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Recreation Board Minutes

April 3, 2024

Roger Carroll - May I have a motion to open the meeting.

Ann Brennan - So moved

Second

All in favor - The motion is approved

Roger Carrol - May we take the roll call

Eric Acton - Present

Ann Brennan - Present

Roger Carroll - Present

Clare Ceballos - Present (Arrived Late)

Aly DeAngelo- Present

Patrick King School Board - Present

Tyler Stanley - Present

Lori Ann Feibel - City Council Representative

Roger Carroll - May I have a motion to approve the March minutes.

Ann Brennan - So moved

Aly DeAngelo - Second

All in favor - The motion is approved

Mike Price - Bill Harvey passed away this past weekend. Bill was the Service Director under Mayor Brennan when I was hired as Recreation Director. Both he and Mayor Brennan were extremely welcoming to me. They were always there to lend a hand and be supportive. Bill cared very deeply for our community. I just wanted to pass on prayers for his family, his wife Moe. He meant a great deal to this community and he gave a great deal of his time and love to this community. I just want to pass on my thoughts and prayers for his family.

Mayor Kessler - I had the pleasure of serving along Bill for 14 years. Bill was my Service Director when I started. He was a mentor to me. He served the City of Bexley so faithfully and with such honor. One thing I really appreciated about Bill is that he would never pull any punches. He would tell you exactly how you felt unvarnished but always with the best of intent. And had Bexley at his heart. He was a good friend to me and to the community and he will be very missed.

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Bexley Bloomers Presentation

Roger Carroll - The first thing on the agenda is a presentation by the Bexley Bloomers. I just want to say the bloomers do a fantastic job with their volunteer work. Working around the park and Mansion. I believe you have expanded to address other parks in the City and I know you can always use help.

Mary McMunn - My name is Mary McMunn. I am one of the founding members of the Bexley Bloomers along with Susan Quintenz. Cindy Howe is one of our new additions and we are pleased to have her on board.

We are a group of Bexley folks that have a lot of energy and like to be outside and enjoy wedding. We like the park and Jeffrey Mansion. We are happy to support the Parks and Rec. staff there to maintain the grounds. We started in 2021 and we have watched our ranks grow. Our goal last year was to hit a 1,000hours and we were about three hours short. Overall we put in 2,300 hours at the park and the community gardens and we will be taking on Commonwealth Park this summer. We are just a volunteer group that want to give back to the City. Over the years we had volunteers from St Charles, the City staff, Bexley Women's Club, Bexley High School Soccer Team. Mr. Acton you joined us one day. We have the Community foundation folks join us.

Cindy Howe - So far in 2021 when we were founded we have spent over 2,000 hours volunteering mostly at Jeffrey Park ad Mansion and supplementing what Parks and Rec. does. We saved the City over \$71,000 in labor through our volunteer efforts. We have formed our own little community, yes we have a strong core, but we welcome anyone who wants to come and be part of that. I am a testament to that. I came and volunteered a couple times and was welcomed onto the leadership team.

We look forward to Thursday mornings. We work hard, we catch up on everyone's life and we weed. We weed, which is part of every garden. We also have taken it upon ourselves to look at different parts of the garden and see what we can do to make it better and the grounds at Jeffrey Mansion. For example we found a couple trees you couldn't see because they were covered by vines and we uncovered them. We work with the Rec. and Parks department to see what we can do. We would love for you to come and volunteer. No tools are even necessary. You can come for as often and as long as you want. We volunteer every Thursday morning at about 8:30 am. because it is cooler in the morning and then we can be done sooner.

Mary Mc Munn - We also have celebrity Bloomers. The Mayor, Mike , Rodger, Natalie have all helped.

Our kick off is Friday, April 26th at 9:00 am at Jeffrey Mansion. We call it the "Omletbpaluzza". Just call Natalie and she will set you up

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Rodger Carroll - Thank you very much. And I know most of the Board has volunteered to give you at least a day to volunteer. It's a lot of fun but a lot of hard work. We appreciate all you do to make our city even more beautiful.

Public Hearing - Pickleball Lights

Rodger Carroll - I want to thank everyone for coming and the Board is very interested in getting input from the community and your thoughts and feelings if this is a good idea or not a good idea. We are looking forward to hearing your thoughts.

