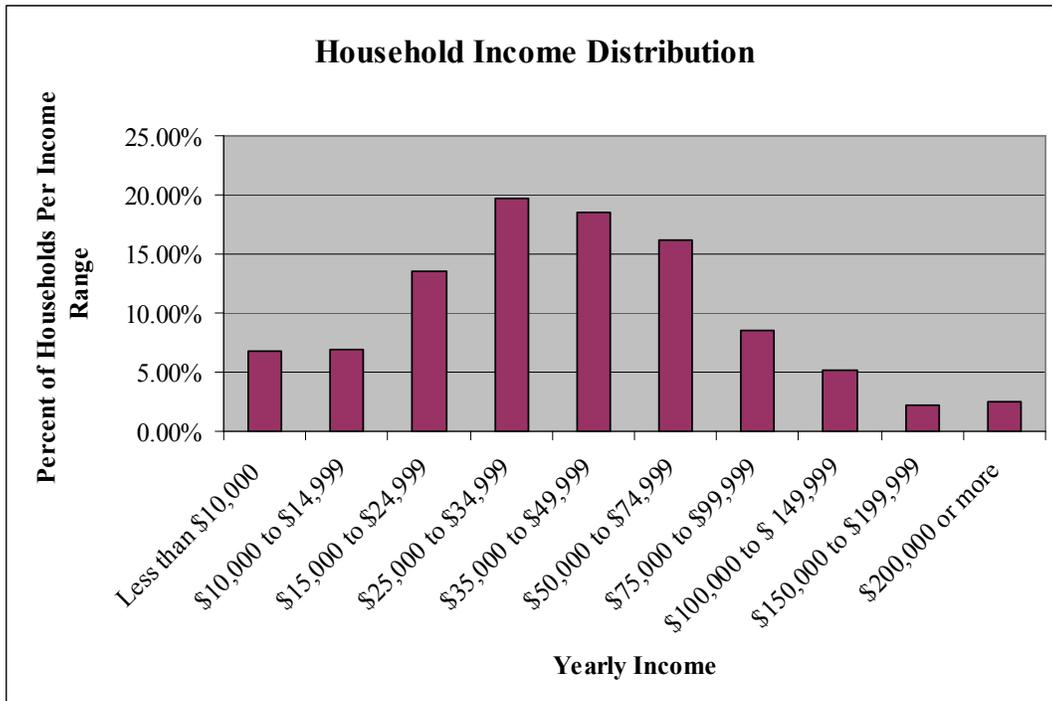
The remaining 50% of the population fall between the ages of 20 and 64 which typically represent the “working” age group. This statistic will allow for the development of recreational services and programs that can be tailored to the schedules of the working population.

Figure 1.1 Current Township Age Distribution



Source: US Census Bureau 2000 Census: Wilkins Township Profile

Figure 1.2 Current Township Income Distribution



Source: US Census Bureau 2000 Census: Wilkins Township Profile

Income distribution of a community is a very valuable tool in developing recreational services. When a community offers recreational opportunities, it is critical that these opportunities be offered to those who most need it and/or fees can be established that keep in line with the ability of residents to afford such programs.

Based on the income distribution illustrated in Figure 1.2, approximately 45% of the Township's households earned between \$35,000 and \$99,999 per year as indicated in the 2000 Census. However, with a median household income of \$37,439, Wilkins Township households are statistically lower income than the median income of households for Pennsylvania and the United States on a whole, see Table 1.3. Again, this can largely be explained by the large senior population, many of whom live on fixed incomes and Social Security.

**Table 1.3 Median Household Income**

	Median Income
<b>Wilkins Township</b>	\$37,439
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	\$40,106
<b>United States</b>	\$41,994

Source: US Census Bureau 2000 Census

Based on the information above, approximately 44% of the Township's households have an income level at or above the median Township household income level. When compared to State and National household income levels, approximately 40% of Township households have an income at or greater than the State and National median level.

With 44% of the Township population above the median national and state income levels, the remaining 56% of Township families live under this level. To counter the point discussed above, municipal recreation must be structured to ensure that program opportunities exist for lower income residents. More often than not, lower income families are the most in need of local and affordable recreation opportunities. This argument is further strengthened when considering the 14% of Township households that earn less than \$15,000. Or the 443 families in the Township that, according to the 2000 Census, lived under the poverty level (poverty level in 1999 for a family of four was \$16,700/year).

CHAPTER TWO

# 2

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

## Overview of the Community Input Process

As the cornerstone of all planning processes, community input is vital to the long-term success and implementation of this plan. To ensure that the voice of all Township residents was heard, multiple strategic methods of community input collection were implemented. The methods utilized included a community input questionnaire and input public meetings. In addition, to the above listed processes, monthly meetings were held with a designated study committee. The committee was involved in every step of the planning process and acted as an additional conduit of community input as the committee members provided a direct link between Township residents and the planning team.

The following is a brief synopsis of the main community input gathering methods. The full results of each community input gathering process are provided in Appendix of this report.

## Study Committee Meetings

To ensure continuity between plan elements and to keep an open dialog, monthly study committee meetings were conducted for the duration of the planning process. The study committee was assembled by Township staff at the beginning of the planning process and included individuals from a diverse cross section of community residents and key stakeholders. Table 2.1 identifies the study committee members and their affiliation.

**Table 2.1 – Study Committee Members**

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
John Aiello	Resident
Rebecca Bradley	Manager
Teresa Brush	Resident
Tom Cenna	Resident (former)
Joe Costa	Commissioner
Dinny DeOrio	Resident
Liz Kostandinu	Resident
Sylvia Martinelli	Commissioner
Paul Padula	Commissioner
Frank Rizza	Resident
Aletia Saunders	Resident

For each meeting, the consultant prepared an agenda and meeting minutes. An agenda was emailed to each committee member prior to the meeting and meeting minutes were sent out following each meeting. All meeting agenda and meeting minutes are provided in Appendix A and B.

## Public Input Meetings

As one of two public input methods employed for this project, public meetings were an important component in the community needs analysis phase of this master plan. As a result, significant effort was put forth to ensure that residents were provided the opportunity to be involved with and provide input regarding potential improvements of

Lions Park. All meetings were facilitated by the consultant team in order to identify opportunities and desired recreational needs (both facility and programming needs) of the residents.

The following table provides a tabulated list of responses collected during the public kick-off meeting.

### Public Input Meeting – Recorded Results

#### Facilities/Areas:

- New Playground
  - Modern “Safe” equipment
  - Good surface material (use zone)
  - Play equipment to serve all youth groups (2-5 and 6-12yr)
  - New playground must be close to a pavilion
- Dog Park
- Basketball court (minimum of 1, 2 preferred)
- Deck hockey
- The softball/baseball field is a crucial facility
  - Outfield is short – youth outgrow the field quickly
  - Lights on the field are needed
  - Expand outfield to allow for little league play
- Bocce court
- Walking trails
  - Improved access for trail
  - Fitness stations along the trail
  - Dog walking (dog pick-up stations)
- Improved access points for vehicular
- Improved park signage
- Improved directional signage to get people to the park
- Pavilion(s)
  - Electrical outlets
  - Lighting
  - An open lawn area adjacent to pavilion for active use areas (volleyball, badminton, horseshoes, etc)
- Parking improvements
  - Improvements to layout of parking area
  - Improvements to traffic patterns and movement
  - Consider separation of facilities and parking (no crossing of travel lane to get to a facility)
  - Need more parking spaces
  - Need to define the parking spaces better
  - Parking lot is currently too close to the playground which means too much crossing through parking lot
- Amphitheater
  - Concerts
  - Movies in the park
  - Concessions
- Multi-use open field area
  - Practice space for youth sports

- General public use
- Pick-up games
- Concessions
  - Need running water in concessions area
  - Need to be better equipped with refrigerators, etc.
  - Insect problem
- Restrooms
  - General improvements to improve look, cleanliness and function of restrooms

**Programs:**

- Basketball leagues
- Flag football
- Need programs for all age groups
- Currently park used for youth summer program and baseball
- Look at opportunities to use an intern to run programs in the park
- Potential revenue generation from leagues for field use (tournaments)
- Movie night in the park

**General Comments:**

- Park must be designed to allow for multiple functions to occur at one time
- Generally, there is little issue with vandalism in the park

## ***Community Survey***

In an effort to reach a broad spectrum of community residents, a random sample questionnaire was prepared and distributed, via mail, to households within the Township. As a first step, the consultants drafted a sample questionnaire which was presented to the study committee. With much discussion and revision, a draft questionnaire was tailored to fit the specific needs of this project and the anticipated needs of the residents of Wilkins Township. A copy of the questionnaire is provided in Appendix C.

The questionnaire was sent to 25% of households within the Township. Township staff provided the consultants with an electronic database of all mailing addresses within the Township which included 3240 households (or taxable residential addressed). The consultant sorted this database and selected 25% of the mailing addresses simply by selecting every fourth address from the list. A total of 810 questionnaires were sent to Township households. Of this number, 140 completed questionnaires were returned. Unfortunately, the post office returned an additional 62 questionnaires marked as "return to sender." Excluding the 62 returned questionnaires, the total number of questionnaires in our sampling reduced from 810 to 748.

Based on the returns, and excluding the 62 "returned to sender" questionnaires, the rate of return was 18.71% (based on 748 questionnaires). With a 10% response rate generally considered a success, the results of this community survey are excellent.

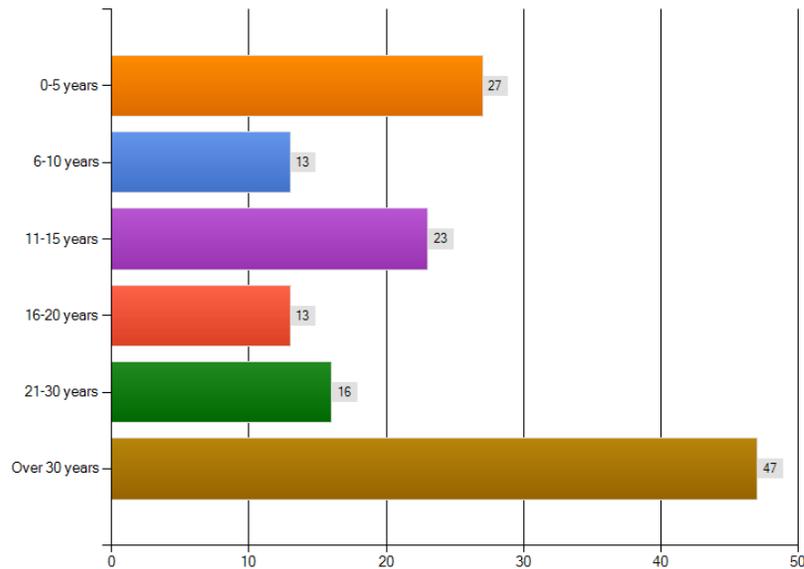
Once all of the surveys were returned, the consultants tabulated the questionnaire to generate a refined list of results. The full list of the questionnaire results is provided in Appendix D. The following provides a question - by question synopsis of the questionnaire results:

### Question #1

Please indicate the number of people in your household in each age group.							
Males							
Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Response Count	
0-5 years	8	1	0	0	0	9	
6-12 years	7	3	1	0	0	11	
13-17 years	8	1	0	0	0	9	
18-22 years	7	0	0	0	0	7	
23-27 years	5	0	0	0	0	5	
28-40 years	20	0	0	0	0	20	
41-55 years	32	4	0	0	0	36	
56-64 years	25	1	0	0	0	26	
65+ years	26	1	0	0	0	27	
Females							
Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Response Count	
0-5 years	8	1	0	0	0	9	
6-12 years	5	2	0	0	0	7	
13-17 years	2	2	0	0	0	4	
18-22 years	6	1	1	0	0	8	
23-27 years	4	0	0	0	0	4	
28-40 years	18	2	0	0	0	20	
41-55 years	32	1	0	0	0	33	
56-64 years	24	1	0	0	0	25	
65+ years	40	2	0	0	0	42	
						Question Totals	
						<i>answered question</i>	137
						<i>skipped question</i>	3

### Question #2

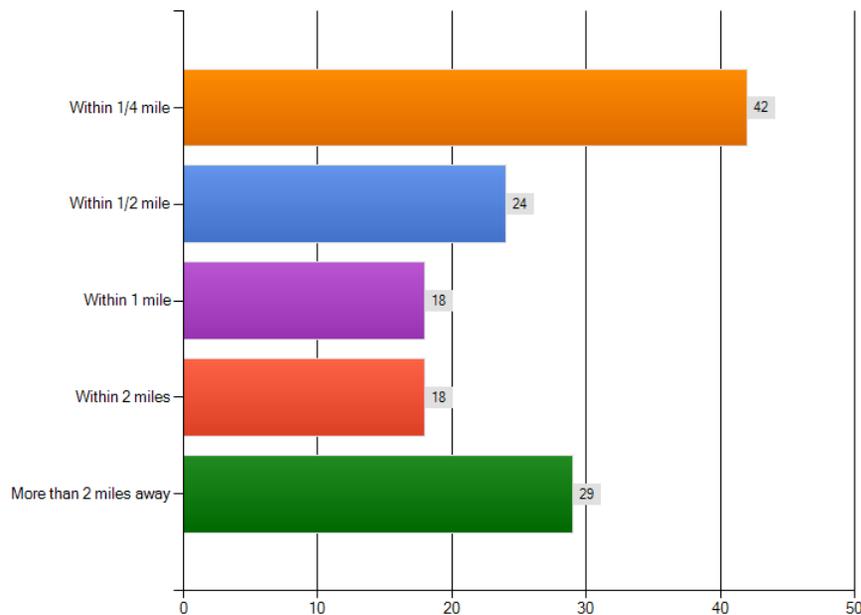
How many years have you lived in Wilkins Township?



With nearly half, of residents living in the Township for 30 years or more, the results of question #2 support the demographic analysis of the Township.

### Question #3

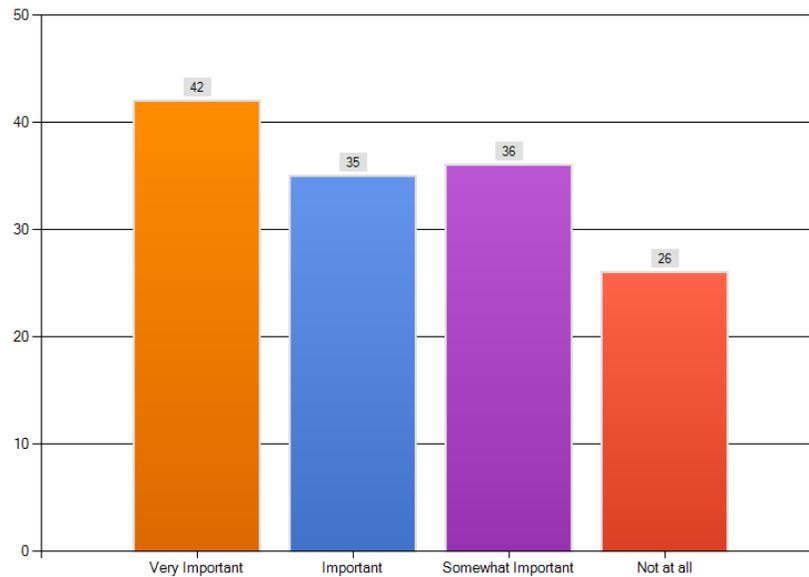
Approximately how far away from the park do you live?



The results of this question demonstrate that a large percentage of residents live within 1/4 mile of Lions Park. A quarter mile distance is typically considered a comfortable walking distance for park users.

### Question #4

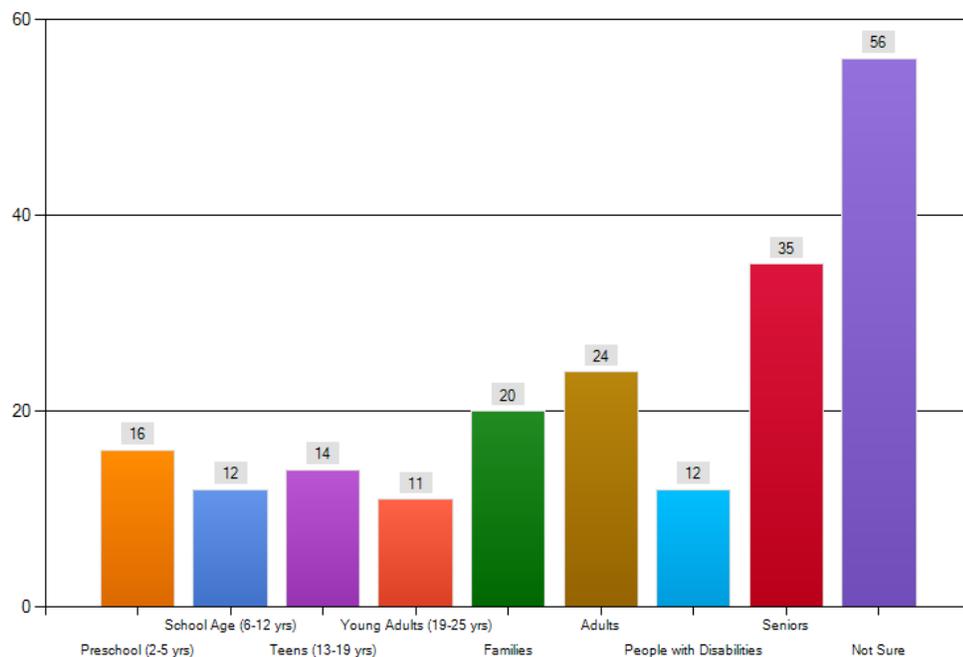
How important is recreation to you and your family?



55.04% of households responded that recreation is either important or very important to their family. This indicates an overwhelming appreciation for recreation in the community.

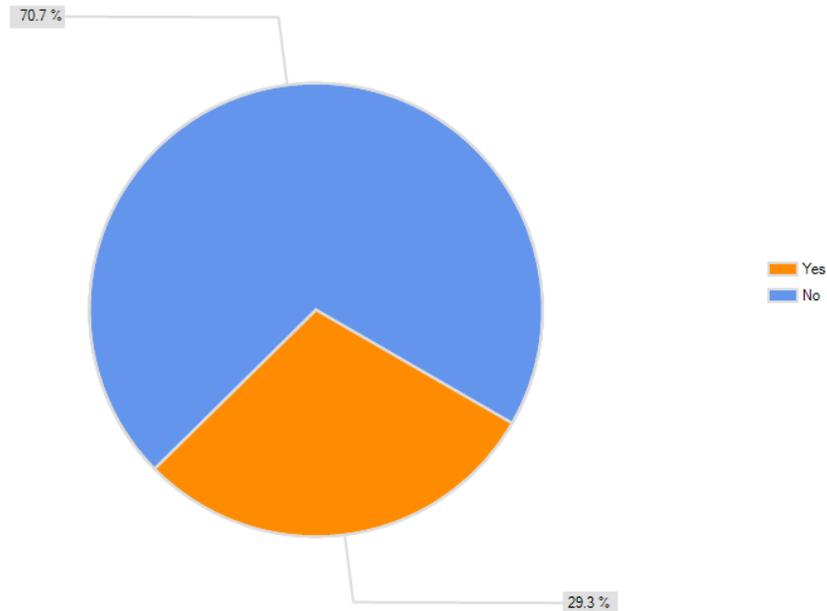
### Question #5

Which age groups are not presently being provided sufficient recreational activities?  
(Check all that apply)



**Question #6**

Do you currently utilize the facilities at Lions Park?



**Question #7**

**If you answered YES to question #6, what facilities do you use?**

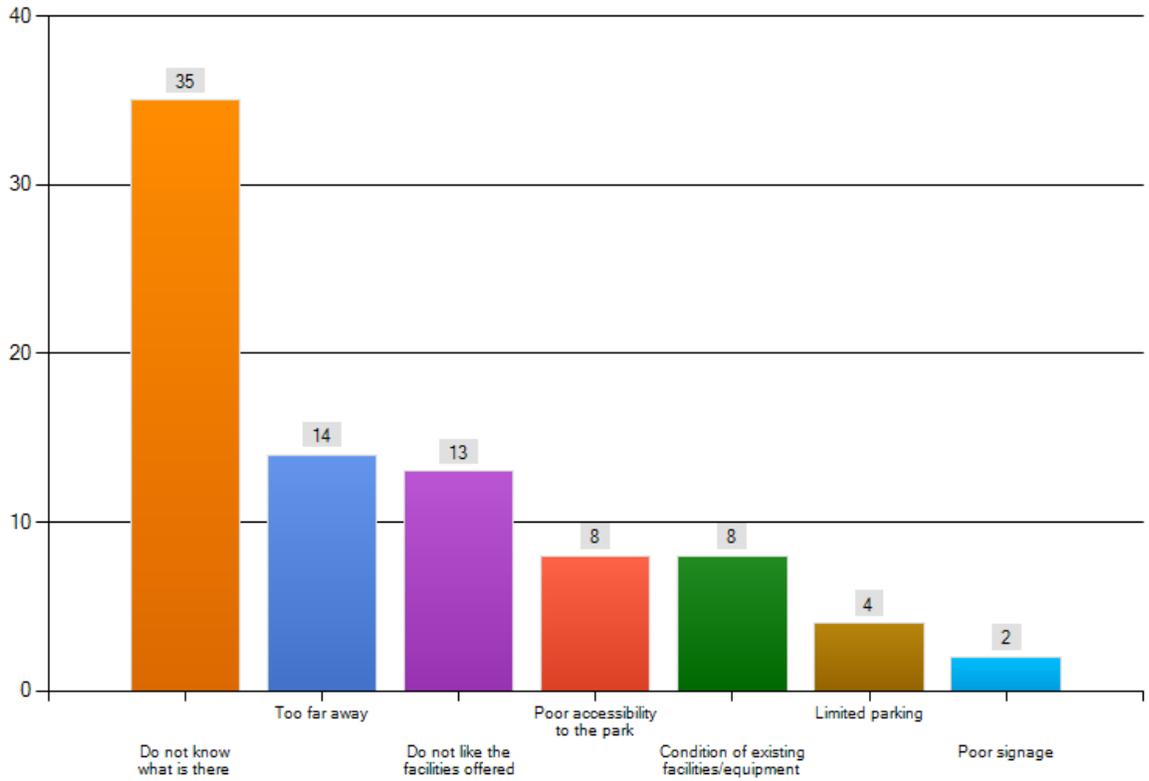
Answer Options	Response Count
	40
<b><i>answered question</i></b>	<b>40</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>	<b>100</b>

Number	Response Text
<b>1</b>	once in a while tennis court if others around are full they are not in good shape
<b>2</b>	TENNIS COURTS AND PAVILLION
<b>3</b>	walking trail, basketball hoops, attempted to use tennis courts
<b>4</b>	tennis court, play ground
<b>5</b>	trail
<b>6</b>	Baseball field, playground
<b>7</b>	pavilion, softball field
<b>8</b>	BASKETBALL FIELD, WALKING TRAILS.

