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## **Radnor Township Master Plans for Clem Macrone Park & Eastern Gateway**

Meeting Minutes

Location: Radnor United Methodist Church

January 8, 2014 – 7PM

Those in attendance:

*Company or Organization Name*

*Name*

**Radnor Township Residents**

Refer to Sign-in Sheet Attached

**Radnor Township Commissioner:**

John Fisher (JF)

**Radnor Township, Township Manager:**

Bob Zienkowski (BZ)

**Radnor Township Recreation Director:**

Tammy Cohen (TC)

**Radnor Township, Director of Public Works:**

Steve Norcini (SN)

**Kimmel Bogrette Architecture + Site (KBA+S)**

Jim Bogrette (JB)

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Joe Horan (JH)

**Land Studies (LS)**

Kelley Gutshall (KG)

The following items noted below are intended to accurately reflect the content of meeting discussions and subsequent actions.

### **Master Plan for Clem Macrone Park**

*Item Description*

1. The meeting was called to order and all in attendance were asked to sign the sign-in sheet. Refer to attached.
2. SN introduced the project, gave a brief introduction, and turned meeting over to KBA+S.
3. JB introduced the consultant team and gave brief outline on the goals for the meeting.
4. Meeting format would be a Power Point presentation. KBA+S encouraged input from residents and that meeting would be interactive.
5. JB discussed the agenda, the concept of developing a project mission statement and core values for the park. These will be used to help validate the testing as the design concepts move forward. KBAS will be drafting these ideas for review by the group and encourages input from the Township and Residents. The goal is that the mission and core values are adopted by everyone for the overall project moving forward.
6. KBA+S has reviewed the existing park environmental assessment and Garrett Hill Master Plan. Idea of this new Master Plan is to build upon existing data.
7. JH reviewed existing aerial photos of park and requested Township Residents provide input on the current issues and challenges of the existing park and its current configuration.

8. **Clem Macrone:** Through an active and spirited discussion amongst all parties, the following points were discussed

A. Existing Issues and Concerns for Clem Macrone

- a) Traffic and Safety Issues along and crossing Conestoga Road (crosswalks)
- b) Not as inviting or visible as the park could be.
- c) Safety concerns for playground due to proximity to Conestoga Road
- d) Parking during peak sports seasons
- e) Run-off & drainage (lack-of) between tennis courts and ball field.
- f) Park is divided by courts and rest rooms...almost feels like two different parks
- g) Existing asphalt dumping area and unnecessary paving
- h) Poor restroom facilities
- i) Lack of electrical power for outdoor events
- j) Overall Park Security
- k) Linear nature of park makes it challenging for events.
- l) No real gathering area (currently have to move tiered seating for events)
- m) Existing chain link property fence is an eyesore
- n) Drainage issues along gravel drive...trucks often get stuck.
- o) July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Setup and Break down of this party is challenging with current issues. Look to solve them.

B. Potential Concepts/Ideas for the Park (In no particular order)

- a) New Restrooms with electrical power
- b) Pool (This item was questioned by design team due to economics) ??
- c) Water Feature or Spray-Ground might be a viable alternative to pool
- d) Skate Park
- e) Hockey Rink
- f) Pavilions or Amphitheatre
- g) Dog Park or Dog Friendly Park ??
- h) Interpretive Trails
- i) Tot Lot (s) / Play Areas for more diverse age groups.
- j) Restoration of heritage trees
- k) Increase habitat and green space
- l) Gaga Court
- m) Picnic Area with new grills
- n) War memorial more prominent
- o) ADA accessibility
- p) Proper Service access for trucks, etc.
- q) Do not reduce # of courts/fields but will reconsider relocation
- r) Stream bank restoration
- s) Stormwater BMP's and demonstration projects similar to existing projects already implemented in the park.
- t) Signage
- u) Have a park in the true sense where there can be "Programs" other than athletics such as environmental education, art, camps, etc.

9. **Eastern Gateway:** Through an active and spirited discussion amongst all parties, the following points were discussed
- A. Existing Issues and Concerns for Eastern Gateway
    - a) Existing utility Easements
    - b) Run-off & drainage (lack-of)
    - c) Continual overgrowth and clear cutting/spraying by Utilities
    - d) Not a Gateway!!
    - e) Unsightly at times (used to be beautiful and lush with natural growth/habitat)
    - f) Lack of signage
  - B. Potential Concepts/Ideas for the Gateway (In no particular order)
    - a) Restoration of native plants
    - b) Stabilization of embankment
    - c) BMP strategies to reduce runoff and stormwater
    - d) Possible trail access
    - e) Signage
    - f) Potential demonstration project for stormwater management
    - g) Potential partnership with utilities to ensure site is properly maintained and not damaged in the future. (critical understanding of their maintenance issues)
10. SN and BZ stated that there is funding available to implement some work at the park and that the group collectively (Township, Residents, & Design Team) should continue to work together expeditiously. SN stressed the importance of the residents to help keep each other informed and to remain a part of this project. Township will update website and post information, but it is important that everyone works as a team for a successful project.
11. Township residents requested that a tab be dedicated on the Township Web page for this project. SN stated that they would provide a link on the home page that would take residents to pertinent information section.
12. A site survey of the park and gateway will be completed and utilized for conceptual design of the Masterplan.
13. Project Schedule: KBA+S will prepare a schedule for review by the Township. Upon approval of the schedule by the Township, dates can be posted on Township website.
14. The date for the next public meeting will be determined with the Township and posted on their website.
15. End of Meeting
16. Post Meeting Note: JH & JB spoke with Paul Overbeck about walking the site with the neighborhood group. Meeting is currently scheduled for 1/17/14 @ 3:30 PM.

