

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP 202 PROPERTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 25, 2023– 7:00 P.M.

Hybrid Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Nancy Stock-Allen Chair, Peter Brussock, Vice-Chair, Robert Chase Palmer, Nancy Minich, Joanne Reszka, Rickie Yudin, Barbara Zietchick, Per von Zelowitz, Robin Seiz, Kevin Morrissey, Supervisor Liaison, Erika Canterbury, Administrator. Absent: Kay Reiss, Hanna Howe, Supervisor Liaison

Zoom recording was turned on.

- I. **The meeting was called to order.**
- II. **Approval of Minutes – September 27, 2023**
 - Upon a motion by Ms. Minich, seconded by Ms. Stock-Allen, the minutes of the September 27, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.
- III. **New Business - Work Session lead by -Sketch Sub-Committee**
 - A. Slide Presentation from Sketch Sub-Committee – Purpose of presentation was to guide committee in process from now to December. Goal: to narrow down ideas generated by prior meetings/presentations into specific recommendations by means of a report and provide to Board of Supervisors after December 27th meeting. (Copy of which is attached.)
 - a. First Objective - to determine the identity of the space by answering the following: Are we recommending this property remain open space or that it be developed? Sub-committee wanted a consensus recommendation from whole committee. Discussion ensued with each committee member given the opportunity to voice their opinions.
 - b. **Ms. Stock-Allen proposed a motion of development on the 202 Property. The committee voted unanimously in favor of development on the 202 Property. Furthermore, the entire membership, including all associate members, fully supported the motion.**
 - c. The Sketch Sub-committee presentation continued with a review of the 202 Property Committee’s agreed upon Vision and Mission Statement as a reminder of guiding principles to follow as the committee moves forward with developing final recommendations.
 - d. An overview of property’s physical space available and definitions of park categories provided for purpose of a “common vocabulary” for all committee members to use during upcoming discussions.
 - e. All committee members were asked to review notes taken from pervious presentations and come up with 3 general elements/features they would like to see on 202 Property using a handout of previously discussed options as a guide. Each member was given an opportunity to present their three desired elements and provide 30 seconds of explanation regarding choices presented. Presentations and discussions ensued in an effort to gather information and consensus for final recommendations in December.

- f. At the conclusion of the slide presentation, committee members were asked to use the handout supplied and rank their top 7 specific elements to be developed on the 202 Property in order of preference. This information will be used by Sketch-Sub committee in the next stage of the process at the November 15th meeting.
- g. Next steps for upcoming meetings: Create a list of preferred items based on rankings, Develop a few sketched examples, Narrow down deeper into specific elements, Put together recommendation book for presentation and vote.

IV Upcoming Meetings – Tentative Agenda

- A. November 15rd at 7:00pm
 - a. Work Session – Sketch Sub-Committee/Naming Committee
- B. December 27th at 7:00pm

V Public Comment

- Mike Kerns, a Solebury Township resident, shared that he appreciated the committee’s discussion -- specifically Mr. Palmer’s comments related to keeping in mind the overall plans for Solebury Parks and how this property can fit in development to be an asset to the overall plan. He specifically supported the options of developing the space for multi-use opportunities and developing trails to connect the space to other parks.

VI Adjournment

The work session adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

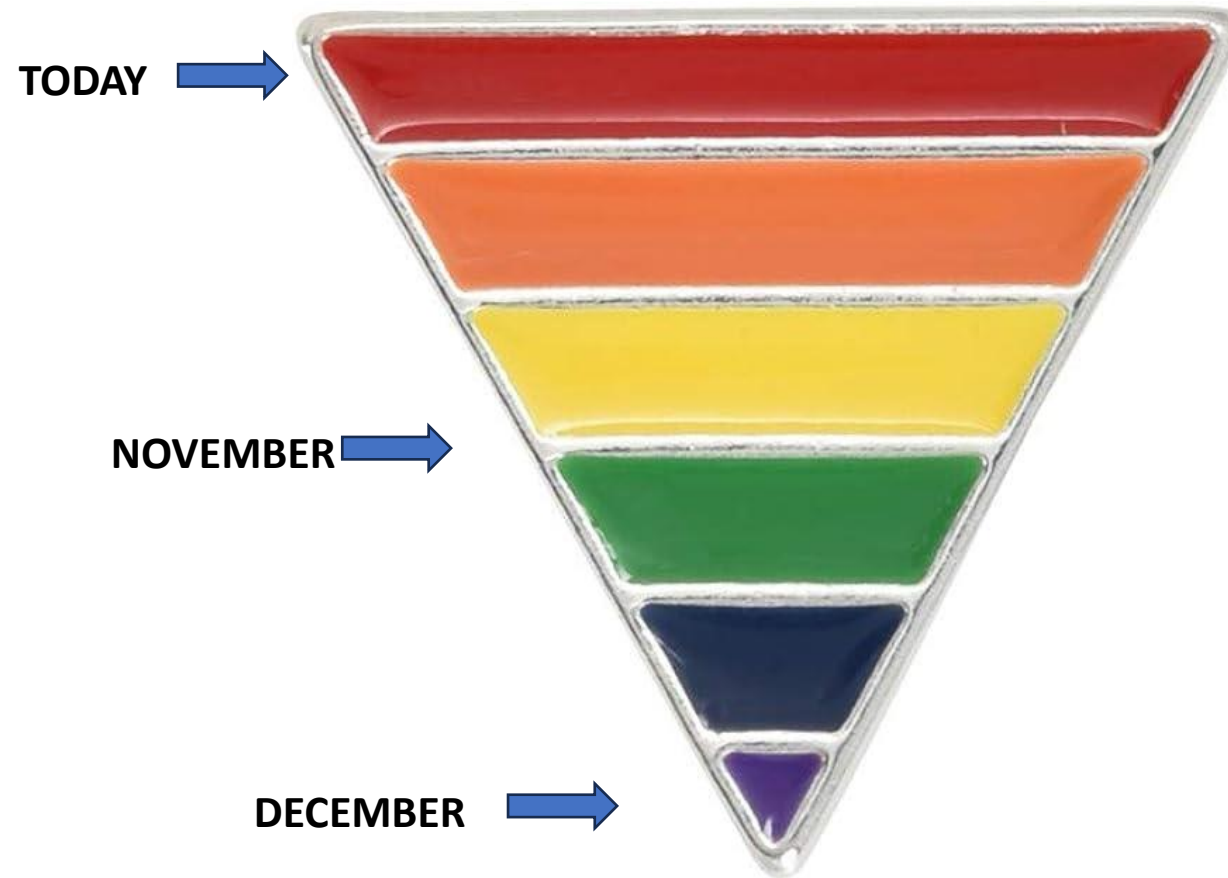
Respectfully Submitted
Erika Canterbury.

