

# Kiwanis Park Focus Group

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Final Report

Board of Commissioners Meeting

May 9, 2024



# INTRODUCTION

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The Kiwanis Park Focus Group began meeting in August of 2023. The Shaler Township Board of Commissioners valued the community's input with regards to the development of Kiwanis Park. The acquisition and demolition of the former Jeffrey School provided a blank slate in terms of development at Kiwanis Park, a primary park of the community. Kiwanis Park is home to the community swimming pool, a centrally located ball field, along with other park amenities. Many community events are held at this park and its use during peak times sometimes taxes the infrastructure of the park.

Members of the community were asked to complete a simple questionnaire concerning their involvement with the community and familiarity of the Township. There were 79 responses to the questionnaire and the Board selected 15 members representing different ages, years of residency, neighborhoods, and vision for the development of the park. The result of nine months of their work is presented in the following presentation.

The Township is grateful for the time, commitment, attention to detail and enthusiasm of the members of the Focus Groups.



# INTRODUCTION

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## MISSION

To provide quality recreational facilities, parks, and programs, which are safe, diverse, affordable and enriching to the community through our commitment to public service.

## VISION

The Shaler Township Parks and Recreation Program will create a lifetime of memorable experiences for residents and visitors.



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# TIMELINE

1955  
Jeffery  
School  
Constructed

June 25  
2021  
Shaler  
Township  
purchases  
Jeffery  
School

June  
2023  
Demolition of  
Jeffery  
School  
completed

May 2  
2018  
Jeffery  
School  
closes

January –  
March  
2022  
Community  
Center  
Survey  
conducted  
for Kiwanis  
Park  
development

July 2023  
Community  
Focus Group  
Committee  
selected via  
application  
process



# HISTORY OF KIWANIS PARK

- The Kiwanis Club of Glenshaw purchased the Kiwanis Park property on July 9, 1951, for \$17,206. The property contained a farmhouse with a caretaker cottage and a barn.
- Club members worked in the park every free hour and in 1951, 2 picnic shelters with tables were built. A skating pond, horseshoe pits and tots' playground were also added. Contractors were hired to level the area for two ballfields and install basic restrooms with public sewer lines. Later, three tennis courts were added and a scout cabin that had been constructed with telephone poles.
- When Jeffery School was built in 1955, the school board needed 2.2 acres to meet the state code to build the school. After threats of eminent domain, the Club sold the needed ground to the school district with the promise that if the school closed, the area would be left for recreation. It is estimated that the Kiwanis Club invested over \$87,000 into the development of the park.
- On January 28, 1963, the Township purchased the property from the Kiwanis Club of Glenshaw for \$20,000.
- The Kiwanis Park Swimming Pool was opened on July 1, 1964. The original facility included a modern bath house, a 463,000-gallon heated pool, baby pool and a small concession stand. A viewing area for the competing swim team, "the Shaler Seadogs," was located between the pump house and concession stand.
- On July 4, 1992, the Township formally renamed Kiwanis Pool "Crawford Pool" in memory of long-time Township Manager William Crawford.
- In the mid-90's the concession stand was rebuilt in a combined effort of the Kiwanis Club, that managed "the shack" and Township forces.
- On July 4, 2011, the main ballfield at Kiwanis Park was named the Michael Crawshaw Field after Penn Hills Police Officer Michael Crawshaw who was killed in the line of duty on July 6, 2009. The ballfield was named in his honor as he and his friends played many baseball games at the field.



# HISTORY OF KIWANIS PARK (cont'd)

- At the close of the 2018 school year, the Shaler Area School District closed the former Jeffery Elementary School.
- In mid-2019, a small splash pad was added in the baby pool area.
- The Township purchased the building and property on August 25, 2021 for \$120,000.
- After a feasibility study, the decision was made to tear down the building due to overriding factors including removal of asbestos, different levels of the existing structure and restrictions with load bearing walls. This cost \$267,500.
- Over the past several years, the Township has installed a new liner in Crawford Pool, replaced the underground piping around the pool, replaced the boiler, constructed a new concession stand, installed new concrete and a party deck at Crawford Pool. In addition, the following improvements have been made at Kiwanis Park: paved parking lot, new playground equipment and most recently repaving of the tennis courts and addition of pickle ball courts.

The next phase of Kiwanis Park is the discussion of a possible community center and rebuilding of the pool bath house that is 59 years old. A final report will be issued by members of the appointed Kiwanis Park Focus Group by May 2024.



# FOCUS GROUP PROCESS

See Appendix A for survey results.

## Community Center Township Survey – Conducted January-March 2022

1,536 responses: 53.5% are opposed to a tax increase to build a community center 46.5% support a tax increase to build a community center

### Community Center Physical Amenities:

- Meeting rooms
- Workout areas
- Open gym (Minimum of 2 full-size basketball courts with markings for additional sports: volleyball, pickleball, futsal)
- Indoor track
- Indoor rental facility with kitchen
- Swimming pool, lap pool, diving well
- Arcade room with pool tables, air hockey, arcade games
- Indoor dog park
- Skating rink

### Community Center Social Amenities:

- Be a space available to people of all ages – seniors, adults, teens, children
- Activities for children
- After school care, tutoring, childcare area
- Programs like the library currently offers

### Additional Wants (Kiwanis Park in general):

- Picnic groves
- Expanded parking
- Sidewalks
- Sustainable, eco-friendly elements
- ADA-accessible entrance to Kiwanis Park
- Separate pedestrians from vehicular traffic
- Utilize the space outside
- Upgrade the playground equipment in Kiwanis Park, add a nature playground
- Dog park



# INTRODUCTION

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## Focus Group Members

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Michael Steinmiller

Henry Tomer

Rachelle Wolf (Focus Group Facilitator)





# INVENTORY OF TOWNSHIP PARKS

## Denny Park

- 9 acres
- Playground
- 2 soccer fields – Home of the Shaler Soccer Club
- Concession stand with public restrooms
- 1 pavilion without electricity
- Paved parking



# INVENTORY OF TOWNSHIP PARKS

## Duss Park

- 7.6 acres
- Playground
- 1 tennis/pickleball court
- 1 street hockey court
- 1 sand volleyball court
- 1 basketball court
- Unpaved parking



# INVENTORY OF TOWNSHIP PARKS

## Ellen Hughes Park

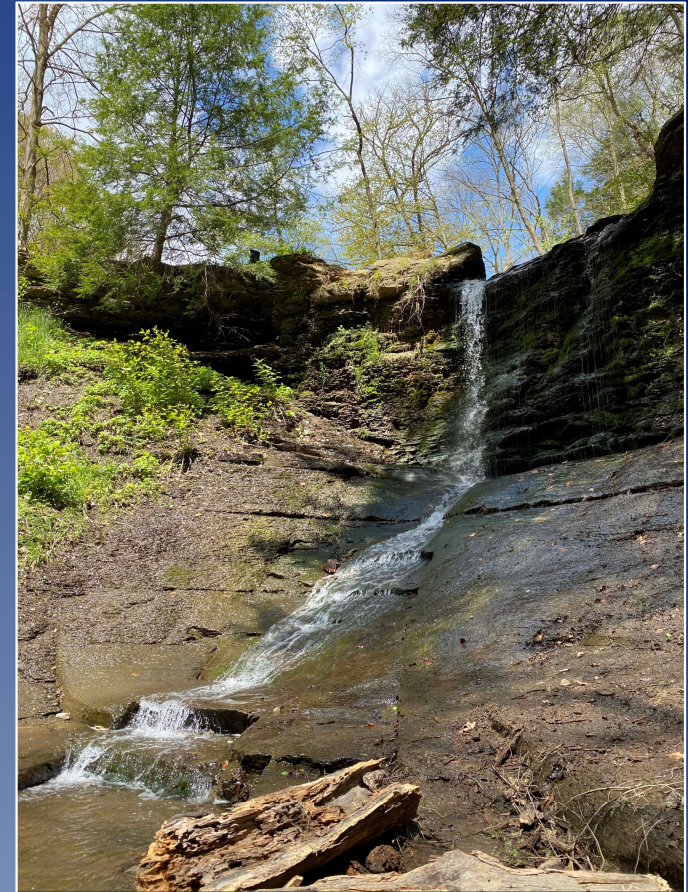
- 15.79 acres
- Playground
- 2 tennis/pickleball courts
- 1 baseball field
- 1 basketball court
- Minimal parking



# INVENTORY OF TOWNSHIP PARKS

## Fall Run Park

- 93.65 acres (largest Township park)
- Playground
- 1 basketball court
- 1 soccer field
- A mile long nature trail with bridges and foot paths leading to the waterfall
- Pavilion without electricity
- Regional asset
- 50% of visitors are Shaler residents
- Most visited park



# INVENTORY OF TOWNSHIP PARKS

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## Farrell Field Park

- 9.8 acres
- Playground
- 1 baseball field
- 1 tennis/street hockey court
- 1 basketball court
- Pavilion without electricity
- Unpaved parking



# INVENTORY OF TOWNSHIP PARKS

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## Fawcett Fields

- 10 acres
- .4-mile Eagle Canyon Trail
- 2 acres of 'freeform' fields used by the Shaler Soccer Club
- Stream bed connecting McElheny Road with Wetzel Road
- Children's fishing area stocked annually
- Prefabricated seasonal restrooms
- Unpaved parking



# INVENTORY OF TOWNSHIP PARKS

## Gally Park

- Parklet
- Playground
- Street parking



# INVENTORY OF TOWNSHIP PARKS

## Richter Park

- Playground
- 1 tennis court
- 1 basketball court
- 2 baseball fields
- Pavilion with no electricity
- Unpaved parking



# INVENTORY OF TOWNSHIP PARKS

## Stoneridge Park

- 5.5 acres
- Playground
- 1 pickleball court
- 1 street hockey court
- 1 baseball field
- 1 tennis court,
- Sand volleyball court
- Bocce court
- Paved parking



# INVENTORY OF TOWNSHIP PARKS

## Vienna Woods Parklet

- Parklet
- Playground
- 1 basketball court
- 1 small pavilion with picnic table
- On street parking



# INVENTORY OF TOWNSHIP PARKS

## Kiwanis Park

- 30.6 acres with a recent addition of 3 acres
- Playground
- 2 tennis/pickleball courts
- 3 baseball fields
- 2 basketball courts
- Swimming pool
- Concession Stand
- Party Deck with electricity
- 1 main pavilion with electricity
- 1 upper pavilion without electricity
- Paved parking
- **Additional 3 acres from Jeffrey School**
- **Park is the hub of the community**
- **Center of many community and seasonal events**



# OTHER AMENITIES WITHIN SHALER

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The following slides include information about the Shaler North Hills Library which is a Township-owned amenity.



