

Memorandum

To: Kurt Baker, CPRP, Director of
Parks and Recreation Whitpain
Township
From: Ann M. Toole, CPRP
Date: 11-5-20

The following is a list of the questions for the public opinion survey for the Whitpain Township Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trail Plan Update 2021 – 2030.

1. **What is important to you?** Select your five most preferred items in order.
 - Making Mermaid Lake a public park
 - More sidewalks for walking
 - Year round indoor recreation opportunities
 - Open Space and Conservation
 - More recreation programs
 - Pool in Mermaid Lake
 - Improving parks and recreation facilities
 - More township bicycle trails

2. **What parks, recreation facilities, trails, and preserves do you use in Whitpain Township?**

Please select all that apply.

 - Centre Square Park
 - Wentz Run Park
 - Stony Creek Sports Park
 - Prophecy Creek Park
 - Armentrout Preserve
 - Erbs Mill Park
 - Whitpain Dog Park

- West Side Park
- Whitpain Township Trail System
- None

3. **What indoor and outdoor recreation/sports and fitness facilities do you use outside the Township?** Please choose all that apply.

- Greater Plymouth Community Center (GPCC)
- Ambler YMCA
- Parks in other municipalities
- Faith based facilities and programs
- County Bicycle Trails
- County Parks
- State Parks
- Commercial fitness facilities
- Private recreation/sports facilities such as Competitive Edge
- Private country club membership

4. **What do you do when you visit our parks?** Please choose all that apply

- Enjoy nature
- Play on a playground
- Hike
- Walk/run
- Picnic
- Bicycle
- Walk my dog
- Play or watch sports
- Socialize with family and friends Relax
- Exercise
- Attend special events
- Bring out of town guests to a park
- Use parks more after the pandemic than before



5. **What kinds of programs would you like to do within the next year?** Select all that apply.

- Sports
- Camps
- Special events and family programs
- Classes in arts, dance and drama
- Environmental education
- Virtual programs
- Physical fitness and mental health improvement
- Programs to support special needs
- Pre-school programs
- School age programs
- Teen programs
- Adult programs
- Seniors programs
- Other

6. **How would you rate our recreation programs?**

- Poor
- Fair
- Average
- Good
- Excellent

7. **How would you rate our parks and recreation facilities?**

- a. Poor
- b. Fair
- c. Average
- d. Good
- e. Excellent



8. **How important to you is it that the Township develop a new park at Mermaid Lake?** Please choose one response.

- Not at all important
- Of low importance
- Of average importance \
- Very important
- Extremely important

9. **Please check all the ways that you'd be likely to support improving, operating, maintaining, and programming our newest park at Mermaid Lake.**

- a. Use existing township taxes to develop or improve park facilities
- b. Use existing taxes for park maintenance and operations in the new park.
- c. Undertake a private fundraising campaign for designated improvements.
- d. Pay user fees for programs
- e. Public-Private Partnerships – Private financing or support of public recreation facilities to attempt to defray the cost of development, operations and maintenance. These partnerships may result in some public use restrictions.
- f. Use new township taxes to develop or improve park facilities
- g. Seek grant funds for park improvements
- h. Pay user fees to join or use the swimming pool if developed.
- i. Pay rental fees for facility use.

10. **How would you like to see the Mermaid Lake property improved?** Pick three.

- a. Keep it as is. Update facilities, other than the pool, for safety and improved use.
- b. Create a community park with a mix of active and passive recreation facilities and places to connect with nature.
- c. Establish a sports complex with ballfields and game courts.
- d. Restore as an open space area with limited use facilities such as walking.
- e. Make it into a nature-based facility for walking, connecting with nature, walking, picnicking and other passive uses.
- f. Restore the existing pool or build a new pool or a spray ground
- g. Develop an indoor recreation and sports facility for year round use.
- h. Other



11. In the BIG PICTURE of all our parks, recreation, open space, trails and programs TOWNSHIP-WIDE, if we could do one thing to improve parks, recreation facilities, open space, trails, and recreation programs in Whitpain Township, what is the one single thing you would most like use to do?

12. How would you spend \$100?

- a. Existing parks and recreation facility improvements
- b. Park maintenance and operations
- c. Improving Mermaid Lake as a public park
- d. Mermaid Lake Park maintenance and operations
- e. Building and operating a public pool at Mermaid lake
- f. Programs and services
- g. Township-wide multiple-use trail network
- h. Environmental protection improvements

13. Do you live in Whitpain Township?

- a. Yes
- b. No

14. In what age group do you fall?

- a. Under 18
- b. 18-24
- c. 25-45
- d. 46-65
- e. 66+

15. How often do you use township parks? Select one response.

- a. Never
- b. Never but I like having them in my community
- c. Several times a year
- d. Weekly
- e. Daily



16. **Other than adults, who lives in your household?** Select all that apply.

- a. Children under 18
- b. Senior citizens
- c. People with special needs
- d. College students
- e. Person living alone

17. **What is your most preferred way to get information about parks and recreation?** Select all that apply.

- a. Township website
- b. Township newsletter
- c. Social media
- d. Marquee sign
- e. Township Wire
- f. Facebook
- g. Email
- h. Flyers