<b>9</b>	walking trail
<b>10</b>	Fields for softball games; basketball; tennis courts
<b>11</b>	Pavilion; restrooms; ball field
<b>12</b>	swings and playground
<b>13</b>	tennis courts
<b>14</b>	tennis courts
<b>15</b>	Walking path; basketball; playground
<b>16</b>	walking in area
<b>17</b>	walking trails; ball field; swings
<b>18</b>	tennis courts; open field
<b>19</b>	softball
<b>20</b>	playground; basketball court
<b>21</b>	Trails, playground, field, woods
<b>22</b>	playground
<b>23</b>	trails, playgrounds, tennis courts, baseball field, basketball courts
<b>24</b>	walking trail, picnic shelters
<b>25</b>	Ball field; basketball; walking
<b>26</b>	basketball court
<b>27</b>	basketball court; baseball field
<b>28</b>	recreation for grandchildren; picnic area; walking
<b>29</b>	picnics
<b>30</b>	Tennis Courts, Basketball Court
<b>31</b>	softball fields
<b>32</b>	tennis courts, walking path
<b>33</b>	walking trail; playground
<b>34</b>	rent pavilions
<b>35</b>	playgrounds, ball field, basketball
<b>36</b>	playground
<b>37</b>	all of them
<b>38</b>	swings and slides
<b>39</b>	softball field
<b>40</b>	tennis courts

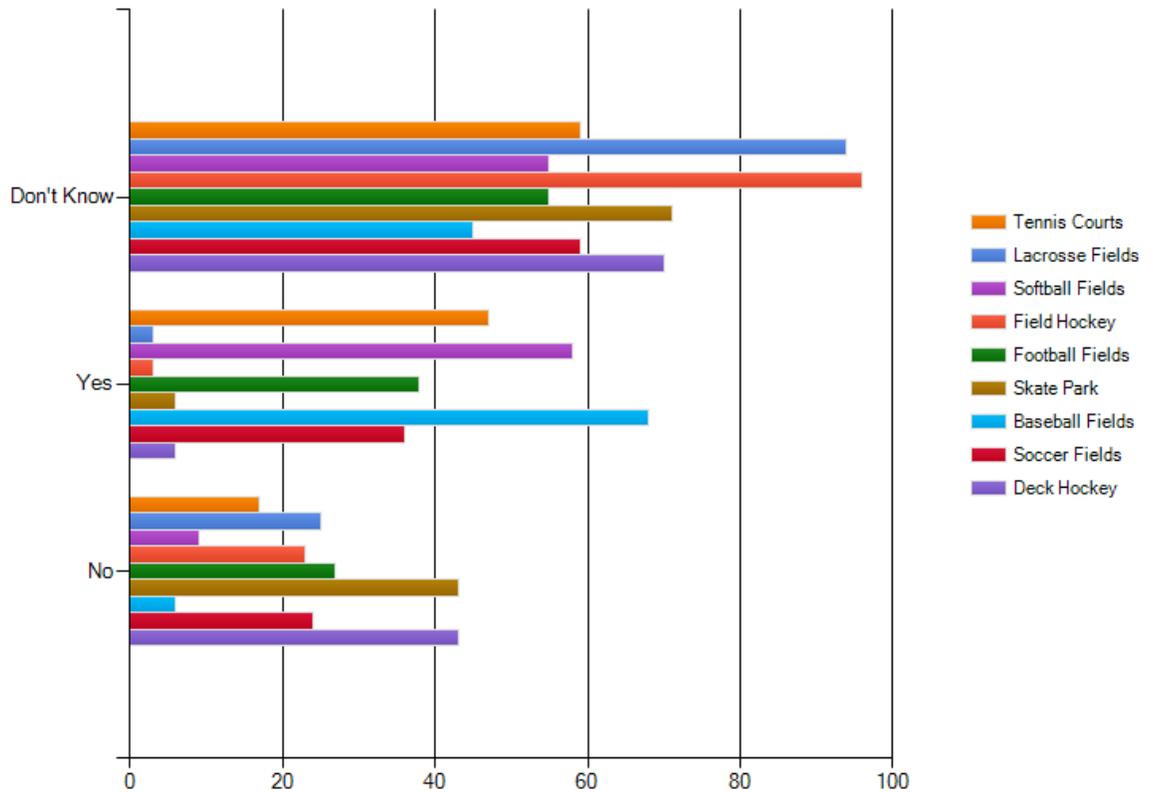
**Question #8**

**If you answered NO to question #6, please tell us why you don't utilize the facilities at Lions Park.**



**Question #9**

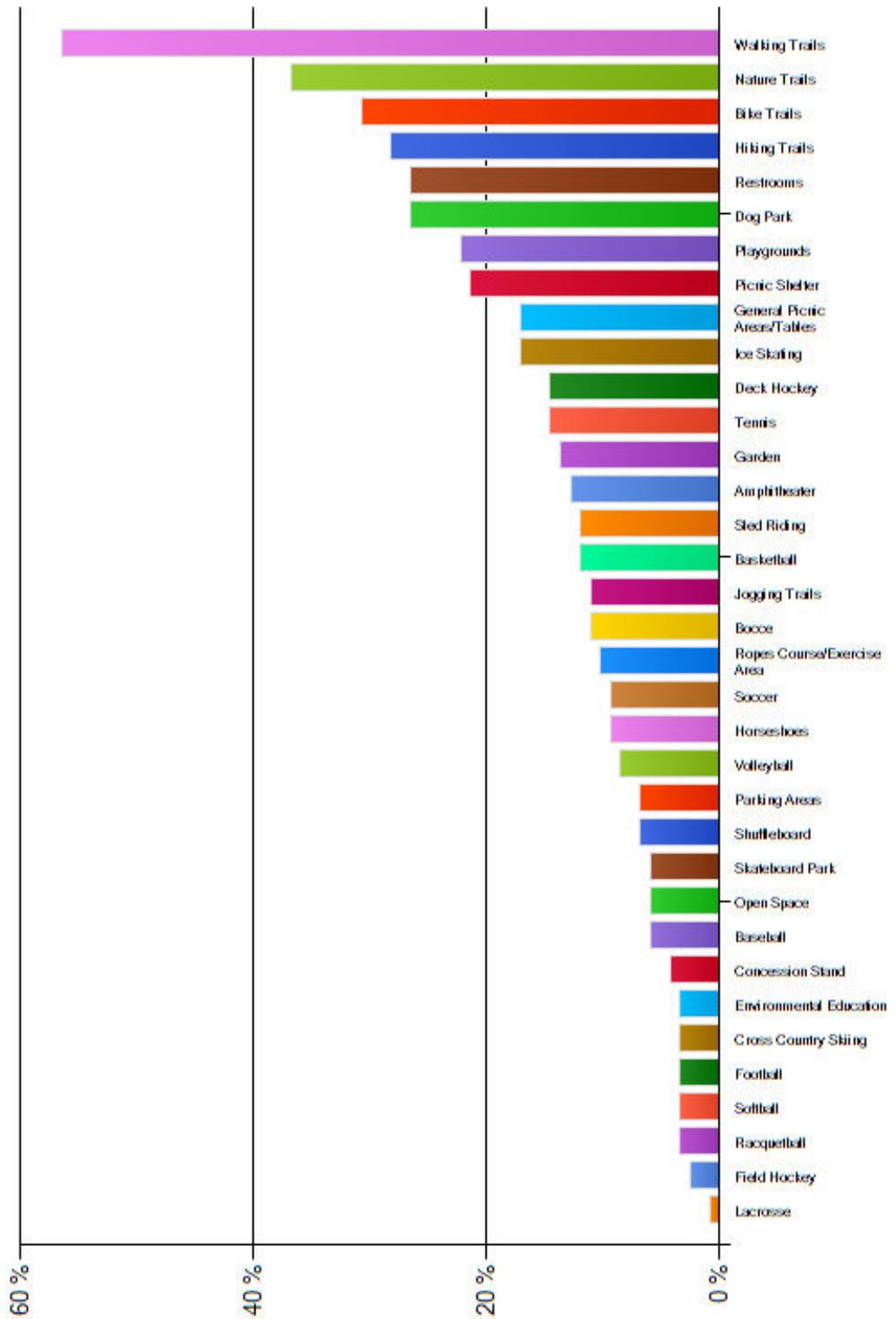
**Keeping in mind certain facilities outside of our Township, do Wilkins Township residents have sufficient access to the following athletic facilities:**



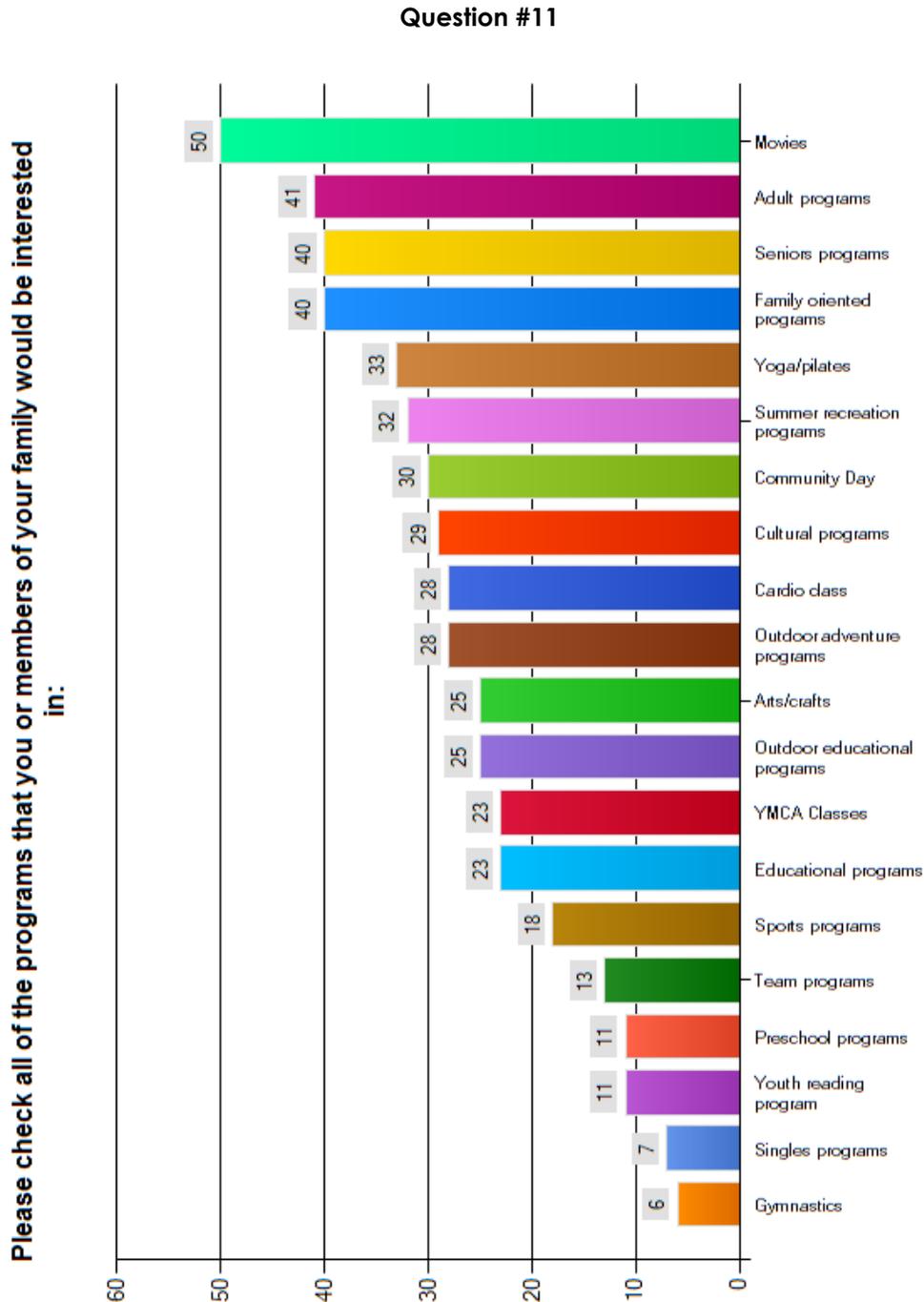
- Question 9 identifies the facilities facility abundance as well as deficiencies. Based on these results, the facilities residents feel that adequately meet demand include tennis courts, softball fields and baseball fields. The facilities residents respond are most needed include: Skate Park and Deck Hockey.

Question #10

Please check FIVE facilities/areas that you would most like to see developed at Lions Park.  
(Please select only five from the following list.)

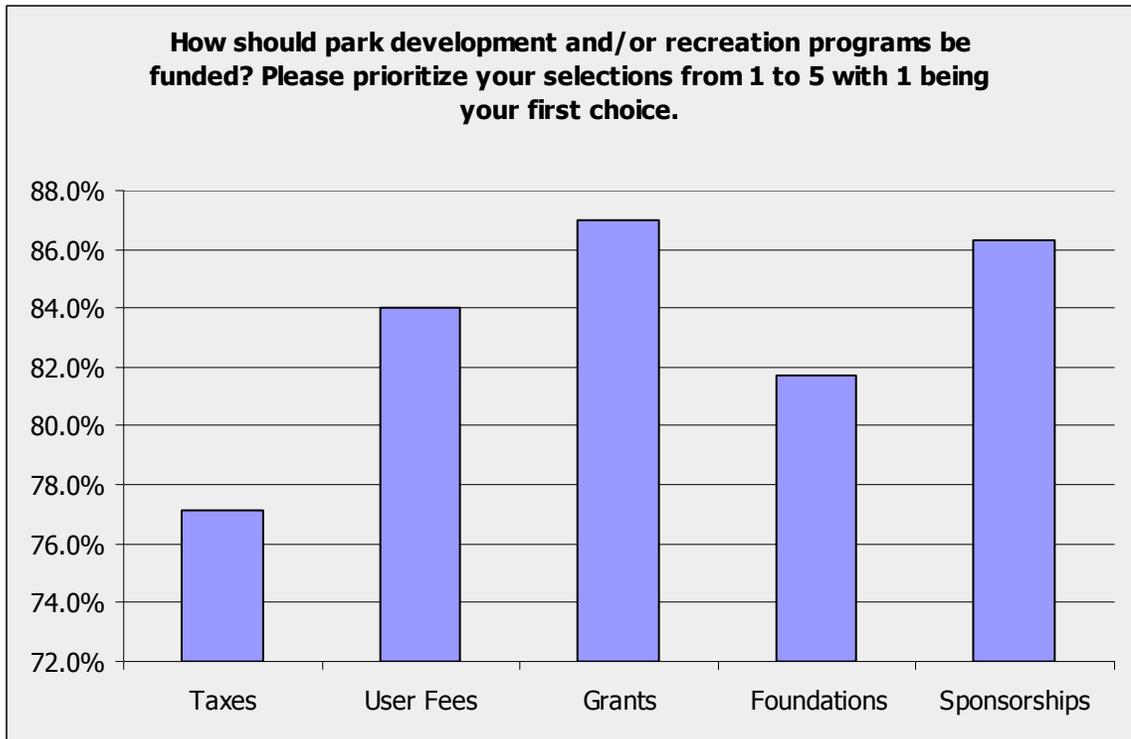


Question 10 affirmatively identifies the facilities that residents are most desirous to have within their community. Based on these results, multi-use trails are most desired by Township residents. Following trails, the facilities most requested by residents include; adequate restrooms, a dog park, playground and picnic shelters round out the top of the list. The facilities identified in questions #9 were utilized by the study committee in the formulation of facilities for inclusion in the final park master plan.



Following suit, Question 11 aims to identify recreational programs that residents are most interested in. Identifying recreational programs as part of a master plan is important, in that often a recreational program requires a unique or specific facility to accommodate the use. Thus, planning for a specific recreation program facility is an integral part of a park master plan. Additionally, this question will aid the Township in the development of programs to be offered in any of the Township parks or in the new Township community center.

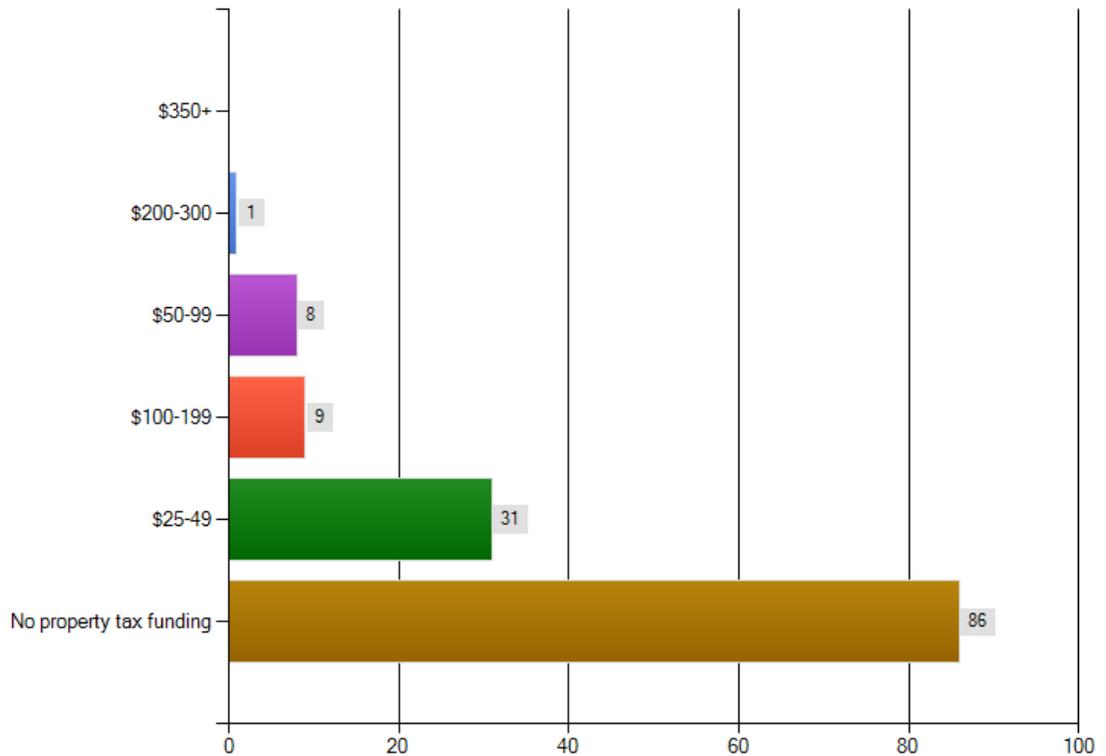
### Question #12



The response to question #12 strongly indicates that residents would like to see park development funded by non-tax based sources. This is important for Township Officials and Staff to consider as the park moves from the master plan phase and into construction phases.

### Question #13

**How much would you be willing to pay annually if the construction of new facilities at Lions Parks required a property tax increase?**



Based on the response to question #13, a large majority of residents are not in favor of a tax increase to pay for park improvements. This response indicates the importance of looking at alternative funding methods for park development.

It must be noted that the public questionnaire was completed in early 2009 during the economic recession which began in 2008. This global crisis may have influenced the results of the financial funding questions.

### Question #14

**If you would like to provide assistance with the development of recreational facilities or programs in the Township, please indicate how you would like to do so:**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Monetary Donation	29.4%	10
Equipment Donation	0.0%	0
Materials Donation	2.9%	1
Volunteer Time	88.2%	30
Volunteer Labor	55.9%	19
Other (please specify)		4
<b>answered question</b>		<b>34</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>106</b>

### Question #15

**If you checked any of the boxes above, please provide your contact information:**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Name:	100.0%	31
Phone:	77.4%	24
E-mail:	71.0%	22
<b>answered question</b>		<b>31</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>109</b>

### Question #16

**Feel free to provide us with any comments you feel will be helpful in planning for recreational facilities in Wilkins Township.**

Answer Options	Response Count
	34
<b>answered question</b>	
<b>skipped question</b>	

Number	Response Text
1	do not think property tax increase of any kind is good lot of senior citizens on fixed incomes also taxes are too high now. Also been hearing people having trouble with kids hanging out down there clean that up first.
2	My girls used to play slow pitch softball, but there were no teams after 2 years

<b>3</b>	In these tough times for everyone, every other option should be fully vetted before even thinking about raising taxes. I would rather go without the improvements than have every punished for the few that may use the improved park.
<b>4</b>	Could we please get different nets on the basketball hoops? The nets that are on them currently are too small and the basketballs get stuck so you have to shake the pole to get your ball back out. It's really annoying.
<b>5</b>	Two residents be given for information the activities and upcoming events.
<b>6</b>	I would be interested in helping with an initiatives with the park (planning, grant writing, implementing, etc.) - please feel free to contact me.
<b>7</b>	I DO NOT SUPPORT INCREASED TAXES FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT.
<b>8</b>	The community park should be made dog friendly. Trails could intertwine with other green areas.
<b>9</b>	Lions Park needs access from Rita Dr. ex. steps, safe path, walk way.
<b>10</b>	I never received this in the mail. My neighbor had to forward this to me.
<b>11</b>	Allow pets in the parks
<b>12</b>	Parks in Wilkins Township are just perfect
<b>13</b>	No property tax increases
<b>14</b>	Needs improved access roads; needs clean up
<b>15</b>	allow dogs in the park
<b>16</b>	don't raise property taxes
<b>17</b>	reallocate existing taxes
<b>18</b>	tired of paying taxes for everyone else
<b>19</b>	hard for senior citizens to get to and enjoy the park
<b>20</b>	With the large volume of dog walkers in the area, converting the already level open field area would be simple and cost effective. Some fencing and trash cans and it would be good to go and it would be a big attraction.
<b>21</b>	our primary concerns are roads, sewers, snow removal, police, fire
<b>22</b>	don't go to the park unless grandchildren are visiting
<b>23</b>	restoration of natural landscapes would add the aesthetics which would attract more visitors and more interest
<b>24</b>	focus on adding one or two facilities while improving/maintaining the others
<b>25</b>	Please do not have residents enter the park by way of Cline Street. There is enough traffic on this street already that exceeds the speed limit.
<b>26</b>	To have food & drink to sell
<b>27</b>	Would like to see a dog park so I don't have to travel outside the Township to use other facilities
<b>28</b>	More plays, theater, movies, exhibits of art

<b>29</b>	I am glad we live in Wilkins Township
<b>30</b>	Parking really needs to be greatly improved before any other improvements are made. Entrance/exit also needs improvement.
<b>31</b>	Concerts and plays would be nice
<b>32</b>	Offer classes like Forest Hill
<b>33</b>	The park is better now than when we moved here
<b>34</b>	Don't use the park

A full list of general comments is provided in Appendix D.

CHAPTER THREE

# 3

EXISTING CONDITIONS  
ANALYSIS

## **Introduction**

Prior to planning recreational facilities that may be appropriately developed in Lions Park; the project team first conducted a detailed inventory of the park. This inventory and assessment is the second most critical component of the master plan process, second only to the community needs assessment. This is due to the fact that in order to make wise decisions for the placement of facilities and use areas within the park, the consultant team must have a complete understanding of the natural, cultural resources and existing built environment. This process includes an exhaustive inventory, evaluation and assessment of the existing park facilities to determine the condition of the facilities. This will determine whether or not each existing facility is in adequate condition to remain in the park, or conversely if the facility requires improvement or removal all together.

