

ATTENDEE COMMENTS
ANDERSON PROPERTY PUBLIC INPUT MEETING #2
7/18/2019

Note: the designation “L” indicates that the attendee identified themselves as living adjacent to or near the park.

Initial comments from Mr. Gisi, and the park designer:

- No development funding has been identified, but completing this master planning process will save significant time when funding becomes available.
- This would be a passive park, e.g. no organized sports or sports fields.
- Existing house may be converted to allow programmable space – meetings, small weddings, etc.
- Accessibility would be provided via hardscape paths from parking lot to house and around the lake.
- Other trails would be natural surface, with boardwalks and pedestrian bridges over wet areas
- The lake would benefit from dredging. The dock would be replaced.
- The open fields along Burnt Hickory would be available for multi-use activities, picnics, etc.
- The plan shows an outdoor classroom near the lake dam and existing barn structure.

- L – What will be the park Hours?
 - Dawn to Dusk
- Where will public access point originate?
 - Access from Anderson Road
- L – Will the park be gated – especially at night? Do not want this to be a hang-out after hours.
 - We do not typically gate parks. We will not have full-time staff.
 - Our Park Rangers will visit the site regularly
 - The parking lot will be visible from the road
 - PARKS plans to install automatic license plate readers at some of our parks
 - We will consider installing a service/utility gate at the house, to limit access
 - Parking lot very busy from Anderson.
- Will the parking lot be lighted?
 - Yes, but only in support of after-dark activities at the house
 - Lighted lots often attract after hours usage
- What would an event on site do to the passive nature of the site? Can the two uses co-exist?
 - Yes, rentals would only be available at the house. The rest of the park will remain open.
- Beyond the driveway, people are already parking trucks near the lake. How will that be addressed? Concerned about cars on the road.
 - We can install signage or fencing.

- L - #1 concern is traffic. #2 concern is safety. Bad people come to good neighborhoods.
- Suggest safety cameras or some form of protection/visibility.
- Small parking lot (30 spaces) – how does this size compared to events in house? Where would overflow be?
 - Available parking is considered when allowing events on the property.
 - Max 40 – 50 people in the house.
 - Would be up to the renter to arrange for offsite parking and shuttles.
- Entrance – up Anderson Road, same as now.
- Where would the park sign be located?
 - At the corner of Burnt Hickory and Anderson Road.
- Is there consideration for a turn lane on West side on Burnt Hickory?
 - Yes, we would follow Cobb DOT requirements, likely a left turn lane heading towards Marietta, and a decel lane coming from Marietta
 - There is probably sufficient right-of-way existing. Any widening would be towards the park property.
 - Traffic study will be required when the park is designed
- This is already a dangerous traffic area
- Do something with the property next to Anderson Road (parking, access)?
- L – Concerned about safety. Will you install perimeter fencing? What will happen around property to take care of people coming in?
 - None of our parks are fenced
- Swampy area at rear of property will deter access
- L – Reminds him of Laurel Park
 - One way in, one way out is a deterrent for crime
- Mostly surrounded by residential housing?
 - Yes
- Connect sidewalks from Barrett Parkway? ¼ mile away
- Cobb DOT Trail from Battlefield to Barrett Parkway planned.
- Community access path?
- Get to Park without driving.
- Green space – will it be developed later? Possible changed at later date?
 - The Board of Commissioners would have to vote to approve such a change, which is highly unlikely given public sentiment in favor of passive recreation.
- Walkway through private land to Barrett Parkway in NW corner?
 - That route will not achieve ADA access.
- Work with NPS to get trail tie-in from Battlefield? Trail connectivity, e.g. to 21 Gun trail.
- Take down as few trees as possible? The pines in the parking lot area are old.
 - Only around 5 or 6 would be removed.
- Use sticker bush hedge around property as a deterrent.
- This is better than another subdivision or soccer fields.
- Enough parking? People will park all over.
 - Path will help reduce cars.
- Please define passive?
 - Enjoy nature
 - Nature classes
 - No organized activities, sports

- Picnicking, walking
- How long are the trails?
 - Total trail length, concrete and natural surface, is between 1.75 and 2.00 miles
 - No bikes would be allowed on trail
 - Paved from parking and house to lake, around lake, with bridges and boardwalk
 - PARKS will maintain and manage the trails and park
- Has lake water quality been tested?
 - Yes, it is in good shape
 - PARKS is working towards a more active fishing program in this lake and our others.
 - There will be no swimming allowed.
- What is expected daily attendance for the park?
 - For example, Price Park on Stilesboro Road.
 - Very little during a weekday. 0-5 cars at a time in the parking lot.
 - There are more later in the afternoon when people get off of work.
 - Weekends – around 15 cars at any one time in the parking lot.
- Will dogs be allowed?
 - Yes, on a 6' leash.
- Pavilions/ Shelters - how many picnic tables?
 - 6 to 8 tables in the larger shelter
 - Can reserve a shelter for a small fee
- What is the time line? Budget?
 - There is no timeline. Part of this planning effort will be a development cost estimate.

PARKS will send a notice when the final draft plan is to be presented to the Recreation Board.