I believe these minutes to accurately reflect the discussions that took place during the meeting. Should anyone have additional comments or differing understanding it is requested that they notify the writer as soon as possible upon receipt. Otherwise, all parties agree that these minutes stand as written.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Horan  
Kimmel Bogrette Architecture + Site  
Cc: Radnor Township

01/08/14

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# Clem Macrone Park & Eastern Gateway

## PUBLIC INPUT PRESENTATION

January 8, 2014



KIMMEL BOGRETTE  
Architecture + Site

# *Architecture + Site = The Essence of This Project*



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A r c h i t e c t u r e + S i t e

- *Your Community Park presents a unique opportunity.*
- *Your Community deserves a unique response.*
- *We offer a unique:*
  - ➔ *Team*
  - ➔ *Process*
  - ➔ *Experience*
  - ➔ *Sensitivity*



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# Who Is Kimmel Bogrette?

- *The Mission:*  
To provide **EXTRAORDINARY SOLUTIONS FOR ORDINARY BUDGETS**
- *The Commitment:*  
**Municipal Specialists with a dedication to integrate architecture and landscape ...**





# Who Is Land Studies?



- *Creating Functional, Natural Landscapes*
- *Solid foundation of diverse technical expertise and grounded in years of experience*
- *As our name says we study the land and then design, manage, construct, plant, maintain, and monitor the results*



*We Have the Process:*

*MasterConcept™ Planning ...*

*Our Proven Process Is Your First Step to Success*



## *Mission Driven Intelligence:*

- *Documenting the Project Mission:*
- *Understanding the Need*
- *Identifying the Constraints*
- *Developing Enlightened Solutions*



# MasterConcept™ Planning ... Requires Your Input



- *Avoiding design confusion by asking the right questions.*
- *Mission-driven toward objective consensus.*
- *Develop consensus between community, municipality, and approving agencies.*



# Today's Meeting:



## Goals:

- *Overview & Mission*
  - ...*The Opportunity*
- *Take Inventory of the Sites*
  - ...*A Canvas*
- *Discuss Your Ideas and Vision*
  - ...*Transformation for the Future*



# *The Opportunity...*



## *Project Mission*

- *Create a Crowning Jewel for the Community*
- *Raise the Bar for Parks in Radnor*
- *Create a Legacy for Radnor Township*



