

Recommendations

Summary

The following recommendations for the Solebury Township Parks and Recreation Department are the result of information gathered from resident surveys, input from township youth sports organizations regarding current usage, a comprehensive recreational facility analysis, input at public meetings, and discussions by the Board of Supervisors. Recommendations are grouped into short term (within the next 1-2 years) medium term (within the next 3-5 years) and long term (over 5 years). These recommendations were approved by the Board of Supervisors at their public meeting on June 17, 2014.

Short-Term Recommendations (1–2 Years)

1. Create a document to be both printed and available on the township web site highlighting existing trails and access to the Delaware Canal and River.
2. Complete the trail from Canal Park to North Pointe Park through Kitchens Lane and the North Pointe development assuming Township obtains grant funding.
3. Improve navigation and place signage on the existing trails.
4. Confirm the need, identify placement and build 2 additional fields for multi-purpose use. Seek public and private funding. In addition to the multi-purpose fields, explore other recreational uses for alternate age groups.
5. Implement a Solebury Community Day event that fosters community pride, promotes township programs, and encourages volunteerism.
6. Restore Aquetong Creek as a cold water system and develop a plan for recreational use of Ingham Spring Park. Seek alternative funding for completion of the project.

Medium-Term Recommendations (3–5 Years)

1. Create and implement the recreational plan for Ingham Spring including the Judy House.
2. Develop a plan for the current public works site.
3. Identify feasibility of Delaware River access through Washington's Crossing State Park.
4. Continue to expand and interconnect the trail system for walking and biking in the township. Systematically fund engineering of sections, followed by seeking grants to build extensions over a number of years.
5. Identify funding source and interest to support a dog park in Solebury Township.

Long-Term Recommendations (Over 5 Years)

1. Monitor river access through Washington's Crossing State Park.
2. Validate community support and identify and construct a Community Center incorporating an indoor gymnasium and meeting rooms for resident use.
3. Evaluate the need for additional outdoor recreational facilities.