I just want to go over some ground rules. The Board will not be voting at this meeting on the proposition. It's likely the earliest we will be considering a vote is the June meeting. We are in the process of gathering information from both the community and other sources. So my guess is June is the earliest to take a position.

Everyone who wants to speak tonight I hope you signed in. If you haven't just let us know and we will take care of that. We would like for you to limit your remarks to 5 minutes or less. If someone has already raised or spoken the thoughts that you have given then we hope you would not repeat what has been said already. If you have any questions for the board we would be in the position probably to address them at a later date. And finally I hope everyone is respectful to everyone's opinion and we are just trying to gather input from the community.

Roger Feingold - 238 N. Cassady Ave.

It is weird coming after a group that everybody's for to now talk about something that may not be so unanimous.

I would like for there to be pickleball lights at the courts. As it gets dark into the Spring and Fall, maybe some Summer evenings, we are arbitrarily cut off at 7:00 or 8:00 from playing when it gets dark. I think there are a lot of pickleball players and a lot of recreation that goes on there. It is very healthy for people to participate. I point out there are already lights on the tennis courts and pickleball lines on the tennis courts. So if someone brings a portable net you can already play at night. It's just that the pickleball courts are much nicer so why not just play on the pickleball courts.

One thing I might say, and why some may be concerned about pickleball play all night, I think any lights that would go up that they would just turn off say at 9:00. That's when the pool closes and the PA system there is loud. No one wants to be playing at 10:00 or 11:00 o'clock at night, at least not there. I would just ask you to consider lights, of course with limitations, and take into account it is nestled into the community.

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Jerry Guy - 174 N. Cassingham Rd.

Hi I have not a whole lot more to add. I favor fitness, but more than fitness, pickleball allows a social element, which I cannot highlight enough. Because of pickleball my wife, Annett, and I have met people in our community we never would have met.

I have a 39 year old daughter who now plays pickleball. She has two young kids which means she has to play at night. She doesn't have the same opportunity to show up at 8:00 in the morning. She has to play at night because her spouse works. They don't have to be long lights but in Spring and Fall it gets dark. Last year when we were playing at 6:30 at night it got difficult to see. We are not saying these lights have to be on all hours of the day but perhaps 6:30 or 7:00 , 8:00 o'clock at night I don't see it as a problem. As Jordan also mentioned, put restrictions on them if you do not want them on at a certain time. Lights are already there for tennis so I don't see that as the problem. I don't think people want people to play pickleball after a certain time. I would favor lights to go up to that reasonable time. So I would favor lights to go up to that reasonable time then just turn them off. Thank you for letting me speak.

Lorraine Martin - 13 Lionsgate

A lot of us here are from Lionsgate and we are absolutely the most impacted by pickleball courts, noise and lights. I don't have a problem with adding lights, theoretically, to the pickleball courts however, we would need a lot of restrictions.

Currently the tennis court lights don't shut off. One of the neighbors confirmed they were on the other night at 11:30 p.m. The light also aimed directly at Lionsgate. My house is not impacted but my neighbors who live at the front wall of Lionsgate are and they have lights shining directly into their bedroom, living room and it's bright. I don't know how much you go down Clifton but those lights are very bright. At the minimum aim the tennis courts lights away.

Pickleball is different from tennis with a lot of noise pollution. Pickleball players are out there first thing in the morning in the summer. I get up early so that doesn't bother me, but late at night, 9:00 o'clock, the pool is so loud, it's just another thing to add noise. I definitely would not want to have 10 pickleball players out there till 9:00 p.m.

Also Upper Arlington does not have pickleball lights on their courts. If we have lights on our courts we are going to have people driving out to use our courts, they already do, the courts are great. I like the pickleball courts, they are great, I play on the Bexley Pickleball courts. I like the tennis courts but there are certain considerations to be made for noise and lights for those of us who live right along Clifton. I know my neighbor probably has some other things to talk to you about that I have forgotten but adding lights, and I understand people want to play, but you have to think about controlling a lot of factors that currently are not being controlled with the existing lights. Thank you.