# Site Inventory

Planning for the Site – Clem Macrone





Conestoga Rd

Strathmore Dr

Strathmore Dr

Yorkshire Rd

Rockingham Rd

Rockingham Rd

Dreer Ln

Bailey Rd

Bailey Rd

Williams Rd

# Site Inventory

## Planning for the Site – EASTERN GATEWAY









# *Your Input & Ideas:*

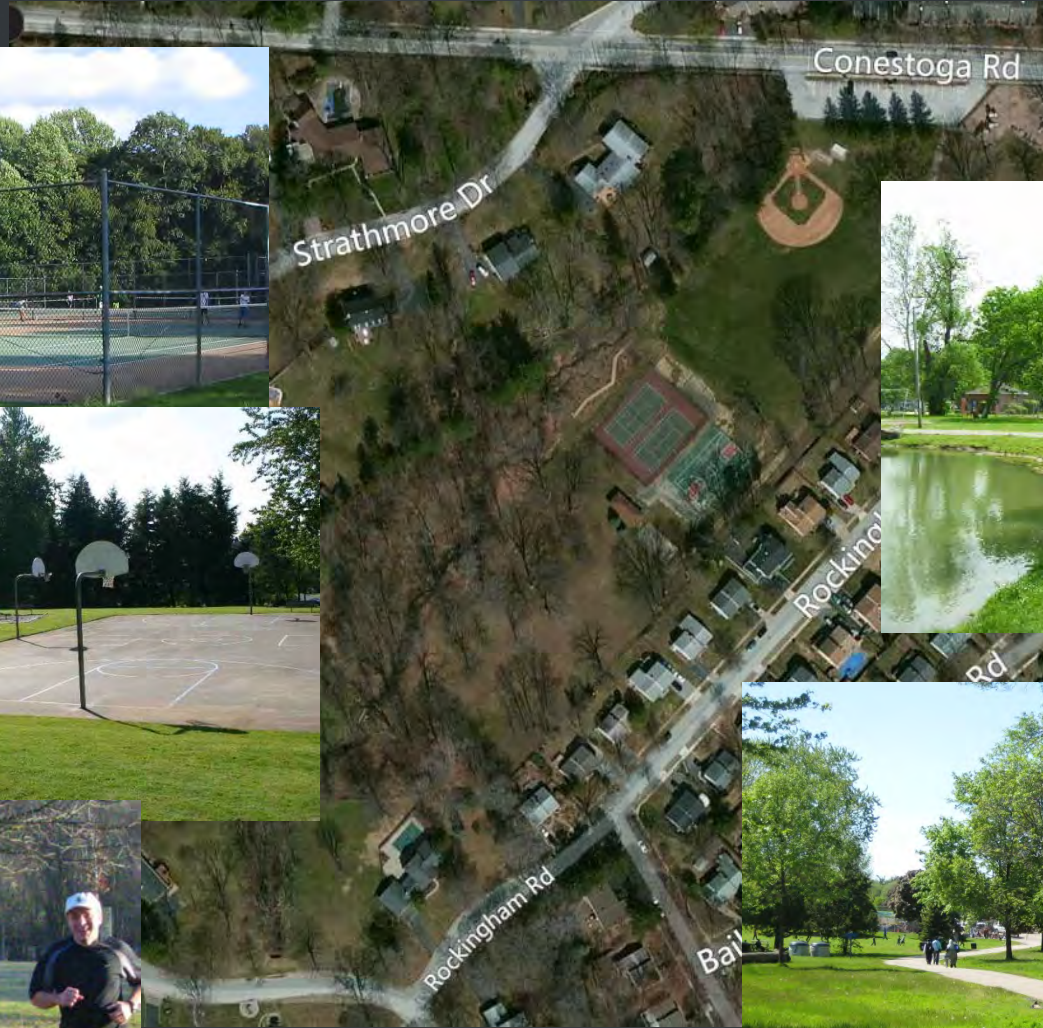
## Valued Park Components Per 2011 Environmental Assessment Survey

- *TREES*
- *PLAYGROUND*
- *SPORTS AREAS*
- *PICNIC AREA*
- *STREAM*
- *UNDEVELOPED AREAS*
- *WETLANDS*
- *ANIMALS*



# The Canvas...

## Active & Passive Recreation



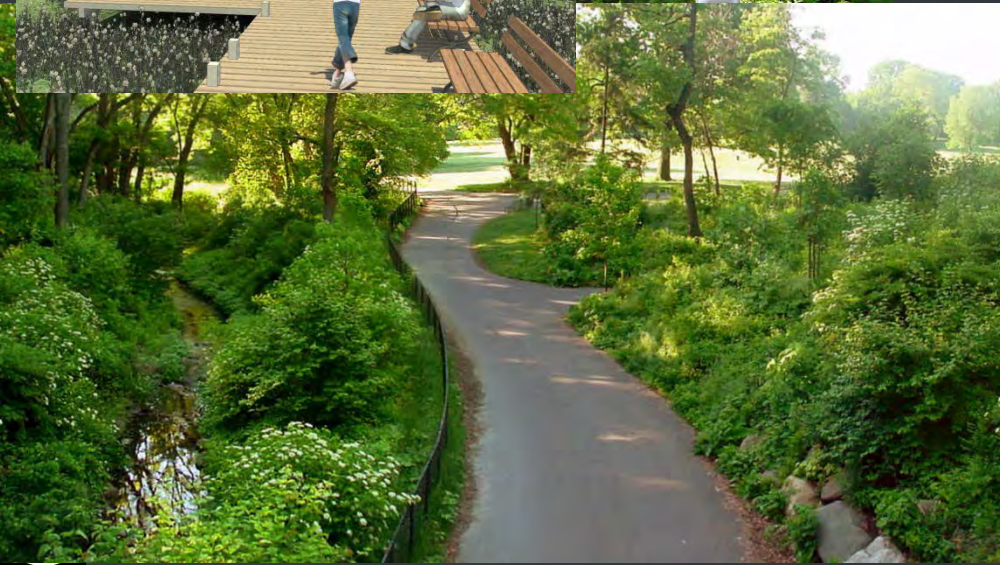
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# The Canvas...

# Performance & Gathering Spaces



## Interpretive Trails



# The Canvas...

## Native Plant Arboretum

## Wetlands & Stream Education



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# The Canvas...



*Pavilions*



*Park Signage*



# The Canvas...

## Bird Watching & Wildlife



## Community Garden





# Your Input & Ideas:



## Group Discussion

### 1. Environmental Resources

Hopes:

Concerns:

### 2. Park and Recreation

Hopes:

Concerns:

### 3. Community Connections

Hopes:

Concerns:

### 4. Additional Considerations



# Questions & Answers

Your Input and Comments

