



**TOWN OF GORDONSVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL
WORK SESSION**

Monday, December 5, 2022
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Robert Coiner

Mayor Coiner called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Robert Coiner
Vice-Mayor Emily Winkey
Councilmember Ronald Brooks III
Councilmember Elizabeth Samra

**DISCUSSION ON PARK PROJECT SCHEMATIC AND DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION
PLAN SCOPE OF WORK.**

Mrs. Kendall stated this work session provides an opportunity for Council to finalize the schematic plan for the park project so that it may be approved at the December regular meeting. Mrs. Kendall stated Bill Mechnick from LPDA was in attendance to help clarify what needs to be in the schematic vs. design development.

Mrs. Kendall stated staff requests all schematic questions be answered, design and construction plan scope questions answered and schedule for design/construction plan development, including charette dates, be endorsed by Council. Mrs. Kendall is asking these be completed by close of the session.

Council, staff and Mr. Mechnick discussed at length the schematic park plans and scope of services.

Below is a list of items discussed:

1. The bath house location and orientation were reviewed. It was agreed that it is in a good location, the entrance and breezeway is appropriate, and during design development the layout and square footage will be further refined and reduced.
2. The bath house set back was discussed. It was agreed that a variance for the setback was needed. An appropriate set back would be determined based on grade change, buffering/screening, and pool deck widths needed.
3. The pool deck layout and bath house location and orientation were reviewed. It was agreed that alternative layouts of the pool and pool deck would be examined during design

development to optimize function overall and specifically staging spectators etc. during swim meets. Alternative locations for the future slide at the end of the pool near the dive well as well as moving the entry area to the opposite side of the pool were discussed. It was agreed that more width was needed between the bathhouse and the pool edge.

4. The size and layout of the main park pavilion was discussed. It was agreed that it needed to be approximately 50% larger than the existing pavilion. The hardscape area size around it was questioned. It was agreed that the area would accommodate appropriate spill over and seating for gatherings. Its relationship to the event lawn and event seating will be refined more during design development.
5. The small parking lot was discussed. It was agreed that 4 spaces were needed/preferred. An alternative parking layout was discussed, and it was agreed that turning the parking lot with cars pointing in would be the most efficient. It was suggested that the parking lot did not need to look like a parking lot and could be paved with materials that create a plaza for events and gathering when not used for cars. The paving pattern could reflect both parking geometry and an appropriate pedestrian scale pattern.
6. It was mentioned that the additional sitting area (M), was not needed. However, it may make sense to connect the parking/plaza to the event lawn and path.
7. Locations of the proposed shelter at the tennis courts was discussed. It was agreed that the shelter would be set back from the fence line to reduce potential conflicts and increase comfort.
8. Other picnic shelter locations were discussed. It was agreed that picnic shelters would be set back from the main loop path and placed in the landscape in a way that adds site character, buffering, and additional privacy.
9. Fitness station design was mentioned, and it was noted that careful placement and design of the stations as potential interesting landscape elements and or art was a good approach.
10. General site drainage was discussed. It was agreed that the ephemeral stream would likely be put into a culvert and water from Linney, and Allen Streets would likely drain to the corner of Linney and Allen Streets where it would be accepted by the existing drainage. The existing drainage will likely be regraded to reflect a more natural stream profile and sinuosity to better convey and slow stormwater, while not flooding the playground. The daylighted stream concept will need to be vetted however regarding water volume, depth, safety, and maintenance concerns.
11. Park identity locations were discussed. The Corner of Market and Allen Streets and Linney and Piedmont were identified as important locations to identify the park through signage, sculpture, or other means. Council members mentioned that a sign integrated into the bathhouse end may be appropriate, while allowing views through and across the pool area.
12. It was discussed and agreed that the playground charette should integrate input from the elementary school. The Town will coordinate with school representatives and LPDA will support with an appropriate charette format.

The specific changes discussed will be covered in the design phase of the Verling park plan.

Mayor Coiner stated Council will appoint a committee for fundraising for the Verling park project and a better list of potential donors is needed.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Coiner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to move the Closed Session discussion on compensation philosophy scheduled for the meeting to the next work session. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Robert K. Coiner, Mayor

Janet W. Jones, Town Clerk