# OTHER AMENITIES WITHIN SHALER

## Shaler North Hills Library

The Shaler North Hills Library is owned and operated by Shaler Township and has operated continuously since 1942. The Township is the library's primary funding source. The Township owns the building that houses the library and is responsible for all building improvements including the pending projects of replacement of the HVAC system, replacement of existing elevator, pending restroom renovation and the planned roof replacement in the next few years. The library actively seeks funding for these projects, but the Township is ultimately responsible for the costs of these improvements.

The 2024 Township of Shaler General Fund budget includes \$612,463 for operating expenses of the Shaler North Hills Library and \$198,810 in capital expenditures for the HVAC and elevator project. Other funding sources for the library include the Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA), the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Regional Asset District (RAD), along with local organization support including Friends of the Library, The Shaler Garden Club and the Kiwanis Club of Glenshaw.



# OTHER AMENITIES WITHIN SHALER

## Shaler North Hills Library - Programs

### Baby/Toddler/K-3 Programs:

Book Babies  
Ants to Zucchini  
Lunch Bunch  
Mathventure  
Dance Party  
Wee Paint  
Google Eyes & Glue Sticks  
Storytime Express  
Saturday Storytime  
Family Storytime  
American Girl  
Happy Little Canvases  
Fun Food for Kids  
K + One  
Storytime in the Park

### Tween/Teen:

Readers Theater  
Tween Craftin'  
Happy Little Canvases  
Teen Mystery Night

The library also has various events throughout the year including Touch a Truck, Fairy House Making, Candyland, Mini Golf, Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, and multiple Book Sales. A community room and meeting rooms are also available to the public to reserve.

### Adult:

Exercise Class  
Writers' Group  
Card Group  
Sense and Sound  
Needles & Books by the Books  
Drawing Session  
Dementia Friends  
Movies on Your Mind  
Game Night  
Food for Thought  
Book Groups  
Caregiver Support



# OTHER AMENITIES WITHIN SHALER

## Shaler North Hills Library Stats



2023		
Category	Number of Programs Offered	Total Attendance
Adult	456	9,387
Kids	1,162	42,036
Teens	140	2,710
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>54,133</b>

2022		
Category	Number of Programs Offered	Total Attendance
Adult	156	3,329
Kids	960	29,033
Teens	157	2,277
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>34,639</b>

2023	
Meeting Rooms	
Bookings	278
Attendance	1,667
Revenues	\$981
*48 Shaler groups with 693 attendees	

2022	
Meeting Rooms	
Bookings	119
Attendance	546
Revenues	\$480
*27 Shaler groups with 221 attendees	

2023	
# of Staff	Expenditures
36	\$686,000

2022	
# of Staff	Expenditures
37	\$675,000

2023
Repairs and Service Agreements
\$37,390
2022
Repairs and Service Agreements
\$81,295

2023
Shaler Township In-Kind Repairs and Services
\$93,871
2022
Shaler Township In-Kind Repairs and Services
\$67,989

2023	2022
Weekly Hours	Weekly Hours
54	54

# OTHER AMENITIES WITHIN SHALER

## Shaler North Hills Library - Financials



Library Hours:

Monday through Friday 10:00am – 8:00pm

Saturday 10:00am – 5:00pm

Sundays closed



Square Footage of Building: 23,000



Annual Utilities: \$ 45,000 (\$45,549 in 2022)



Community Room accommodates 100 people comfortably



Wages for 54 hours/week: \$ 687,000, plus \$40,000 benefits



35 staff members - 5 full time



Love Your Library Fundraising: \$54,113 in 2023

\$43,009 in 2022



Friends of SNHL Contribution: \$20,350 in 2023

\$17,000 in 2022



# OTHER AMENITIES WITHIN SHALER

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**The following slides show amenities that are available to residents but are not Township-owned.**



# OTHER AMENITIES WITHIN SHALER

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## Shaler Area School District

SASD is not affiliated with Shaler Township. Use of the below amenities is limited, and the district's rules/guidelines must be followed.

**Burchfield Primary School:**

Playground, 2 Baseball Fields

**Marzolf Primary School:**

Playground, Baseball Field

**Reserve Primary School:**

Playground, Baseball Field

**Scott Primary School:**

Playground

**Shaler Area Elementary School:**

Indoor Pool, Track, Soccer Field, Baseball Field, Basketball Courts, Playground

**Shaler Area Middle School:**

Football Field, Track

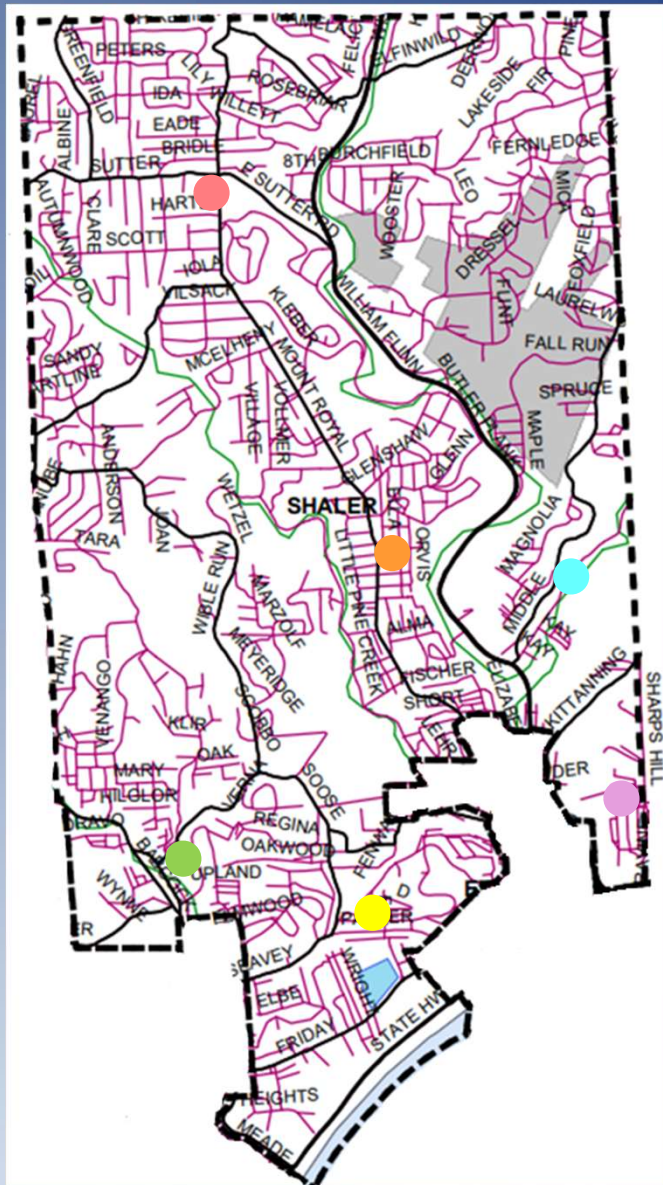
**Shaler Area High School:**

Track, Football Field, Soccer Field, 3 Baseball Fields, 6 Tennis Courts, Disc Golf



# OTHER AMENITIES WITHIN SHALER

## Fire Departments



**Bauerstown Volunteer Fire Department**  
15 Wible Run Road, Pittsburgh 15209



**Cherry City Volunteer Fire Company**  
309 Davis Avenue, Pittsburgh 15209  
Hall Rentals, Weekly Bingo, Annual Golf Outing,  
Annual Street Fair, Night at the Races



