

PAXTANG BOROUGH
Public Meeting – Saussaman Park Project
Phase II
3423 Derry Street
March 5, 2024

President Bloss welcomed all in attendance to the Public Meeting held this evening at 6:32 p.m. to gather input from Borough residents and neighbors with regard to the Saussaman Park Phase II Improvement Project.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Council President | Kathleen Bloss |
| Council Vice-President | Eric Fillman |
| Council President Pro Tempore | Jack Thomas |

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| Mayor | Nathan Martin |
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Thomas Wingert
Jennifer Britten
Corbin Bower

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Matthew Leonard

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

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| Borough Manager | Keldeen Stambaugh |
| Borough Solicitor | Joshua Bonn |
| Borough Engineer | Jeremy Smith |
| Borough EMA Coordinator | Robin Bloss |

President Bloss turned the meeting over to Borough Engineer, Jeremy Smith of RETTEW Associates

PRESENTATION FROM JEREMY SMITH

Engineer Smith presented a static display stating the purpose tonight was to introduce Phase II of the Saussaman Park Improvement Project. Engineer Smith reported the Borough is considering pursuing an additional grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for this phase.

OVERVIEW OF PHASE I

Engineer Smith stated Phase I plans are to include Americans With Disabilities (ADA) parking, new playground equipment and resurfacing, new trails and ADA trails. Phase I is under contract with construction tentative to begin shortly.

OVERVIEW OF PHASE II

Engineer Smith stated Phase II plans are to include pedestrian connections to Simpson Street, connections to stairs at Wilhelm Road that will lead to the pavilion, and stairs leading out to the ball field. Alternate ADA paths are included as well. New roofs are planned for the building and pavilion along with improvement to the restroom facilities. A pedestrian connection is planned from the ADA parking lot to the recreation area housing 1 tennis court and 2 pickleball courts. This area will include fencing to separate courts, bench seating, and landscaping.

Discussion was held with regard to replacing 1 of the 2 current tennis courts with 2 pickleball courts. Conversation was that the pickleball courts would be welcomed by many. A GAGA dodgeball pit could be moved to another location if more beneficial.

Members of Council thanked Engineer Smith for his work on the project. The deadline for the grant application is April 3, 2024, with a tentative start up in 2025.

Manager Stambaugh stated playground equipment and pickleball courts are tentatively scheduled for installation this Spring.

Hearing no input from the public, President Bloss concluded the Public Meeting and adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m. The March 5, 2024, Workshop Meeting would commence this evening at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary