

Red Hook Recreation Challenger Field Community Design Session No. 2

ATTENDEES:	Doug Strawinski, Recreation Commissioner Chair
	Charlie Nugent, Recreation Commission
	Laurie Vosburgh, Recreation Commission
	Melissa Germano, Recreation Commission
	John Kuhn, Park Facilities and Programs Director
	Chris Hater, Town of Red Hook Little League President
	Harry Colgan, Town Board
	Christine Kane, Town Board
	Sarah Imboden, Town Board
	Robert McKeon, Town Supervisor
	Ryan Morrison, Tighe & Bond

FROM: Ryan Morrison, Staff Engineer, Tighe & Bond

DATE: July 10, 2018

LOCATION: Town of Red Hook Town Hall

On July 10, 2018, the Town of Red Hook held the second 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>Can the Town elaborate on the use of fertilizer near the wetlands? Do we know the mix ratio the Town typically uses?</i></p> <p>The Town currently uses 5-10-5 fertilizer once a year on Recreation Park East and intends to provide a similar maintenance strategy on Recreation Park West. 5-10-5 fertilizer is generally a mild fertilizer consisting of 5% nitrogen, 10% phosphate and 5% potash. The use of fertilizer once a year on the natural turf fields should have minimal impact on the wetlands in fact the proper establishment of the natural turf will allow stabilization of the onsite soils preventing erosion and the conveyance of sediment into the wetlands.</p>	Record
2	<p><i>Will the Town treat the stormwater before it discharges to the wetlands?</i></p> <p>Similar to NYSDEC's requirements for runoff reduction the DEC requires that a certain volume of water is treated on site. This volume is referred to as the Water Quality Volume. While the design of this facility is not yet</p>	Tighe & Bond

	<p>complete we are currently proposing a stormwater practice to the west of the Challenger Field and to the East of the wetlands. This stormwater practice will allow for sediment to settle out of the stormwater before it is discharged to the wetland and it will allow us to control the rate at which water is discharged.</p>	
3	<p><i>Is this park being opened because the Town received grant money?</i></p> <p>Per Supervisor McKeon - Since the Town purchased this land in 2007, it was always acknowledged that the Town would require grant monies to open the park. In 2016 the Town saw an opportunity to meet a number of needs within the community with the grant for a ADA / Multi-purposed field.</p>	Record
4	<p><i>Can this field be located at Rec Park East?</i></p> <p>Due to the scheduling constraints already on the fields at Rec Park East (See attachment) and the lack of additional space, expansion at Rec Park East would not provide the Town sufficient value. The cost for expansion at Rec Park East is similar to the cost of Phase 1 of Rec Park West and the Town would not gain an additional field space.</p>	
5	<p><i>Can the Town provide additional detail in regard to need for and additional field?</i></p> <p>Chris Ader, President of the Red Hook Little League was at the meeting and described a number of scheduling issues that they are having with the current Recreation Park Fields. The bullet points are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Hook and Rhinebeck have combined their little leagues. This was done to help Rhinebeck with declining numbers. • T-Ball and Coaches pitch leagues are some of the larger leagues in Red Hook unfortunately these teams are often pushed to the volleyball grassed area at Rec Park East or the fields at the high school. Unfortunately, these spaces do not give the experience the Red Hook LL would like for the youth players. • Little League boys do not have a place to play at Rec Park East. Currently they are playing at the Father Carroll field which is privately owned. • Red Hook Little League would be turning kids away if they were not sharing Rhinebeck's facilities. 	Record / Tighe & Bond

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to weather and lack of field space Little League Girls and Boys often must cancel practices and do not have an opportunity to make them up • Occasionally games are cancelled due to weather and are not made up because they cannot be rescheduled. • A 50'/70' conversion field would be a nice upgrade to the proposed challenger field. • We would like the opportunity to have striping included for T-ball play so we can lay bases out for the younger leagues. • With the addition of the new housing developments in Town the Red Hook Little League could benefit from the addition of another field 	
<p>6</p>	<p><i>Could one of the nature trails have an ADA component to it?</i></p> <p>Tighe & Bond can help the Town consider a shorter ADA compliant route on the nature trail. Likely this would loop back on itself but provide a similar experience to the rest of the trail. Grant funds may be sought for this improvement.</p>	<p>Tighe & Bond/Town</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><i>Could the Town Provide a long term financial evaluation of synthetic turf to natural turf.</i></p> <p>Tighe & Bond has provided brief evaluation as it relates to the Net Present Value of Natural Turf Field versus Synthetic Turf Fields considering both annual maintenance costs and the replacement of Synthetic Turf on a 12 year basis (per synthetic turf manufacturers). A graph of how the two types of fields compare is attached, and a breakdown of the costs are provided below:</p> <p>Synthetic Turf:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of Replacing Synthetic Turf and Infill every 12 years - \$220,000 (\$18,333 per year) • Cost of Annual Maintenance – Approx. \$2,000 per year- Includes blowing debris off the field, and raking infill as necessary with provided equipment <p>Natural Turf Field:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Maintenance – Approx. \$15,000 per year – Includes Mowing and Line Striping 30 x a year, Fertilizing 1x per year and supplementing and raking clay infield mix. • 5-year Maintenance – Aeration, Top Dressing, and Over-seeding of Natural Turf - \$5,000 • 10-Year Maintenance – Rebuild Clay Infield \$8,000 	<p>Record</p>

	<p>Please note that prices provided do not account for donated services by members of the community.</p> <p>The lifetime costs of the fields were carried to 35 years because at that time it is likely that other infrastructure maintenance will be required. Infrastructure could include pavement around the outside, curbing, fencing, sports equipment and more.</p>	
8	<p><i>Could a circuit course be provided at the Recreation Park?</i></p> <p>Yes, The Town is interested in adding a circuit course to the master plan. Additional input to the Town regarding additional improvements would be helpful.</p>	Town of Red Hook
9	<p><i>Could the walking path from the Linden Ave. into the park be a multimodal path such as to improve bike access?</i></p> <p>Yes, Tighe & Bond will revise the plans to show a 10' wide pathway that will provide pedestrian and bike access into the park. In addition, a bike rack has been added to plans to allow for the locking of bicycles.</p>	Record
10	<p><i>Could a sidewalk on Fruitbud Lane be provided all the way back to Rec Park East?</i></p> <p>The Town is interested in considering a sidewalk back to Rec Park East. This would be completed as a separate project.</p>	Record
11	<p><i>Could the Town of provide screening including brush/trees or fencing along the southern border of the property to keep balls from entering the property to the south?</i></p> <p>Additional vegetative screening can be considered. As proposed the closest field of play would be over 50' from the property line and an existing vegetative buffer exists along the property line. Once the final design is prepared the vegetative buffer can be evaluated and supplemented as necessary.</p>	Record

In an effort to help community members provide Tighe & Bond and the Town input regarding different design elements, the questions below require additional community input.

1. Would the multi-modal path be best served in a stone dust/ gravel or an asphalt surface?
2. What passive recreation other than the trails should be programmed around the meadow/ natural area?
3. What type of stations would best fit the proposed circuit course?
4. Does the community have interest in a community garden?

5. Is there other active or passive recreation that currently the Town is missing on the Master Plan?
6. Is High School football a potential user of the fields of the natural turf fields?

Attached to this document you will find the revised schematic of the park for your review, including the revisions discussed at the previous meetings. The next Red Hook Recreation Challenger Filed Community Design Session will be held on July 23rd, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. This will be the final community design session. 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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