**Elfinwild Volunteer Fire Company**  
2817 Mt. Royal Blvd, Glenshaw 15116  
Hall Rentals, Santa, Mother's Day Market



**Shaler Villa Fire Company**  
960 Saxonburg Blvd, Pittsburgh 15223  
Hall Rentals, Raffles, Yard Sale



**Sharps Hill Volunteer Fire Department**  
503 Berner Street, Pittsburgh 15215

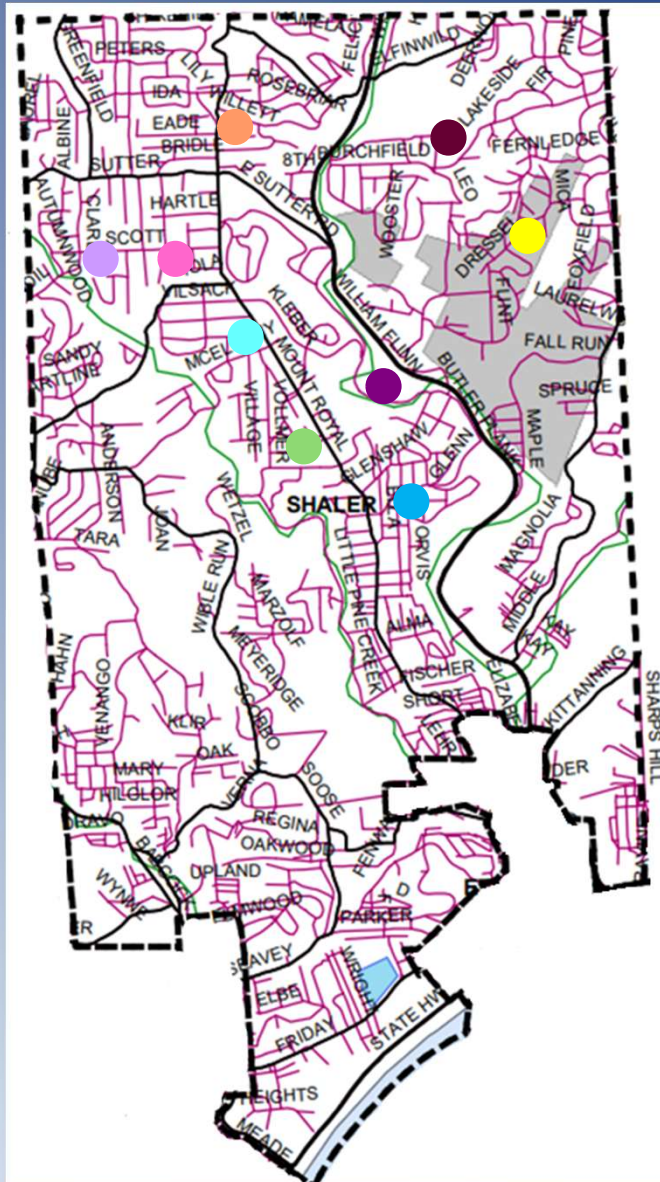


**Undercliff Volunteer Fire Company**  
700 Mt. Royal Blvd, Pittsburgh 15223  
Hall Rentals, Weekly Bingo, Raffles



# OTHER AMENITIES WITHIN SHALER

## Churches/Places of Worship



### **Bethel Lutheran Church**

301 Scott Avenue, Glenshaw 15116

### **Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

1719 Mt. Royal Blvd, Glenshaw 15116

### **Church of Our Saviour**

2405 Clearview Road, Glenshaw 15116

### **Elfinwild Presbyterian Church**

3200 Mt. Royal Blvd, Glenshaw 15116

### **Epworth Methodist Church**

1300 Burchfield road, Allison Park 15101

### **Glenshaw Presbyterian Church**

300 Glenn Avenue, Glenshaw 15116

### **Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church**

1520 Butler Plank Road, Glenshaw 15116

### **St. Bonaventure Church – St. Matthew Parish**

2001 Mt. Royal Blvd, Glenshaw 15116

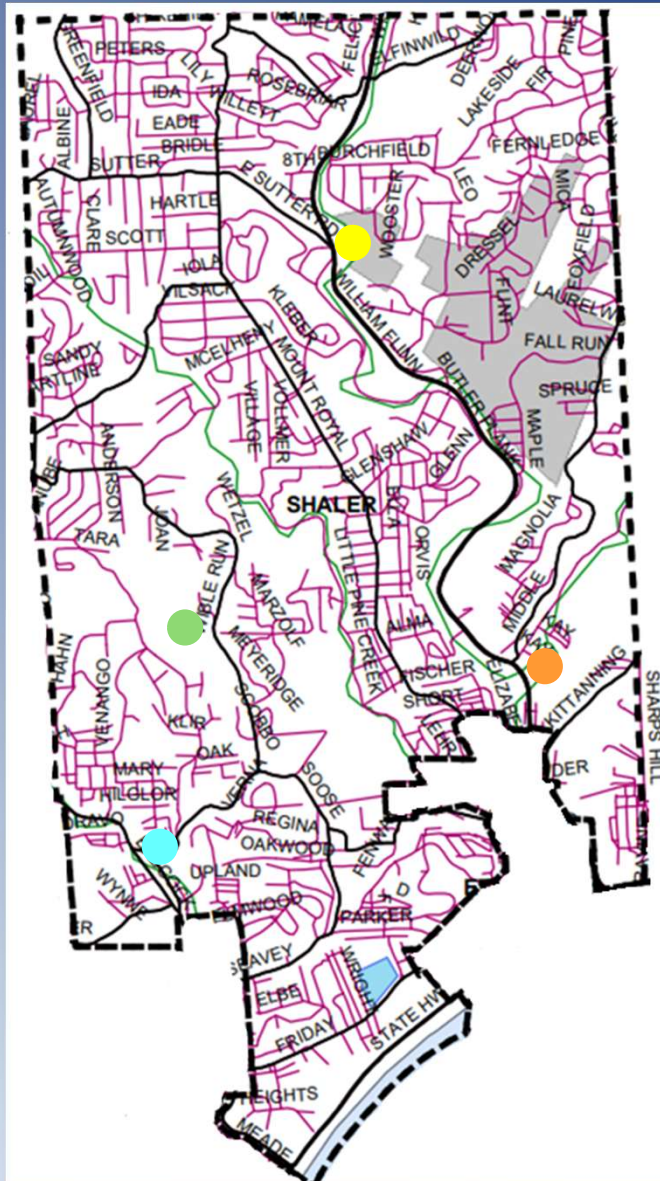
### **Stoneridge Covenant Church**

811 Dressel Road, Allison Park 15101



# OTHER AMENITIES WITHIN SHALER

## Gyms



### **Anytime Fitness**

1718 William Flynn Highway, Glenshaw 15116

### **CrossFit Pine Creek**

1600 Evergreen Avenue, Pittsburgh 15209

### **Planet Fitness**

800 Butler Street, Pittsburgh 15223

### **Shaler Area High School**

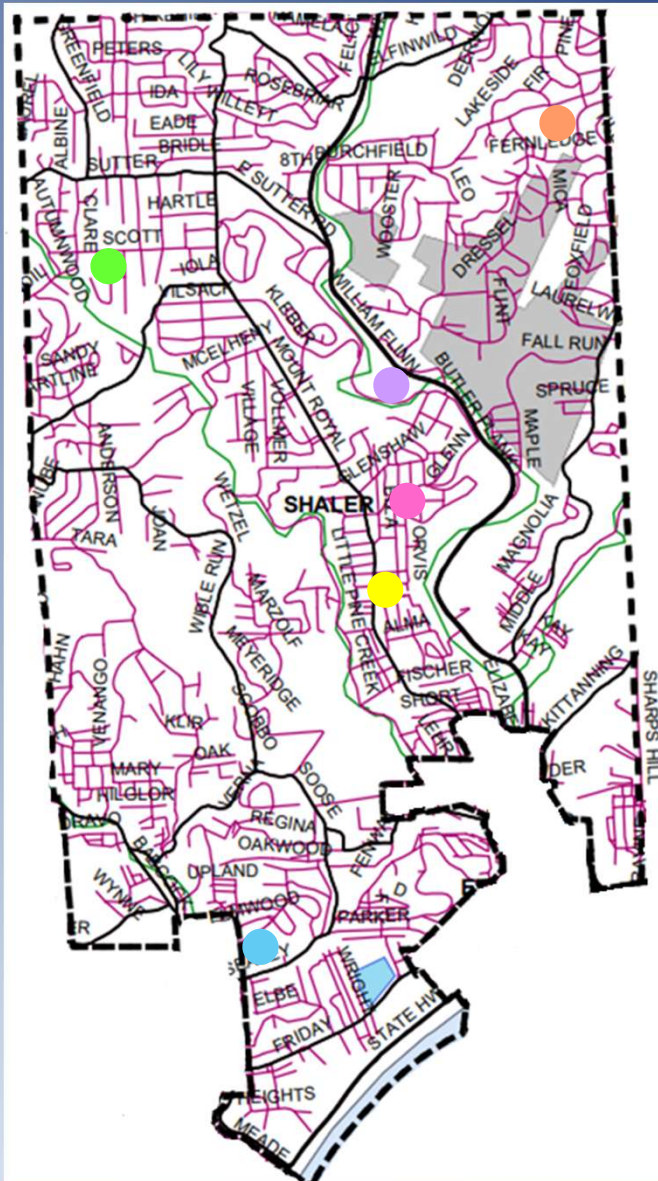
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381 Wible Run Road, Pittsburgh 15209



