# **MEETING NOTES**

Project: Upper Mount Bethel Preserve Project 22004.10

No.:

Building Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm

Re: Public Meeting 1 Issue Date: 09.21.2022

### ATTENDEE LIST:

**Committee:** See Attached Sign-in Sheet. **Residents:** See Attached Sign-in Sheet.

Simone Collins: Peter Simone, Sarah Leeper, Jack Nichols

## GENERAL NOTES:

### Presentation

- Peter Simone and Sara Leeper of Simone Collins led the group through a brief presentation which included the following elements:
  - Introductions
    - PS offered introductions of the Simone Collins team.
    - PS gave an overview of the relevant types of SC experience for park master planning in the area.
  - Master Pan Process
    - PS presented on overview of the master planning process for the UMB Preserve.
       At the conclusion of the master plan, the next steps will be to secure funding,
       and complete final engineering, and then construction.
  - Site Inventory & Analysis
    - SL presented analysis maps
  - o The SC team reviewed July 19<sup>th</sup> Site Visit Highlights.

### Discussion

Peter Simone and Sarah Leeper led a discussion regarding the project's goals, facts and concepts for the Upper Mount Bethel Preserve.

### <u>Goals</u>

o Keep sections of the preserve "wild"

### <u>Partners</u>

- Beavers (that are on site)
- Bangor Area School District
- o Lafayette
- East Stroudsburg University
- Martins Jacoby Watershed Association

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### Facts

- Tourists coming into the area
- Northern Tier Trail (Minsi to Portland Section)
- River access & summer use = trash
- o Invasives control needed
- o Preserve the Mt Bethel Fens Habitat
- Permeable soils
- Hunting By Permit Only

### Concepts

- Butterfly Garden
- o Beaver Cam
- Native Edible Garden
- Food Forest
- Bird Houses/Habitat for a Variety of Species
- o Park Educational Opportunity
- Rustic Camp Sites
- Outdoor Classroom
- o Picnic Grove
- o Photo Points
- ADA Hiking Trails
- o iNaturalist / eBird
- Invasive Control
- o Keep "Wilderness"
- Undeveloped
- o Keep "Natural"
- Meadow

- Keep Quiet
- Research site
- Keep User Amenities to outer edge of Preserve
- Celebrate History of Site
- Preserve Ground Water
- Oil/Grease traps
- Composting Toilets
- Promote the History of Restoration and Recovery
- Boulder Road Entrance
- o Group Permit Camping
- o Benches
- Cross Country Skiing
- Deer Population Management
- Fishing
- o Hunting and Trapping for environmental control
- Safety during hunting season
- Posted Hunting Days

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# Public Opinion Survey Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UMBP

Survey will be open from September 21st through February 3rd

### Video Recording of Public Meeting 1

Upper Mt. Bethel Preserve Master Plan Public Meeting 1-20220920 190221-Meeting Recording.mp4

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Sincerely,

SIMONE COLLINS, INC. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Jack Nichols,

Jank Mula

Staff Landscape Architect

# MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

Project: Upper Mt. Bethel Preserve

Location: Upper Mt. Bethel Township Building

Topic: Public 1 - Project Background & Brainstorming

Project: 21004.10

Date: 09.20.2022

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

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