

May 22, 2021

Meeting of Lakehurst Residents About Park Improvements

Notes taken by Bonny Griffith, HOA President

(29 people were in attendance, but someone else took the list of people who signed in, I don't have it)

Colin Insley, Director of Parks, Planning and Construction and Sarah McAfee, Parks Volunteer and Operations Coordinator from Foothills attended.

The project has come about because of the 2017 Mill Levy that was passed, and the 2020 Extension. Budget approved for the project is \$650,000.

There was a Zoom meeting on March 24th with Foothills personnel and Lakehurst residents. 17 people were on that call. Because of the feedback from that meeting, Foothills made some changes to the plan and on April 29th issued an updated statement of their intentions for the Park. The new plan is on the LakehurstPark.com website.

1. The sidewalks. The plan is to sawcut down the middle of the sidewalks surrounding the park. Because half of the sidewalk belongs to Foothills and the other half belongs to the homeowners. Asked why they can't just fix the sidewalks, Foothills reps said because they don't own the whole sidewalk. Mike took a poll and it among Lakehurst homeowners in attendance, it was unanimous that we want to keep the sidewalks around the perimeter of the park.

About having a sidewalk through the big park to allow easier access to Harriman Lake Park, 8 people said yes, 7 said no, and the rest were indifferent.

8 feet is normal for a Foothills sidewalk, ours are only six feet wide.

2. Grass. The Foothills plan is for 75% of the park to be non-irrigated. We should go see the grass at Powderhorn Park. That has the kind of non-irrigated turf they want to plant in our park. Poll taken, and residents want our park to be considered "recreational use" and be irrigated as such. We would rather have our grass irrigated than have new sidewalks.
3. Playground. Removal of the old playground was always part of the plan once they built the new playground. The poll was unanimous that we want the old playground left in place. Bonny said that perhaps the HOA could help pay for doing maintenance to it.
4. Music and event space at the bottom of the park by the entrance to Harriman Lake. This would cost between \$10 and \$15,000 to build. This would include providing electricity. It would be in a locked box, so it couldn't be used by

anyone but those authorized. Foothills reps said to check out their park called Dancing Willows—it has an amphitheater. Chaucer Park has neighborhood concerts.

5. Other amenities and concerns. Picnic tables, benches. They would like to add more of these throughout the park and diamonds. Someone said we need more garbage cans. They said yes, they would be putting in more garbage cans as part of the improvements. Sarah said they would like to put in some more amenities near the new playground. Perhaps a covered picnic table area. The homeowner in the house at 10422 W. Surrey said the park is already too noisy and they were against any more improvements to that part of the park.
6. Drainage issues. There was some discussion between some of the meeting and Colin about drainage issues in part of the park.
7. Dog Park.