# OTHER AMENITIES WITHIN SHALER

## Preschools/Daycares



**Glenn Avenue Preschool**

1520 Butler Plank Road, Glenshaw 15116

**Glenshaw Presbyterian Church Early Learning Center**

300 Glenn Avenue, Glenshaw 15116

**Little Rubies Learning Academy**

904 Mt. Royal Blvd, Pittsburgh 15223

**Mt. Alvernia Daycare and Learning Center**

146 Hawthorne Road, Pittsburgh 15209

**YMCA Before and After School Care**

**Burchfield Primary**

1500 Burchfield Road, Allison Park 15101

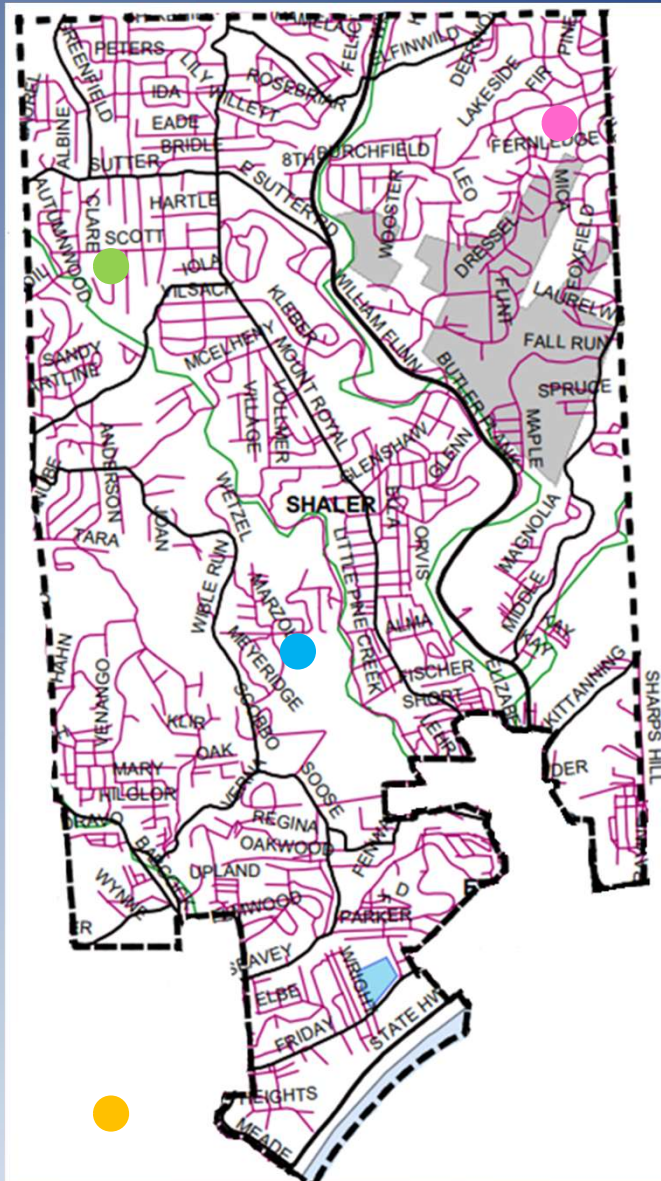
**Scott Primary**

705 Scott Avenue, Glenshaw 15116



# OTHER AMENITIES WITHIN SHALER

## Pre-K Programs



### **Burchfield Primary**

1500 Burchfield Road, Glenshaw 15116

### **Marzolf Primary**

101 Marzolf Road Ext., Pittsburgh 15209

### **Reserve Primary**

2107 Lonsdale Street, Pittsburgh 15212

### **Scott Primary**

705 Scott Avenue, Glenshaw 15116



# FOCUS GROUP TIMELINE - 2023

August 10  
2023

Focus Group  
Meeting -  
Introductions

September 21  
2023

SWOT analysis of  
parks

October  
26 2023

Focus Group  
survey  
wants/needs  
of possible  
community  
center

August  
20 2023

Review of  
general  
background,  
Township  
parks, and 2022  
Community  
Survey

October 5  
2023

Site visit of  
Kiwanis Park

November 16  
2023

Begin discussion of  
vision of Kiwanis Park



# FOCUS GROUP TIMELINE 2024

January 18 2024

Assessment of priorities & desired amenities/develop conceptual designs: small, medium, large

March 7 2024

Review of cost estimates of each conceptual design: small, medium, large

May 9 2024

Final presentation to Board of Commissioners

February 8 2024

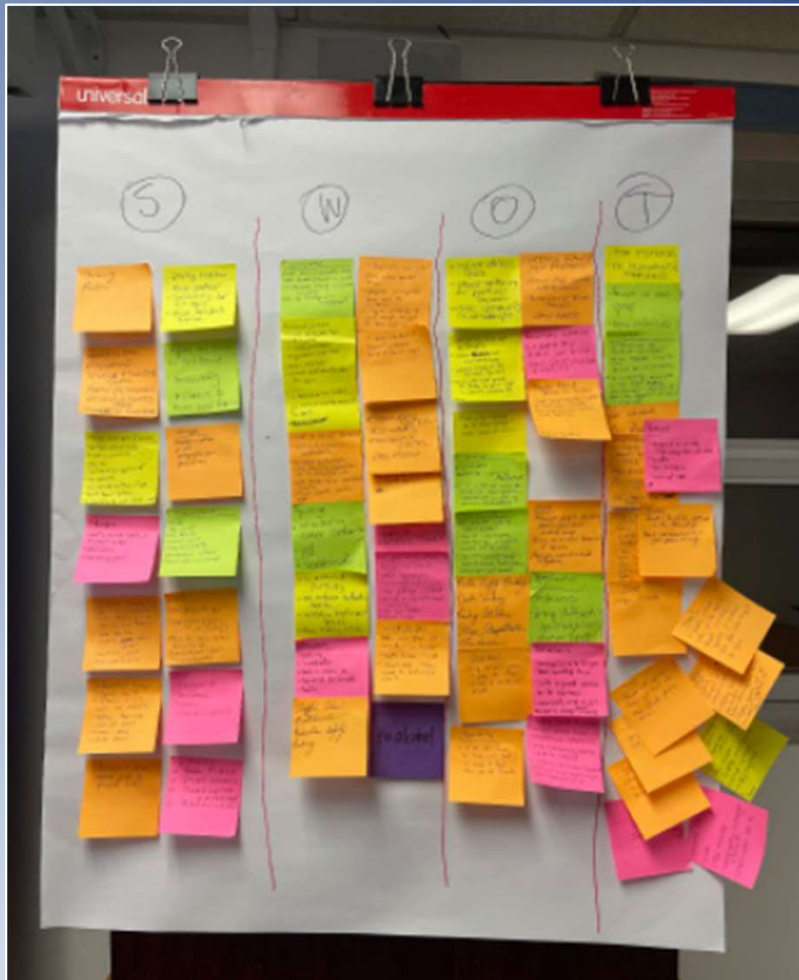
Review of conceptual designs

April 25 2024

Develop final report to Shaler Township Board of Commissioners



# KIWANIS PARK ANALYSIS



## SWOT Analysis:

This outlines what the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats are for the topic of your analysis.

At the November 2023 meeting, the focus group discussed what we considered to be the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for Kiwanis Park. The most common responses are outlined on the following slides.