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Jinching Li - Lionsgate -

Hi I am one of the neighbors in Lionsgate and we are directly affected by the lights they are proposing. The lights really do point directly at us. The other night at 11:28 the lights were still on. I know people want to play in spring, summer and fall but daylight is till 9:00 p.m. in the summer. I want to ask what is the purpose of playing pass 9:00 p.m.? In the summer there is plenty of light till 9:00 p.m. and the light doesn't go off until 15 minutes later. So when they are proposing light in the summer they want to play past 9:00 p.m. ? If you play until 10:00 o'clock that is 10 hours of rest for us. We work, we have families, we have kids, we would like to rest , those are resting hours. A lot of times at 6:30 a.m. in the morning we already hear pickleball noise , so those are extended hours. For the people who are actually living there would you want to be impacted as we are?

Rodger Carroll - One thing I want to add in, which is not directed to pickleball lights, I think there should be a curfew of 10:00 p.m. on the tennis courts lights

Mike Price - I apologize on behalf of the department if they have been on later. There is supposed to be a timer that they are not on past 10:00 p.m.

Jinching Li - I am not even sure there were people out there, they were just on.

Mike Price - I will make sure that is addressed. 10:00 o'clock currently is the shut off time

Jinching Li - I forgot to mention . Pickleball is a little different because of the amount of noise pollution. During the day when it's busy and stuff is going on and noise on the street those noises are diffused but at night time when people are resting those sounds get accentuated. Just think about the mental stress you are hearing and the anxiety caused every time you hear those sounds.

Roger Carroll - If for some reason those lights are on past 9:00 p.m. just let the Rec. Dept. the next day.

Bob Macklin 455 S. Drexel Ave. -

I want to give a background on how the pickleball courts came to be. Back in 2019 we formed a committee. Included myself, Mike, Annette Kuss, Barb Weber, Jerry Guy and David Secel who ran the pickleball clinics and leagues in the beginning

I started playing pickleball on the tennis courts in 2016. The average age of pickleball players was 50 plus. We had lights at that time because all play was on the tennis courts. There were very few kids playing 8 years ago. The people play pickleball today at Jeffrey only 20% - 30% of the people playing 2016 are still playing. Most of it is the growth of younger people and growth of new players.

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I have lived in Bexley my entire life. I am very glad to have the Jeffrey Park, the Mansion, the pool, tennis courts and the pickleball courts. I totally value the Jeffrey grounds and bring my grandchildren to walk in the woods, play on the playground and utilize the pool. In the Fall the pickleball courts could be fully in play and have 5 to 7 deer in the meadow north of the courts and I don't think they are that impacted by the noise of the balls. Also the deer will walk for Clifton to Parkview and walk right by the courts and they are unphased.

In October of 2020 the City had a ribbon cutting for the Solomon Pickleball Courts. The cost of the courts was approximately \$150,000. I never saw the final numbers but that's the ballpark amount that I am aware of. The Pickleball community through the BCF raised approximately \$120,000 with one donor being the primary donor. It would be great to increase the value of the Pickleball Courts through the community with the addition of lights and sound absorbing fence.

On April 18, 2020 I discussed with the primary donor the addition of lights to the courts. It was right after the pandemic had started. I advised him we want to gauge the usage of the courts before pursuing the addition of lights. The expected cost at that time of adding lights was \$40,000 to \$60,000. Court usage today has greatly exceeded our expectations back in 2020. The addition of lights and sound absorbing fencing will enable more people to play pickleball here in Bexley. Pickleball which is the fastest growing sport in the United States will continue to grow significantly with the greatest growth being in the younger ages 10 to 40 years old. The Pickleball represents less than 1/2 of 1% of the total acreage of Jeffrey Park. I would venture to say the Solomon Pickleball courts have greatly enhanced the value of Jeffrey Park to the community. The addition of lights and sound absorbing fencing will just add to the value to the overall community. Bexley has a very limited number of Pickleball courts, as far as I know these four, other than private owners, are the only courts the community has. To take full advantage of the four courts we have here at Jeffrey it would be nice to have lights. That's all I have.

Highmore - 18 Lyonsgate

I live at 18 Lyonsgate. I won't repeat what our neighbors provided as feedback. But our property is right across Clifton from the courts. I sent two pictures to Mike Price today. They show when you are sitting in your family room watching TV, trying to wind down and relax, the lights are directly in our family room. Then obviously when you pull down the shades it's fine but the sound is another barrier for resting. Those are the two inputs I would like to provide. But then otherwise it is a repetitive thing to what others have said. Thank you.

Andrew Warner

My mother is 83 and lives in Sarasota. The last two years she has encouraged me to play pickleball, and I found every excuse not to. I wasn't good at tennis and I didn't have any pickleball equipment and didn't know what the rules were. That all changed last week.

