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**Burnham Park Master Plan Public Meeting
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Meeting Minutes
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A public meeting was held at Burnham Park to discuss the preparation of a Master Plan for Burnham Park including: the ponds and surrounding area, the athletic fields, the pool and all other areas and amenities within the park proper. The meeting focused on eight specific areas as follows:

1. Pond Improvements
2. Stormwater Quality
3. ADA Access
4. Park Amenities
5. Natural and Undisturbed Areas
6. Wayfinding
7. Potential New Amenities
8. Gateway/Fringe improvements

The purpose of the meeting was to allow the public, including various committees and/or boards in Morristown to provide feedback on improvements to the park on all eight above-referenced items. The list below is an accumulation of all the comments made by the public and/or boards and committees on their desires for improvements for the park. The list below does not represent the actual improvements that will take place. The actual improvements to take place will be presented to the Mayor & Council in a Master Plan document for review by the Mayor & Council and eventual approval by the Mayor & Council. As part of this process, there will be two more public meetings held over the next sixty days to allow anyone who was not able to attend the first meeting to provide feedback. Below are the comments from the first meeting broken down by each category:

1. Pond Improvements

- Dredging.
- Hydro Raking.
- Geese Control.
- Enhancement to riparian buffer/removal of invasive species not native to the park.
- Install esthetic lighting.
- Installation of a boathouse/boat launch.
- Create additional pond access such as a dock, walkways to the water or additional scenic overlooks.
- Improve water quality.
- Additional fountains in the pond.
- Removal of dead trees or invasive vegetation surrounding the pond.
- Increased pond activities, such as skating or boating.



2. Stormwater Quality

- Install drainage around the ponds to eliminate soft/wet areas.
- Utilize pervious materials for existing or new walkways.
- Installation of trash-capturing devices on stormwater inlets and areas where stormwater runoff enters the pond.
- Improved soil erosion and sediment control around the pond.
- Improve/upgrade both pond's dams.

3. ADA Access

- Improve park paths to allow for ADA accessibility around the entire complex.
- Install sidewalks along surrounding roads with ADA access down to interior park pathways.
- Install additional ADA parking around the park.
- Install ADA accessible walkways and ramps for all park amenities such as: playgrounds, monuments, fishing areas, ballfields and pool.
- Install ADA accessible playground equipment.
- Install ADA accessible bathrooms.
- Install ADA accessible benches and picnic tables.

4. Park Amenities

- More/improved garbage and recycling containers.
- Additional bathroom buildings.
- Refurbish the existing storage building next to the larger pond.
- Improve existing building adjacent to the baseball fields, including siding, ADA accessible bathrooms and improved storage.
- New fencing for both baseball fields.
- New fencing/improvement of fencing around the pool.
- Exercise course/stations throughout the park.
- Additional benches and picnic tables.
- Benches with backs.
- Bicycle paths around the park.
- Connection to other recreation areas including the Greenway, Jones Woods and Fosterfields in Morris Township
- Repair and upgrade of the outdoor stone fireplace.
- Installation of slides at the pool.
- Installation of tennis/pickleball court(s).
- Repair of the existing basketball court including new lighting.
- Area for assembly, such as amphitheater area.
- Addition of a second playground or expansion of existing playground.
- Community Garden
- Butterfly Garden
- Installation of a labyrinth (a garden-type maze).



5. Natural and Undisturbed Areas

- Installation of conservation information/kiosks.
- Installation of tree marking signs, including species and type.
- Restore natural areas, including removal of invasive species and dead trees/or dead vegetation.
- Installation of educational walkways with signage.
- Installation of bird/bat houses.

6. Wayfinding

- Improve/add park signage.
- Identifying areas in the park such as: the pool, playgrounds, ball fields, bathrooms, fishing areas, viewing areas and monuments.
- Installation of kiosks, including park history and park maps.
- Installation of wildlife/vegetation kiosks.
- Vegetation/tree marking signs (identifying species types).
- Installing directional signs from downtown areas to Burnham Park.

7. Potential New Amenities

- Additional public bathrooms.
- Statue Diversity.
- Increased public safety, such as improved lighting, improved parking and better access for Police.
- Charging stations.
- Drinking water bottle fillers.
- Implementation of solar lighting to access various areas of the park.
- Introduction of local artist display areas.
- Bocce Ball Courts.
- Sledding Hill.
- Six-year-old to twelve-year old playground (existing playground is only up to age six).
- Outdoor area for public music.

8. Gateway/Fringe improvements

- Improve the entranceways to the park utilizing multi-seasonal landscaping.
- Install gateway signs for entrance into the park. (These signs should not be grandiose but be consistent with the signs downtown directing you to Burnham Park).