

Park and Recreation Commission	Meeting Minutes
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Date: April 9, 2021

Place: Larz Anderson Site Walk

Commissioners Attending: John Bain, Nancy O’Connor, Clara Batchelor, Wendy Sheridan, Antonia Bellalta and Dan Lyons

Commissioners Absent: Jim Carroll

Staff: Erin Gallentine: Commissioner of Public Works, Alexandra Vecchio. Parks and Open Space Director, Scott Landgren, Senior Landscape Architect, Jessica White: Parks and Open Space Assistant, Tom Brady, Conservation Agent and Tree Warden

TOPIC	KEY POINTS/DISCUSSION		
<p>Commission Review: Larz Anderson Lagoon Construction Project & Roadway Reconstruction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission walked the Construction site at Larz Anderson Park. • E. Gallentine discussed future refurbishment/improvements to the Comfort Station/Visitor Station. • S. Landgren discussed the Pond Restoration. Tom Brady also provided additional information about the overall organic sediment removal underway to restore pond depth • S. Landgren stated that the Tempietto, Causeway and Footbridge will be exact replicas, but there will be some building code adjustments to the railings. At the Tempietto, there will be a handicap accessible walkway into the floor of the Tempietto, currently not accessible. Currently, the footbridge and causeway have been completely removed and were as degraded as the consultant report had indicated. • The Commission discussed the demolition and replication of the Tempietto. The sample mock-up of the concrete was viewed by the Commission. Cast in place versus pre-cast aspects of the Tempietto were discussed. • The Ice Rink Feasibility Study is out to bid for a consultant team. The Commission walked through the old park yard space which could be part of the area to be utilized. The current uses/storage of this was discussed. <p>Driveway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No alignment change is proposed to the overall driveway • The drive will be narrowed so it “reads” and 		

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	<p>functions as a one way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There will be a walkway on one side of the driveway from the entrance at Newton Street to the top of the hill.• The biggest change to the driveway is the addition of parking spots near the rink.• The driveway will be designed in a way to help with the erosion.• A. Bellalta would like to see some demarcation right before the Auto Museum. She suggested some re-salvaged granite curing laid flat in front of the museum.• The Commission walked to the parking at the top of the hill by the rink.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A. Bellalta would like it to feel as a parking lot in the woods.▪ The tree removal & replacement in this area was discussed.▪ The parking configuration in this area was discussed.• The Commission walked the wood chipped path back to the parking lot. E. Gallentine would like to hear feedback from the Commission on whether they like or dislike the path.		
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Next Meeting: April 13, 2021

Location: Larz Anderson

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Attest Jessica White

Date: 4/9/21