Equally important to the evaluation of the park's built environment and infrastructure, a detailed understanding of the natural features of the park is critical in the development process of the park master plan. Several key areas such as the park's topographic and soil characteristics, vegetation and hydrologic patterns and specific natural characteristics are all evaluated. This evaluation is important to ensure that all proposed improvements respect the natural features of the site. In addition, specific natural characteristics or features such as a mature woodland, wetlands, riparian corridors, etc are identified. These resources can provide opportunities for the development of trails, destinations along trails and natural/interpretive educational locations.

## **Existing Conditions**

As the existing conditions plan and aerial photo depict, Lions Park is an expansive community park that has a cluster of active use facilities in the northern portion of the park. The southern portions of the park are undeveloped and made up of heavily wooded areas.

The active use recreational facilities in the northern portion of the park include a variety of uses. The facilities currently found in the park include:

- ❖ One little league field
- ❖ Batting cages
- ❖ Two tennis courts
- ❖ One basketball court
- ❖ One playground with various pieces of equipment including; swings, a slide, and a "bug" climber.
- ❖ One open multi-use field area
- ❖ One pavilion – including charcoal grill, electric service and lights.
- ❖ One restroom building with attached concessions area – including water, electric and sewage services.
- ❖ One natural surfaced walking trail connecting to Klein Road.

All of the major utilities either service Lions Park or are close enough to service the Park.



**Existing Conditions Map** – Aerial Photograph of Lions Park (Source: PA State Map Project)



## **Topography and Soils**

Located in the Allegheny Plateau region of the Appalachian Mountain chain, Lions Park exhibits the general topographic features common of this geologic region. These characteristics are what make much of western-Pennsylvania unique with prominent ridge tops leading down steep hillsides to narrow stream valleys. It is this geological formation pattern that has defined the historic development pattern seen across the greater Pittsburgh area. Lions Park is no exception, with much of the park's undeveloped areas being located in a steeply sloping stream valley.

The topography of the site is an important guiding element in the development of the master site plan. As the topography has guided the historic development pattern of the park, as flat land is more suited and cheaper to develop, so will it guide the proposed development of Lions Park. Much of Lions Park's 28 acres is made up of slopes that are 15% or greater. Generally, slopes of 15% or more are considered undevelopable due to cost limitations, suitability of soils for development and general accessibility of steeply sloping areas.

Hand in hand with an evaluation of topography must come an understanding of the soils present in the park. This evaluation is critical as it is the site soils which have the potential to determine the sites suitability for development. For example, soils that are prone to a high water table may not be the best location for a baseball field as the field will not drain properly after a large rain event. Likewise, if the soils are not suitable for the construction of fill slopes due to the potential landslides, the ability to construct facilities on slopes will be limited.

The soils types found in Lions Park, like the topography of the park, are generally representative of the region. Soils found in the existing flat areas are most suitable for development while soils found along the steeply sloping areas are typically best suited for woodlands and open space. The following soils series are found in Lions Park:

- ❖ GSF – Gilpin, Weikert, and Culleoka shaly silt loam, very steep
- ❖ GQF – Gilpin Upshur complex, very steep
- ❖ UCD – Urban land-Culleoka complex, moderately steep

Soil limitations are an important factor in the development of the Lions Park master plan. Facility locations and/or design details required to accommodate the limitations of the soils are governed by the soil conditions of the site. Based on the soil types listed, the following limitations to development are noted:

### **GSF:**

- ❖ Slopes are between 25 and 80%
- ❖ Runoff is rapid
- ❖ Shallow depth to bedrock
- ❖ Soils are best suited for woodland and wildlife habitat

### **GQF:**

- ❖ Slopes are between 25 and 80%
- ❖ Runoff is rapid
- ❖ Springs and ground water seeps are common
- ❖ Susceptibility to landslides
- ❖ Soils are best suited for woodland and wildlife habitat

#### UCD

- ❖ Slopes are between 8 and 25%
- ❖ Soils have been disturbed by urban development
- ❖ Onsite investigation of soil capacity is required

### **Natural Resources**

One of the most significant aspects of Lions Park is the extensive portion of the park that is covered with a heavy woodland canopy. In an otherwise densely developed suburban community, the woodlands of Lions Park offer a valuable open space for both residents and wildlife.

One significant issue with the quality of the woodland is the presence of non-native and invasive plant types. A significant amount of Asian Honeysuckle, Oriental Bittersweet, Euonymus, Barberry and Multi-Flora Rose are congesting the understory while many non-native elms pollute the woodland. These non-native plants have the potential to negatively impact the quality of the parks woodlands and will need to be controlled with aggressive and long-term maintenance measures. Developing and implementing a woodland management plan will be a valuable effort for the long-term health of the parks open spaces.

Bisecting the park property into nearly equal halves, a stream meanders through the park from the north-east to the south. The stream valley is much incised and the hillsides sloping down to the stream are very steeply sloping. The severity of the slope of the land is so severe that development of recreational facilities in these areas is prohibitive, with the exception of a natural surfaced trail. Likely, these steep areas have been preserved given their inability to be developed. The stream valley has also defined the pattern of park development, limiting the active use areas to the northern portion of the park away from the stream valley.

CHAPTER FOUR

# 4

THE MASTER PLAN PROCESS

## **Introduction**

The development of a park master plan is process that can be conducted in a vacuum, but rather a process that requires a series of steps be completed in order to ensure that the plan fits the needs of the community while respecting the natural systems of the park property. This process of building layers of information, which inform the master plan, starts with understanding the characteristics and existing features of the park property, which was detailed in Chapter 3. Once this inventory has been completed the site is then coupled with the known desires of the community which is generated through the public input process, detailed in Chapter 2. Finding the best solution to accommodate the desired recreational facilities while respecting the natural systems and characteristics of the site is an iterative process requiring brainstorming, consensus building and budget analysis.

The following section details the master planning process including; alternative plan preparation, draft plan and the evolution of the final master plan.

## **Desired Improvements**

Based on the results of the public input process, the study committee focused on a “short list” of the most desired facilities for further evaluation in the master planning process. The following list represents the culmination of the findings of the public input process and are the improvements most desired:

- ❖ Walking Trails
- ❖ Hiking Trails
- ❖ Bicycle Trails
- ❖ Nature Trails
- ❖ Restrooms
- ❖ Dog Park
- ❖ Playground
- ❖ Picnic Shelter
- ❖ Dek Hockey
- ❖ General picnic areas and tables
- ❖ Improved park entry signage and directional signage
- ❖ Improved park access
- ❖ Improved parking areas
- ❖ Improved pedestrian access from surrounding neighborhoods

## **Use Area Requirements**

The required use areas for a number of the amenities to be included within the park master plan have specific area requirements, preferred orientation requirements, or like demands that are unique to a specific use. Table 4.1 outlines the set standards, dimensions, and orientation for many of the active use facilities listed in the in the previous section of desired park improvements.

The information in table 4.1 aids in the development of the master plan as these requirements set the minimum design criteria that must be considered when laying out

proposed facilities. Although not an all inclusive list, this table does provide the standards for many of the larger, land intensive, facilities. These facilities are often layout in portions of the park that have the most favorable topography, to limit earth disturbance, or are most easily accessible. Once these facilities are located, they are brought together with a threadwork of roadways, trails and walkways.

**Table 4.1  
Park Activity Use Requirements**

Use	Supporting Facilities	Recommended Size and Dimensions	Recommended Minimum Use Requirements	Recommended Orientation
Multi-purpose Field	Parking	Min. Soccer Requirements: 195ft. to 225ft. x 330ft. to 360ft. 10ft. minimum clearance on all sides	1.7 to 2.1 Acres	North to south  Min. 1.0% slope
	Restrooms			
	Accessible spectator seating			
Playground	Playground surfacing material shall meet all ADA standards for accessibility.	Playground safety surfacing must meet the minimum standards as set forth by ASTM for impact attenuation. (ASTM F 1292)	Playground design shall be in accordance with ASTM F 1487-05 or most current.  Use zones extend a minimum of 6' from the perimeter of the play equipment	All slides shall be designed and installed so they do <b>not</b> have a southern orientation.
	Restrooms	Surfacing material shall be installed appropriately in relation to the height of the play equipment.	Slides: at end of slide use zone shall be the height of the slide plus 4 feet	
	Shelter near by to provide a place to escape inclement weather.	Surfacing material shall be installed and maintained to the required depth dependent on the standards set for the surfacing material selected.	Single-axis swings: use zone in front and rear of swing shall be twice the height of the swing  Multi-axis swings: in any direction of the swing tilt shall extend the length of the swing axis plus 6 feet	
Trails	Picnic Tables	Combined Bike/pedestrian trails shall be ten (10) ft. wide.  Single use trail, bike or pedestrian only, shall be eight (8) ft. wide  Surface materials shall include: crushed aggregate, asphalt and concrete.	Loop trails of one half to 2 miles long are desirable	N/A
	Signage			
	Maps			
	Benches			
	Handicapped access where possible			
Horseshoes	Benches	12ft. x 50ft.	1,540 sq.ft.	Preferred north to south
	Picnic Shelter	10ft. clear space on each end  5ft. clear space on each side		
	Restrooms			

**Table 4.1 Cont'd.**

Use	Supporting Facilities	Recommended Size and Dimensions	Recommended Minimum Use Requirements	Recommended Orientation
Volleyball	Restrooms	30ft. x 60ft. Minimum of 10' clearance on all sides	3,935 sq.ft.	Preferred north to south
Deck Hockey			+/-7,200 sq.ft.	Long axis north-south
	Parking			
	Restrooms			

Sources:

1. Mertes, James D. and James R. Hall, **Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines**, National Recreation and Park Association. December 1995.
2. Fogg, George E., **Park Planning Guidelines**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, National Recreation and Park Association. 1997.
3. National Federation of State High School Associations, **Court and Field Diagram Guide**, 2002.
3. Joint Departments of the Army and Air Force, USA, TM 5-803-10/ AFR 88-33, **Planning and Design of Outdoor Sports Facilities**, 1988.
4. U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Pub. No. 325, **Handbook for Public Playground Safety**, Washington, DC. 1997.

## Parking Standards

In addition to the land intense recreational facilities, parking is an equally land consuming, yet necessary component of a successful municipal park. Often overlooked or underestimated, parking must be provided in sufficient quantity to adequately serve the day to day needs of the park.

The Wilkins Township subdivision and land development ordinance governs the general design requirements for parking lots within the Township. Following these requirements will ensure that the proposed parking facilities will be safe, familiar and designed in such a manner so as to avoid, as much as possible, pedestrian and automobile conflicts. This is further developed with the addition of accessible pathways, crosswalks, etc. The following table provides a guideline, taken from accepted industry standards, for parking space requirements based on intended use.

**Table 4.2  
Parking Requirements**

Facility	Minimum Parking Requirement	Projected Acreage/ Patron	Parking Required
Athletic Fields (Baseball/Soccer)	5 spaces/ acre	2 acres	10 spaces
Shelters	1 space/ 4 patrons	80 people/shelter	40 spaces
Horseshoes	1 space / court	1 court	1 spaces
Volleyball	6 spaces / court	1 court	6 spaces
Playground	5 spaces per acre	.35 acres	2 spaces
Amphitheater*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dog Park*	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* No published sources for parking needs at these facilities

Total parking spaces required	59 spaces
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Sources:

1. *National Recreation, Park, and Open Space Standards and Guidelines*, National Recreation and Park Association. 1983.
2. Harris, Charles W. and Nicholas T. Dines. *Time Savers Standards for Landscape Architecture*, Second Edition, McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, New York, 1998.

## **Universal Accessibility Standards**

Universal accessibility is a paramount consideration when planning any recreational facility. Currently, Lions Park provides limited accessibility to existing facilities. As such, it is imperative that the master plan strive to address this limitation. The mandate requires that facilities developed within the park must accommodate all user groups regardless of ability or capability. Thus, planning accessible routes, accommodating built facilities and providing parking areas that meet all accessibility standards is a fundamental element of the master plan and ultimately the development park.

The following sources provide the resources necessary in planning for accessible facilities:

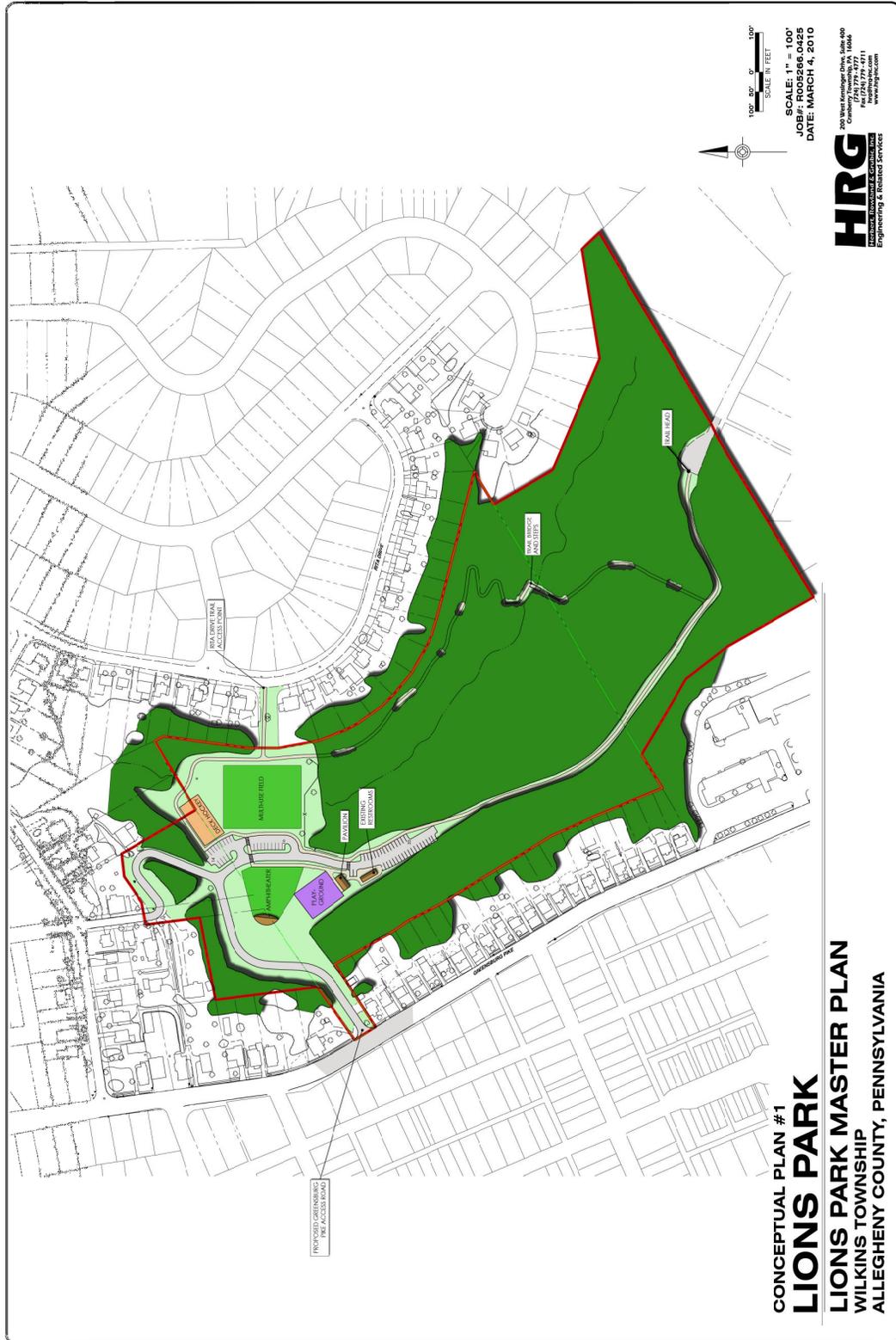
- ❖ Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities, Play Areas, Final Rule, [www.access-board.gov](http://www.access-board.gov)
- ❖ Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board's "Regulatory Negotiation Committee on Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas", September 1999, [www.access-board.gov](http://www.access-board.gov)
- ❖ Universal Trail Assessment Process (UTAP) [www.beneficialdesign.com/trails/utap.html](http://www.beneficialdesign.com/trails/utap.html)
- ❖ National Center of Accessibility [www.ncaonline.org](http://www.ncaonline.org)

## **Conceptual Master Plan Alternatives**

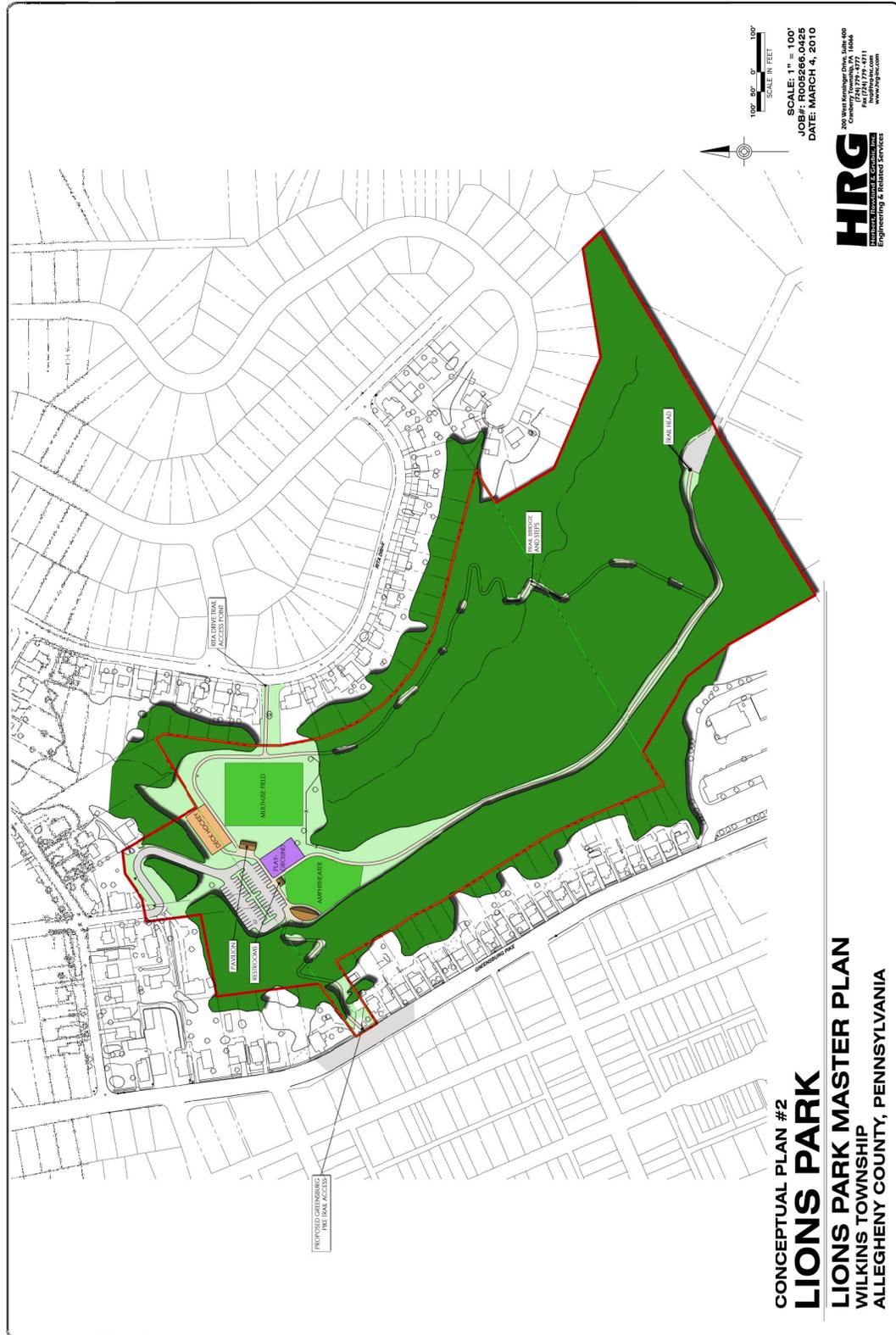
Based on the site analysis and inventory phase and the results of the community needs assessment, the study committee and consultant team developed three alternative concept plans for the park. Each concept plan worked with the existing facilities and the natural systems of the site to explore alternatives that best fit the park property. The three concept plans were presented to the study committee and reviewed to determine which plan, or combination of plan ideas, would be the best fit for the community. Of the three concepts presented, the majority of the study committee favored concept plan two (2) as this plan was the one which yielded the most facilities, while still respecting the neighboring residential areas and the natural features of the site. Once conceptual plan two was selected, the consultants began to refine this conceptual plan with the assistance of the study committee. Ultimately this process yielded the draft plan which was presented at a public meeting for review and comment.

The following three plans are the initial conceptual plans prepared for the study committee. The fourth plan represents the refinement of conceptual plan #2 and is provided here as the draft master plan

# Conceptual Plan Alternative #1



## Conceptual Plan Alternative #2







## ***Final Master Plan***

Representing the synthesis of the community needs assessment, site inventory and assessment and the collaboration of the design team and study committee, the master plan is the guiding document that will determine the future of Lions Park. As a guide, the master plan will assist in the decision making process at each phase of park development.

In planning Lions Park, several guiding principles were established and followed throughout the planning process. These guiding principles are:

- ❖ Work with the site to minimize disturbance to natural features
- ❖ Minimize construction costs
- ❖ Improve overall safety
- ❖ Provide the facilities needed by the community
- ❖ Improve pedestrian safety throughout the park
- ❖ Enhance the trail system by lengthening the existing trail
- ❖ Improve vehicular circulation and parking areas
- ❖ Provide ADA accessibility to all facilities including circulation patterns and ingress/egress to all facilities
- ❖ Provide a diverse mixture of active and passive use facilities to meet the needs of a wide cross section of residents

The final master plan is provided on the following page. Following the master plan is a series of plan enlargements with associated descriptions. These illustrations provide a brief description of each use area.



## **Proposed Facilities Description**

The following narratives provide a description of the proposed recreational facilities for Lions Park. The facilities included on this list and shown on the master site plan were determined through the various needs assessment methods, site inventories and study committee meetings. The facilities were then designed into the site based on the existing site uses and appropriate topography requirements for each facility.

### **Entrance Signs**

Entrance signs to the park should be aesthetically pleasing as it provides the first impression of the facility. The signs should be large enough to be easily seen and read at a glance by those passing by. They should be attractive and durable with attractive landscaping around them. Provisions should be made to hang banners under the signs for advertising future park activities. Appropriate signage should be placed at each of the entrances based on the type of entrance, i.e. walk in entrance versus drive in entrance and access point from a main road versus a residential street.

A park entry sign must be installed on Greensburg Pike in order to better alert drivers as to the park's location. Further, an entry sign at the entrance to the park should be developed mark the official vehicular entrance to the park.

Pedestrian level signs should be erected at the trailheads on Greensburg Pike, Klein Road and Rita Drive.

### **Playgrounds**

A playground is always one of the top attractions in a park. When developing the playground, it is critical that two separate play structures; one to accommodate the 5 to 12 year age group and second, smaller, unit to accommodate the 2 to 5 year age group. Both structures can be adjacent to each other, but should have some type of separation such as a fence or adequate open area. As required, the playground must be fully ADA compliant. Surfacing material must be included for the entire use area of the play structures and be sufficient to allow ADA accessibility.

