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**Question 8 – As we plan for two new regional parks, what other suggestions or comments would you like to share with us?**

- o Provide good restrooms - flush (6)
- o Link parks via bike paths (4)
- o Make water fountains more numerous (3)
- o More sports fields (2)
- o Bike paths (2)
- o The park being safe and secure
- o Educational programs
- o This town desperately needs an indoor tennis facility. Currently, only wealthy families can play year-round tennis.
- o Appreciate regular policing of parks to keep them safe and fun.
- o We really need a bike trail system that links neighborhoods & PSU. Trails through/along parks can provide a key link.
- o Indoor racquetball courts for summer and winter
- o Don't do it
- o Could use another pool, more hiking and biking trails, flower gardens
- o Soft running trails, swim park, soccer fields, shade trees
- o Maximizing the natural attributes of the land being built upon and cater to the demographics of the area.
- o Add a water sprinkler fun area for kids for hot days (not all kids like to swim)
- o Put walking trails with occasional benches around perimeters of all parks.
- o Clean, modern handicap picnic areas and bathrooms.
- o No dogs
- o The opportunity to teach youngsters the skills required to fly RC aircraft. The popularity of electric RC aircraft requires safety instructions including a safe place to fly.
- o Good maintenance
- o Connect parks to bike trail. Connect Whitehall to Musser Gap with bike trails and include bike trails in Musser Gap.
- o I think we should just have more parks period, more open spaces to play sports.
- o We are already well equipped, why more?
- o Large picnic area with tables
- o Let the park be open until reasonable time, plenty of recycling areas.
- o We would love to see more places like Millbrook and Shavers creek. These places make it easy to raise children who love and respect the outdoors!
- o Why both on the east side when there is growth on the west end also?
- o No new taxes please...cost of living is significant, especially to retirees.
- o Use variety and avoid "fad" activities! Fads fade but expenditures never lose their interest.
- o We love Spring creek park and Circleville park
- o Do not do the parks, instead give the money to the police to stop the drug selling that goes on in the park area.
- o Un-programmed open space – people can use it for whatever. When not in use a soccer field is still just that, not a park.
- o For more use, vitality & community, partner with other entities to offer food and other amenities that will draw people. Make parks a place where all ages find something to do.
- o Indoor basketball courts
- o Instead of the parks, give the money to make my taxes lower, save money do not cost the tax payers more money in making a park that is not necessary.
- o Make sure there is adequate parking, plenty of trees for shaded areas and make the park friendly for all ages.
- o Swimming pool would be welcome in College Twp. (Oak Hall area)
- o Swing, see-saw, merry-go-round
- o Before building new sports facilities take better care of the facilities we have. The Boalsburg Elementary tennis courts are in very poor repair.
- o Please keep them as close to natural as possible.
- o Provide recreational activities for teens not just young children (i.e., volleyball, tennis, horseshoes)
- o Excellent idea! The parks in SC are part of what makes the community great.
- o The area needs another pool. I think it is important however to incorporate activities not found in the area already. Skateboarding, sledding and amphitheater would be examples of activities my family would love to see.
- o Is there a need for more ball fields or a swimming pool? Basketball courts? Playgrounds? Skateboarding parks?
- o Thank you for continuing to make the Centre region a beautiful place to live!
- o I trust your judgment.
- o Since the two parks will both be on large tracts, it would be nice to see both paved bike paths and packed dirt walking/jogging trails through more wooded areas. Either/both of these trails might also serve for cross country skiing in the winter.
- o More lighting for the walking/jogging trails. Water fountains would be nice to have in the walking trail.
- o Because we have such nice park facilities, I think "Parks & Rec" should reinstitute the weekly (daily) parks program they had years ago.
- o Offer community input opportunities. Please plan some distance between the parks and the roadways.
- o Stop planning. Save the money and apply it to useful services or return it to the taxpayers.
- o Keep them within walking distance of area residents. Use them to connect other parks, trails, greenways, public spaces, etc.
- o Ample area.
- o Make it so you can't see the entire park at first glance, encourage exploration by incorporating trees and paths leading to semi-private park spaces.
- o We have lots of master gardeners, senior citizen volunteers and PSU horticultural students - couldn't we get something that is really beautiful and

- different.
- o Keep pavement to a minimum. Make sure that everything is ADA complaint.
- o Man-made pond for fishing, maybe even paddle boat rentals (my son loves paddle boats).
- o Make provisions for monthly care of all facilities, don't let adjacent home owners discard leaves, grass clippings, junk of any kind. Urge CRCORG to observe and remind people of this, enforce.
- o The restroom facilities and fountains are very important for young families – clean, changing tables, etc.
