

Minutes from Dogwood Park Public Information Session – September 25, 2018

John Lepke, Chair of the Village of Wesley Chapel Parks & Recreation committee presented. Presentation included ideas on improvements at the park including stand alone restrooms, a community center incorporating restrooms, classrooms and meeting space, a traditional playground and a playground geared toward toddlers, as well as picnic pavilions/shelters.

Questions and comments were as follows:

Will the restroom be climate controlled, if not would not be usable during winter? Yes. Will still need port-a-johns for large events.

Would there be a requirement for commercial grade kitchen if used for events? Would cost a lot more. Requirements for that would need to be researched.

One resident wondered what were the plans of the developer here at the townhall site for a fountain.

While there was support for both types of playgrounds, the majority of residents in attendance liked the idea of the traditional playground, rather than the toddler town concept, felt it would be used by more age groups. During events, a playground would provide activities for children.

Residents liked the bike trails at the park.

One resident questioned why would the Village put a playground near the town hall, felt the park is already in existence, suitable to draw playground attendees, didn't want efforts to be divided.

Several residents felt the community center is desirable. A resident recommended moving forward with the community center and restrooms that were accessible inside and outside first. Council members change over time.

One suggestion included extending the patio of the community center for a picnic area.

Residents wondered if there would be an open concession stand, like the high school. For large events, the committee envisioned the use of food trucks.

Community members questioned if the events would be self-sustaining, facilities should be able to accommodate the types of events planned. Would there be a vendor fair like similar to the one in Waxhaw.

What are the insurance requirements? What are the demographics of the community (need updated information).

Will the road construction (widening of Rt. 84) affect plans at the park? It appears 2019 will be unaffected, unsure about 2020. Will the dog park fence have to be moved? Probably not.

There were several NextDoor comments which should be emailed to the P&R committee and to the Village Clerk.