My son came back from West Point and wanted to play his dad in pickleball. So we got some equipment, got my other son, who goes to Bexley High School, and we went down to the pickleball courts in the evening and we played and had a great time.

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We played until it got dark so we turned the tennis courts lights on so we could continue to play. We had a fantastic night and I made sure to turn off the lights.

Two days later my kids wanted to play again. So I dragged my wife with us and I got her to play pickleball. We had all of us playing and had a fantastic time. So the next day my kids wanted to take me again. So that was three times in one week I played pickleball. I am 55 so I guess I am too old for pickleball here in Bexley. My whole body hurt, that weekend I was stuck in bed. It was great and I really appreciate that Bexley invested in the pickleball courts.

Seeing the opportunity to really have light made me excited because it would give more people opportunities to get out there. The first time we went in the evening there were not that many people. But the next two times we went, all the courts were taken. We had to wait and we were patient because we knew everyone was enjoying it. I realized there is a lot of enthusiasm for pickleball and we need to extend play to 9:00 o'clock so that more people can get out there.

That is one of the reasons that brought me here tonight. There are lights that can be adjusted so they are not bothering people. I remember growing up in California and my high school was the only one that didn't have lights because the people in the community didn't want lights. So my team had to drive 5 miles to a junior high school for our home football games and that really messed up the entire atmosphere for home high school football games. I live right next to Bexley High School and when they have games there I am excited because I know how much it means to the high school to have lights.

The ability to have people there and to gather is really important. And if we can minimize the issues that affect the local residents by putting more netting to deaden the sound and making sure the lights don't face in the direction and setting up a time limit, which I think 10:00 o'clock is totally reasonable we can have a win, win for all the residents of Bexley. For the residences that live there we minimize the impact on them. But the tennis lights I think have been there a long time too, and I am not sure why they have not complained about the tennis lights in the past. That is something that needs to be taken into consideration.

Other than that I think pickleball is great and I appreciate you guys looking into the possibility of installing lights.

Rosanne Rosen 17 Lyonsgate

I was born and raised in Bexley. It's a wonderful community and I am happy to be back. I live directly across the street from the tennis and pickleball courts. I have to tell you I don't think it is really the lights but when you are talking about longer lights you are talking about more sound.

This is not unique to Bexley Ohio, this is happening all over the country. If you get on line and you see what is happening in other communities, it's really become a serious problem. A lot of people have left their neighborhoods.

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We built our house , we love our house, it's a custom built home. We were excited to come back to Bexley. My parents lived here until they died, my husband's parents lived here until they died. We lived across from each other in Bexley. We appreciate the community. I am 79 and I have been here a long time.

I can tell you we get up very early in the morning and one of the joys of moving back to Bexley was sitting back on our little patio, having a cup of coffee, 6:00 o'clock in the morning and enjoying the sounds of the birds or the quiet. And this has been entirely disrupted since pickleball started. It's an annoyance and I think that is what people are finding and I don't say pickleball isn't great and that we shouldn't have it. Bexley has the pool which sometimes gets too loud too.

But I think we all have to be respectful that this is not a Bexley problem. This is a problem throughout the United States. And people are moving and disappointed that their neighborhoods have been disruptive. There are solutions ,it's not just lights. There are pickleball paddles that make less noise and they have been mandated in some areas. There are sound absorbing curtains or whatever it would be. Those are expensive. To me it would be a much better use of our funds than putting up lights, and abateing some of this noise. I don't know if we have a noise limit in Bexley.

But I also found an article today that one area that had pickleball courts and they exceeded the sound abatement. I think there are a lot of serious issues. We can be on the forefront of trying to solve this. We are an affluent community, people can afford to buy a better racket if that is what it takes, that doesn't make the noise. It cuts the noise in half. I just think there should be restrictions and regulations. We never complained about the tennis courts because the lights were not an issue for us. Noise is a terrible issue

I have a sister born and raised in Bexley. She came over and we were having dinner out on the patio and it was 8:00 o'clock. She said how are you living here? I said I don't know I may have to sell my house, which I absolutely love. And I would not try to sell my house that I absolutely love , in the middle of summer because I think it will affect the value of my home.