- o Use an excellent landscape architect who specializes in parks!
- o Don't let the Oak Hall park have any impact on Spring Creek or any other creek. In fact, keep away from Spring Creek/Oak Hall.
- o Security
- o Integrate the facilities for a range of interests and age groups.
- o Multi-age considerations: low basketball hoops for preschoolers as well as standard size, bathrooms near parking, seating for elderly, etc.
- o Make it easier to reserve space.
- o The parks of this region are wonderful. We've really enjoyed them with our family.
- o Sledding area for winter a plus for winter activities; more seating for adults near play areas like the playground, the baseball/soccer fields and swim areas.
- o Efforts to connect with existing bike paths would be great.
- o I'm enthusiastic about anything which makes the region more attractive.
- o If possible, don't double the same features as the Harris Twp park on Boalsburg Pike. Put in different facilities at Oak Hall site.
- o The best parks are Holmes-Foster and Tudek in the area. I would say combine the 2 features and add a pool to make one big family/kids recreation area with sport fields, playgrounds, restrooms and trails with a picnic area. Then a pool area with volleyball!
- o A nice chipping or putting green to practice, there seem to be more and more adults and children getting into golf. It would give people a place to practice that can't afford to join a club. We belong to the Elk's but some kids' parents can not afford the Elk's so these kids need to practice to see if they really like it before the parents spend money on this costly sport.
- o Make sure there is plenty of shade for hot summer days. Restrooms and water fountains are nice too.
- o No softball or baseball fields.
- o Picnic area, restrooms, shade tree areas are most important. Playground areas will attract younger families.
- o Stop duplication of facilities.
- o The parks should be served by public transport if possible. It would be wonderful to have a simple, educational display about the native PA flora & fauna in the parks.
- o Dog friendly, organized sports leagues
- o Need more winter sports – sledding, cross country skiing
- o State College is an unique town in that it needs to meet the needs of the young PSU students as well as the large population of baby boomers. I think parks with a variety of activities for the later group would be appreciated. I also think plans for an indoor community pool would be most welcomed.
- o We really need a public skateboarding facility for kids in the area.
- o To have a link to those parks via bike path.
- o Include trails, nice and clean restrooms and green technologies.
- o Use the resources of Penn State as much as possible.
- o They are needed.
- o Lighting for some safety. Open trails rather than concealed by nature.
- o Supervised playground and restroom facilities
- o Benches along the walking trails are a nice feature to encourage the elderly to take advantage of the trails for exercise.
- o Please create a place for young people where they can go and feel safe without parents and yet comfortable enough to feel like adults.
- o Easily accessible, safe and clean environment.
- o Interconnect Oak Hall park with PA military museum grounds and Blue Spring park with walking, biking, skiing and bridle trails/paths.
- o There is no skateboard/BMX bike area other than Tussey. Across the board, CR parks offer a great variety of facilities. Each site should have a new offering, something unique that isn't offered at the other area parks.
- o Desperately need indoor facilities!
- o Make the fields tournament quality so we can host tournaments and make money for our groups.
- o A new dog park would be wonderful!
- o It's probably a good idea to take into consideration what isn't available at other parks already.
- o Wave pool? Less rules more fun. Amphitheater affordable for local groups.
- o Have a pool that is open until dusk and stays open after Labor Day until it gets cold. Also, try to include as many facilities as possible, but leave a significant amount of wilderness for walking/running trails.
- o Develop in phases
- o A swimming pool would be nice! Especially one that has lanes open for swimming laps all day and part of the pool for kids.
- o Complete the bike trail to encompass all parks in the region. Include activities for all age groups. Parents and kids would ride their bikes to the park and all of them would have something to do.
- o Be certain they can and will be kept safe.
- o Provide adequate parking for large parks. The one on Circleville Road is an excellent example.
- o The region seems to have plenty of sports/playground parks but seem to lack any parks dedicated to relaxing in natural settings. I would love to have a park in the area where horticulture and landscaping are the focus.
- o Parks should be free for all the paying residents for that municipality.
- o I would like to see a safer biking/walking path along Warner Blvd. Connecting the Atherton St. bike path to the new Oak Hall park. The newer pavement on the berm is nice, but it's still not safe for children.
- o I have a home business and would love to take my computer to local parks to work, but I need wifi access. I do this at PSU occasionally.
- o There are already plenty of parks and there is no need for additional facilities.
- o Horseback riding
- o Nice walking/running trail of wood chips and keep some nature areas.
- o Make it handicapped accessible for battery operated wheelchairs, not just push type wheelchairs. Surface must be completely flat or have ramps.