In order to ensure safety of children using the playground, a low-level decorative fence shall be constructed around the entire playground. The playground shall have one entry point which will further ensure the safety of children in the playground.

Consideration should be given to incorporating a sandbox into the playground area. It is very important to use white sand in the sandbox and possibly construct a roof over the sandbox area with built in benches along the sides. In many places, this becomes the main attraction at the playground.

The playground can also be designed as a multi-generational destination playground. This type of playground provides opportunities for all ages to interact and should entice people to come from greater distances to utilize the playground. The multi-generational playground will provide structures for infants, toddlers, and youth. Landscaped areas with proper seating will provide visibility of the playground while creating an area where adults can socialize as they watch their children. To further enhance this style playground and create a unique play area, the multi-generational playground could incorporate the newest trend in playgrounds, naturalized playgrounds.

Designing nature areas into the playground helps to reconnect children with nature. They provide an effective strategy to stimulate, motivate, and encourage children's play and to increase the attraction on the playground for the children and their caregivers. Naturalized playgrounds should provide children with opportunities to engage in healthy risk taking and activities that provide developmentally appropriate challenges, but still maintaining safe conditions. Naturalizing adds value to play equipment by enhancing their visual quality as focal points, thereby attracting children outdoors to use the playground. The added comfort and aesthetic enhancement of nature can encourage accompanying adults to become enthusiastic users. (Some of the above excerpts were taken from "Creating & Retrofitting Play Environments – Best Practice Guidelines" 2009 PlayCore, Inc.)

### **Pavilion (Shelters)**

Pavilions meet the needs of many people, from those just looking for a place to sit and read to those planning family reunions. Electrical outlets and lights should be included in all pavilions. Water with a stainless steel sink and counter top is another desirable feature, especially in larger pavilions. Adding these features creates a greater rental demand and commands a higher rental fee, which renters are typically willing to pay for the added convenience. If water is not available in the pavilion, it should be available in close proximity to the pavilion. Another amenity that should be located near the pavilions is a grill. Consideration should be given to incorporating a combination fireplace/grill into the pavilion. The pavilions may be used for a variety of future programs, such as, day camps or perhaps a staging area for programs in other areas of the park.

### **Volleyball Court**

A volleyball court is a great asset to a park and can provide hours of entertainment for all ages. Those in their teens and early twenties are often difficult to provide programs for. However, they will generally enjoy playing pickup games of volleyball. A volleyball court also provides an attractive feature near a pavilion making it more desirable for renting. It is important to properly design the volleyball court. It must be oriented in a north/south direction and should be located in an area where the participants do not have to chase the ball a long distance. Alternatively, a large fence can be installed to stop the balls if needed. Volleyball leagues, tournaments and pickup games are some of the programs a court can accommodate.

### **Horseshoe Pits**

Horseshoe pits are an attractive feature near almost any picnic pavilion. However, they must be located properly to ensure safety, but still be in close proximity to the pavilion. A horseshoe pit must also be oriented in a north/south direction and should have the proper kick boards to stop overthrown horseshoes. Many people renting a pavilion will utilize this facility. Besides rental uses, horseshoe tournaments can be programmed at the park.

### **Recreation Hiking Trails**

Areas for walking/hiking are the number one requested facilities in every survey conducted over the past fifteen years. This held true in the public needs assessment questionnaire for Lions Park. With the varying topography, the large expanse of open space, and the natural beauty of the area, this site lends itself well to the development of a trail system. Hikers can choose from a short walk on relatively level ground to an extended hike with varying degrees of difficulty.

Appropriate trail markings will help the hiker find his/her way through the trail system. Perhaps a kiosk at the trail head with a map of the entire park area indicating the trails and possibly including a brochure of the trails and other park features could be available

for hikers. Benches along the trail will provide resting areas, while a foot bridge over the small streams will enhance the hiker's experience. A variety of programs can be offered that could utilize the trails, such as: walking clubs, photography programs, educational programs, etc. Winter hiking is a great experience for the more adventurous or perhaps cross country skiing or snow shoeing.

Biking is another activity that could utilize part of the trail system. If bikes are permitted on part of the trails, those sections should be appropriately marked and be wide enough to accommodate both hikers and bikers. Certain sections of the trail should be designed only for hikers due to the terrain and these sections should be appropriately marked for hikers only.

Once the trails are properly constructed with most of the potential issues taken into consideration during construction, it is generally sustainable with only minimal maintenance required. As maintenance problems arise, it is crucial to immediately take care of the problem because a small problem can become a big problem fast. Water related issues are generally the most prevalent problems encountered. If properly constructed, this should not be a big maintenance problem. Making sure the trails continue to maintain proper slope for adequate drainage, drainage pipes are free of debris, swales are open to properly direct the water, and natural wet areas are covered with the right materials, (wood chips or stone) most water issues should be taken care of before they become a problem. It is important to keep the trails trimmed and free of overhead branches, side branches and briars creeping in, and grass and weeds along the pathway. A walk through the trails about once a month with a weed whacker and a pair of loppers can generally take care of these issues. Occasionally a chain saw may be needed to remove a section of a fallen tree. The trails should be checked for fallen and leaning trees periodically, especially after strong winds. Trash removal along with any landscaping and mowing at the trails entrance is another important part of the trail maintenance. If dogs are permitted in the park, it is highly recommended that doggie stations are positioned at the trail entrances. They will need to be checked regularly, especially in hot weather.

#### **Open Lawn Area/Multi-use Field**

The open lawn area located in Lions Park should be maintained as an attractive well groomed grass area. This area provides an open space for children to run and play or it may be used for a pickup baseball/softball game, a football game, soccer, Frisbee or any other activity requiring an open area. Perhaps a small backstop could be placed in the far corner of the field to accommodate ball games. Many types of programs can be conducted in these areas, such as, a community day event, Start Smart programs for three to five year olds or various summer camps.

#### **Rain Gardens**

Consideration could be given to enhancing the aesthetics of some of the more visible areas of the park that has drainage issues through the construction of rain gardens. A rain garden is a natural depression that has been landscaped with perennial flowers and native plants. Rain gardens are strategically located to capture and filter runoff from impervious surfaces such as roof tops, driveways, and roads. Rain gardens are sited, ideally, adjacent to the source of the runoff and serve to slow the storm water as it travels downhill, giving the storm water more time to infiltrate and less opportunity to gain momentum and erosive power. They help to address storm water runoff while provide excellent habitat and food for native wildlife such as birds and butterflies

A rain garden looks like an attractive garden. However, what makes it a rain garden is the way it gets its water and what happens to that water once it arrives in the garden. It is actually a low impact development approach to storm water management. There are two types of rain gardens: (1) under drained; and (2) self contained. Both are used to improve storm water quality, reduce runoff, and facilitate infiltration of clean water while providing an attractive environment. Most gardens are designed for habitat and low maintenance goals rather than purely seasonal aesthetics and color effects. Typical rain gardens are populated with native herbaceous perennials, woody shrubs or trees, however, some annuals are good candidates for a higher maintenance version of a rain garden.

(Excerpts taken from ASWP 2008 "Rain Gardens", Low Impact Development Center, "Rain Garden Design Templates ", and USDA, "Rain Gardens".)

### **Dog Park**

Dog Parks are becoming more popular all the time. A dog park is a specialized area where you can take your dog to play and socialize with other dogs in an unleashed area. Many people enjoy taking their dog for a walk, especially in a park setting. However, most places that allow dogs require that they are kept on a leash. A dog park can be a very family oriented area since pets are an important part of families and families with pets tend to congregate together.

Properly designing the dog park from the start is very important. The first thing to keep in mind is the maintenance of the area after it is open. By designing for ease of maintenance, many future maintenance issues can be eliminated before they exist. The dog park must be fenced with a double gated system. Then it should be divided into two sections, one for large dogs and the other for small dogs. If enough space is available, each of those areas should be divided for use at separate times to avoid overuse of one area. Each area should have grass and treed areas with sitting areas for the pet owners. Water should be available at the site along with dog waste bag dispensers and waste receptacles. Other features can include: shade shelters, dog drinking fountains, dog park exercise equipment, and custom dog park benches.

### **Amphitheatre**

An amphitheatre is an excellent facility for a community. It provides opportunities for many types of programs for community residents. Community Day activities and entertainment, Movies in the Park, Concerts in the Park, theatrical productions and dance performances are just a few of the programs that can be held at an amphitheatre. It provides a great place to develop a sense of community by bringing the community together in one location improving their quality of life.

Several things must be taken into consideration before constructing the amphitheatre. (1) It must be properly oriented so that the sun is not in the performer's eyes or the spectators eyes. (2) Will you need a storage room and how large? (3) What type of lighting will be needed? (4) Will the light affect the neighbors? If so, how can it be avoided? (5) What type of sound equipment will be needed? (6) Will the sound affect the neighbors? If so, what can be done to eliminate future problems? (7) How many electrical outlets will be needed? (8) How many different electrical circuits will be needed? (9) What amperage electrical panel will be needed and how many 220 outlets are needed? (10) Will the spectators sit on the grass or will seating be provided or a combination of both? (11) Can the stage be easily accessed by vehicle? (12) Is there adequate access and seating for special needs? (13) Is the stage positioned and constructed so that the performers are best

protected from the various weather conditions? Each of these things can have either a positive or a negative affect on the amphitheatre. Therefore, resolving these issues in advance will create more a desired end result.

### **Dek Hockey**

Approximately twenty-five to thirty years ago dek hockey started becoming very popular. Many thought that it was just a fad, however, it began taking over many tennis courts, parking lots or any other area that the participants could find to play. Lions Park was no exception as the tennis courts started seeing more dek hockey players. Most participants are under thirty years old and enjoy the active pace of the sport. Construction of a dek hockey court in Lions Park will meet a need as indicated by the current use of the existing tennis court. The dek hockey court should be properly constructed allowing for open play, as well as, instructional opportunities, organized games and tournaments. A full set of rules and regulation should be established before opening the facility. It is also important to establish a fee policy for the facility, if fees are going to be charged for certain usage of the court.

### **General Facility Information**

Parking is an issue in many parks; therefore, it is imperative to provide ample parking at Lions Park. Although Lions Park can easily be accessed by many residents of the surrounding neighborhoods, ample parking facilities are included into the park design to accommodate those driving to the park. The parking area should be designed and constructed to be aesthetically pleasing using native species in the landscaped areas around the parking lots.

ADA accessibility is an important and required facet of any park design. Although not every section and facility will be accessible due to the size and topography of each area, a major portion of the facilities should be available to everyone regardless of their capabilities. It is recommended that, at times, specific programs and activities should be offered for those with special needs. However, according to Federal law under ADA all programs and activities, within reason, must be inclusive.

Site amenities are imperative to meet specific needs, ensure comfort of the visitors and make the areas attractive. One of the primary required amenities are restrooms. According to state recommendations, there should be restroom facilities of some type within six hundred feet of every facility. Along with restrooms, there should be a few water fountains at or near the use areas. These should be frost-free fountains or fountains that can be drained for the winter.

If dogs are going to be permitted on the sites, it is highly recommended that dog stations be placed at strategic locations. These stations generally include a sign, dog waste bags and a trash receptacle for the dog waste bags. Providing these stations significantly cuts the amount of dog waste left lying in the park.

Park benches are an important amenity for everyone using the park, especially for seniors. Strategically placing benches along sidewalks, trails, the playground and other facilities enhances the park users experience by providing a comfortable resting area.

Attractive park signage provides guidance, direction, and information to assist the park user. They help the visitor find the facilities; know what is expected of them while using the park, and the signs can help them learn about the facilities. Make sure that

“Handicap Parking” signs, “No Dumping” signs or other similar signs indicate the maximum fine on the sign so that the signs are enforceable.

Trash receptacles must be located throughout the park. These receptacles should be located near all of the main facilities and at various points along walkways. Trash receptacles with a lid are recommended to keep birds and animals from scattering the trash. Along with trash receptacles, dumpsters need to be located in a strategic area where they are easily accessible by the trash company servicing the area.

Attractive landscaping throughout the main active areas will enhance the user's visual experience and encourage them to want to continue using the facilities. One important thing that is highly recommended is to devise a coordinated plan for all of the amenities before anything is purchased. Coordinating the signs, benches, trash receptacles and all other amenities will create an attractive facility that will encourage most users to make an effort to keep it attractive.

CHAPTER FIVE

# 5

PHASED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

## **Phased Implementation Plan**

Given the extent of development proposed for Lions Park and the financial commitment which will be required to realize the totality of the proposed improvements, it becomes necessary to look at implementing the master plan over an extended period of time. As a result, an important step in the development of the master plan is the development of a phased implementation plan. The phased implementation plan is a guide which will assist Township officials by providing a chronological timeline for park development. Additionally, this plan will also allow Township officials to properly budget for improvements.

The phased implementation plan, provided on the next page, was developed with the assistance of the study committee to ensure that the most important improvements are developed in the earliest phases of development. In addition, significant attention has been devoted to ensure that each phase is implemented in logical steps to prevent disruption to existing facilities or duplicate work in subsequent phases of development. For example, this attention to detail will ensure that the existing baseball field will remain available until the multi-use field is ready for play.

A total of three phases are proposed for the development of Lions Park. The proposed improvements are color coded and represent the phase of implementation each facility is scheduled to follow.

### **Phase One:**

- ❖ Widen existing park access road.
- ❖ Install park sign on Greensburg Pike.
- ❖ Install directional signage to park.
- ❖ Install park entry sign at entrance to park.
- ❖ Develop parking area including all ADA accessible spaces and signage; pedestrian routes and sidewalks.
- ❖ Install trail from Greensburg Pike to proposed parking area.
- ❖ Develop Dek Hockey court including perimeter fencing, boards and net.
- ❖ Develop sidewalk from parking area to dek hockey court.
- ❖ Fine grade existing open field and groom into new multi-use field – install backstop in the south-west corner of multi-use field.
- ❖ Install stormwater management facilities including BMP measures such as parking lot bioswale and rain garden north of the multi-use field.

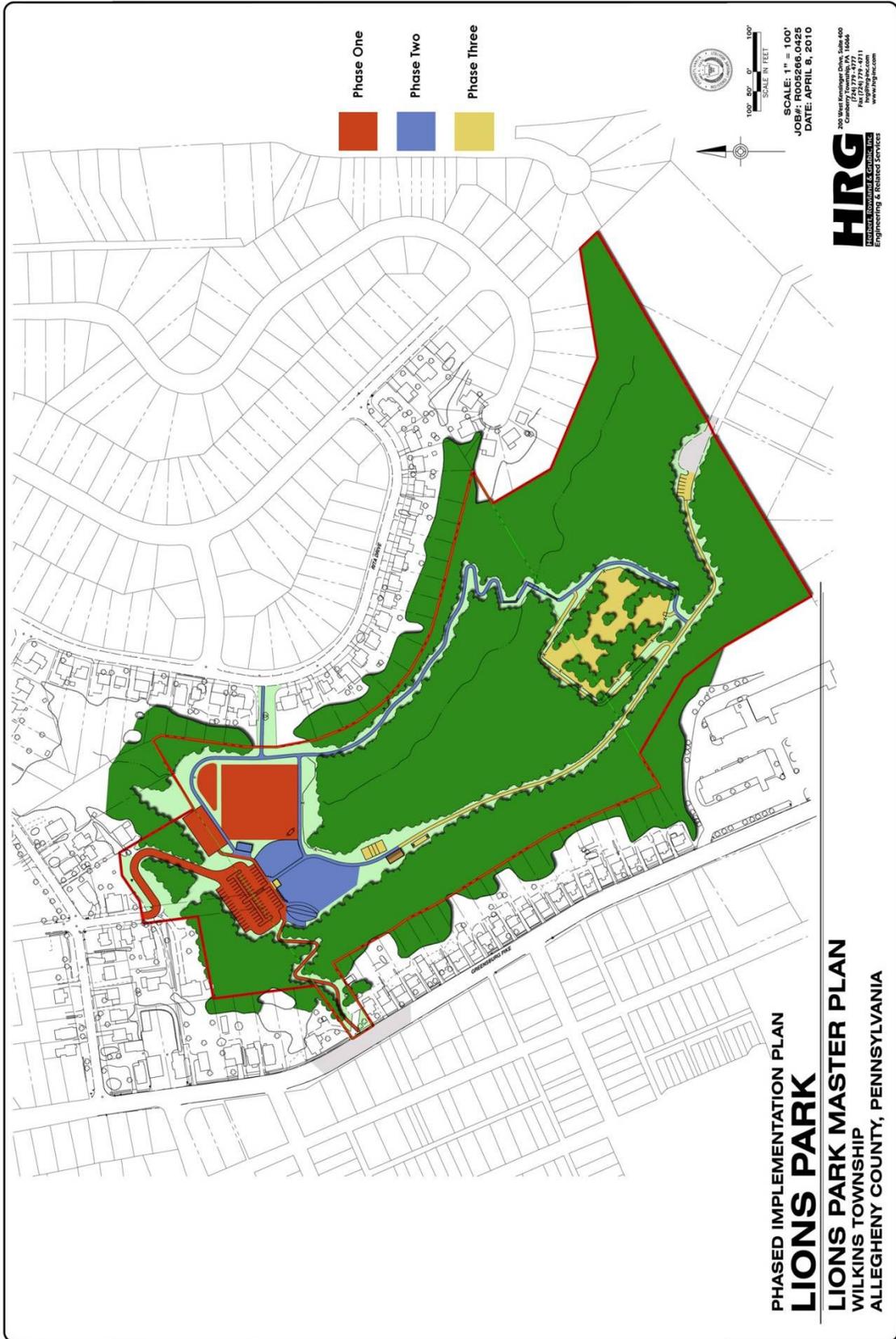
### **Phase Two:**

- ❖ Amphitheater with associated equipment and systems.
- ❖ Playground with decorative fence and gate.
- ❖ Pavilion with electric and water service.
- ❖ Trail from parking area to the eastern portion of the park.
- ❖ Pedestrian access to Rite Drive.
- ❖ Trail through the stream valley to connect to existing trail near Klein Road.

### **Phase Three:**

- ❖ Restrooms with associated utility services.
- ❖ Court games near existing pavilion.
- ❖ Dog Park – fenced area with dual gates, dog water station, and benches.
- ❖ Trailhead improvements at Klein Road.

- ❖ Resurface existing trail in western portion of park.



## **Cost Estimates**

To assist the Township in the phased development of Lions Park, the following cost estimate was prepared. This cost estimate includes the anticipated costs for the construction of each phase of the park. For estimate purposes, it has been assumed that the Township will contract all phases of construction. Thus, a mobilization and contingency fee has been assumed for each phase. Additionally, cost associated with the design, engineering and permitting of each phase of park construction has been included.

It should be noted that although the cost estimate was developed assuming all construction to be contracted out, the Township would be able to reduce construction costs at the time of design and implementation. One method in which this can be accomplished is by selecting tasks that can be constructed using Township staff or volunteer groups. For example, the Township's road maintenance staff may be able to complete certain tasks such as playground construction, sign erection or general landscaping (plant installation) as well as reconstruct roads, prepare grades and pave parking lots or trails/walkways.

Volunteer labor is also a potential source to accomplish certain development tasks. A volunteer group can assist in the construction of a shelter kit, developing natural surfaced woodland trails or general landscape installation. Scouting groups, religious and business volunteer groups are just several potential organizations that can be utilized, were appropriate and in a limited capacity, to assist in the development of park facilities.

Following the cost estimate on the following pages is a list of potential funding sources. Many of these sources are available to assist with funding of facility construction.

The following cost estimate is color coded per the phase identified on the phased master plan.