Sketch Sub-Committee: Getting to December

202 PAC – October 25, 2023



What We're Doing Today



Determining
the Identity of
the Space –
Q1

Question: Are we recommending this property remain open space or that it be developed?

Open Discussion:

30 seconds of comment per person

Focus on the intent of the question

A Consensus Recommendation

Vision

To develop the 202 Solebury Property into a vibrant and complimentary addition to the existing Solebury Park and Recreation Program to enrich the lives of all township citizens.

Mission Review

Mission Component 1: To create a space that embraces the principles of inclusivity, demonstrates multi-use design, celebrates Solebury's cultural heritage, and creates opportunities for building community.

Component 2: These principles will be explored in partnership with the community and will use sustainable practices where practical and feasible.

Space Reminders and Definitions

- 12.54 acres total
- 5.4 (non-flood zone) acres available
- Three Park Categories:
 - Active: Permanent structures in place for the dedicated use of organized athletics/sports (soccer fields, pickleball courts, etc.)
 - Mixed: Permanent or semi-permanent structures in place that allow for gathering, but not for formal organized sports
 - Passive : No permanent structures in place



What Do You Want To See Here?

- Review all of your notes, agendas, and presentations
- In the next 5 minutes, identify the 3 GENERAL elements you'd want in the park
- Share out
 - Each member presents 3 elements
 - Followed by 30 seconds of explanation

GOOD EXAMPLE	NON EXEMPLAR
Walking Trails	Passive Use (too broad)
Children's Play Area	Natural playground (too specific)
Water Access	Duck pond (too specific)

General Discussion

5-7 minutes for general discussion before we move to the final stage for today





Individual Preferences

- Using the provided chart, rank your top 7 elements in order with 1 being highest preference and 7 being lowest preference

Examples	Preferences
Field Hockey	5
Baseball	2
Basketball	
Golf	6
Hockey	7
Skateboarding	4
Tennis	
Volleyball	1
Rowing	3

Where We'll Go From Here



CREATE A LIST OF PREFERRED ITEMS
BASED ON RANKINGS



CREATE A FEW SKETCHED EXAMPLES
(SKETCH SUB-COMMITTEE)



NARROW DOWN DEEPER INTO SPECIFIC
ELEMENTS (NOVEMBER FULL
COMMITTEE)



PUT TOGETHER A RECOMMENDATION
BOOK FOR PRESENTATION (COMMITTEE
CHAIR) AND VOTE (VOTING MEMBERS)

NAME:	
ELEMENTS	TOP 7 PREFERENCES
Children's Play Area	
Climbing Walls	
Community Event Space	
Community Garden	
Environmental Center	
Exercise Stations/Facilities	
Horticultural Gardens	
Native Meadows	
Open Space	
Pavilion	
Picnic Tables/Area	
Plaza/Sitting Area	
Reforested Areas	
Sculpture Garden	
Skateboard Park	
Sports Fields	
Trails	
Water Access	
*Dog Park	
*Farmer's Market	
*Flea Market	
*Outdoor Amphitheater	
Add:	
Add:	
Add:	
Add:	
Add:	
Add:	
Add:	
Add:	
Add:	
Add:	
Add:	
Add:	
Add:	
Add:	
Add:	
Add:	
Add:	
* = non-recommended options	