

Red Hook Recreation Challenger Filed Community Design Session No. 1

ATTENDEES:	Sue Ellis, Resident
	Kallie Robertson, Resident
	Jim Hegstetter, Resident
	Jerome Goldstien, Resident
	Ana Sanjuan, Trails Commission
	Harry Colgan, Town Board
	Christine Kane, Town Board
	Robert McKeon, Town Supervisor
	Doug Strawinski, Recreation Commissioner Chair
	Charlie Nugent, Recreation Commission
	John Kuhn, Park Facilities and Programs Director
	Ryan Morrison, Tighe & Bond

FROM: Ryan Morrison
DATE: June 25, 2018
LOCATION: Town of Red Hook Town Hall

On June 25, 2018, the Town of Red Hook held the first of three Challenger Field Community Design Sessions at the Town Hall to allow the community to provide feedback on the current Challenger Field Design. Questions asked by attendees of the meeting were provided in *italics* and the answers given are in **bold**.

Item	Item Description	Action Required By
1	<p><i>Given the proximity to the wetlands does the Town intend to use fertilizer and/or chemical to treat the natural turf areas?</i></p> <p>John Kuhn responded that currently the Town does use fertilizer as necessary on Rec Park East but they use ecologically friendly fertilizer. Robert McKeon stated that this is certainly something the Town was willing to consider further and would address as advised by a consultant.</p>	Record/Town of Red Hook
2	<p><i>Did the Town consider existing drainage patterns and how the proposed development will affect stormwater run-off?</i></p> <p>Tighe & Bond has started to work with the NYSDEC regarding stormwater runoff from the site. Per New York State standards the proposed project cannot increase runoff to any discharge point. As the project develops Tighe & Bond will continue to work with NYSDEC to ensure all standards regarding stormwater run-off are met.</p>	Tighe & Bond

3	<p><i>Does the Town of Red Hook have a need for additional facilities?</i></p> <p>The Town has evaluated the facilities, current users of the facilities and the projected growth of the community and has determined that the current scheduling issues cannot be remedied with the existing facilities. In addition, any small expansion of the existing facilities would not help with lack of field space in the peak times of use which include after school until dark. The proposed Challenger Field will provide users with varying abilities a space to play while allowing the Town to provide additional field space for many different users. (See Response 8 below for different types of users)</p>	Record
4	<p><i>Has the Town considered other properties for the expansion of the Recreation Park?</i></p> <p>Before the Town purchased the property that they are currently proposing the Challenger Field Development, several other properties were considered. The property the Town is now referring to as Rec Park West was chosen due to its proximity to the existing Recreation Park (Rec Park East), the Town, the Schools and a number of other factors including environmental constraints. While the Town continues to evaluate its options, the Town believes Rec Park West is currently the best option for expansion of recreational facilities within the Town.</p>	Town / Tighe & Bond
5	<p><i>Doesn't the Hoffman Subdivision that has been approved by the Planning Board have a recreation component to it.</i></p> <p>The Hoffman Subdivision has a number of passive recreation components including walking trails and green space. The only active recreation that is planned on site is the multi-purpose rectangular field that is going to be privately available to the residents of the community and therefor does not help the Town to meet the current or future demand. In addition, the schedule for completion of this field is unknown.</p>	Record
6	<p><i>Can the Town use the existing park facility in the Village of Tivoli to meet its demand requirements?</i></p> <p>Due to the current condition of the field in Tivoli, it is not playable for many user groups in Red Hook and would not currently be a good site for users with disabilities. The Town has in the past worked with the Village of Tivoli to maintain the field when needed. Due to the underlying soils at the Tivoli park, it has proved challenging to provide a baseball field that is consistently adequate for competitive play.</p>	Record

7	<p><i>Should the Town be reaching out to residents with disabilities to see if this is something they really want or would use?</i></p> <p>The Town has reached out to potential users of the facility and has gained some positive feedback for the viability and usefulness of the Challenger aspect of the proposed development.</p>	Record
8	<p><i>What can be played on the proposed challenger field?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenger Baseball • Challenger Multi-purposed rectangular sports (soccer, flag football, lacrosse) • Little League Baseball • T- ball • Little League Softball • Women's Softball • JV Softball • Varsity Softball • Flag Football • U12 Soccer • Pick-up games 	Record
9	<p><i>Is there an opportunity for a more natural meadow or natural grassed area on site?</i></p> <p>The Town is interested in exploring how they could program the north end of the site for a more a natural area where potentially a meadow or passive recreation area could be provided. The Town looks forward to receiving additional feedback on this matter.</p>	Town/ Community
10	<p><i>Can we improve the safety of Linden Avenue for pedestrians and slow down cars?</i></p> <p>Linden Avenue is also County Route 79 and therefore any improvements to Linden Avenue will need to be approved by the County. The Town and Tighe & Bond will continue to discuss potential improvements with the County. Pedestrian safety between the two parks is an important part of the proposed project.</p> <p>The Town is also going to request additional enforcement of the current speed limit on Linden Avenue to help reduce the speed of cars.</p>	Tighe & Bond/ Town
11	<p><i>Could a vegetative buffer be provided between the abutters and the park such as to provide privacy from the park without obstructing the natural view of the landscape beyond the park.</i></p> <p>The current plans show a minimum of a 50-foot buffer between any residential properties and the improvements</p>	Tighe & Bond/Town

	<p>at Rec Park West. In addition, the proposed Challenger Field and much of the related parking is located at an elevation more than 15 feet lower than the elevation at Linden Ave at the entrance to the park. The Town and Tighe & Bond are looking at options for screening along the property line in key locations where insufficient buffers exists. White pine's will provide yearlong screening from the park and the height can be controlled by an adequate maintenance plan.</p>	
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The next Red Hook Recreation Challenger Filed Community Design Session will be held on July 9th, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. and the final session will be held on July 23rd at 7:30 P.M. The Town and Tighe & Bond welcomes all community members to attend and help us discuss how we can improve the design for the surrounding community and the potential users of the facility.

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