- o We visit all the different parks in the area. We are very fortunate to have the parks to take our family to. Would like to be able to bring our dogs to more of them.
- o Easy parking
- o We would like the Whitehall road park to be accessible by bike/foot for most of Ferguson Twp and Pine Grove Mills.
- o Some programs to get the community involved would be nice without costing much.
- o Make the parks appear grown instead of planned.
- o We would really love a swimming pool closer to our home.
- o Think about bathrooms and shade
- o No lights. Nothing good happens in a park after dark.

- o The ability to take our dog and I understand the issues that go along with picking up after them and other dogs, etc but its still needed.
- o Costs should be kept to a minimum. We do not need expensive new sports facilities. Walking trails with natural landscapes kept in a way that can be enjoyed (clean, trimmed, pruned).
- o Try to provide facilities that the other parks do not provide (i.e. sledding area)
- o We absolutely love Spring Creek. We spend a lot of our summer playing in the water. We would love to see a bigger and nicer beach area.
- o Too often disabled children are excluded from playgrounds. I think it would be excellent to provide more than a single swing for those children. The equipment is available to be purchased.
- o Inline hockey rink
- o These will be large parks and it would be nice to have things not accessible on other parks here, particularly horseback riding and skateboarding. Also, I hope the park will be connected to current bike trails.
- o Need to invest in better maintenance (i.e. mowing & softball infields)
- o Water, dog/pet space, indoor pool facilities particularly for seniors, boundless playground for youngsters with disabilities to play interactively with youngsters with disabilities (if you need info on this, call me – Joanna 860-644-4147)
- o I LOVE fitness stations, I would love if a new park had them!
- o Pavilions with bathroom access (not porta potties)
- o Need longer trails, such as rails to trails so we can go 50-100 miles on safe, continuous trails
- o I think a quiet park would be nice. A place that seniors could go to and not worry about little ones knocking them over or yelling or joggers rushing past.
- o I like the idea of including new features that other current parks don't have or are overcrowded with (amphitheater, lighted courts, etc.)
- o Disc golf course would be a unique addition to the area, as there are none in the centre region.
- o Hunting is available in one parklet. It is available in any of these 2 additions?
- o Indoor facility for purposes of holding winter competition events for local teams and dog show demonstrations.
- o Connect to SC borough bike trail.
- o Loop bike route with parking.
- o If you put a dog park in, put it at one end away from pavilions, keeps the noise down.
- o Spend money on things that will last a long time.
- o I would urge you not to duplicate readily available facilities elsewhere.
- o I personally would not use sports fields but my grandchildren in Patton Twp. would and I would go to watch. Especially nice for evening sledding.
- o Small lake or pond, creek
- o Would like to see a good infrastructure of paved walking/bike riding paths that connect with other paths and the community. Our current bike paths are very good!
- o We need something nice like Spring Creek Park in Boalsburg area. Travel is a problem from Harris Twp to other regional parks.
- o I hope for clean restrooms and parking spaces for cars.
- o Some current regional parks could be enhanced (e.g. adding a tennis court or improving those already in place).
- o Please make sure there are plenty of parking spaces. Parking on the street is very dangerous when children are exiting a car. Well lit at night, shaded areas to escape from the sun.
- o As an avid jogger, I like parks and trails that connect with roads and neighborhoods in a way that allows me to avoid traffic and noise. A park at Whitehall that connect through to Rte. 45 would make it possible to go from High Point Park to Rothrock State Forrest on foot.
- o Please provide multiple spaces that are good for a range of different ages, interests and physical abilities. It would be great to have the ability to walk with the family along a trail in the woods and then go to a picnic or swim afterwards. To be able to vary activities and engaging.
- o I would really appreciate it if the new parks were well served by bike trails and contained bike racks.
- o People in the area are very health minded.
- o A park, picnic pavilion like Centreville Road Park. The tables are perfect (large) plus grill to cook and the parking is close to walk to the pavilion. Plus playground for kids and other things.
- o Landscaping, flowers very important. Water play for children, very nice.
- o We need another municipal pool
- o We need more areas for senior citizens. This has become a retirement area.
- o Remember that you can combine field usage/space for things like soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, football, etc. So maybe focus on some all-purpose fields and purchase equipment such as goals.
- o Attention to landscaping and trees. Multiple access points, multi-modal (bike access, transit, walkable)
- o Do not do it.
- o Since you are developing two parks that will be located a short distance from each other, I think the parks should have different characteristics. For example, the Whitehall Park could be for more group active sports (football, soccer) and the Oak Hall could be a more passive use.
- o Respect and consideration for neighbors around the park.
- o Save berry bushes!
