

Heritage Park/Playground Revitalization Meeting

October 4, 2023

Heritage park

Staff Attendance: Director of Community Services, Parks and Facilities Supervisor, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator

Heritage Park Revitalization Meeting Notes

- 25 Residents in attendance
- 7 surveys were completed by residents at the meeting and returned to staff that night
- Several residents took extra surveys for their neighbours who could not attend.
- Director of Community Services provide a background on Heritage Park.
- Explained the Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Explained park maintenance
- Explained the new equipment and why staff had to lay mulch instead of stone under the new swings
- Background on the number of parks and playgrounds maintained by Community Services
- Explained the future plans for Heritage Park and that the Township is looking for feedback, comments, interests, needs and wants.
- Explained the survey

Comments/Questions From Residents at the Meeting

- What is the budget for this Revitalization Plan?
- Does Council know how big of a plan this Heritage Park Revitalization Project is and how much it will cost?
- Will this increase our taxes?
- Is there a plan for increased traffic and parking with the Revitalization Project?
- Will Kin-Bruce Playground be updated in the same project?
- What is the plan for Kin-Bruce ball diamond/park?
- Clear the trees along the road so people can see the park from the road
- Signage is needed to help people know how to get to Heritage Park from the road
- Development fees towards new parks/upgrades to parks/playgrounds

Park Maintenance

- Overhanging branches on pathways leading to the park need trimming and scheduled maintenance
- Barbwire Fence hidden in bushes and trees needs removing before someone is injured

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- Remove steel stakes in the trees along pathways and around the park
- Trim the trail

Ideas for improvements to park features, services or programming

- Better trails for dog walking
- More visibility to children's area
- Too enclosed
- Bathroom needed
- Garbage and recycling needed
- Trails require work
- Vines removed
- Visual from roadway
- More consistent tree maintenance
- Bigger play structures
- Mini covered picnic area
- Bigger play area
- Oil swings
- Gymnastics bars
- Rock climbing wall
- Paved court/pad – 20x44 ft for sports activities
- Multi-renovation project
- Paths to walk down
- Picnic tables
- Tennis courts needed
- Basketball court on the south of the play structures – something small that resembles Penetangore Park, can be done with recycled asphalt
- When remove trees, don't use the company that removed the Ash Trees on Boiler Beach. Their disregard for healthy trees was very apparent and the area suffered for it.