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ITEM	UNIT COST	PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE III	Total	Total
<b>SITE PREPARATION</b>						
Clearing & Grubbing	\$ 2,200.00 ac	1.8 \$ 3,960.00	0.93 \$ 2,046.00	2.25 \$ 4,950.00	4.98 \$	41,073.50
Topsoil Stockpiling (6" avg)	\$ 2.25 cy	110 \$ 247.50	420 \$ 945.00	0 \$ -	530.00 \$	10,956.00
Earthwork	\$ 6.00 cy	950 \$ 5,700.00	300 \$ 1,800.00	600 \$ 3,600.00	1,850.00 \$	11,192.50
Erosion Control	\$ 2,500.00 ac	3 \$ 7,500.00	2.03 \$ 5,075.00	2.1 \$ 5,250.00	7.13 \$	17,825.00
<b>PAVEMENT- Roadway and Parking</b>						
Bituminous Surface (4"BCBC)	\$ 15.00 sy	2950 \$ 44,250.00	0 \$ -	258 \$ 3,870.00	3,208.00 \$	147,564.50
Bituminous Surface (1-1/2" Wearing)	\$ 9.00 sy	2950 \$ 26,550.00	0 \$ -	258 \$ 2,322.00	3,208.00 \$	48,120.00
Stone subbase w/ geotextile- (8")	\$ 20.00 sy	2950 \$ 59,000.00	0 \$ -	258 \$ 5,160.00	3,208.00 \$	28,872.00
Underdrains (6")	\$ 6.75 lf	900 \$ 6,075.00	0 \$ -	50 \$ 337.50	950.00 \$	64,160.00
<b>PAVEMENT - Trails 8"wide</b>						
Compacted Aggregate Trail (4" depth on fabric)	\$ 16.00 lf	500 \$ 8,000.00	2400 \$ 38,400.00	2040 \$ 32,640.00	4,940.00 \$	79,040.00
<b>CONCRETE SIDEWALK</b>						
Stone subbase w/ geotextile- (4")	\$ 10.00 sy	505 \$ 5,050.00	532 \$ 5,320.00	0 \$ -	1,037.00 \$	67,405.00
Concrete Sidewalk - (4" depth)	\$ 55.00 sy	505 \$ 27,775.00	532 \$ 29,260.00	0 \$ -	1,037.00 \$	10,370.00
<b>Trail Bridge</b>						
Wooden Bridge Structure	\$ 18,000.00 ea	0 \$ -	1 \$ 18,000.00	0 \$ -	1.00 \$	18,000.00
<b>Trail Steps (wood)</b>						
Pressure Treated Wood	\$ 75.00 lf	0 \$ -	75 \$ 5,625.00	0 \$ -	75.00 \$	5,625.00
<b>FENCING</b>						
Vehicular Tube Gate	\$ 3,000.00 ea	1 \$ 3,000.00	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	1.00 \$	3,000.00
Chain Link Fence - 8' high - Dog Park	\$ 16.00 lf	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	1035 \$ 16,560.00	1,035.00 \$	16,560.00
Chain Link Fence - 10' high - Dek Hockey Court	\$ 20.00 lf	360 \$ 7,200.00	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	360.00 \$	7,200.00
Chain Link Fence - 10' high	\$ 20.00 lf	330 \$ 6,600.00	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	330.00 \$	6,600.00
Backstop	\$ 4,000.00 ls	1 \$ 4,000.00	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	1.00 \$	4,000.00
Playground Surround - Picket Fence - (48" high)	\$ 30.00 lf	0 \$ -	336 \$ 10,080.00	0 \$ -	336.00 \$	10,080.00
Playground Entry Gate	\$ 1,000.00 ls	0 \$ -	1 \$ 1,000.00	0 \$ -	1.00 \$	1,000.00
Playground Entry Pillars - Masonry pillars at gate	\$ 2,500.00 ls	0 \$ -	1 \$ 2,500.00	0 \$ -	1.00 \$	2,500.00



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<b>SHELTERS</b>						
20x40 - Laminated wood beam shelter kit	\$ 28,000.00 ea	0 \$	1 \$ 28,000.00	0 \$	1.00	\$ 67,172.00
20x40 - Shelter Construction	\$ 20,000.00 ea	0 \$	1 \$ 20,000.00	0 \$	1.00	\$ 20,000.00
Concrete slab w/ stone subbase	\$ 12.00 sf	0 \$	1056 \$	0 \$	1,056.00	\$ 12,672.00
Electrical service to shelter	\$ 3,500.00 ls	0 \$	1 \$ 3,500.00	0 \$	1.00	\$ 3,500.00
Water service	\$ 3,000.00 ls	0 \$	1 \$ 3,000.00	0 \$	1.00	\$ 3,000.00
<b>AMPHITHEATER</b>						
Structure with Roof	\$ 50,000.00 ls	0 \$	1 \$ 50,000.00	0 \$	1.00	\$ 67,500.00
Electrical service	\$ 5,500.00 ls	0 \$	1 \$ 5,500.00	0 \$	1.00	\$ 5,500.00
AV/Sound	\$ 12,000.00 ls	0 \$	1 \$ 12,000.00	0 \$	1.00	\$ 12,000.00
<b>RESTROOMS</b>						
Block structure w/footers	\$ 10,000.00 ls	0 \$	0 \$	1 \$ 10,000.00	1.00	\$ 36,000.00
concrete floor	\$ 3,500.00 ls	0 \$	0 \$	1 \$ 3,500.00	1.00	\$ 10,000.00
Roofing	\$ 4,000.00 ls	0 \$	0 \$	1 \$ 4,000.00	1.00	\$ 3,500.00
Plumbing and fixtures	\$ 12,000.00 ls	0 \$	0 \$	1 \$ 12,000.00	1.00	\$ 4,000.00
Electrical	\$ 3,500.00 ls	0 \$	0 \$	1 \$ 3,500.00	1.00	\$ 12,000.00
Water Service	\$ 3,000.00 ls	0 \$	0 \$	1 \$ 3,000.00	1.00	\$ 3,500.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>						
Benches, 8 ft Long	\$ 400.00 ea	4 \$ 1,600.00	6 \$ 2,400.00	6 \$ 2,400.00	16.00	\$ 37,000.00
Picnic Tables	\$ 600.00 ea	0 \$	12 \$ 7,200.00	0 \$	12.00	\$ 6,400.00
Parking lot lighting - security lighting	\$ 15,000.00 ls	1 \$ 15,000.00	0 \$	0 \$	1.00	\$ 7,200.00
General Traffic Signage	\$ 300.00 ea	6 \$ 1,800.00	0 \$	0 \$	6.00	\$ 15,000.00
Entrance Sign	\$ 1,500.00 ls	1 \$ 1,500.00	0 \$	1 \$ 1,500.00	2.00	\$ 1,800.00
Way-finding signage	\$ 300.00 ea	4 \$ 1,200.00	4 \$ 1,200.00	4 \$ 1,200.00	12.00	\$ 3,000.00
<b>SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM</b>						
Sanitary Cleanout	\$ 1,500.00 ea	0 \$	0 \$	1 \$ 1,500.00	1.00	\$ 17,125.00
Sanitary Manholes	\$ 2,500.00 ea	0 \$	0 \$	3 \$ 7,500.00	3.00	\$ 1,500.00
6" PVC line - restroom to existing service	\$ 25.00 lf	0 \$	0 \$	325 \$ 8,125.00	325.00	\$ 7,500.00
<b>ELECTRIC - Service Feeds</b>						
Underground Service to parking lot lighting	\$ 15.00 lf	175 \$ 2,625.00	0 \$	0 \$	175.00	\$ 2,625.00
Underground Service to Restroom	\$ 15.00 lf	0 \$	0 \$	150 \$ 2,250.00	150.00	\$ 2,250.00
Underground Amphitheater	\$ 15.00 lf	0 \$	225 \$ 3,375.00	0 \$	225.00	\$ 3,375.00
Underground service to pavilion	\$ 15.00 lf	0 \$	150 \$ 2,250.00	0 \$	150.00	\$ 3,375.00



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<b>STORMWATER CONVEYANCE</b>						
15" HDPE Pipe	\$ 25.00 lf	250 \$ 6,250.00	75 \$ 1,875.00	0 \$ -	325.00 \$	12,625.00
18" HDPE Pipe	\$ 30.00 lf	150 \$ 4,500.00	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	150.00 \$	4,500.00
<b>STORMWATER MANAGEMENT / INFILTRATION</b>						
Underground storage - under parking lot	\$ 30,000.00 ls	1 \$ 30,000.00	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	1.00 \$	30,000.00
Rain Gardens	\$ 40.00 sy	650 \$ 26,000.00	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	650.00 \$	26,000.00
<b>LANDSCAPING</b>						
Topsoil Spreading (6" avg)	\$ 4.75 cy	50 \$ 237.50	200 \$ 950.00	0 \$ -	250.00 \$	40,187.50
Seeding	\$ 1.25 sy	7500 \$ 9,375.00	4800 \$ 6,000.00	4800 \$ 6,000.00	17,100.00 \$	21,375.00
Street/Ornamental Trees	\$ 350.00 ea	20 \$ 7,000.00	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	20.00 \$	7,000.00
Ornamental Shrubs	\$ 85.00 ea	125 \$ 10,625.00	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	125.00 \$	10,625.00
<b>PLAYGROUND</b>						
Surfacing material - (12" depth wood chip)	\$ 30.00 cy	0 \$ -	295 \$ 8,850.00	0 \$ -	295.00 \$	8,850.00
Under drainage	\$ 6.75 lf	0 \$ -	840 \$ 5,670.00	0 \$ -	840.00 \$	5,670.00
Stone base w/ geotextile (8" depth)	\$ 20.00 cy	0 \$ -	195 \$ 3,900.00	0 \$ -	195.00 \$	3,900.00
Play structures - 2 to 5 yr	\$ 65,000.00 ls	0 \$ -	1 \$ 65,000.00	0 \$ -	1.00 \$	65,000.00
Play structure - 6 to 12 yr	\$ 125,000.00 ls	0 \$ -	1 \$ 125,000.00	0 \$ -	1.00 \$	125,000.00
<b>VOLLEYBALL COURT</b>						
Pad leveling - earthwork	\$ 6.00 cy	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	30 \$ 180.00	30.00 \$	180.00
Poles and nets	\$ 1,500.00 ls	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	1 \$ 1,500.00	1.00 \$	1,500.00
<b>HORSESHOES</b>						
	\$ 2,500.00 ls	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	1 \$ 2,500.00	1.00 \$	2,500.00
<b>DEK HOCKEY COURT</b>						
Stone Subbase w/geotextile (8" depth)	\$ 20.00 cy	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	178 \$ 3,560.00	178.00 \$	3,560.00
Bituminous surface w/court coating	\$ 25.00 sy	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	800 \$ 20,000.00	800.00 \$	20,000.00
Underdrain (6" diam.)	\$ 6.75 lf	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	250 \$ 1,687.50	250.00 \$	1,687.50
Equipment - base boards, nets	\$ 5,000.00 pr	0 \$ -	0 \$ -	1 \$ 5,000.00	1.00 \$	5,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$ 332,620.00</b>	<b>\$ 488,393.00</b>	<b>\$ 175,592.00</b>		<b>\$ 996,605.00</b>
Contingency (10%)		\$ 33,262.00	\$ 48,839.30	\$ 17,559.20		\$ 99,660.50
Engineering/Design Fee (10%)		\$ 33,262.00	\$ 48,839.30	\$ 17,559.20		\$ 99,660.50
Mobilization (1%)		\$ 3,326.20	\$ 4,883.93	\$ 1,755.92		\$ 9,966.05
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 402,470.20</b>	<b>\$ 590,955.53</b>	<b>\$ 212,466.32</b>		<b>\$ 1,205,892.05</b>

**DISCLAIMERS:**  
This estimate has been prepared assuming that all work completed will be done through a public bidding process using prevailing wage rates. The earthwork quantities provided here are estimates only - based on preliminary grading of proposed site improvements.

## Potential Funding Sources

Grant	Description	Contact Information
<b>Allegheny Teledyne, Inc. Charitable Trust</b>	Mostly local pa giving for projects related to youth, disabled, community arts, historical, or sports and camps. Letter form requests with a maximum of 2 pages may be submitted at any time. Include IRS tax-exempt document. Trustees meet in January, April, July, and October to award grants.	c/o Allegheny Teledyne Inc. 1000 Six PPG Place Pittsburgh, PA 15222 412-394-2836 <a href="http://www.scaife.com">www.scaife.com</a>
<b>American Legacy Foundation Initiative for Tobacco Control</b>	Provides grants of up to \$200,000 for anti-smoking projects.	202-293-5960
<b>Baseball Tomorrow Fund</b>	The Baseball Tomorrow Fund, a joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, offers grants to nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations involved in youth baseball and softball programs.	<a href="http://www.mlb.com">www.mlb.com</a>
<b>Bayer Foundation</b>	c/o Bayer Corporation 100 Bayer Rd., Building 4 Pittsburgh, PA 15205 412-777-5791 <a href="http://www.bayerus.com/community/charity/index.html">www.bayerus.com/community/charity/index.html</a>	About one-half local/Pa. giving for projects related to youth, disabled, seniors, community arts, historical, sports and camps, or economic development. Full proposal may be submitted at anytime. Deadlines are 3/15 and 9/15.
<b>Bowerman Track Renovation Program Offers Grants</b>	Provides matching cash grants of up to \$50,000 to community-based, youth organizations that seek to refurbish or construct running tracks. The program distributes approximately \$200,000 in matching grants each year.	<a href="http://www.nike.com/nikebiz,ihtml?page=26&amp;item=bowerman">http://www.nike.com/nikebiz,ihtml?page=26&amp;item=bowerman</a>
<b>Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)</b>	Provides meals and snacks for after school and evening youth recreation programs.	<a href="http://www.dot.state.pa.us">www.dot.state.pa.us</a>
<b>Consolidated Natural Gas Co. Foundation</b>	Most giving focuses on corporate operating locations (Allegheny, Armstrong, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Crawford, Fayette, Franklin, Indiana, Tioga, and Westmoreland	c/o Consolidated Natural Gas Co. CNG Tower, 625 Liberty Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15222 412-227-1185

	<p>counties. Grants are awarded to projects related to youth, disabled, seniors, community arts, historical, or sports and camps. Submit request by letter at anytime. No later than September 1 deadline. Include a brief description; purpose of grant; and amount requested.</p>	
<b>Crawford Estate Trust Fund</b>	<p>Most giving to Allegheny County for projects related to youth, disabled, seniors, historical, or conservation and ecology. Submit requests at anytime except June or December. Follow Common Grant Application Format of Grantmakers of Western Pa. Call foundation for a formal application form.</p>	<p>214 Masonic Building 522 Walnut St, PO Box 487 McKeesport, PA 15134 412-672-6670 or 412-751-2559</p>
<b>Department of Community and Economic Development – Single Application Grants</b>	<p>This program is designed to offer convenience and save time. The one-step online form allows you to apply simultaneously for one or more of Pennsylvania's community and economic development financial assistance programs.</p>	<p>Keystone Building 400 North Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225 1-800-379-7448 <a href="http://www.inventpa.com">www.inventpa.com</a> (select single application from "Find Specific Initiatives and Programs")</p>
<b>Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Community Conservation Program</b>	<p>Whether it's rehabilitating a community athletic field, building a safer playground, preparing a watershed or greenways plan, developing an abandoned rail corridor or protecting a critical natural or open space area, this program has grants to meet local recreation and conservation needs.</p>	<p>Kathy Frankel 1405 State Office Building 300 Liberty Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15222 412-880-0486, 412-565-2635 (fax) <a href="mailto:kfrankel@state.pa.us">kfrankel@state.pa.us</a> <a href="http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us">www.dcnr.state.pa.us</a></p>
<b>Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Growing Greener Program</b>	<p>These funds augment the Community Conservation Partnership grants. The money will be allocated over several existing grant programs to help communities and organizations meet their conservation and recreation goals.</p>	<p>Kathy Frankel 1405 State Office Building 300 Liberty Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15222 412-880-0486, 412-565-2635 (fax) <a href="mailto:kfrankel@state.pa.us">kfrankel@state.pa.us</a> <a href="http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us">www.dcnr.state.pa.us</a></p>
<b>The Eberly Foundation</b>	<p>Grants are awarded for projects related to youth, community arts, historical, sports and camps,</p>	<p>610 National City Bank Building Downtown Station PO Box 2023</p>

	miscellaneous, or economic development. Submit requests in letter format at any time.	Uniontown, PA 15401 724-438-3789
<b>Federal Grants Clearinghouse</b>	Provides information on hundreds of federal grants that can be used to support youth recreation programs.	<a href="http://www.afterschool.gov">www.afterschool.gov</a>
<b>Fugh (Clarence S. &amp; Margaret E.) Foundation</b>	Grants awarded to local charities in Etna and Sharpsburg. Call the foundation first to check feasibility. Projects should be related to youth, conservation and ecology, or miscellaneous. Requests should be submitted in November/December. Grants are awarded at a January meeting.	c/o National City Bank of Pa. National City Center, 20 Stanwix St. Pittsburgh, PA 15222 412-644-8002
<b>The Grable Foundation</b>	Projects awarded for youth, disabled, families, seniors, community arts, historical, or camps and sport projects. Grants awarded in February, June and October. Use the Common Grant Application Format of Grantmakers of Western Pa as formal application	240 Centre City Tower 650 Smithfield St. Pittsburgh, PA 15222 412-471-4550
<b>Heinz (Howard) Endowment</b>	Send a letter of inquiry before formal application. Projects must relate to families, youth, disabled, community arts, historical, or sports and camps.	30 CNG Tower 625 Liberty Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15222 412-281-5777 or 412-391-1040 <a href="http://www.heinz.org">www.heinz.org</a>
<b>International Society of Arboriculture</b>	Information to assist with landscaping/tree plantings	<a href="http://www.isa-arbor.org">http://www.isa-arbor.org</a>
<b>Laurel Foundation</b>	Grants are awarded for youth, families, seniors, disabled, community arts, historical, conservation and ecology, sports and camps, or miscellaneous projects. No call is needed to discuss feasibility.	Laurel Foundation Two Gateway Center Suite 1800 Pittsburgh, PA 15222. 412-765-240
<b>Local Government Academy</b>	Serving all of Southwestern Pennsylvania, the Local Government Academy's purpose is to promote excellence in government by providing educational opportunities to assist public officials, employees, and citizens in effectively meeting the needs of their communities.	800 Allegheny Avenue, Suite 402 Pittsburgh, PA 15233 412-237-3171, 412-237-3139 (fax)
<b>McCune Foundation</b>	Send letter of inquiry to Executive Director, 2 pages	Suite 750 6 PPG Place

	maximum. Grants awarded for youth, families, seniors, disabled, community arts, historical, sports and camps, or miscellaneous projects.	Pittsburgh, PA 15222 412-644-8779
<b>NFL Community Football Fields Program</b>	Provides grants of up to \$100,000 for capital improvement projects to improve or create football fields in low and moderate – income neighborhoods.	212-455-9881
<b>NFL Youth Football Fund</b>	Provides grants of \$500 to \$2,500 to purchase equipment, repair fields, establish new football programs, and improve existing programs.	<a href="http://www.nrpa.org">www.nrpa.org</a>
<b>National Gardening Association Youth Garden Grants</b>	Provides grants of over \$750 for seeds, tools and gardening supplies for children to learn and work in outdoor gardens.	<a href="http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp">www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp</a>
<b>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation</b>	Provides grants for conservation and environmental education projects.	<a href="http://www.nfwf.org">www.nfwf.org</a>
<b>Pennsylvania Council on the Arts</b>		<a href="http://www.artsnet.org/pca/pca.html">www.artsnet.org/pca/pca.html</a>
<b>Pennsylvania Humanities Council</b>		<a href="http://www.pahumanities.org">www.pahumanities.org</a>
<b>Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) RecTAP Program</b>	Provides technical assistance grants of up to \$1,500 to help recreation and park boards and departments with specific issues. No matching funds are required.	<a href="http://www.prps.org">www.prps.org</a>
<b>Pew Charitable Trust</b>	Provides grants in a number of program areas including environment, culture, and health and human services.	<a href="http://www.pewtrusts.com/grants">www.pewtrusts.com/grants</a>
<b>Target Stores and Tiger Woods Foundation</b>	Provides Start Something Scholarships for youth to use for summer camps, music lessons, sports entertainment, travel expenses, and so on. Programs enrollment forms are available at Target Stores.	<a href="http://www.startsomething.target.com/info/index.asp">www.startsomething.target.com/info/index.asp</a>
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)</b>	Provides funding for breakfast, lunch, and snacks for children ages 18 and under at summer playgrounds, camps, and other recreation programs.	<a href="http://www.frac.org">www.frac.org</a>
<b>U.S. Department of Education</b>	Provides information on grants to apply for in cooperation with school districts.	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/funding.html">www.ed.gov/funding.html</a>
<b>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b>	Provides information on available grants that can be used to fund recreation	<a href="http://www.hhs.gov/agencies/grants.html">www.hhs.gov/agencies/grants.html</a>

	programs that improve health.	
<b>U.S. Department of Justice</b>	Provides information on crime and violence prevention grants that can be used to support recreation programs.	<a href="http://www.oip.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm">www.oip.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm</a>
<b>UPS Foundation Community Investment Grants</b>	Allocates dollars to UPS region offices to invest in their communities.	<a href="http://www.ups.com">www.ups.com</a>
<b>U.S. Soccer Foundation</b>	The goal of the grantmaking program is to focus funding on those programs or projects that develop players, referees, and coaches with special emphasis on the economically disadvantaged in urban areas. The foundation's grants program is open to anyone with a soccer-specific program or project that benefits a not-for-profit purpose.	<a href="http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org">www.ussoccerfoundation.org</a>
<b>Western Pennsylvania Field Institute</b>	The Western Pennsylvania Field Institute is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to making the outdoor recreation community a vibrant centerpiece of this region.	304 Forbes Ave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Pittsburgh, PA 15222 412-255-0564
<b>Western Pennsylvania Watershed Protection Program</b>	Provides funding matches for the preservation and restoration of water resources and watersheds.	John Dawes 814-669-4847
<b>Woman's Sports Foundation – GoGirl Grant Program</b>	The GoGirlGo! Grant and Education Program is dedicated to the development and funding of girls' sports/physical activity programs that combine athletic instruction and programming with the delivery or educational information aimed at reducing risk behaviors.	<a href="http://www.womanssportsfoundation.org">www.womanssportsfoundation.org</a>
<b>Mantis Awards for Community &amp; Youth Gardens</b>		<a href="http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/mantis.asp">www.kidsgardening.com/grants/mantis.asp</a>
<b>National Tree Trust</b>		<a href="http://www.nationaltreetrust.com">www.nationaltreetrust.com</a>
<b>Pennsylvania Conservation Corp</b>		<a href="http://www.dli.state.pa.us">www.dli.state.pa.us</a>
<b>NRG Outdoors</b>		<a href="http://www.nrgoutdoors.org">www.nrgoutdoors.org</a>
<b>NEA Funds Learning in the Arts for Children</b>		<a href="http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP09?LITA.html">www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP09?LITA.html</a>
<b>No Child Left Inside Act</b>		<a href="http://www.cbf.org/site">www.cbf.org/site</a>
<b>After School Archery Program</b>		<a href="http://www.afterschoolarchery.com">www.afterschoolarchery.com</a>
<b>Saucony Run for Good</b>		<a href="http://www.sauconyrunforgood.com">www.sauconyrunforgood.com</a>

<b>Hooked on Hydroponics</b>		<a href="http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/HOH.asp">www.kidsgardening.com/grants/HOH.asp</a>
<b>Healthy Sprouts Awards</b>		<a href="http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants/healthysprouts.asp">www.kidsgardening.com/grants/healthysprouts.asp</a>
<b>Youth Garden Grants Program</b>		<a href="http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp">www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp</a>
<b>US Dept. of Education</b>		<a href="http://www.ed.gov/nclb/landing.jhtml?src=pb">www.ed.gov/nclb/landing.jhtml?src=pb</a>
<b>For the Good of the Game</b>		<a href="http://www.usga.org">www.usga.org</a>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Program</b>		<a href="http://www.ed.gov/21stcclc">www.ed.gov/21stcclc</a>

Source of above information:  
 Financing Municipal Recreation and Parks,  
 Susan E. Landes, CPRP  
 Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
 Bureau of Recreation and Conservation  
 In partnership with  
 Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society  
 2005

# **APPENDIX A**

**WILKINS TOWNSHIP  
LIONS PARK MASTER PLAN**

**STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING #1**

DECEMBER 3, 2009

7:00 PM

**WILKINS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

## **AGENDA**

**A. INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY COMMITTEE AND THE CONSULTANTS:**

- Study Committee Members
- Consultant Team

**B. PURPOSE AND ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE:**

- Provide a structured decision-making resource for the planning process
- Ensure open communication between all interested parties
- Encourage a team environment for solving problems and making decisions
- Encourage viable solutions and “think outside the box”
- Build consensus and support for final planning recommendations

**C. WHAT IS A PARK MASTER PLAN:**

- Purpose of the master plan
- Review a sample park master plan
- The master plan process

**D. PUBLIC QUESTIONNAIRE:**

- Review and discuss the content of the draft questionnaire

**E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- List the recreation facilities available in the community and/or neighboring communities that residents currently use for recreational opportunities and/or programs?

**F. UP COMING MEETINGS:**

- Study Committee Meeting: January 7, 2009 at 7:00

**WILKINS TOWNSHIP  
LIONS PARK MASTER PLAN**

**STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING #2**

JANUARY 14, 2010

7:00 PM

**WILKINS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

## **AGENDA**

**A. PUBLIC QUESTIONNAIRE:**

- Review and discuss the content of the revised draft questionnaire.

**B. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- Review and add to the list started at the December committee meeting.

**C. NEEDS ASSESSMENT EXERCISE:**

- Prioritize the list of "desired" recreation facilities collected at our initial meeting.

**D. UP COMING MEETINGS:**

- Study Committee Meeting: February 4, 2010 at 7:00

**WILKINS TOWNSHIP  
LIONS PARK MASTER PLAN**

**STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING #3**

FEBRUARY 18, 2010

7:00 PM

**WILKINS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

## **AGENDA**

**A. PUBLIC QUESTIONNAIRE:**

- Review the results of the public input questionnaire.