If we all come together and face the real issue, it is not lighting , it is sound and it is an inconvenience. We love the sound of the pool, and no one is complaining about that. And it shuts off at a reasonable time

But this is a big bang sound, and if I stood here and made that sound through the entire meeting I think everyone would be annoyed. And THAT is what people live with that live too close to a pickleball court.

Thanks for all you do and I appreciate living in Columbus , in Bexley. I appreciate living across from the beautiful park. I hope we can really fix the problem. Thank you.

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Debbie Weinke 2121 Clifton Ave

I live at 2121 Clifton Ave. so we are one of the three houses between Lyonsgate and Bishops Square. We have only lived here four years, and it was the pandemic and we were so sad. Then the noise started back up at the pool and the pickleball courts. I didn't even know what pickleball was. I asked what is that noise? I had no idea. They do start playing at 6:30 in the morning, as soon as the sun comes up. We called them crazy pokeballers because if you sleep with the windows open those couple months of the year, they start at 6:30 in the morning in the summer time. So there is a little bit of noise and a little bit of light and I think any one of those we could deal with. The lights on the tennis courts are so high and I wonder if they need to be that high? Perhaps lower them and use lower wattage.

Definitely the curfew issue. I know the lights were on till 11:30 p.m. and there was no one out there. I have kids that play tennis and then one time they came back and said the lights went off at 10:00 and they could not get them to come back on.

If we could just agree on curfews . And my issue is more the lights than the sound. I think everyone has their own issues. We agree with fitness and healthy things and it keeps my kids active but I feel with some limitations we could find some middle ground.

Barb Jenks Triffon 1020 Chelsea Ave.

Rec Board & Visitors ~

Thank you for allowing me to submit my researched and personal point-of-view about adding pickleball lights.

Recent and not-so-recent studies from reputable organizations like Audubon have indicated that light and noise pollution can negatively impact animal behaviors and rhythms.

Light pollution in particular is a global issue and concern. And noise has been indicated in the disruption of barred owl hunting and warbler migration, both of which Jeffrey Woods hosts.

Protecting our environment from the pollution of noise and light is incumbent on each of us and starts with the least of us in the smallest of places.

At some point, we all have to be responsible for protecting our environment - starting in our own backyards.

Jeffrey Woods is a very small swath of land - filled with a diverse population of animals and plants, which are dependent on our stewardship!

Yet throughout the years, I have noted there is a continued request for new additions to the park and the technology that supports those requests. And all in some way have either had a neutral or negative impact on the woods and its inhabitants.

I recently heard several community members indicate our woodland animals and flora will adapt. The ultimate example of human misunderstanding.

While some of our woodland animals are generalists and may adapt - others will not. There comes a point that animals and plants cannot adapt to continued human encroachment.

It's true there is new technology that will make the impact of lights less invasive, but it doesn't diminish the fact it is still an unnatural illumination during times that should be darkened and devoid of man-made noises.

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Illumination invites, increases and prolongs obtrusive noise when most animals are preparing for sleep or hunting. Not to mention the noisy and jarring disruption to humans trying to enjoy the peace and quiet of our green space and woodland.

I understand it is an enormous task to fit active recreation and passive nature activities next to each other in a small area of land. But we are not the Metro Parks with unlimited space for both. I believe our community and its leadership have done the best they could combining these goals, But at some point it has to stop. The cup has reached capacity.

We have pickleball courts already that can and should be joyfully used during the natural light rhythms of the day and season - helping increase the success and comfort of our birds, critters and humans enjoying the woods.

I humbly submit my request to permanently table the use of additional lighting based on many studies and our responsibility as humans to better protect our really special woodland.

We are all part of the same universe and what affects one affects us all.

Roger Carroll - If there is anyone who didn't sign up and came in late and want to say something feel free to come forward.

Roger Carrol - Thank you very much for coming and I speak we really appreciate you coming out and hearing from you. It is something we will carefully consider. If you have any questions or comments feel free to email Mike at the Rec. Dept. and the board will respond to those. We really appreciate you coming and I think we all learned a lot from listening to you. We will carefully take your comments and opinions into consideration.

Director's Report

Mike Price - Thank you Roger. Thank you to the community for coming out to talk with the board about pickleball lights. Also thank you to the Bloomers. I wanted to make sure we got into this porting of the meeting as quickly as possible from their presentation.

