

Meeting Report: 6031 Perinton Master Plan

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Meeting Date:	September 17, 2008	Report Date:	October 15, 2008
Location:	Fairport, NY		
Project:	Perinton Master Plan		
Project No:	7013		
Event:	Public hearing		
Attendees:	Commissioner of Recreation and Parks		Jim Donahue
			Jeff
			Melanie
	Recreation & Parks Advisory Board		Al Chesonis, Chair
			Mike Coppola
			Cheryl Hanzlik
			Jayne LaFay
			Kevin Ruster
			Dave Schaeffer
			Steve Van Vreede
			Peter Trowbridge
			Ellen Chase
	Trowbridge & Wolf		
	Members of the public		

Discussion:

A public hearing was held to present the Town of Perinton Comprehensive Park and Open Space Master Plan and some of the associated costs. Public comments were as follows:

1. Man in red jacket:
 - a. He is a birdwatcher raised in Fairport. Beechwoods is too encroached by development. White Brook, Indian Hill, Horizon Hill – would like to see them remain unencroached. Minimize development/intervention as much as possible. Even Howell Road will sustain wildlife.
 - b. Dog parks – happy to see that. X used to be a good place to walk, but a separate dog park would be great. Are mountain bikes prohibited on Crescent Trail? They should be, and better signage would help keep people off of where they shouldn't be.
 - c. Better parking –could be open year-round and give us access.
 - d. Going east on Trolley Trail towards the canal – is there a town right-of-way? The fencing by private owners makes it seem that it's private land.
 - i. Answered by Dave Schaeffer: The Canal has granted permits to residents to use public land. One person has an elaborately fence that leaves a small corridor in between. It's all been authorized by the state. Have had requests from bikers for parts of Crescent Trail for commuting or going to other small commercial areas. It's probably an emerging issue. The Council has had a dialogue with the town. A Trolley Trail and Canal connection in particular would help commuting, etc.
 - ii. Man in red jacket: A well-built trail helps keep wildlife.

2. Man in beige shirt:
 - a. What is the status of the bridge?
 - i. Answered by Jim Smith: It is scheduled for 2009 – 2010, but is still getting permits and that takes time. In discussions with Canal Authority about the trail. There are a few issues out there, but will separate trail uses. Blacktop on the right side would remain with a grass strip next to it.
 - b. Any priority of projects, i.e. what is second, third, etc.?
 - i. Answered by Jim Smith: Advisory Board came up with a list and also asked the public what they wanted. At the end of the process will compare both.
3. Man in red jacket:
 - a. Want to commend all of you for doing such a thorough job. Not many people here - more people would be here if they were upset about the five-year plan.

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cc: Attendees, file