**B. MASTER PLAN BRAINSTORMING:**

- Let's put pen to paper and begin to layout design options for the improvements to Lions Park.

**C. UP COMING MEETINGS:**

- Study Committee Meeting: March 4, 2010 at 7:00

**WILKINS TOWNSHIP  
LIONS PARK MASTER PLAN**

**STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING #4**

MARCH 4, 2010

7:00 PM

**WILKINS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

## **AGENDA**

**A. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

**B. CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN ALTERNATIVES:**

- Review and discuss three alternative master plans.

**C. UP COMING MEETINGS:**

- Study Committee Meeting: April 8, 2010 at 7:00

**WILKINS TOWNSHIP  
LIONS PARK MASTER PLAN**

**STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING #5**

APRIL 8, 2010

7:00 PM

**WILKINS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER**

## **AGENDA**

**A. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

**B. MASTER ALTERNATIVES:**

- Review and discuss the revised draft master plan.

**C. PHASED MASTER PLAN AND COST ESTIMATE**

- Review the phased master plan.
- Review the Phased Cost Estimate.

**D. UP COMING MEETINGS:**

- Select date for public presentation?

## **APPENDIX B**

# MEETING MINUTES

**JOB NO.:** R005266.0425

**PROJECT:** Lions Park Master Plan - Wilkins Township  
Study Committee Meeting #1

**DATE:** Meeting Date: December 3, 2009

**ATTENDEES:** Rebecca Bradley  
Tom Cenna  
Jim Feath, HRG  
Jim Watenpool, Park and Recreation Consultant

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The meeting began at 7:10 and ended at 8:15

## **Topics of discussion:**

Given the limited attendance at the first committee meeting, the prepared agenda was reduced to focus on the key topics of discussion. The following minutes reflect the items discussed:

### **A. Public Questionnaire:**

As our main item of discussion, the consultant provided the committee members with a draft copy of the public questionnaire for review. A brief discussion of each question took place as the consultant noted a number of revisions and additions to the questions provided.

Attached with these minutes is a revised draft questionnaire that reflects the revisions discussed at the meeting. At our January meeting, the questionnaire will be reviewed and discussed one last time prior to the questionnaire being sent to Township Residents.

### **B. Background Information:**

The committee was asked to list all of the available recreational facilities within the Township, or in immediately surrounding neighborhoods, which residents may currently use. This exercise will aid in the master planning process in so much that we will be able to avoid duplication of amenities.

The following list of existing recreational facilities was identified:

1. Woodland Hills School District:
  - Baseball/softball fields
  - Football field
  - Tennis
  - Walking track at old Churchill High School Stadium
  - Gymnasiums in all schools
2. Woodland Hills Academy
3. Penn Hills Library
4. Forest Hills Baseball fields (Greensburg Pike)
5. Edgewood Country Club:
  - Pool
  - Platform Tennis

- Golf
- 6. Wilkins Primary School
  - Soccer Field
- 7. Monroeville Parks
- 8. Boyce Park and Wave Pool
- 9. Schaffer Elementary (Churchill)
  - Playground
  - Open field
- 10. Faith Bible Church
  - Gymnasium
- 11. Dance School (Greensburg Pike)
- 12. C.S. Kims (Monroeville)
- 13. Movie theaters in Penn Hills and at the Waterfront
- 14. Township Facilities:

A. Linhart Park:

- Baseball
- Pavilion
- Restrooms
- Bocce
- Playground

B. Eastmont:

- Basketball Court
- Tennis
- Pavilion
- Restrooms
- Playground
- Concessions
- Baseball Field

C. Community Center:

- Seniors area
- Teen area
- Library facilities
- Games
- Potential for basketball and/or passive use area outside building

D. Playground at Municipal Building

**C. Our Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held January 7, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

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We believe these minutes accurately reflect the items discussed at the subject meeting. If there are any revisions or corrections to these minutes, please contact the undersigned within ten (10) days of the date of these minutes.

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# MEETING MINUTES

**JOB NO.:** R005266.0425

**PROJECT:** Lions Park Master Plan - Wilkins Township  
Study Committee Meeting #2

**DATE:** Meeting Date: January 14, 2010

**ATTENDEES:** John Aiello  
Rebecca Bradley  
Liz Kostandinu  
Paul Padula  
Alefia Saunders  
Jim Feath, HRG  
Jim Watenpool, Park and Recreation Consultant

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The meeting began at 7:10 and ended at 8:20

## **Topics of discussion:**

### **A. Public Questionnaire:**

The committee members in attendance were provided a draft copy of the public questionnaire. A detailed discussion of the questionnaire took place with a productive exchange among the committee members. Each question was reviewed, edited and revised to ensure that the questions were tailored not only to the project and the park but also to the residents of Wilkins Township.

Once all of the revisions were noted, the committee agreed that, with the changes, the questionnaire was ready for distribution to the public.

The consultants will prepare the final questionnaire for mailing. Twenty-five percent of Township households will be randomly selected to receive a questionnaire. The only exception to this will be the selective sampling of households surrounding the park. Each of these households will receive a questionnaire.

The consultant will have all questionnaires in the mail by January 20. Residents will be asked to return completed questionnaires by February 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will allow ample time to tabulate the questionnaire prior to the next study committee meeting.

### **B. Background Information:**

At the December committee meeting a list of existing recreation facilities that serve Township residents was started. This list identified both private and public recreation amenities within the Township or in surrounding communities which serve Wilkins Township residents.

At the January meeting, the committee was asked to review the list of facilities identified and add to it if needed. The items identified in bold are those items added to the list at the January meeting:

1. Woodland Hills School District:
  - Baseball/softball fields
  - Football field
  - Tennis
  - Walking track at old Churchill High School Stadium
  - Gymnasiums in all schools
  - Pool at West Junior High with “Free Swim”**
2. Woodland Hills Academy
3. Penn Hills Library
4. **Chalfant Borough Park**
  - Baseball field**
  - Concessions**
  - Basketball**
  - Playground**
5. Forest Hills (**located within +/- ½ mile of Lions Park**)
  - Baseball fields (Greensburg Pike)
  - Pool (residents only – no none resident rate)**
  - Soccer field**
  - Playground**
  - Fitness stations**
  - 2 basketball courts (they use courts in winter for ice skating)**
6. Edgewood Country Club:
  - Pool
  - Platform Tennis
  - Golf
7. Wilkins Primary School
  - Soccer Field
  - Cinder walking track**
8. Monroeville Parks
9. Boyce Park
  - Wave Pool
  - Skiing**
10. Schaffer Elementary (Churchill)
  - Playground
  - Open field
11. Faith Bible Church
  - Gymnasium
12. Dance School (Greensburg Pike)
13. C.S. Kims (Monroeville)
14. Movie theaters in Penn Hills and at the Waterfront
15. Township Facilities:
  - A. Linhart Park:
    - Baseball
    - Pavilion
    - Restrooms
    - Bocce
    - Playground
  - B. Eastmont:
    - Basketball Court
    - Tennis
    - Pavilion
    - Restrooms

- Playground
- Concessions
- Baseball Field
- C. Community Center:
  - Seniors area
  - Teen area
  - Library facilities
  - Games
  - Potential for basketball and/or passive use area outside building
- D. Playground at Municipal Building

**C. Needs Assessment Exercise:**

At our initial meeting on November 2009, we prepared a list of desired facilities/improvements for Lions Park. As the next step in identifying the most desired facilities/improvements, the committee was asked to prioritize items on the list.

Prior to completing the prioritization exercise, the committee was asked to add to the list of items as needed. Two additional items were added to the list, a dog park and dog walking/pick-up stations along trails.

Once the list was complete, each committee member was provided five colorful stickers, or “dots,” to place adjacent to the top five items on the list that each member felt was the most important item. The results of this exercise are as follow:

Facility/Area	Number of Votes
New Playground	5
Walking trails	4
Parking improvements	4
Amphitheater	4
Improved access points for vehicular	2
Multi-use open field area	2
Concessions	1
Restrooms	1
Dog Park	1
Improved park signage	1
Basketball courts	0
Deck hockey	0
The softball/baseball field is a crucial facility	0
Bocce court	0
Improved directional signage to get people to the park	0
Pavilion(s)	0

The prioritized items from the list above will be coupled with the responses of the public questionnaire in painting a picture of the improvements that residents of the Township would like to see made in Lions Park. Once complete, this information will be our design palette.

**D. Our Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting will be held February 18, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

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Study Committee Meeting #2

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# MEETING MINUTES

**JOB NO.:** R005266.0425

**PROJECT:** Lions Park Master Plan - Wilkins Township  
Study Committee Meeting #3

**DATE:** Meeting Date: February 18, 2010

**ATTENDEES:** Rebecca Bradley  
Tom Cenna  
Dinny DeOrio  
Liz Kostandinu  
Sylvia Martinelli  
Jim Feath, HRG  
Jim Watenpool, Park and Recreation Consultant

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The meeting began at 7:10 and ended at 9:00

## **Topics of discussion:**

### **A. Public Questionnaire:**

The consultant prepared and provided the committee with two handouts regarding the public input questionnaire. Each document reflects the final results of the questionnaire with the first document representing the full "bulk" results. The second handout offers a brief synopsis of the questionnaire and includes a variety of graphics and tables to ease the review process.

The consultant and committee reviewed the results of each question and discussed as necessary. Ample time was allowed to review questions with specific information regarding park facilities and amenities as these results will have significant impact on the master planning process.

### **B. Master Plan Brainstorm:**

Once the discussion of the questionnaire was complete, the focus of the meeting shifted to discuss the site plan. The group gathered around a copy of the park site plan for review and discussion. This brainstorm exercise allowed for a free exchange of ideas and proved to be very successful. At the conclusion of our discussion not only had the committee begun to layout general park amenities on the site plan, we also developed a list of additional items for further consideration. These items include:

- The topography of the park will produce a diversity of trail types and conditions. As a result, signage along the trails will be imperative to inform trail users of the condition of the trail ahead, i.e. severity of slope, stairs, etc.
- The trail system must include a linkage to connect through the stream valley.
- A trail must connect to Rita Drive.
- Desired park facilities will include:
  - Trails
  - Playground
  - Picnic shelter(s)
  - Restroom

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- Deck hockey
- Amphitheater
- Tennis court

**D. Our Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting will be held March 4, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

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# MEETING MINUTES

**JOB NO.:** R005266.0425

**PROJECT:** Lions Park Master Plan - Wilkins Township  
Study Committee Meeting #4

**DATE:** Meeting Date: March 4, 2010

**ATTENDEES:** Rebecca Bradley  
Tom Cenna  
Dinny DeOrio  
Liz Kostandinu  
Sylvia Martinelli  
Frank Rizza  
Aletia Saunders  
Jim Feath, HRG  
Jim Watenpool, Park and Recreation Consultant

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The meeting began at 7:05 and ended at 8:20

## **Topics of discussion:**

### **A. Conceptual Master Plan Alternatives:**

Based on the discussion from the February committee meeting and the feedback gathered through the public input questionnaire, the consultants prepared three conceptual master plan alternatives. These master plan alternatives provided three potential solutions to accommodate the needed uses and improvements within the workable parameters of the park property.

The consultants made a short presentation of each conceptual plan for the committee. The pros and cons of each concept plan were discussed along with any concerns that the consultants identified with each plan. At the end of this discussion, the committee unanimously agreed to move forward with Concept Plan #2 with the inclusion of the following additions:

- Keep the existing pavilion and work it into the proposed plan.
- Add several court games near the existing pavilion to increase rental appeal.
- Add a backstop to the south-west corner of the multi-use field.
- Add a landscape screen (shrub plantings) behind the sidewalk to separate the parking area and the amphitheater area. This will provide a visual and light dampening screen.
- Fence the entire playground with one point of entry. Fence shall be decorative style fence.
- Add a fenced dog park in the central portion of the park adjacent to the existing walking trail.
- Add a trail loop around the dog park area.
- Encourage stormwater infiltration areas such as rain gardens.
- Design playground to accommodate a tot-lot as well as a 5-12yr play structure.

### **B. Phased Development Plan**

Once the committee identified the refinements to the proposed master plan, a detailed discussion of potential park development took place. Given that the proposals of the master plan are extensive,

the likelihood of the Township to complete construction at one time is limited. Thus, it is imperative to develop a plan to direct the logical and timely development of proposed park facilities. Based on this discussion, the committee established the following phases:

Phase One:

- 20' wide access road into the park.
- Parking lot with associated sidewalks.
- Dek Hockey court.
- Access trail from Greensburg Pike into the park.

Phase Two:

- Pavilion
- Amphitheater
- Playground
- Trail from Rita Drive to Klein Road, including steps and bridge over the stream.

Phase Three:

- Dog park
- Restrooms
- Improve existing walking trail
- Trail loop around the dog park

**C. Our Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting will be held April 8, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Community Center.

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**JOB NO.:** R005266.0425

**PROJECT:** Lions Park Master Plan - Wilkins Township  
Study Committee Meeting #5

**DATE:** Meeting Date: April 8, 2010

**ATTENDEES:** Rebecca Bradley  
Tom Cenna  
Joe Costa  
Liz Kostandinu  
Sylvia Martinelli  
Jim Feath, HRG  
Jim Watenpool, Park and Recreation Consultant

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The meeting began at 7:10 and ended at 8:00

**Topics of discussion:**

**A. Draft Master Plan:**

The consultant presented to the committee the revised draft master plan per comments received at the March committee meeting. The committee reviewed the changes and discussed a variety of methods for treating stormwater on site. A variety of methods were discussed including; rainwater capture for reuse in irrigation systems, rain gardens, pervious pavements, grass pavements and underground infiltration systems. The committee is very interested in including multiple processes for rainwater infiltration once the park moves into the development and construction phase.

**B. Phased Development Plan and Cost Estimates**

Based on the phasing scheme developed by the committee at the March meeting, the consultant prepared a phased plan graphic and associated cost estimate for presentation to the committee. The committee reviewed the phased cost estimate in detail. No items were requested for revision.

The consultants provided a brief discussion on potential methods to defray development costs with the use of in-kind services, volunteers and offsetting grants. Utilizing a variety of these methods, the Township will be able to develop the park at far less cost than what is identified in the phased cost estimates.

**C. Our Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting will be the public presentation of the final master plan. The committee selected May 24<sup>th</sup> as the presentation date with June 14<sup>th</sup> as the alternate date. The meeting will be held at 6:30 and the Township will advertise appropriately.

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## **APPENDIX C**

Dear Wilkins Township Resident,

January 15, 2010

**Wilkins Township is asking for your assistance!** The Township is currently developing a master plan, which will make recommendations for future improvements, of Lions Park. Lions Park is located in the south-western portion of the Township, off of Greensburg Pike. In order to make the park special for Township residents, your family has been randomly selected to complete the enclosed questionnaire to provide input into the planning process. Please note that not all residents will receive this questionnaire, so your input is very valuable.

We request that completed questionnaires be returned to the Township office by **February 3, 2010**. All responses are anonymous and information gathered as part of this process will only be utilized in the development of this very important project.

This survey is also available online at the following address:  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZWKN25F>

Thank you for your time and assistance,  
**Lions Park Master Plan Study Committee**

Return your completed questionnaire by mail or drop it off at the Municipal Building:

Lions Park Questionnaire  
c/o Ms. Rebecca Bradley  
Wilkins Township  
110 Peffer Road  
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

**1. Please circle the number of people in your household in each age group.**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
0 - 5	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
6 - 12	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
13 - 17	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
18 - 22	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
23 - 27	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
28 - 40	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
41 - 55	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
56 - 64	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
65+	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5



**2. How many years have you lived in Wilkins Township?**

- 0-5 years     6-10 years     11-15 years     16-20 years     21-30 years     Over 30 years

**3. Approximately how far away from the park do you live?**

- Within ¼ mile     Within ½ mile     Within 1 mile     Within 2 miles     More than 2 miles away

**4. How important is recreation to you and your family?**

- Very Important     Important     Somewhat Important     Not at all

**5. Which age groups are not presently being provided sufficient recreational activities?**

(Check all that apply.)

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool (2-5 yrs.)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults (19-25 yrs.) | <input type="checkbox"/> People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Age (6-12 yrs.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Families                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teens (13-19 yrs.)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Adults                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Sure                 |



**6. Do you currently utilize the facilities at Lions Park?**

- Yes     No

**7. If you answered YES to question #6, what facilities do you use?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**8. If you answered NO to question #6, tell us why you do not use the facilities at Lions Park.**

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too far away    | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not like the facilities offered | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not know what is there                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limited parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Accessibility to the park     | <input type="checkbox"/> Condition of existing facilities/equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Signage    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please state reason) _____  |   |

**9. Keeping in mind certain facilities outside our Township, do Wilkins Township residents have sufficient access to the following athletic facilities:**

- |                  |                              |                             |                                     |                  |                              |                             |                                     |
|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Baseball Fields: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know | Lacrosse Fields: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know |
| Football Fields: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know | Softball Fields: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know |
| Soccer Fields:   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know | Tennis Courts:   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know |
| Deck Hockey:     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know | Field Hockey:    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know |
| Skate Park:      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know |                  |                              |                             |                                     |

**10. Please check five facilities/areas that you would most like to see developed at Lions Park?**

(Please select only five from the following list.)

- |                                       |   |                                       |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis       | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Trails  | <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball     | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Shelter | <input type="checkbox"/> Concession Stand            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deck Hockey  | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball     | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Areas  | <input type="checkbox"/> Amphitheater                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike Trails    | <input type="checkbox"/> Football     | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space     | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bocce        | <input type="checkbox"/> Jogging Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer       | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park       | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country Skiing        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Trails  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse     | <input type="checkbox"/> Restrooms      | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Education     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shuffleboard |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Hockey | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating    | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboard Park             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball   |   |                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden         | <input type="checkbox"/> General Picnic Areas/Tables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Racquetball  |   |                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sled Riding    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ropes Course/Exercise Area  |



Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Please check all of the programs that you or members of your family would be interested in:**

- |   |   |   |                                       |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family oriented programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool programs           | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult programs   | <input type="checkbox"/> Movies       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teen programs            | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor educational programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Singles programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts/crafts  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors programs         | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational programs         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports programs  | <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural programs        | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer recreation program    | <input type="checkbox"/> Cardio class     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga/Pilates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth reading program    | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor adventure programs   | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Day    | <input type="checkbox"/> YMCA classes |

Are there specific programs you are interested in? If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. How should park development and/or recreation programs be funded?**

(Please prioritize your selections from 1 to 5, with 1 being your first choice.)

\_\_\_ Taxes      \_\_\_ User Fees      \_\_\_ Grants      \_\_\_ Foundations      \_\_\_ Sponsorships

**13. How much would you be willing to pay annually if the construction of new facilities at Lions Park required a property tax increase?**

- \$25-49     \$50 - \$99     \$100 - \$199     \$200 - \$300     \$350+     No property tax funding

**14. If you would like to provide assistance with the development of recreational facilities or programs in the Township please indicate how you would like to help:**

- Monetary Donation     Volunteer Time     Volunteer Labor     Materials donation  
 Equipment Donation     Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you checked any of the boxes above, please provide your contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_



**15. Feel free to provide us with any comments you feel will be helpful in planning for recreational facilities in Wilkins Township.**

\_\_\_\_\_

(Please attach additional sheets if needed)

Thank you for your participation.

If you are interested in helping plan the future of Lions Park, please feel free to attend the next Park Planning Committee meeting on February 18, 2010. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building.

## **APPENDIX D**

## Lions Park

Please indicate the number of people in your household in each age group.

### Males

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Response Count
0-5 years	8	1	0	0	0	9
6-12 years	7	3	1	0	0	11
13-17 years	8	1	0	0	0	9
18-22 years	7	0	0	0	0	7
23-27 years	5	0	0	0	0	5
28-40 years	20	0	0	0	0	20
41-55 years	32	4	0	0	0	36
56-64 years	25	1	0	0	0	26
65+ years	26	1	0	0	0	27

### Females

Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Response Count
0-5 years	8	1	0	0	0	9
6-12 years	5	2	0	0	0	7
13-17 years	2	2	0	0	0	4
18-22 years	6	1	1	0	0	8
23-27 years	4	0	0	0	0	4
28-40 years	18	2	0	0	0	20
41-55 years	32	1	0	0	0	33
56-64 years	24	1	0	0	0	25
65+ years	40	2	0	0	0	42

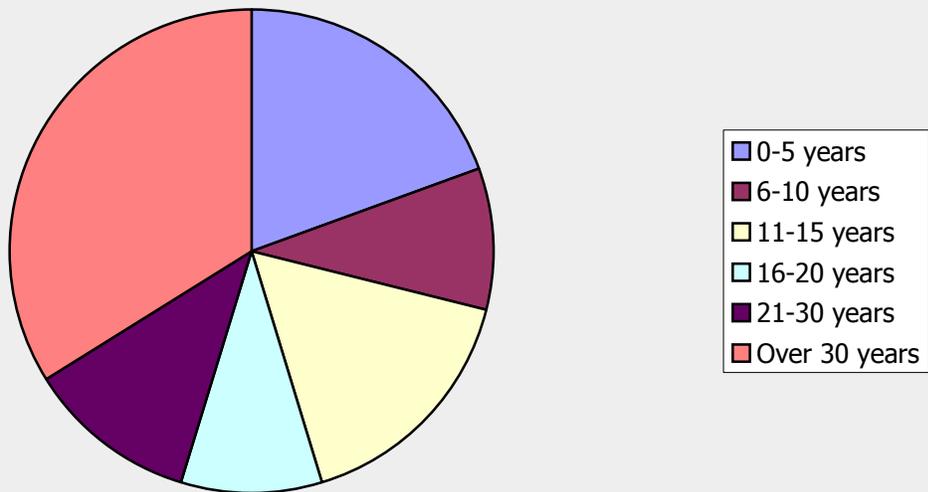
						Question Totals
<i>answered question</i>						137
<i>skipped question</i>						3

## Lions Park

### How many years have you lived in Wilkins Township?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0-5 years	19.4%	27
6-10 years	9.4%	13
11-15 years	16.5%	23
16-20 years	9.4%	13
21-30 years	11.5%	16
Over 30 years	33.8%	47
<b>answered question</b>		<b>139</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>