I would be remiss if I didn't echo Rogers sentiments about the impact of the Bloomers on Jeffrey Park and the work that they do. They do an absolutely tremendous job. We are so grateful and thankful for the time that they put in. They do a great job of communicating with us as we meet regularly in terms of what the park needs. Oftentimes those suggestions come from the Bloomers because they are out there on a weekly basis and know what is going on in the Park. It's a very collaborative effort where our maintenance also provides ideas and thoughts about things that we would love their support on. I would highly encourage the board and anyone listening, because I know there are a lot of people listening to this meeting right now, to think about finding some time to spend with the Bloomers. It really has been a huge success for our Park and we greatly appreciate all their work.

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Summer Activity Brochure

Mike Price - The Summer Activity Brochure will be available digitally this Friday, April 5 and hard copies will be delivered next week . A huge thank you to Natalie who puts the brochure together and all the support to the Rec. staff who put all the programming together. We are excited about

all the offerings coming up. Registration opens April 23 at noon for residents. A lot of the staple programs are in there. Pool information, Coach Chris T-Ball, Summer speciality camps, Youth Triathlon, Adult Fitness. We have new programming. We continue to expand our nature programming. We have Adult KickBall, Jump Roping Fitness Class. Sports Camps are included as well, some registration goes through us and some through the schools specifically.

Roger Carroll - Do you have to have your own team or do you make the team after you get the numbers?

Mike Price - The goal is to make your own team but if you can't, reach out to us and we will try to assign you a team.

Mike Price - City Council Resolution 01-24 - Supporting the purposeful unification of Commonwealth East and West Parks. Was passed at the March 12 meeting.

We are in the process of figuring out short term and then long term design for what that space will be. Short term to unify and if there is additional development in terms of the design of that space. To be clear, I don't expect development to be in terms of buildings and lots of structures and what might live in that space. The design of that is still ongoing . In the short term our hope is to get some soil in there and grass seed and get it unified and develop it from there.

Roger Carroll - I notice construction there , basically it will never be opened?

Mike Price - I can't say never but that would be the intent , not to reopen between now and unification.

Skate Park Update

Mike Price - We continue to hone in on the skate park design. We continue to work with the committee and Hunger Design. We received estimated pricing and measurement on the most up to date design. We then marked out the proposed design on site and two concerns came up. One was the scale of the footprint of the size of the skate park in the context of where it is being built at Schneider. And the other is the price. To be abundantly clear about this even if someone wrote a check for the amount , we would still have concerns about the actuarial size of the footprint of the design.

Ann Brennan - Is it too big?

Mike Price - Yes too big.

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Mike Ptice - In an effort to go through a design process that didn't have a whole lot of limitations we said here is the amount of area you have to work with. They used pretty much all of that space. Hunger has been an awesome company to work with. They have done exactly what we have asked them to do.

We went through all the planning meetings and we talked about the wants and desires and they came up with the Taj Mahal of skate parks

Now that we are getting to the point of what that price looks like , what does that footprint look like? Those are the concerns that have come up at this point in the process.

We had a public meeting last week, March 27 and talked through that with the public. We received great feedback and thoughts from the public and will continue to work with Hunger to look at the design to see how we could adjust it to reduce the scale of the footprint as well as the price while preserving the spirit of the current design .

The committee is really excited about the design.

We are going to have a meeting next week with a condensed or reduced scale project. We will continue to work with the committee and Hunger Design to hone in the design.

We are looking at \$717,000 for this proposed base project with some other alternates It would take it to \$950,000 I think.

From a price perspective we would like to be closer to \$500,000 budgeted without having to do fundraising and looking at other avenues.

From the footprint and the layout we have Schneider Park with the athletic field, splash pad and playground, South Community Garden. As you move north it becomes a more passive natural setting. One of the concerns with the footprint is how far it moved into the passive space and the feeling of the park.

I do think we are getting close. They provided us with a condensed version of the skate park. With some features taken out and less space. We have marked out the updated outline of the park and I will be meeting with the Mayor about that to gauge his comfort with the scale and size.

We will meet with the committee and hopefully get something we can support and bring to the board for you to vote on.

Ann Brennan - Is it marked out so if we went by we could get an idea of size?

Mike Price - Yes the out line painted in white is the biggest version we have looked at. Within the context of that there are flags that shrink it on either side. That will give you the size of the most recent condensed version. Which we just received and haven't talked as a committee yet. East to west it is the same design. The whole size of the site is not marked. The original design takes up about all the designated space.

