

Deerfield Township Parks Master Plan Update

Workshop 2 Summary

The second of four public workshops for the Deerfield Township Parks Master Plan Update was held Wednesday, September 5, 2018 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Sign-in sheets indicate an attendance of 18 people, though there may have been some who did not sign in.

The workshop kicked off with introductions and a brief presentation by Bruce Rankin about the status of the process, the upcoming survey and the results of Workshop 1. Then the attendees, who were already organized into three tables, were given two conversation prompts to discuss. Those who were specifically interested in Roberts Park were invited to create a fourth table to have a more focused conversation. During this time, Township staff and members of the Board of Trustees moved freely from table to table to observe conversation or simply listen.

The discussion groups answered the following questions and were given 20 minutes to address each:

1. Identify & Discuss Key Issues & Opportunities- What is lacking and what can be improved?
2. Identify & Discuss Program and Development Options- How do we overcome the issues and improve the parks system?

After each 20 minute period, the tables reported their list of ideas.

Results of Group Discussions

What is lacking and what can be improved?

Connection between parks and bike paths

Deerfield farmer's market needs a permanent shelter

Restrooms in Kingswood

Keep cyclocross at Kingswood

Dog park

Use native species for trees and shrubbery

Be intentional in acquiring future park space and have a plan

Designate access at parks

Fleckenstein Barn – future use?

Need for food, concessions and restrooms at more parks (specifically Kingswood)

More natural children's playgrounds and dog parks

Roberts Park

Cross-creek at Boho's residence

Trail across/near Sabal cul-de-sac

Playspace in triangle

Seating area not place space in triangle

Parking is important

Triangle is important

Playground is important

Parking lot location and timeline

What is the plan for triangle at Roberts Park?

Seeding of non-invasive wildflowers at Roberts Park would be beneficial

How do we overcome the issues and improve the parks system?

Build temporary or permanent restrooms

Dog park similar to VOA

Trail signage and mile markers

Food truck rally? Outing – revenue option

Landen/Deerfield amphitheater not used

Fishing is desired

Native park is desired

Kingswood

Naturescapes – identified and placed naturally

Fishing allowed

Identify plant life with markers

Trail markers needed

Restrooms needed

Keep Cyclocross trails

Permanent shelter for farmer's market with access for other uses

Dog park space

Fix the way to cross the road

Additional parking needed

Tree identification and information markers

Public signs for park access and uses

Benches around ponds

Treatment for natural invasive plants

Block road for community activity nights or mornings

Food truck rally at various sites

Close road in Kingswood pedestrian walkway

Kingswood indoor space rental

Permanent shelter at Kingswood for farmer's market and event rental space

Can land behind Kingswood be purchased and added to Kingswood?

Block off Innovation Way on weekends so families and individuals can use it for biking/hiking