### How many years have you lived in Wilkins Township?

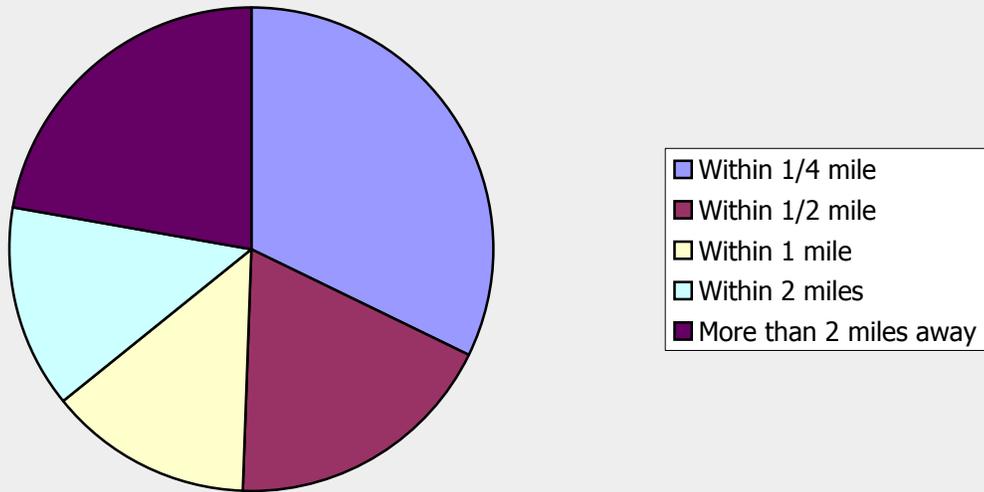


## Lions Park

Approximately how far away from the park do you live?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Within 1/4 mile	32.1%	42
Within 1/2 mile	18.3%	24
Within 1 mile	13.7%	18
Within 2 miles	13.7%	18
More than 2 miles away	22.1%	29
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>131</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>9</b>

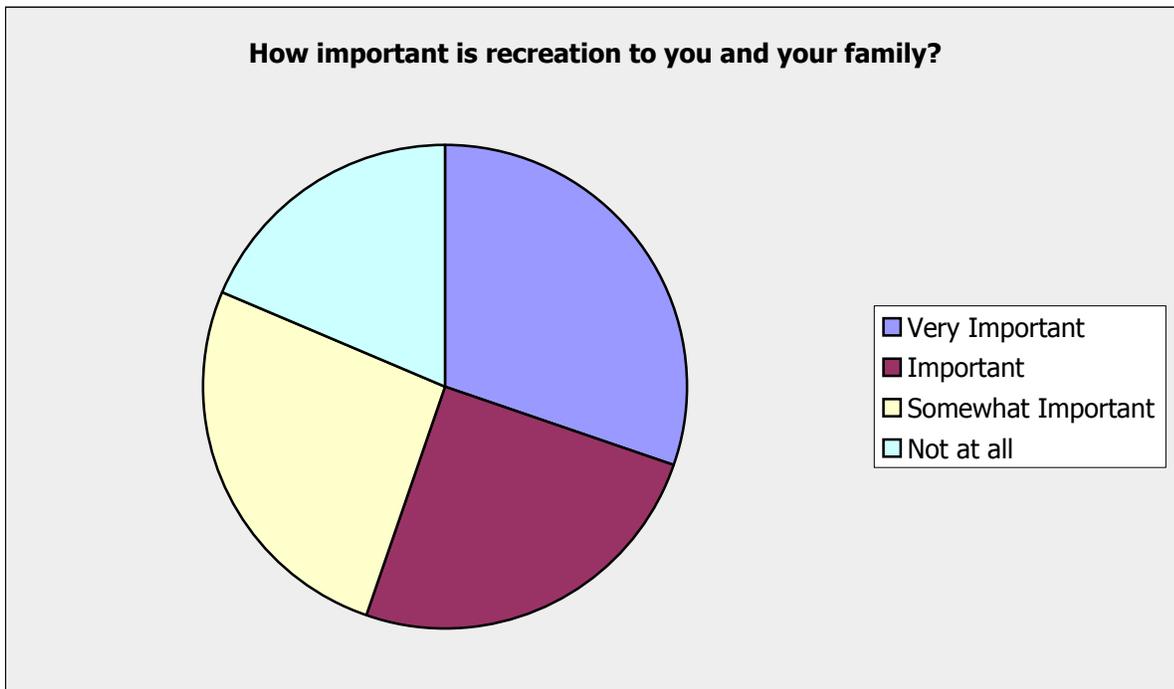
Approximately how far away from the park do you live?



## Lions Park

### How important is recreation to you and your family?

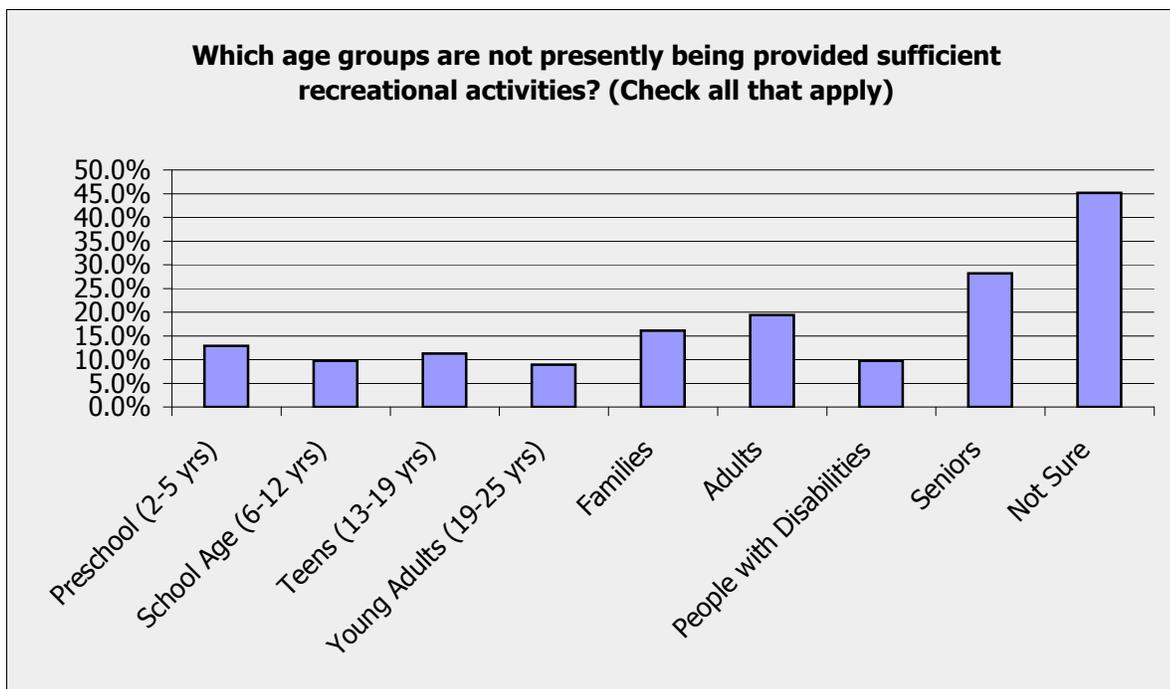
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very Important	30.2%	42
Important	25.2%	35
Somewhat Important	25.9%	36
Not at all	18.7%	26
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>139</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>1</b>



## Lions Park

**Which age groups are not presently being provided sufficient recreational activities? (Check all that apply)**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Preschool (2-5 yrs)	12.9%	16
School Age (6-12 yrs)	9.7%	12
Teens (13-19 yrs)	11.3%	14
Young Adults (19-25 yrs)	8.9%	11
Families	16.1%	20
Adults	19.4%	24
People with Disabilities	9.7%	12
Seniors	28.2%	35
Not Sure	45.2%	56
<b>answered question</b>		<b>124</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>16</b>

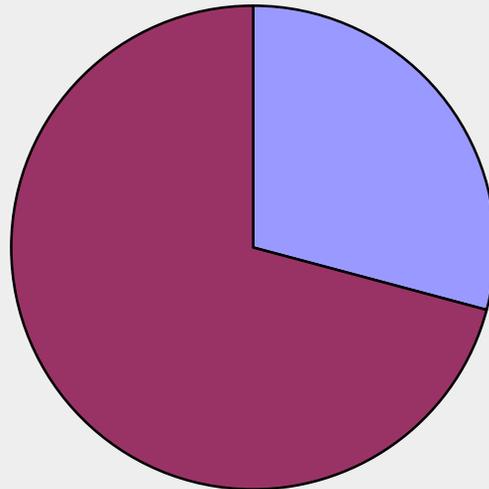


## Lions Park

Do you currently utilize the facilities at Lions Park?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	29.3%	41
No	70.7%	99
<i>answered question</i>		<b>140</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

Do you currently utilize the facilities at Lions Park?



■ Yes  
■ No

## Lions Park

If you answered YES to question #6, what facilities do you use?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	40
<i>answered question</i>	<b>40</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>100</b>

Number	Response Date	Response Text
		once in a while tennis court if others around are full they are not in good shape
1	Jan 22, 2010 12:50 AM	are not in good shape
2	Jan 22, 2010 10:02 PM	TENNIS COURTS AND PAVILLION
3	Jan 22, 2010 10:05 PM	walking trail, basketball hoops, attempted to use tennis courts
4	Feb 1, 2010 4:24 PM	tenis court, play ground
5	Feb 2, 2010 1:21 AM	trail
6	Feb 2, 2010 3:31 AM	Baseball field, playground
7	Feb 4, 2010 4:17 AM	pavilion, softball field
8	Feb 5, 2010 1:49 AM	BASKETBALL FIELD,WALKING TRAILS.
9	Feb 12, 2010 11:54 PM	walking trail
10	Feb 13, 2010 5:32 PM	Fields for softball games; basketball; tennis courts
11	Feb 13, 2010 5:35 PM	Pavilion; restrooms; ballfield
12	Feb 13, 2010 5:41 PM	swings and playground
13	Feb 13, 2010 5:54 PM	tennis courts
14	Feb 13, 2010 5:56 PM	tennis courts
15	Feb 13, 2010 5:59 PM	Walking path; basketball; playground
16	Feb 13, 2010 6:17 PM	walking in area
17	Feb 13, 2010 6:20 PM	walking trails;ballfield; swings
18	Feb 13, 2010 6:33 PM	tennis courts; open field
19	Feb 13, 2010 6:34 PM	softball
20	Feb 13, 2010 6:45 PM	playground; basketball court
21	Feb 13, 2010 6:53 PM	Trails, playground, field, woods
22	Feb 13, 2010 6:56 PM	playground
23	Feb 13, 2010 7:01 PM	trails, playgrounds, tennis courts, baseball field, basketball courts
24	Feb 13, 2010 7:08 PM	walking trail, picnic shelters
25	Feb 13, 2010 7:11 PM	ballfield; basketball; walking
26	Feb 15, 2010 12:48 AM	basketball court
27	Feb 15, 2010 7:40 PM	basketball court; baseball field
28	Feb 15, 2010 7:41 PM	recreation for grandchildren; picnic area; walking
29	Feb 15, 2010 8:50 PM	picnics
30	Feb 16, 2010 12:32 AM	Tennis Courts, Basketball Court
31	Feb 16, 2010 1:56 PM	softball fields
32	Feb 16, 2010 2:00 PM	tennis courts, walking path
33	Feb 16, 2010 2:04 PM	walking trail; playground
34	Feb 16, 2010 2:07 PM	rent pavillions
35	Feb 16, 2010 2:39 PM	playgrounds, ball field, basketball

- 36** Feb 16, 2010 3:20 PM playground
- 37** Feb 16, 2010 3:30 PM all of them
- 38** Feb 16, 2010 3:33 PM swings and slides
- 39** Feb 16, 2010 3:42 PM softball field
- 40** Feb 16, 2010 3:44 PM tennis courts

## Lions Park

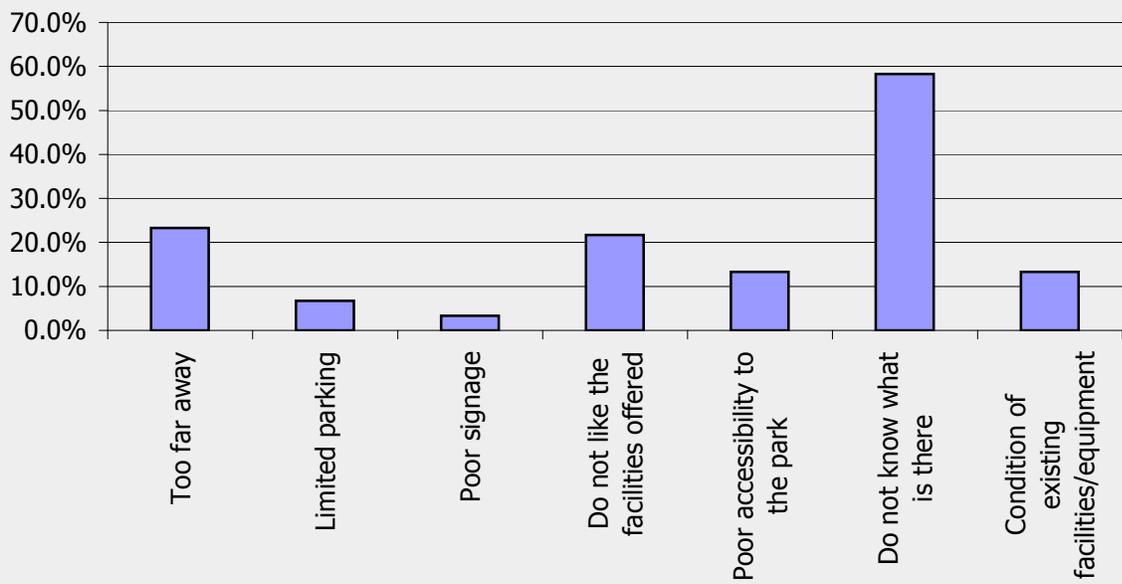
If you answered NO to question #6, please tell us why you don't utilize the facilities at Lions Park.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Too far away	23.3%	14
Limited parking	6.7%	4
Poor signage	3.3%	2
Do not like the facilities offered	21.7%	13
Poor accessibility to the park	13.3%	8
Do not know what is there	58.3%	35
Condition of existing	13.3%	8
Other (please specify)		36
<b>answered question</b>		<b>60</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>80</b>

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	Jan 22, 2010 1:55 PM	not on any teams that use park--no teams available
2	Jan 26, 2010 2:56 PM	Was not aware that the park was there or what facilities it has
3	Jan 27, 2010 11:48 AM	NOT INTERESTED
4	Feb 4, 2010 3:40 PM	no dek hockey court
5	Feb 12, 2010 8:55 PM	dogs are not allowed
6	Feb 13, 2010 5:29 PM	don't care to
7	Feb 13, 2010 5:56 PM	too busy
8	Feb 13, 2010 6:00 PM	no real need
9	Feb 13, 2010 6:03 PM	Use park in Monroeville
10	Feb 13, 2010 6:05 PM	no interest
11	Feb 13, 2010 6:11 PM	Nothing there for senior citizens
12	Feb 13, 2010 6:18 PM	go outside the township
13	Feb 13, 2010 6:24 PM	handicapped
14	Feb 13, 2010 6:37 PM	age
15	Feb 13, 2010 6:47 PM	facilities were not suitable for preschoolers (not in good condition)
16	Feb 13, 2010 6:50 PM	Limited ability for use
17	Feb 13, 2010 6:55 PM	not interested
18	Feb 13, 2010 7:02 PM	nothing of interest for seniors
19	Feb 13, 2010 7:03 PM	we use Monroeville Community Park
20	Feb 13, 2010 7:05 PM	live closer to Lincoln Park
21	Feb 13, 2010 7:06 PM	dogs not allowed
22	Feb 13, 2010 7:13 PM	belong to fitness club
23	Feb 15, 2010 7:44 PM	no young children
24	Feb 15, 2010 8:42 PM	can't walk my dogs
25	Feb 15, 2010 8:47 PM	no time - I have two jobs
26	Feb 15, 2010 8:49 PM	too old for playground; don't play basketball, tennis or baseball
27	Feb 16, 2010 12:32 AM	NA
28	Feb 16, 2010 2:01 PM	no one to go to the park with

- 29 Feb 16, 2010 2:09 PM no reason to use facilities
- 30 Feb 16, 2010 2:11 PM no reason to use park
- 31 Feb 16, 2010 2:13 PM park isn't safe
- 32 Feb 16, 2010 2:15 PM no need to use park
- 33 Feb 16, 2010 2:42 PM Use Linhart or Eastmont
- 34 Feb 16, 2010 3:25 PM I am closer to Eastmont Park
- 35 Feb 16, 2010 3:28 PM no need
- 36 Feb 16, 2010 3:45 PM didn't know there was a park in the township

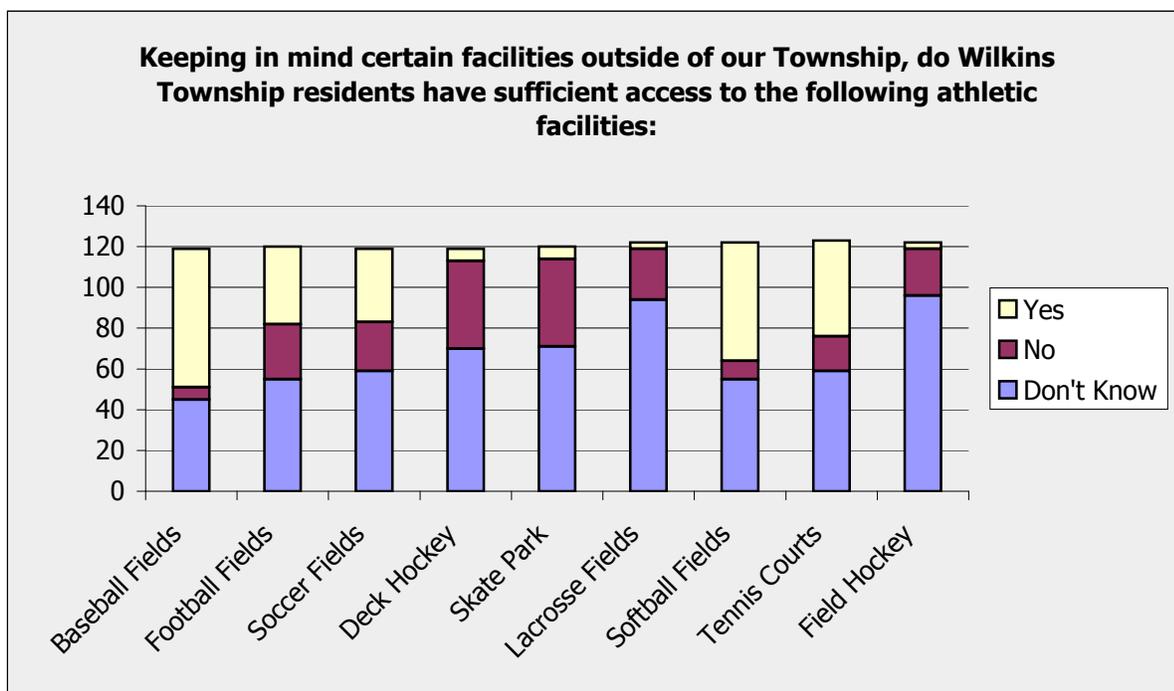
**If you answered NO to question #6, please tell us why you don't utilize the facilities at Lions Park.**



## Lions Park

Keeping in mind certain facilities outside of our Township, do Wilkins Township residents have sufficient access to the following athletic facilities:

Answer Options	Yes	No	Don't Know	Response Count
Baseball Fields	68	6	45	119
Football Fields	38	27	55	120
Soccer Fields	36	24	59	119
Deck Hockey	6	43	70	119
Skate Park	6	43	71	120
Lacrosse Fields	3	25	94	122
Softball Fields	58	9	55	122
Tennis Courts	47	17	59	123
Field Hockey	3	23	96	122
<b>answered question</b>				<b>126</b>
<b>skipped question</b>				<b>14</b>

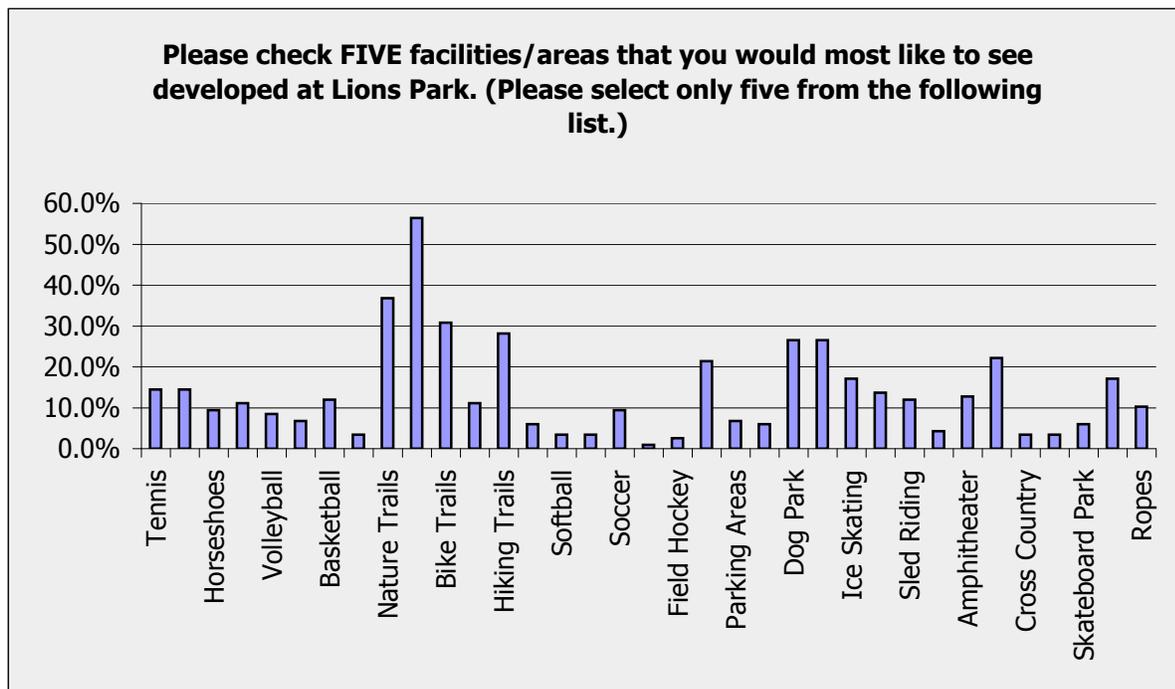


## Lions Park

Please check **FIVE** facilities/areas that you would most like to see developed at Lions Park. (Please select only five from the following list.)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Tennis	14.5%	17
Deck Hockey	14.5%	17
Horseshoes	9.4%	11
Bocce	11.1%	13
Volleyball	8.5%	10
Shuffleboard	6.8%	8
Basketball	12.0%	14
Racquetball	3.4%	4
Nature Trails	36.8%	43
Walking Trails	56.4%	66
Bike Trails	30.8%	36
Jogging Trails	11.1%	13
Hiking Trails	28.2%	33
Baseball	6.0%	7
Softball	3.4%	4
Football	3.4%	4
Soccer	9.4%	11
Lacrosse	0.9%	1
Field Hockey	2.6%	3
Picnic Shelter	21.4%	25
Parking Areas	6.8%	8
Open Space	6.0%	7
Dog Park	26.5%	31
Restrooms	26.5%	31
Ice Skating	17.1%	20
Garden	13.7%	16
Sled Riding	12.0%	14
Concession Stand	4.3%	5
Amphitheater	12.8%	15
Playgrounds	22.2%	26
Cross Country Skiing	3.4%	4
Environmental Education	3.4%	4
Skateboard Park	6.0%	7
General Picnic Areas/Tables	17.1%	20
Ropes Course/Exercise Area	10.3%	12
Other (please specify)		3
<b>answered question</b>		<b>117</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>23</b>