# KIWANIS PARK ANALYSIS

## SWOT - Strengths



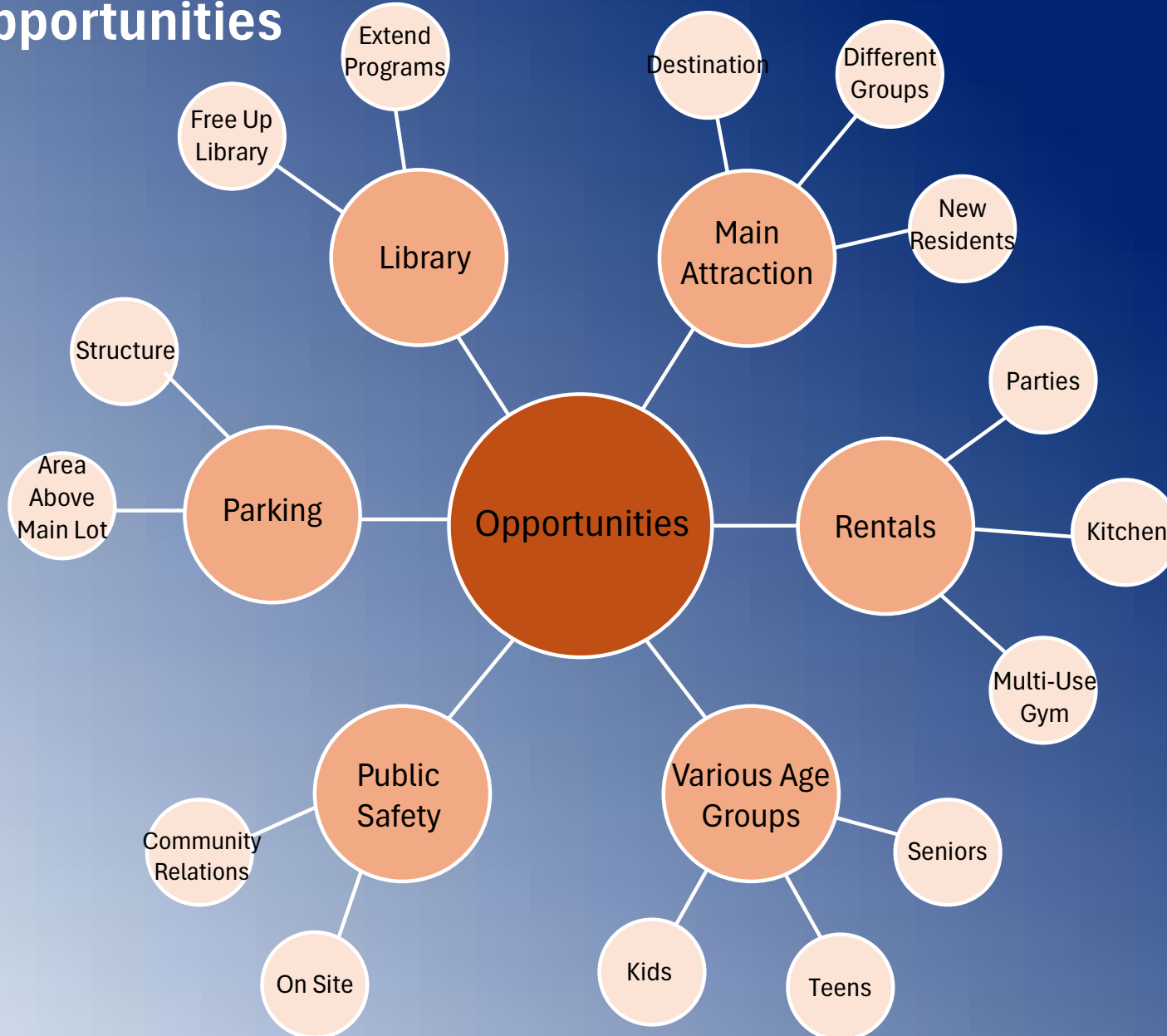
# KIWANIS PARK ANALYSIS

## SWOT - Weaknesses



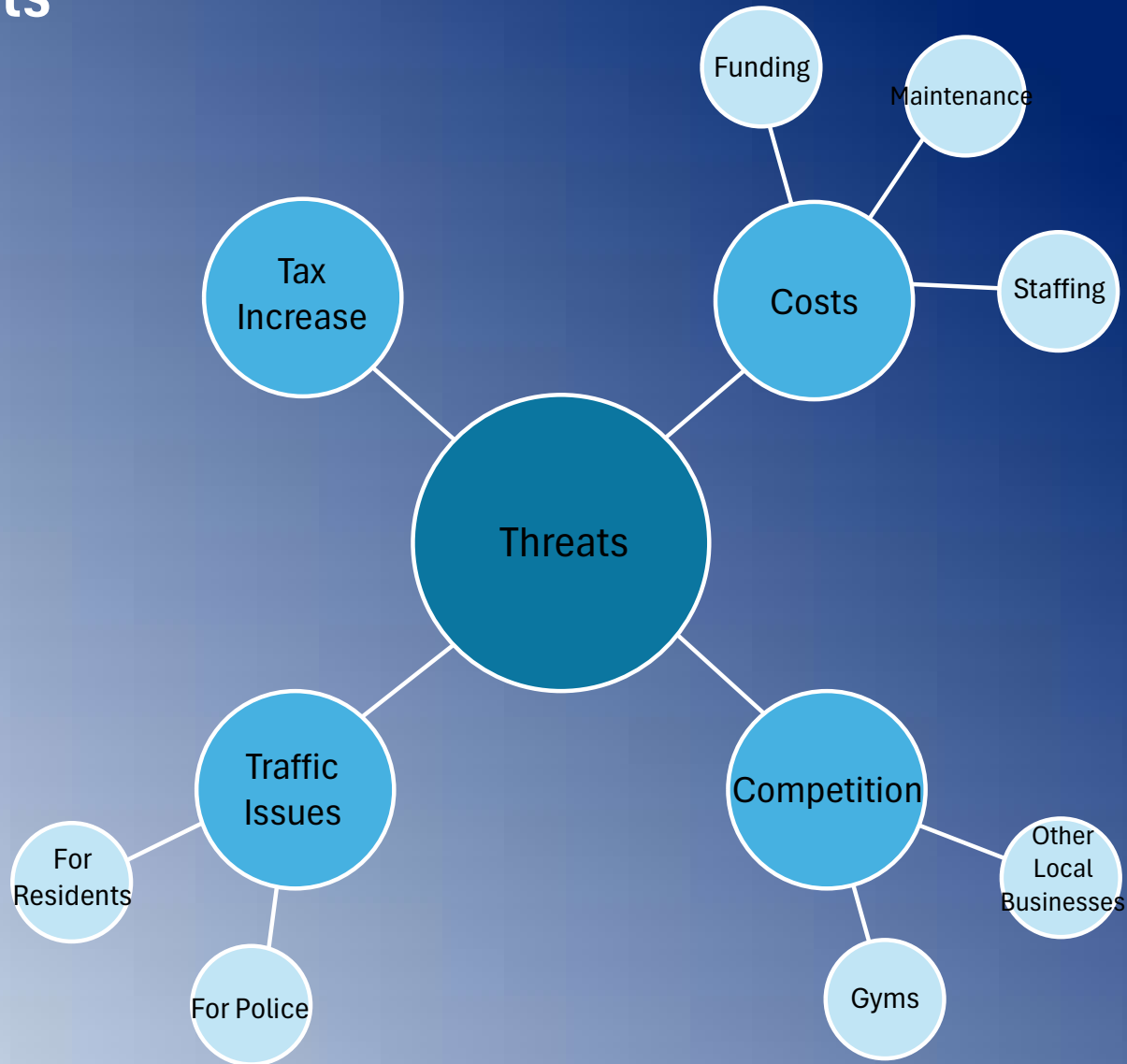
# KIWANIS PARK ANALYSIS

## SWOT - Opportunities



# KIWANIS PARK ANALYSIS

## SWOT - Threats



# KIWANIS PARK ANALYSIS

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## Word Cloud

**A word cloud is a grouping of words depicting the importance of each word by the size of the font.**

**A word cloud was created, and is shown on the following slide, based on the amenities that were discussed by the focus group. The more important the amenity, the darker and larger the font is.**



# KIWANIS PARK ANALYSIS

**COMMUNITY EVENTS** FIREWORKS **GREEN SPACE**  
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM PAVILION RENTALS IMPROVED ROADS (IN PARK) Playground SAFE PRICING  
**COMMUNITY CENTER** GATHERING SPACE  
BANDS/ENTERTAINMENT COMMUNITY FOCAL POINT 4TH OF JULY MODERN FAMILY  
HOBBIES **COMMUNITY CENTER** SIDEWALKS  
GARDEN BASKETBALL  
UNIQUE  
**INDOOR TRACK** **PARKING** Pickleball NEW DRESSING ROOMS Tennis  
SUSTAINABLE SHADED AREAS ELIMINATE BALL FIELD Walking Pathways  
MORE EFFICIENT Parties (Birthday/Graduation) **BASEBALL** MEET-UP  
FOOD TRUCKS CLEAN **SWIMMING POOL** SPACES TO SIT  
AMPITHEATER RECREATION INCLUSIVE



# OTHER COMMUNITY CENTERS

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Based on feedback from the community wide survey conducted in 2022 and input from the Focus Group, the Township researched five community centers.

See Appendix B for a fee schedule for each of these at the end of this report.



# OTHER COMMUNITY CENTERS

## **Hampton Township Community Center**

Located immediately north of Shaler Township, the Hampton Township Community Center is in a 195-acre park and houses a gymnasium, great room/community room, fitness center, library and rental space for events and parties. It is open seven days a week for a total of 78 hours per week. This center was considered as many Shaler Township residents are familiar with the offerings of the venue and it has been mentioned in both the survey and by the members of the Focus Group for consideration.

## **Pine Township Community Center**

Located approximately 15 miles from Shaler Township, the Pine Township Community Center is in a 105-acre park. It features a gymnasium, community rooms (various sizes), fitness center, walking track and rental space for events and parties. It is open a total of 90 hours per week. Many residents of Shaler Township are familiar with the Pine Township Community Center and enjoy the facilities for a variety of uses. This center was included as part of this presentation due to the various amenities offered and many Shaler residents are familiar with the center and have suggested that we consider this as a possibility.



# OTHER COMMUNITY CENTERS

## **Blueberry Hill Rental/Activity Center**

Located 12.7 miles from Shaler Township, Blueberry Hill Center is an event rental center/multipurpose building located in an 87-acre park in Franklin Park. This center includes a large event rental center, with full-service kitchen and several multipurpose rooms on the lower level for various activities including scouts, athletic organizations, and other community club meetings. The center has no scheduled hours and is only available as scheduled for rentals and other uses as scheduled through the Borough offices. The center was considered due to its' size and cost of operations.



## **Ross Township Community Center**

The Ross Township Community Center is a multi purpose building that houses its' municipal complex and police station. The community center has a large gymnasium catering kitchen and several classrooms. Ross Township offers a variety of municipal recreation programs and has a full-time recreation staff. The operating costs of the community center only reflect wages as the building expenses are tracked in their police and general government budgets.



## **Wilkins Township Community Center**

This community center features a large room that can be used for private rental events or community meetings. It is a smaller structure than any of the other considerations and was added to the comparisons to provide alternatives for consideration.



# COMPARISON OF OTHER COMMUNITY CENTERS

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## Additional Information

### **South Fayette Municipal Center**

[https://issuu.com/southfayettetownship/docs/summer\\_2022\\_magazine\\_layout\\_issuu/s/16148972](https://issuu.com/southfayettetownship/docs/summer_2022_magazine_layout_issuu/s/16148972)

### **Peters Township – Redesign – Scaled back aquatic center**

<https://www.thealmanac.net/news/2024/feb/18/peters-township-council-approves-design-contract-for-aquatic-center/>

### **Upper Saint Clair - \$16.5 million - Built in 2009**

<https://www.thealmanac.net/news/2024/feb/18/peters-township-council-approves-design-contract-for-aquatic-center/>



# OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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# FOCUS GROUP CONSIDERATIONS – DESIRED BUILDING AMENITIES

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After reviewing other community centers in the area, the Focus Group reviewed the 2022 Community Center Survey to determine what amenities would be best for a potential community center.