- o As of now the children ride bikes/scooters. The boys play hockey on the streets in the development. A park is needed. We have a small one which in the summer is over-crowded.
- o None – department does an excellent job.
- o Please consider woodlots as open space parks (not for playgrounds or other uses needing the clearing of trees). We have many fine open/play areas.
- o Plant pine trees and winter berries for something green all year long.
- o Be considerate of neighbors, especially if you consider lights for night events.
- o Oak Hall would lend itself wonderfully to a swimming "hole" like Whipple with tables and grills. Whipple was packed this year! A lot of the choices in question #3 can be combined on top of each other.
- o Provide State College Little League with more fields to use at no fee.
- o Watching the Olympics they had exercise equipment used by adults that looked like a good idea since our population is getting older. Having older adults and children interacting is always a good idea, exchanging thoughts and experiences.
- o Sunset park is a great blueprint, nice combo of large size, play and community space, open and wooded area, trails and compost area.
- o Have access for elderly and handicapped people to drive to picnic tables and have parking close by. Keep them clean and in good condition.
- o Try to work with the existing features (topography, ecology, etc.) of the trails as much as possible. Also include these parks in the regional system of bicycle paths/routes.
- o Our top priority is a sand volleyball court by far.
- o We don't need more tax-free property!
- o Include a dog park and decent hiking trails. A place for pre-teens is very important...a skate park would be great.
- o Expansion of greenways connecting these facilities should be a priority.
- o Bring back original playground activities for school age children in the summer months.
- o Need ample parking!
- o I think the summer playground programs offered by different boroughs are a nice community building program and helpful to parents and enriching for kids.
- o Use the natural land to help determine a compatible use. Listen to suggestions made by Clearwater Conservancy, Trout Unlimited or Ducks Unlimited

- if there is a stream involved. Provide facilities for children, they don't have a voice. Look at the long term picture.
- o Please provide recycle bins for all community parks. Would be great if new park featured "green" aspects like benches made from recycled plastic, etc. Provide restrooms.
- o I think a lit year-round tennis facility would be a big asset for the community. Currently there are only two lit courts and court time on the only year round courts is not available.
- o Tennis courts and if possible some indoor courts with quality instruction.
- o Lots of room for children!
- o I just moved here. Is there a pamphlet with all the parks and rec. info in it? (where parks are, about each, etc?) Have radio spots or mailings telling people where they can pick these up.
- o If you have to pay, make Saturday to be \$3 and make it bracelet day.
- o I'd really like to see good space management and water management. Also a couple fountains and water park somewhere to cool off on a hot day. Maybe with collected rain water?!
- o I have aging parents so I would suggest that facilities such as restrooms, drinking fountains and picnic areas be located close to the parking areas to help those with limited mobility.
- o Lots of kids love skateboarding, but have limited places to enjoy the sport. It would be nice for them to have a decent, clean, supervised (parents not too far away) place to skateboard. Sledding hills are pretty scarce too.
- o Parks are one of the big pluses in any community. Keep the improving! Thank you.
- o A cultural center for local artist, musicians, writer, leturists, etc. in a parklet setting of trees, flowers, rocks, ponds.
- o Parking
- o Life in the Centre Region will soon be threatened by over-development, loss of habitat, green space, farmland. Centre Region parks and rec. can promote appreciation, knowledge and protection of these valuable resources. Please do.
- o I feel there aren't enough parks that include areas for winter sports, especially sledding and skating. They are family activities that everyone can participate in.
- o Outdoor ice skating
- o Gear towards family use. Young families will be attracted to the areas which promotes growth.
- o Make them as diverse as possible without sub-dividing too much. Many activities can co-exist with the proper planning.
- o Easy access in/out of area with decent parking.
- o Bike police
- o Lighting is a waste of money. The perimeter should have walking trails. Arrange parking away from basketball or baseball fields to prevent incidents. Have fitness bars like the YMCA. Line the perimeter with shade trees and benches.
- o Keep blacktop to a minimum. We have a nearby park with an overly large parking area and a paved pick-up/drop-off circle. Keep regions green and open. Don't install lights, it encourages problems with the kids congregating for reason other than recreation or sports.
- o Continue the excellent types of parks that we currently have.
- o Plan away from highway noise! Think seniors living in the area and activities to allow them morning/afternoon activities, not just for families, young children, weekend use.
- o A creek is a great play area and pleasant scenery makes. Sledding hill is great family fun and Slab cabin can get very busy. Older kids would like climbers appropriate for them (more difficult, larger). Older = 10-14 years old. Those in there now are for much younger kids.
- o Wildlife info, secluded inclusion of habitat! Small clusters of trees, groves of fast growing locust milkweed area for monarchs.

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