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	Jan 22, 2010 12:50 AM	get the rifraf kids out of there first Bike trails would be great if designed in tandem with PTAG and IMBA (Pittsburgh Trail Advocacy Group, International Mountain Biking Association)
2	Jan 26, 2010 2:56 PM	Biking Association)
3	Feb 16, 2010 3:41 PM	swimming pool



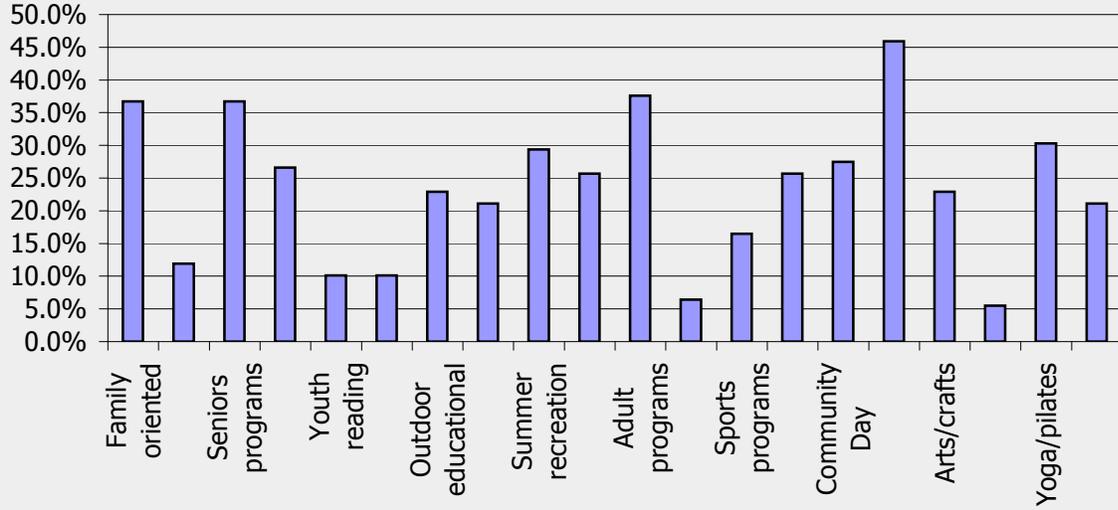
## Lions Park

Please check all of the programs that you or members of your family would be interested in:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Family oriented programs	36.7%	40
Team programs	11.9%	13
Seniors programs	36.7%	40
Cultural programs	26.6%	29
Youth reading program	10.1%	11
Preschool programs	10.1%	11
Outdoor educational programs	22.9%	25
Educational programs	21.1%	23
Summer recreation programs	29.4%	32
Outdoor adventure programs	25.7%	28
Adult programs	37.6%	41
Singles programs	6.4%	7
Sports programs	16.5%	18
Cardio class	25.7%	28
Community Day	27.5%	30
Movies	45.9%	50
Arts/crafts	22.9%	25
Gymnastics	5.5%	6
Yoga/pilates	30.3%	33
YMCA Classes	21.1%	23
Others		6
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>109</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>31</b>

Number	Response Date	Others
1	Jan 22, 2010 12:50 AM	would not be interested in any
2	Jan 22, 2010 10:05 PM	A volleyball league would be awesome!
3	Feb 12, 2010 8:55 PM	dog programs
4	Feb 13, 2010 6:18 PM	Tai chi
5	Feb 16, 2010 2:00 PM	Music in the park
6	Feb 16, 2010 2:01 PM	Veterans programs

**Please check all of the programs that you or members of your family would be interested in:**



## Lions Park

How should park development and/or recreation programs be funded? Please prioritize your selections from 1 to 5 with 1 being your first choice.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Taxes	77.1%	101
User Fees	84.0%	110
Grants	87.0%	114
Foundations	81.7%	107
Sponsorships	86.3%	113
<b>answered question</b>		<b>131</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>9</b>

Number	Response Date	Taxes	User Fees	Grants	Foundations	Sponsorships
1	Jan 22, 2010 12:50 AM	not an option	4	1	3	2
2	Jan 22, 2010 1:55 PM		1	4	2	5
3	Jan 22, 2010 10:02 PM		5	4	2	3
4	Jan 22, 2010 10:05 PM		4	5	2	3
5	Jan 23, 2010 8:54 PM		5	4	1	2
6	Jan 26, 2010 2:56 PM		4	5	1	2
7	Jan 27, 2010 11:48 AM		5	4	1	2
8	Feb 1, 2010 4:24 PM		5	4	2	1
9	Feb 2, 2010 1:21 AM		4	5	1	2
10	Feb 2, 2010 3:31 AM		5	4	1	3
11	Feb 3, 2010 10:57 PM		5	4	1	2
12	Feb 4, 2010 4:17 AM		5	4	2	1
13	Feb 4, 2010 3:40 PM		5	4	1	3
14	Feb 5, 2010 1:49 AM		4	5	1	2
15	Feb 10, 2010 5:50 PM		1	2	5	4
16	Feb 12, 2010 8:55 PM					1
17	Feb 12, 2010 9:16 PM		5	2	4	3
18	Feb 12, 2010 11:54 PM		4	5	1	2
19	Feb 13, 2010 5:29 PM		5	4	1	2
20	Feb 13, 2010 5:32 PM					1
21	Feb 13, 2010 5:33 PM		5	4	1	2
22	Feb 13, 2010 5:35 PM		5	4	1	2
23	Feb 13, 2010 5:37 PM		5	4	3	2
24	Feb 13, 2010 5:39 PM		5	2	1	
25	Feb 13, 2010 5:41 PM		4	5	1	2
26	Feb 13, 2010 5:54 PM			1		
27	Feb 13, 2010 5:56 PM		5	4	1	3
28	Feb 13, 2010 5:56 PM			1		
29	Feb 13, 2010 5:59 PM				1	
30	Feb 13, 2010 6:00 PM		5	4	3	2
31	Feb 13, 2010 6:02 PM		5	4	1	2

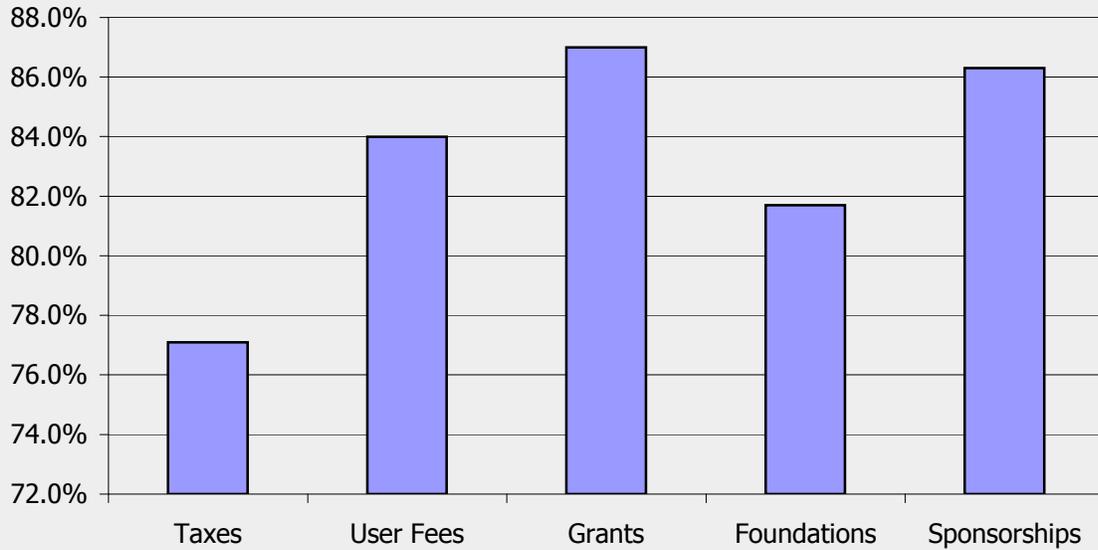
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33	Feb 13, 2010 6:05 PM	5	4	1	2	3
34	Feb 13, 2010 6:07 PM	5	3	1	2	4
35	Feb 13, 2010 6:08 PM	5	4	1	2	3
36	Feb 13, 2010 6:10 PM	4	5	1	3	2
37	Feb 13, 2010 6:11 PM					1
38	Feb 13, 2010 6:12 PM	5	4	2	3	1
39	Feb 13, 2010 6:14 PM	4	5	3	1	2
40	Feb 13, 2010 6:15 PM	5	4	1	2	3
41	Feb 13, 2010 6:17 PM	5	4	3	1	2
42	Feb 13, 2010 6:18 PM			1	2	3
43	Feb 13, 2010 6:20 PM	1	5	2	3	4
44	Feb 13, 2010 6:22 PM	5	4	1	3	2
45	Feb 13, 2010 6:23 PM	5	4	1	3	2
46	Feb 13, 2010 6:24 PM			1		
47	Feb 13, 2010 6:25 PM	5	4	2	1	3
48	Feb 13, 2010 6:27 PM	4	5	1	2	3
49	Feb 13, 2010 6:28 PM	5	4	2	1	3
50	Feb 13, 2010 6:30 PM		1	2		
51	Feb 13, 2010 6:30 PM	5	4	2	1	3
52	Feb 13, 2010 6:33 PM	4	5	1	3	2
53	Feb 13, 2010 6:34 PM	5	4	1	2	3
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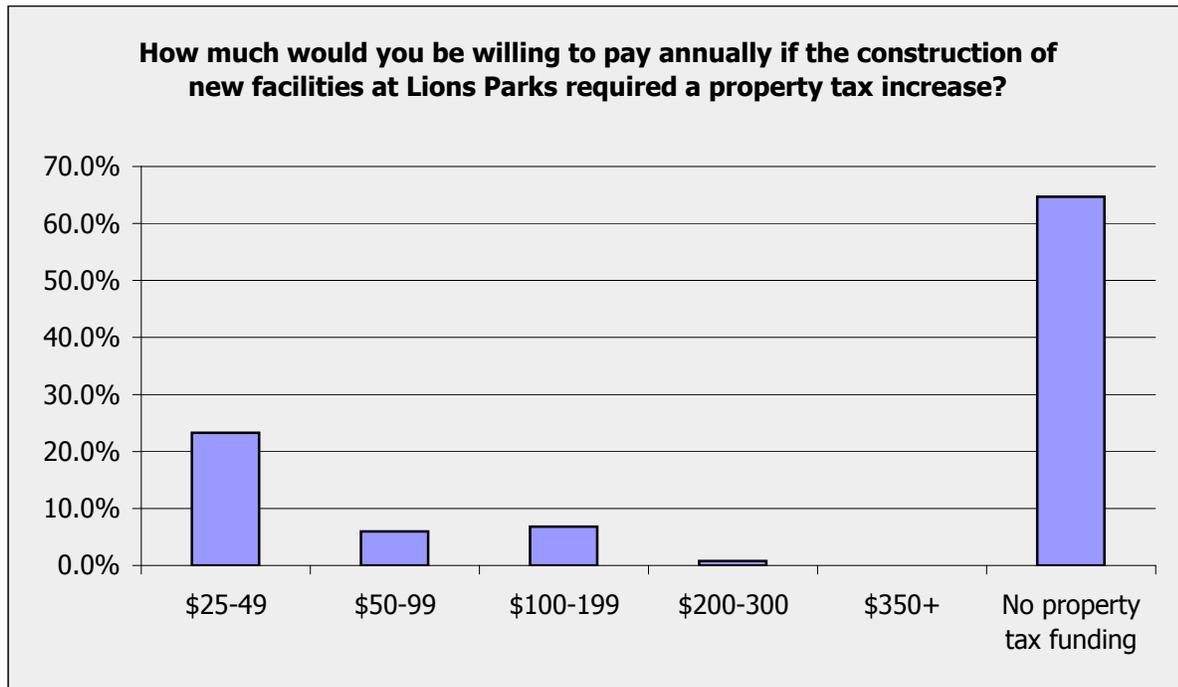
**How should park development and/or recreation programs be funded? Please prioritize your selections from 1 to 5 with 1 being your first choice.**



## Lions Park

How much would you be willing to pay annually if the construction of new facilities at Lions Parks required a

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
\$25-49	23.3%	31
\$50-99	6.0%	8
\$100-199	6.8%	9
\$200-300	0.8%	1
\$350+	0.0%	0
No property tax funding	64.7%	86
<b>answered question</b>		<b>133</b>
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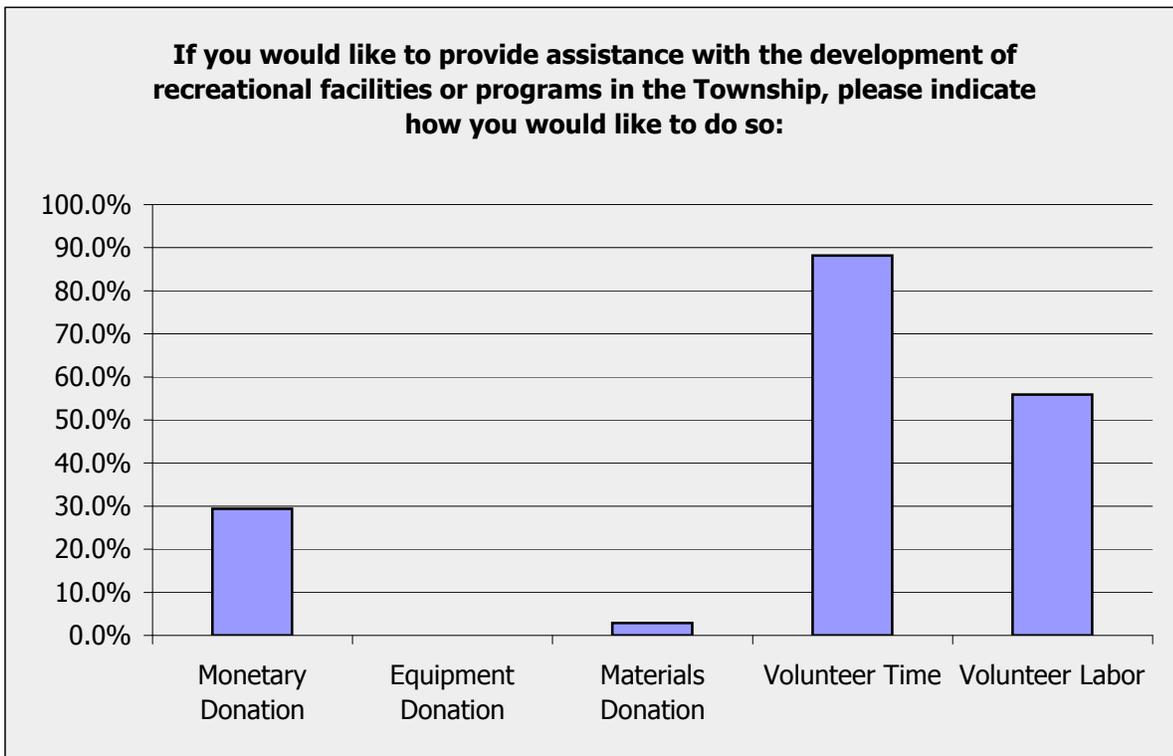


## Lions Park

If you would like to provide assistance with the development of recreational facilities or programs in the Township, please

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Monetary Donation	29.4%	10
Equipment Donation	0.0%	0
Materials Donation	2.9%	1
Volunteer Time	88.2%	30
Volunteer Labor	55.9%	19
Other (please specify)		4
<b>answered question</b>		<b>34</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>106</b>

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)
1	Jan 22, 2010 12:50 AM	would not like to
2	Feb 13, 2010 6:10 PM	Group fitness instructor
3	Feb 16, 2010 2:25 PM	publicity, brochures
4	Feb 16, 2010 3:33 PM	donate food for workers



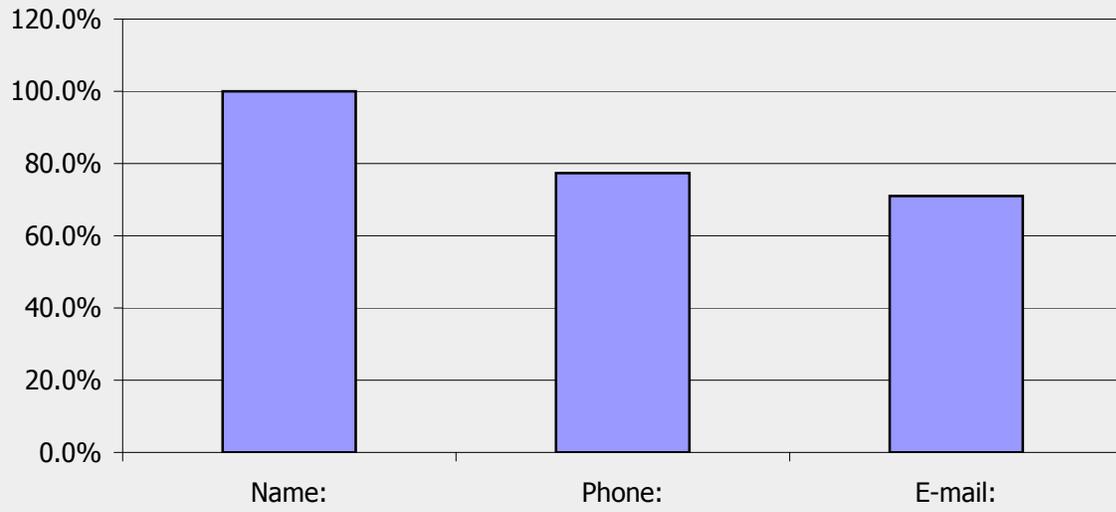
## Lions Park

If you checked any of the boxes above, please provide your contact information:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Name:	100.0%	31
Phone:	77.4%	24
E-mail:	71.0%	22
<b>answered question</b>		<b>31</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>109</b>

Number	Response Date	Name:	Phone:	E-mail:
1	#####	James Dick		jamesldj@yahoo.com
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3	#####	Michael Boyd	412-320-6846	mboyd50@hotmail.com
4	#####	john rothrauff	412-646-2258	ROTHRAUFFJ@COMCAST.NET
5	#####	Laura Murcek	412-877-7319	dcm1273@msn.com
6	#####	RAFAEL & VIOLETA VALENZUELA	(412) 816-1370	
7	#####	Robert Flammang	412 856-1737	rwflammang@mac.com
8	#####	Liesl Wiesen		LWiesen@yahoo.com
9	#####	Al K. DeRoy	412.825.0791	akd1@comcast.net
10	#####	Dan Parasky		dan.parasky@gmail.com
11	#####	Charlene		candc504@aol.com
12	#####	Teresa Brush	412.351.6311	tbrush71@comcast.net
13	#####	Raymond Sangelo	412.823.2081	
14	#####	Glynn Galloway	412.401.7853	Glynn@fishythings.com
15	#####	Robert & Jamie Thiem	412-271-7259	
16	#####	Luis R. Rios	412-825-4622	rioslr@verizon.net
17	#####	Nick Seibel	814-449-9717	nseibel@gmail.com
18	#####	Lynn DePalma	412-351-2327	
19	#####	Norm Johnson	412.243.6198	
20	#####	Gwenn & Ed Sergantis	412.271.5429	
21	#####	Kristen Lampe	412.271.4846	butterflyroo@verizon.net
22	#####	Theresa Hajko	412.825.7618	Thajko@verizon.net
23	#####	Tom Cenna	412-897-5058	thomas.cenna@gmail.com
24	#####	Jason Kuzy		jkuzy1@aol.com
25	#####	Suzanne Tapper	412.322.2052	
26	#####	Jack Rirer, Jr	412.829.8181	
27	#####	Thomas Watt	412.271.7193	tmwii@verizon.net
28	#####	Thomas Wandless		thomas4211_99@yahoo.com
29	#####	Heather Stead	412.271.2321	hav2179@aol.com
30	#####	Neven Kosic		
31	#####	Stephanie Reid	412.271.3132	stephaniereid_46@hotmail.com

**If you checked any of the boxes above, please provide your contact information:**



## Lions Park

Feel free to provide us with any comments you feel will be helpful in planning for recreational facilities in Wilkins Township.

Answer Options	Response Count
	34
<i>answered question</i>	<b>34</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>106</b>

Num ber	Response Date	Response Text
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|----|-------|--|
| 1  | ##### | do not think property tax increase of any kind is good lot of senior citizens on fixed incomes also taxes are too high now. Also been hearing people having trouble with kids hanging out down there clean that up first.              |
| 2  | ##### | My girls used to play slow pitch softball, but there were no teams after 2 years   |
| 3  | ##### | In these tough times for everyone, every other option should be fully vetted before even thinking about raising taxes. I would rather go without the improvements than have every punished for the few that may use the improved park. |
| 4  | ##### | Could we please get different nets on the basketball hoops? The nets that are on them currently are too small and the basketballs get stuck so you have to shake the pole to get your ball back out. It's really annoying.             |
| 5  | ##### | Twp residents be given for information the activies and upcoming events.   |
| 6  | ##### | I would be interested in helping with an initiatives with the park (planning, grant writing, implementing, etc.) - please feel free to contact me.   |
| 7  | ##### | I DO NOT SUPPORT INCREASED TAXES FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT.   |
| 8  | ##### | The community park should be made dog friendly. Trails could intertwine with other green areas.  |
| 9  | ##### | Lions Park needs access from Rita Dr. ex. steps, safe path, walk way.  |
| 10 | ##### | I never received this in the mail. My neighbor had to forward this to me.  |
| 11 | ##### | Allow pets in the parks  |
| 12 | ##### | Parks in Wilkins Township are just perfect   |
| 13 | ##### | No property tax increases  |
| 14 | ##### | Needs improved access roads; needs clean up  |
| 15 | ##### | allow dogs in the park   |
| 16 | ##### | don't raise property taxes   |

- 17 ##### reallocate existing taxes
- 18 ##### tired of paying taxes for everyone else
- 19 ##### hard for senior citizens to get to and enjoy the park  
With the large volume of dog walkers in the area, converting the already level open field area would be simple and cost effective. Some fencing and trash cans
- 20 ##### and it would be good to go and it would be a big attraction.
- 21 ##### our primary concerns are roads, sewers, snow removal, police, fire
- 22 ##### don't go to the park unless grandchildren are visiting  
restoration of natural landscapes would add the aesthetics which would attract
- 23 ##### more visitors and more interest
- 24 ##### focus on adding one or two facilities while improving/maintaining the others  
Please do not have residents enter the park by way of Cline Street. There is
- 25 ##### enough traffic on this street already that exceeds the speed limit.
- 26 ##### To have food & drink to sell  
Would like to see a dog park so I don't have to travel outside the Township to use
- 27 ##### other facilities
- 28 ##### More plays, theater, movies, exhibits of art
- 29 ##### I am glad we live in Wilkins Township  
Parking really needs to be greatly improved before any other improvements are
- 30 ##### made. Entrance/exit also needs improvement.
- 31 ##### Concerts and plays would be nice
- 32 ##### Offer classes like Forest Hill
- 33 ##### The park is better now than when we moved here
- 34 ##### Don't use the park