## **Amenities**

Flexible Rental Space  
Catering Kitchen  
Outside Deck with Roof  
Basketball Courts/Classroom  
Walking Track – Level or Elevated  
Pickleball Court  
Outside Deck with No Roof



# FOCUS GROUP CONSIDERATIONS – PARK PRIORITIES

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The Focus Group also visited Kiwanis Park for a better understanding of the park layout and conditions, and created a list of priorities and improvements that could be completed without the addition of a new building.

## **Priorities**

Renovation of Bathhouse  
Additional Parking  
Improved Traffic Flow  
Improved Walking Trails  
Improved Playground  
Additional Pavilions  
Amphitheater  
Gazebo



# CONSIDERATIONS

## **Realignment of access road across from Vollmer Drive, additional parking areas**

Estimated cost \$1,000,000

## **Reconstruction of current/existing bathhouse**

Estimated Costs \$1,200,000

## **Engineering/Storm Water Management/Design Fees for Above**

\$750,000 - \$1,000,000

## **Smaller Size Community Center**

- Bathhouse location – add a second story rental center on top of the bathhouse and add gymnasium and 2 pickleball courts and additional one-story wing on the right-hand side of bathhouse
- Size: 36,450 square feet
- Estimated construction cost: \$13,422,000

## **Medium Size Community Center**

Two story building - located near former site of Jeffrey School

- Lower Level: Indoor walking rack, 2 gymnasiums, and 2 pickleball courts
- Upper level: rental center, large kitchen and outside deck with roof
- Size: 64,800 square feet
- Estimated construction cost: \$23,804,000

## **Large Community Center**

Three story building – same location as medium community center

- First level: underground parking garage
- Second level: large gymnasium, walking track, 2 pickleball courts
- Third level: large rental event center
- Size: 158,000 square feet
- Estimated Construction Costs: \$40,190,000



# CONCEPTUAL SKETCHES

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The following slides show sketches of 3 possible layouts for Kiwanis Park. See Appendix C for a detailed analysis.



# CONCEPTUAL SKETCHES - SMALL

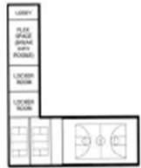
## COMMUNITY CENTER/POOL HOUSE (2-STORY BUILT INTO HILLSIDE)

### LOWER FLOOR

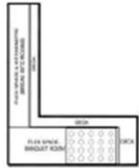
- LOBBY
- BASKETBALL COURT (110'x60')
- PICKLE BALL COURTS (64'x30')
- BANQUET ROOM - 200 GUESTS (50x70; 3500 SF)
- FLEX-SPACE/CLASSROOM(S)
- STORAGE

### UPPER FLOOR

- FLEX-SPACE FOR SMALL ROOMS & LARGER BANQUET ROOM
- KITCHENETTE
- EXTERIOR DECK(S)
- STORAGE



BUILDING  
LOWER LEVEL  
(POOL HOUSE/  
ATHLETICS)



BUILDING  
UPPER LEVEL  
(COMMUNITY)



KIWANIS PARK Conceptual Site Sketch - Option Baby Bear (Minimum)

Scale: 1"=160'

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# CONCEPTUAL SKETCHES - MEDIUM

## COMMUNITY/ATHLETIC CENTER (2-STORY BUILT INTO HILLSIDE)

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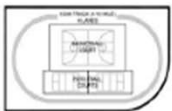
- 150M WALKING TRACK
- BASKETBALL COURT (110'x60')
- (2) PICKLE BALL COURTS (64'x30')
- STORAGE

### UPPER FLOOR

- LOBBY
- GREAT/FLEX ROOM
- SMALL ROOMS
- KITCHENETTE
- REST/LOCKER ROOMS
- EXTERIOR DECK
- STORAGE



UPPER LEVEL  
(COMMUNITY)



LOWER LEVEL  
(ATHLETICS)



KIWANIS PARK Conceptual Site Sketch - Option Mom Bear (Middle)  
Scale: 1"=160'

02-08-2024



# CONCEPTUAL SKETCHES - LARGE

## COMMUNITY/ATHLETIC CENTER (3-STORY BUILT INTO HILLSIDE)

### LOWER FLOOR

- PARKING

### MIDDLE FLOOR

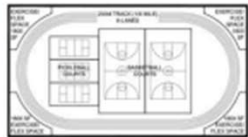
- 200M WALKING TRACK
- (2) BASKETBALL COURT (110'x60')
- (3) PICKLE BALL COURTS (64'x30')
- LOCKER ROOMS
- FLEX-SPACE ROOMS
- STORAGE

### UPPER FLOOR

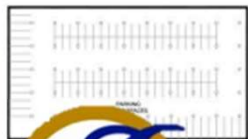
- LOBBY
- GREAT ROOM (LARGE BANQUET)
- SMALL ROOMS
- FLEX-SPACE RENTAL ROOMS
- KITCHENETTE
- EXTERIOR DECK
- STORAGE



UPPER LEVEL  
(COMMUNITY)



MIDDLE LEVEL  
(ATHLETICS)



NEWLY ALIGNED  
ENTRY ROAD -  
ENTRY/EXIT

UPPER PARKING  
LOT/CONTINUATION  
OF EXISTING LOT

COMMUNITY/  
ATHLETICS  
CENTER &  
PARKING  
GARAGE

GARAGE  
ENTRY/EXIT

OUTDOOR  
COMMUNITY  
SPACE

IMPROVED ROAD  
THROUGH PARK -  
ENTRY/EXIT

EXISTING  
ENTRY/EXIT

SIDEWALK TO  
CONNECT TO  
PLAZA/ SCHOOL/  
LIBRARY

EXISTING  
PARKING TO  
REMAIN

PICNIC PAVILIONS

ADA RESTROOM

TRAILS  
THROUGHOUT  
PARK/BRIDGE  
OVER RAVINE

REORIENTED  
PARKING &  
PLAYGROUND

NEW POOL HOUSE

IMPROVED PICNIC  
SHELTER, ADA  
RESTROOM &  
GAZEBO

KIWANIS PARK Conceptual Site Sketch - Option Dad Bear (Maximum)

Scale: 1"=160'

02-08-2024



# CONCEPTUAL SKETCHES

## Breakdown of the Numbers

### Current Tax Information

Average Residential Assessment:  
**\$141,051.49** Shaler Township Tax  
 Millage: **3.49 mills**  
 Average yearly property tax bill:  
**\$492.27**

In order for the Township to construct any of the conceptual sketches, a bond issuance would be required to fund the project.

To pay this issuance back would require a yearly payment, known as an annual debt service payment. The larger the bond issuance, the larger the yearly debt service payment.

This additional expense of a debt service payment could require an increase in taxes as illustrated below.

Total Bond Issuance	Estimated Annual Debt Service	Equates to Tax Milage Increase	New Millage Rate with increase	New Average Tax Bill	Increase	Percent Increase over current tax rate
13 M	\$ 671,617.31	.40 Mills	3.89	\$ 548.69	\$ 56.42	11.46%
23 M	\$ 1,188,246.01	.70 Mills	4.19	\$ 591.01	\$ 98.74	20.06%
42 M	\$ 2,169,840.54	1.275 Mills	4.765	\$ 672.11	\$ 179.84	36.53%



# CONCLUSION

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## Considerations

**After nine months of meetings, the Kiwanis Park Focus Group's conclusion is that there are many obstacles to overcome at Kiwanis Park to achieve the following priorities: increased parking, improved traffic flow for pedestrians and vehicles, and construction of a community center or rental event/multipurpose center.**

**In addition, the Township must consider the financial commitment to construct the above-mentioned facilities as well as annual operating costs.**



# CONCLUSION

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*After nine months of meetings, the Kiwanis Park Focus Group reached a conclusion that closely mirrored the results of the 2022 Community Center Survey with some group members opposed to constructing a new facility, and some group members in favor of a new facility.*

*Therefore, the Focus Group as a whole recommends the following:*

- Hire a qualified professional via RFP (Request for Proposal) to complete a Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which should include a Community Center Feasibility Study
  - The master plan should evaluate all factors to determine what is and is not possible on the former Jeffery School site
  - The master plan should also identify park improvements that could be completed in a logical order, which would allow those projects to be completed as funding becomes available, and could be used to apply for potential grant opportunities
  - The Feasibility Study would examine the technical, economic, financial, legal, and environmental considerations to determine what, if any, size community center could be built, and the associated programming it would include.



