

Green Team

Meeting Date: May 14, 2020

Present (via zoom): **Green Team Members:** Diana Aganoi, Jenny Coral, Amanda Dewey, Shira Francis, Laura Knutson, Geneviève de Messieres, Jeff (last name?). **LID Center:** Emily Clifton

Summary of Key Points:

- Vegetation/Trees:
 - Any landscaping should incorporate pollinator-friendly native plant species
 - The Town is considering joining the Bee City USA program/becoming Bee City certified
 - Incorporate native shade trees
 - Lighting:
 - Nighttime lighting generally has not been a concern (in the park itself). If needed, only use outdoor lighting that minimizes light pollution and follow dark sky best practices.
 - Stormwater:
 - The park becomes muddy after it rains
 - Community engagement:
 - Engaging a wider audience is important
 - Have community surveys in Spanish and English to ensure a wider group is engaged.
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Walkable, Bikeable Berwyn Heights Task Force

Meeting Date: June 8, 2020

Present (via Zoom): **Task Force Members:** Drew Carlisle, Amanda Dewey, Jim Elliot, Ryan Kneapler, Alex Lopatka, Debby Steele-Snyder, James Wilkinson, Stephanie Young. **LID Center:** Emily Clifton

Summary of Key Points:

- Crosswalks and Pedestrian safety:
 - There is no crosswalk at Quebec Pl. and Cunningham Dr.; add in highly visible crosswalk
 - Pedestrian zones along park entrances: designate with markings/signage to make sure users of road are aware that pedestrians enter and exit areas
- Pathways:
 - The interior walkway that goes from one gate to the other should be ADA compliant for wheelchairs and strollers
 - The swale behind Pop's Park (eastern side) is used as a pathway for kids going to school and other residents. If stormwater can be directed under, the alleyway/pathway could be made ADA compliant.
 - *Note:* this recommendation is consistent with the Task Force's recommendation to convert the drainage swale behind Pops Park, into an actual sidewalk or trail and include crosswalks across Quebec St.

- Pedestrian safety along Quebec Street:
 - This street used to be one way. The Task Force has recommended instituting a one-way traffic pattern (eastbound only) on Quebec St. between 60th Ave. and 63rd Ave. This would provide space for a protected pedestrian pathway on the south side of Quebec St. and provide safer access to Berwyn Heights Elementary.
- Playground:
 - Add more shading for playground equipment to protect children from the sun. The current amount is inadequate
- Picnic Areas:
 - Existing tables put in the park in early 2000's. No concerns expressed re. number of available tables.
- Lighting:
 - The playground is closed at night; lighting inside the park is not needed. Lighting along eastern (outside) edge of Pop's Park may be appropriate once the area is turned into an ADA compliant pathway.
 - Better/more lighting was identified as a community concern in a recent Town survey. If added along the eastern (outside) edge of Pop's Park, consider low-path fixtures or other fixtures to reduce light pollution and/or solar-powered lighting.
- Park Safety:
 - No concerns with safety were identified in terms of park equipment, except for the desire to have more shade on play equipment
- Bike Access:
 - Ensure bike rack within the park is easily accessible from pathway. Keep it inside the gate.
- Maintenance:
 - Improve overall park maintenance. Re-mulch where necessary.