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Ann Brennan - When you decide what the actuarial size is going to be can you mark it?

Mike Price - Yes

Mike Price - The cost of the condensed version is closer to our budget. I would be interested in what the committee feels about what was lost. What they sent us still has the spirit and a lot of the same design elements. It is closer to the scale whether we need to shrink it even more we will have that discussion.

Ann Brennan - I had no idea they were so expensive

Mike Price - They are expensive but I think what you will see from a community perspective is something transformative. From the standpoint that we do not have anything like this. So it will provide an outlet for a segment of our population that doesn't have anything. Hopefully it will be an investment for 20 or 30 years.

Ann Brennan - When you contract someone to set it up do you also contract with them and set up a maintenance agreement?

Mike Price - Like any other completed project we will maintain it. As time goes by we will reach out to contractors to fix various things.

Solar Eclipse at the Park - Monday, April 8 from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Mike Price - We are going to host an event on April 8 at Jeffrey Park from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. School is closed at noon on Monday. We have been communicating with Dr. Fine to provide some outlets for the community during that time. We do not have enough staff to provide after care. So we will have food trucks and some bounce houses. We are partnering with Bexley The Public Library to provide activities as well. Things will be going on from 12:30 to 2:30 then we will shut down so people can put a blanket out and watch the eclipse which I think starts at 1:57 p.m. and runs to 4:15 with max coverage at 3:27 p.m. We will have glasses there but encourage people to bring their own.

Roger Carroll - Just a comment on the Pickleball situation. If you have questions or want something to be looked into by Mike feel free to email him. Just to avoid violating open meetings or public records don't copy the rest of the board just email Mike and those can be issues we discuss at the May meeting. So feel free if you have ideas we can do that and have that on our agenda just a general discussion about what people think and I will do best to address that issue. Just don't copy the whole board on it so we do not violate the open meetings act.

Ann Brennan - I will not be here in May, I will be out of town, but will be here for the June meeting. I can send you information from a Naturalist, and she will probably tell you the same thing she told me. I will give that to you for the May meeting to distribute. You all know my concerns as I have stated before. I will try to summarize in terms of the environmental impact. Clearly we heard the impact of human beings. I will emphasize the impact on the park.

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Mike Price - I dropped in the google folder information I had at this point. I am planning to meet with one of the residents of Lyons Gate and go to his house to test the impact of sound. I did some research on our existing lights and their impact as opposed to impacting new lights. The two pieces for me is to get more data for you all. I will test the sound both inside and out . When Pickleball is happening and when it is not .

Just so everyone is aware I am not an engineer. So idf the Pickleball decibels is 80 , if we could reduce it to 70 it would be a 50% reduction . I put information about sound damping materials . It is essentially a wall. You can see through the wind screens. The other issue with the sound damping material is that in order to maximize it we need to extend the fence higher from 6 to 10 feet to have maximum effect.

Regardless what the Pickleball light decision is, weather is with issues with the tennis courts lights, the bleed from the tennis courts lights, it's such an old technology weather we do anything with the pickleball lights There is a logical discussion to think about addressing the tennis court lights and the sound. The sound is loud at 9:00 o'clock or 5:00 p.m. Can we improve the sound whether we do the lights or not? I think this is something we should all be thinking about regardless of the decision on lights.

Roger Carroll - A couple weeks ago in the Wall Street Journal, Bob Green, who is a Bexley resident, graduated from Bexley and wrote "Be True To Your School". Had a wonderful column about Gene and Sally Mallard Gene was the Basketball coach and Athletic Director at BHS for years. He coached the State Championship Team. It is a reflection of our community and the relationship Gene and Sally had.

About a month ago a BHS Wrestler Mario Gaarcia won the State Title at 106 pounds and was the first State Wrestling Champion for Bexley since 1985. His Dad won the State Championship in 1993 and wrestled for Columbus Academy.

Mike Price - Alexander Garcia, Mario's father, was also instrumental in the Bexley Rec. Youth Wrestling Program. He was our coach for many years when his son was a little guy. He helped take our Youth Wrestling Program form 10 kids that has over 40 some kids.Helped build that culture for wrestling the younger age child.

Roger Carroll - May I have a motion to adjourn the meeting

Ann Brennan - So moved

Tyler Stanley - Second

All in favor - The motion was approved

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