# APPENDIX A

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Link to Community Survey Results

[https://www.shaler.org/499/  
Community-Center-  
Information](https://www.shaler.org/499/Community-Center-Information)



# APPENDIX B

## Fee Schedule – Hampton Township

### Amenities:

- Fitness Center
- 2 Basketball Courts
- Food Market
- Library
- Great Rooms A & B

2024 Budget - Community Center	
Revenues	\$ 319,300.00
Expenditures	\$ 490,430.00
Annual Debt Service - All Operations	\$ 1,475,000.00
Annual Deficit	\$ (171,130.00)

Membership Fees	Resident	
Daily - Gynasium Only	\$ 3.00	
Daily-All Facilities	\$ 6.00	
Full Facility - Annual	Resident	Non-Resident
Resident Adult	\$ 32.00	\$ 63.00
Resident Teen	\$ 19.00	\$ 38.00
Rentals - Prices are for Weekend per Hour	Resident	Non-Resident
Community Room A or B	\$ 85.00	\$ 100.00
Community Room A and B	\$ 175.00	\$ 198.00
Activity Room A	\$ 42.00	\$ 55.00
Activity Room B	\$ 48.00	\$ 60.00
Gymnasium	\$ 88.00	\$ 100.00
Adult Lounge	\$ 42.00	\$ 55.00
Alcohol Permit - per event	\$ 32.00	\$ 32.00
Kitchen- per event	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00
Packages - 8 hours	Resident	Non-Resident
Bronze - Great Room A & B - Gathering Area	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 1,528.00
Silver - Above with adult lounge	\$ 1,299.00	\$ 1,562.00
Gold above with dance room	\$ 1,443.00	\$ 1,782.00
Platium - Great Room A & B, Gathering area, lounge	\$ 1,427.00	\$ 1,802.00
Diamond - All of the above	\$ 1,667.00	\$ 2,022.00



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## Fee Schedule – Pine Township

### Amenities:

- Fitness Center
- Gymnasiums
- Walking Track
- Locker Rooms
- Child Care

<b>2024 Budget - Community Center</b>	
Revenues	\$ 869,280.00
Expenditures	\$ 1,147,280.00
No Debt Service	
Annual Deficit	\$ (278,000.00)

<b>Membership Fees</b>		
	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
<b>Track Only</b>		
Resident	\$ 30.00	\$ 60.00
<b>Full Facility</b>		
Resident Family	\$ 660.00	\$ 900.00
Resident Adult	\$ 360.00	\$ 540.00
Resident Senior	\$ 300.00	\$ 420.00
Resident Teen	\$ 300.00	\$ 420.00
<b>Rentals - Prices are for Weekend</b>		
	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
Community Room A or B	\$ 85.00	\$ 95.00
Community Room A and B	\$ 170.00	\$ 190.00
MultiPurpsoe Room	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00
Meeting Room	\$ 55.00	\$ 65.00
Full Gym	\$ 180.00	\$ 205.00
Half Gym	\$ 110.00	\$ 120.00
Exercise Room	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00
Catering Kitchen	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Alcohol Permits	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00



# APPENDIX B

## Fee Schedule – Franklin Park – Blueberry Hill

### Amenities:

- Rental Facility with Commercial Kitchen and Outside Deck
- Multipurpose Room

2024 Budget - Community Center	
Revenues	\$58,000.00
Expenditures (no line item for Blueberry Hill)	
No Debt Service	
Annual Deficit	

Weekend Rental Prices	
<u>8 Hour Rental</u>	
Resident:	\$575.00
Non-Resident:	\$650.00
<u>Alcohol Permit</u>	
Resident:	\$25.00
Non-Resident:	\$25.00

## Fee Schedule – Wilkins Township

2024 Budget - Community Center	
Revenues	\$ 5,500
Expenditures	\$ 1,323
Annual Revenues	\$ 4,177
Amenities	
Large Room 32' X 52'	
Small Room 22' X 25'	
Kitchen Facilities - Outside Patio	
Rentals - Prices are for Weekend	Resident
7 Hour Rental	\$ 200



# APPENDIX B

## Fee Schedule – Ross Township

### Amenities:

- Gymnasium
- Board Room
- Shelters at Community Center
- Evergreen Community Park
- Athletic Fields

Rental Revenues	
Evergreen Community Park	\$ 28,500
Denny Park	\$ 6,000
John Herb Field	\$ 2,000
Shelters (RMC)	\$ 3,250
Classrooms	\$ 10,000
Fields	\$ 1,500
Gym	\$ 5,000
Alcohol Permits	\$ 6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 62,250</b>

Athletic Fields		
<b>Herb Fields Use</b>	per use	\$40
	per use for BOC recognized Youth Athletic Organizations	\$20
<b>All other Township Field Use</b>	per use	\$20
	per use for BOC recognized Youth Athletic Organizations	\$10

Community Center		
<b>Gymnasium</b>		
Ross Resident	hourly	\$100
Non-Resident or Business	hourly	\$125
<b>Board Room</b>		
Non-Profit	hourly	\$25
<b>Shelters at Community Center</b>		
Ross Resident	hourly	\$20
	over/off-time per hour	\$40
Non-Resident or Business	hourly	\$25
	over/off-time per hour	\$50
Non-Profit	hourly	\$15
	over/off-time per hour	\$30
<b>Evergreen Community Park - Building</b>		
Ross Resident	hourly	\$50
	security deposit	\$100
Non-Resident or Business	hourly	\$60
	security deposit	\$100
Non-Profit	hourly	\$37.5
	security deposit	\$100
<b>Late cancellation fee</b>		50% of rental fee



# APPENDIX C

## Community Center Survey Results

### What people want in a Community Center

Survey Conducted January-March 2022 | 1,536 responses: 27% opposed, 73% in favor; 54% opposed to additional taxes

People interested in having a Community Center wanted it to include meeting space and/or be a space for sports/athletics.

#### Community Center Physical Amenities:

- Meeting rooms
- Workout areas
- Open gym (Minimum of 2 full-size basketball courts (with markings for additional sports: volleyball, pickleball, futsal))
- Indoor track
- Indoor rental facility with kitchen
- Swimming pool, lap pool, diving well
- Arcade room with pool tables, air hockey, arcade games
- Indoor dog park
- Skating rink

#### Community Center Social Amenities:

- Be a space available to people of all ages - seniors, adults, teens, children
- Be a place for people of all ages to gather
- Activities for children
- After school care, tutoring, childcare area
- Programs like the library currently offers

#### Additional Wants (for Kiwanis Park in general):

- Picnic groves
- Expanded parking
- Sidewalks
- Sustainable, eco-friendly elements
- ADA-accessible entrance to Kiwanis Park
- Separate pedestrians from vehicular traffic
- Utilize the space outside
- Upgrade the playground equipment in Kiwanis Park, add a nature playground
- Dog park



## Kiwanis Park Vision

### Park as Community Gathering Space

#### Goals of the Redesign

- The redesign will enhance Kiwanis Park and make it the central location for community gatherings in Shaler Township
- Incorporate design elements to enhance the feeling of community connectedness and provide places for people to gather
- Make Kiwanis Park a place for people of all ages and abilities

#### Key Ways to Achieve the Goals

- Improve Traffic Flow and Parking to improve usability, walkability, and enhance pedestrian safety
- Add Walking Paths + Trails to encourage use of the park
- Reclaim Greenspace to make the park more cohesive
- Add areas for group gatherings (*formal and informal*)



## Kiwanis Park Development Items

### Summary

The design utilizes many of the currently existing elements of Kiwanis Park so that the redesign is as cost effective as possible.

This design aims to reduce the amount of construction, destruction, relocation of amenities etc while also enhancing the usefulness of the park, improving pedestrian safety, and addressing vehicular traffic/parking issues.

The design prioritizes areas to build community connections + interact with others as well as engage in outdoor (and potentially indoor) physical activities in a park setting.

This design does not include a Community Center Building (unless one is incorporated into the rebuilt Pool Bath House)

#### Development Items

- Address Traffic Flow and Parking issues
- Add Pavilions
- Add Public Restrooms
- Upgrade Play Structure Equipment
- Add a Dog Park
- Rebuild Pool Bath House
- Reclaim Greenspace
- Add Walking Paths + Trails
- Add Usability + Safety elements such as Lighting, Electricity, Security Cameras, Benches, Bike Racks

#### Potential Items

- Build a Community Center (aka Field House or Event Center or Flex-Use Space)
- Convert the lower baseball field into TBD space



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### Unchanged Amenities

- Crawshaw Baseball Field
- Crawford Pool + Party Deck
- Basketball Courts
- Tennis + Pickleball Courts
- Lower Ballfield
- Main Pavilion

This design utilizes the current park structure as much as possible; leaving the current layout and amenities in place while adjusting around the existing elements – even leaving the old growth trees in place.



### Park Entrance/Exit: *Wetzel Rd + Vollmer Dr*

- Align entrance of Wetzel Rd + Vollmer Dr
- Access: Entrance/Exit
- Add Stop signs where applicable

This design limits the in-access point of the park to only one location; which will allow for safer overall park flow between thru-ways and the various parking areas.

This is one of 3 Exit points for traffic leaving the park.



### Park Exit: *Wetzel Rd + Meyer Ln*

- One Way from inside Kiwanis onto Wetzel

This is one of 3 Exit points for traffic leaving the park.



### Park Exit: *Little Pine Creek Rd*

- One Way down Kiwanis Rd onto Little Pine Creek Rd; with both Left- and Right-hand turns allowed

This is one of 3 Exit points for traffic leaving the park.



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## Parking Lot A

- Convert former Jeffrey School area into a large parking lot
- Separate drive-thru vehicular traffic from parking lot traffic
- Manage flow in and out of the parking area via stop signs and by limiting access points to one near Vollmer Dr and one near Jeffrey Rd (by Crawshaw Left Field)
- Add Stop signs where applicable

This is one of 4 parking lots in the park.



## Parking Lot B

- Requires only minimal changes to what currently exists:
  1. Adjust greenspace at the exit point for safe traffic flow out of the parking area
  2. Convert into One Way - with traffic flowing from Meyer Rd end towards Parking Lot A.
- Add Stop signs where applicable

This is one of 4 parking lots in the park.



## Parking Lot C

- Convert the parking into a rectangular shape; adding greenspace to both ends and design for better/safer traffic flow in/out of the area.
  - Keep as One Way but allow the ability to re-loop the parking lot instead of exiting up Meyer Rd.
- Add a walking path along the hillside side so that pedestrians can walk on the outside of the cars towards the pool.
- Maintain service vehicle access to the pool area
- The end near the proposed new playground location could be reserved for ADA-accessible parking.

