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:
- Community engagement:
  - Engaging a wider audience is important
  - Have community surveys in Spanish and English to ensure a wider group is engaged.

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:
  o 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:
  o Add more shading for playground equipment to protect children from the sun. The current amount is inadequate

• Picnic Areas:
  o Existing tables put in the park in early 2000’s. No concerns expressed re. number of available tables.

• Lighting:
  o 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.
  o 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:
  o No concerns with safety were identified in terms of park equipment, except for the desire to have more shade on play equipment

• Bike Access:
  o Ensure bike rack within the park is easily accessible from pathway. Keep it inside the gate.

• Maintenance:
  o Improve overall park maintenance. Re-mulch where necessary.