MARCH 10, 2021 PUBLIC SERVICE

PRESENT - JOSHUA PETERS, BRENDA RUSSELL, BRYAN ROBINSON, TAMMY BRASKETT, REX CASTLE, PAT CLOSSER

STREET DEPT - SEE ATTACHMENT

PARKS & REC - SEE ATTACHMENT

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 7, 2021 1:00PM

CONTRACTING

London Parks and Recreation Department
Parks and Recreation Commission
Service Committee

1. Healthy Contributions

2. Merri Mac Park

3. Pool

4. Youth Volleyball
   a. 125 registrations
   b. Admissions – pass
   c. Approximately $13,000 generated.
   d. Games started February 20 and will end March 29 and 30.
   e.
5. Potential summer programs – wiffleball, 3 on 3 basketball and adult badminton.

DAY PROGRAMS

6. Rental agreements →
7. Gaga Ball Pit
8. Merri Mac T Ball fields

FIELD GRADER

Understanding that most cities have different types of park is paramount when we start talking about developing Merri Mac Park. Type is defined by the purpose. The purpose of Merri Mac is multi field uses for the various sports offered in our community. Obviously multi fields also needs acreage and green space. Merri Mac is the only area that comes to mind that has possible acreage and space available that could potentially be developed.

The top part of the park that already exists with a shelter house could be looked at for renewal and more of a traditional version of a park. The basketball courts were sealed 4.5 years ago and are in need of being done again. We need to replace two backboards because the previous ones were broken. The swing set is very old and needs to be removed and a new swing set added. There currently is not much parking on the top part of the park. We need to look at adding legitimate parking spaces so that people wanting to use the basketball courts have somewhere to park. We are also looking at adding frisbee golf. The start would be at the top part of the park. Finally, a phase of playground equipment needs to be added.

40-50,000 PLAYGROUND

When we start talking about expanding possibilities at Merri Mac Park, there is one demand that is a constant request for the Parks and Recreation Department. The request for practice sites for youth baseball and youth fastpitch softball is constant. My thought would be that adding practice sites would be the first issue we address when discussing expansion. My thought is that we could add 6-10 fields and it could ease up the requests for balls fields. Cost would vary once you consider the quantity of fencing needed and the area chosen. To completely fence off a field of 200 feet, $20,000 is needed. If the need is backstops and fences down first and third for the safety of overthrows, the cost greatly decreases to possibly $5000. If the area being groomed for infield is significantly flat, than grating and addition of infield mix would help create a nice infield. But, understand all of this needs to be supported by parking. Without parking, problems increase because of the potential of people driving all over the park.

Next, I always felt that a town London's size should not only have a multifield site for Parks and Recreation, but a site available for the separate entities that run youth programs in the City. I believe that had London not had these amazing separate entities running youth programming that the burden and demand for the City of London to provide more for the youth would be more than the city budget could handle. The LABC's, Kiwanis Soccer and London Fastpitch are serving and estimated 900 kids in our community. These organizations have been run for years with strictly volunteer man power. It is getting harder and harder to get people to volunteer. Organization like these are dying country wide at an alarming rate because people just do not want to volunteer to not only help but to set on the organizational boards. Consider if those organization no longer have the volunteers to run these programs. Consider the facilities where the games are played. Would the city have the man power to take the programs over and would they be able use the facilities that these organization secured. Consider all the factors about using those facilities with city workers. Would it be easier to have those fields, site, etc., at a city park that is already being maintained? How much extra staffing would we need to spread out if the practice/game sites where at various sites. These concerns should be considered when talking about developing Merri Mac. There is a soccer field that already exists that could be the site of several fields. The number one problem with this site is again, it has no parking. But if not used for soccer, why not have a few turf fields for travel teams to rent out for home games along with concession stands.

Next is the creek that runs through Merri Mac. We have done some work on looking for grants and there seems to be grants available for developing wetlands or natural waterways. It would be interesting to see how we could develop or incorporate this into our outdoor recreation at Merri Mac Park.

Another activity that already happens at Merri mac on a regular basis is people bringing their dogs to run. Most folks just open the car doors and the dogs take off with the people walking behind. Obviously, as we are developing the park with fields, we should be adding walking paths right along with the fields. The amount of paths that could be added is beyond anything that we might realize. For every amenity, field or feature that we install, we could potentially have a path that leads to, from and on to another addition.

Merri Mac Park has unlimited potential. We need to think of every aspect of parks and outdoor recreation when we think of developing. It is not just about baseball/soccer/softball fields. It is about anything that any of us can envision an outdoor park to be. The need for people (big and small) to have outdoor spaces available to go to has never been greater. In my opinion, there is no idea that is outside of our box of potential development for Merri Mac.

3-10-2021

\+ Plowed & SALTED
\- Rebuild FRONT END ON 4/50
\- Shoveled SNOW AROUND CB
\- Call About LED Lights $40K per INT.
\+ PARK BATHROOM
\- STORM SEWER KEN KOPS CBG GRANT
\- MAIL BOX ORB.
\- PRICE QUOTE old school Demo
\+ WORK on EQPT
\- SIGNS FOR COVID
\- Check on DASH CAMS GPS FOR TRUCKS
\- INVT. SIGNS. CONES
\- MESSURE FD FOR TIN
\+ MESSURE POOL ROOF
\+ Pulled pool pump
\+ Clean up STAIR city hall
\- WATER line up STAIR city hall
\- Loaded FIRE Dept Loader
\- Loader SEWER PIT.
\+ 189.06 TONS SALT Delv.
\- COVER FFA building
\- WORK on PARK - Rec TRUCKS
\- INSP. DRIVE WAY CUT
\- ODOT 56 STORM Replacement
\- Rule SIGNS up PARK
\- PARK - Rec mower S.R. NEW blades
\+ WORK on CLEANING FENCE BMX TRACK
\+ TRIMED TREE All PARK SO YOU CAN MOW AROUND

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- 10C.
- NEW GATE AT SHOP
- PRICE QUOTE ON NEW SA TRUCK PLOW
- PRICE QUOTE ON NEW 550 PLOW
- WORK ON SCHOOL ST. STORM READY TO BID.
- SINK HOLE 328 E. High ST. will DIG NEXT WK
- CLEANING OUT BMX Building
- ENG. About PARK Ave. FINAL INSP. be IN JUNE

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City Dosn't plow Alleys

Pushing snow out into City Street Right aways. ?