This is one of 4 parking lots in the park.



## Parking Area: Meyer Rd

- Since the road will be converted into a One Way add parking spots along the side of the roadway
- Add a walking path up to Meyer Rd/down to the park.
  - Keep/add greenspace where road/parking/walking path are not needed.
- Add Stop signs where applicable

This is one of 4 proposed on-road parking areas in the park.



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## Parking Area: Jeffrey Rd

- Convert Jeffrey Rd into a One Way - with traffic flowing from Left Field towards Right Field
- Since the road will be converted into a One Way add parking spots along the side of the roadway along the Crawshaw outfield.
- Have the road curve around the end of the ballfield and feed into the Main Park Parking Area
  - This would remove some current greenspace in this area and convert into road
- The walking path wraps around the outfield between the on-road parking and the outfield fence.

This is one of 4 proposed on-road parking areas in the park.



## Parking Area: Lower Kiwanis Rd

- Where traffic starts to go down the hill down to Lower Kiwanis Rd convert that into a One Way which goes towards Little Pine Creek Rd
- Add Stop signs where applicable

This is one of 4 proposed on-road parking areas in the park.



## Parking Area: Upper Kiwanis Rd

- Add parking spots along the roadway on the tennis court side where possible.
- Parking Lot D is the lot above the tennis courts; this lot remains unchanged.

This is one of 4 proposed on-road parking areas in the park.



## Park Amenities: Pavilions

Add 4 throughout the park so that the ability for outdoor pavilion rentals is maximized in the park.

- 1 near proposed Playground 2 location.
- 1 near the proposed Dog Park location
- 1 beside the T-Ball field (*eliminate the small parking area and convert to greenspace + pavilion*)
- 1 above the Tennis Courts
- The 2 existing pavilions in the lower park area (*Main; Pool Party Deck*) remain as-is. The 1 upper pavilion can be removed from the park as it is deteriorating and on the cliffside.

*The size of the new Pavilions is TBD; these can be smaller than the Main Pavilion.*

*Any data from the Township regarding Pavilion rental requests? How many are made? How many people cannot get something because it is already booked?*



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## Park Amenities: Restrooms

- Add 1 to the main park area – outside of pool
  - *This location is currently a small greenspace area primarily only utilized for overflow of Pool events; it would disrupt little current park design while also being in a very convenient location to the main park amenities*
- Add 1 “family restroom” restroom facility into the baby pool area
  - *This would primarily service parents/families and swimmers at Seadog events*



## Park Amenities: Playgrounds

- The existing playground would be removed.
  - *The remaining Jeffrey school playground would also be removed.*
- Playground 1 would be at the end of Parking Lot C in the reclaimed greenspace.
  - *Ensure a good barrier between parking area and playground is included*
- Playground 2 would be along Parking Lot A near a new Pavilion and above the sled riding hill.

Playgrounds should accommodate multiple ages from “tots to teens” [ages 2-5; 5-12].



## Park Amenities: Dog Park

- The former Girl Scouts area could be converted into a Dog Park by adding a fence and converting the entire area into greenspace (with a walkway leading up to the Pavilion and Dog Park area)

*A potential issue is its location near the Wetzel Rd houses.*

*Possibly add a small pathway down from the area back to the main park or a set of steps to allow for easier access from Parking Lot C.*



## Park Amenities: T-Ball Field + Sled Riding Hill

- Leave as-is
- In order to add the Pavilion the small parking lot would likely need to be eliminated, but that change would streamline the Kiwanis Rd traffic + new on-road parking.

This T-Ball Field area holds potential as a site for future building development.

This is an alternate location for the Dog Park (as it is away from residential properties).



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## Park Amenities: Pool Bath House

- Rebuild. Reduce the overall footprint
  - *Right-size the building. It doesn't need to be as large as it currently is.*
- The newly available open space where the old restroom + overhang used to be: turn the area into an inviting Outdoor Community Space with benches, greenery, etc.
- Parking spots behind the building can be designed as AMA (*like currently exists*).

This new building has the potential to also be designed to include a second story which could serve as an Event Rental/Flex-Use space. If designing with multiple use then there is room to keep the larger building footprint.



## Greenspace A

- Control traffic flow by designing a greenspace area "island"
  - *Use for this space is TBD; this area could have benches and be a pick-up/drop-off zone*



## Greenspace B

- Convert the parking lot/playground into a greenspace area
- Add a natural barrier between the greenspace and the roadway
- Could add a playground here instead of the Wetzel Rd/Parking Lot A one or in addition to the others.

This area holds potential as a site for future building development.

By converting this to greenspace it simplifies the Parking Lot A design into a box-like form and reduces traffic flow points in and out of the lots/roadways.



## Walking Paths + Trails

Paved Walkways should be added throughout the park to allow for people to easily and safely traverse from one amenity to the next or simply just to enjoy an outdoor walk/run/bike.

This is especially important for those parking in Parking Lot A and needing to go to the heart of the park (*ballfield, pool, playground, basketball courts*).

- In the heart of the park a paved path can curve around the ballfield, skirt along the parking lot and playground, connect up to the Meyer Rd exit, loop up to the pool sidewalk.
- Around the back of the pool as well as up the sled riding hill non-paved walkways (*similar to Fall Run Park*) could be added to provide additional options to explore and engage with the park.
- Along Meyer Rd and the lower Kiwanis Rd area the new parking should also include a marked walkway for safe pedestrian access from those areas into the main park.
- Wood/Hillside Trails should also be developed.

The Walking Path design would ideally also include a sidewalk along Wetzel Rd between the Vollmer Dr entrance and the Meyer Rd exit and also ideally all the way up to Mt. Royal Blvd.

Consider extending the safe path/trail to connect to Little Pine Creek > Wetzel > Eagle Canyon Trail (at Fawcett Fields).



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## Vehicular Traffic Flow

The design of the parking lots and roadways should maximize safe vehicular traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

This is why it is important to streamline the parking lot design, limit ingress and egress as outlined in this design, and add One Ways where needed as well as Stop signs.

There is only 1 ingress point into the park. But with 3 egress points the number of vehicles traversing through all of the areas can be reduced - bottleneck points can be limited/eliminated.

The design has tried to incorporate a variety of Use Cases. For examples: (1) A person wishing to play Tennis can avoid the heart of the park upon exiting by opting to go down Lower Kiwanis Rd. (2) A person wishing to use the pool can do so and then leave via Meyer Rd without having to go through Parking Lot B to exit. (3) Someone who doesn't find a parking spot in Parking Lot C or B can easily loop back over to Parking Lot A. (4) A Lower Ballfield user can bypass all the parking lots and park on the Lower Kiwanis Rd on-road parking area.



## Goals for Kiwanis Park

- **Traffic Flow:** Redesign of traffic flow to improve vehicular safety, increase parking.
- **Walking Trail:** Interested in development of a walking trail around the perimeter of Kiwanis Park.
- **Pool Bath House:** Reconstruction of Crawford Pool Bath House – to be included in development plans.
- **Ball Field:** Possible relocation of Crawshaw Ball Field if recommended by the Focus Group (*with input from the Michael Crawshaw Family/Foundation*)
- **Field House:** Consideration of indoor facility for pickleball, basketball, volleyball, if space permits.

Due to concerns about cost and space, an indoor walking trail is not a primary goal of the Township.

This info is from a document placed in the "Shaler Kiwanis Park Focus Group" Google Drive 11/13/2023, accessed 12/1/2023.



# APPENDIX C

## Survey Results: Building Comparison Kiwanis Park



### Name 3 things you like about the Small Building:

- Cost (6 responses)
- Bath house (5 responses)
- Banquet/meeting rooms (4 responses)
- Trails/sidewalks (3 responses)
- Parking (2 responses)
- Amphitheater (2 responses)
- Traffic (2 responses)
- Minimal changes to atmosphere/current footprint (2 responses)
- One building/space (1 response)
- Kitchenette (1 response)
- Green space (1 response)
- Deck overlooking pool (1 response)
- Built in phases (1 response)

### Name 3 things you dislike about the Small Building:

- Parking/traffic (11 responses)
- Courts location/relocation (5 responses)
- Space/size (2 responses)
- Location (1 response)
- Restrooms (1 response)
- No ROI (1 response)
- Potential smells/sounds from pool (1 response)
- Potential overcrowding (1 response)
- Fragmented (1 response)
- Layout not beneficial to seniors (1 response)
- Exterior deck (1 response)

### Comments Regarding Upper Parking Lot (Small Building):

Potential land/topography issues.  
Concerns about the hillside – possibly level or move it.

### Comments about Roundabout (Small Building):

Overall, respondents like the roundabout and believe it will help with traffic flow. However, some questioned whether it would take away from parking. Some suggested that this be made a focal point in the park to include either a flagpole, flowers, or shrubs.

### Comments about location of playground (Small Building):

Responses were mixed on the location of the playground. Most respondents liked this location for the playground as it would separate them from the fields and courts and could be good for younger kids. It was also recommended that a fence be installed around it. Some respondents believed this location is too far away from the pool or suggested that the current playground remain where it is, and an additional playground be added to this location.

### Adequate Parking for the Small Building:

41.7% yes

58.3% no

### Additional Comments (Small Building):

The main comment left here was regarding parking. Some respondents believe parking will continue to be an issue. Some suggestions to add more parking included: adding parking to the Girl Scout Camp and reconfiguring the current parking lots.

### Comments about size and layout of proposed building (Small Building):

Some believe the size is good, but others think it is too small and narrow and should not include athletics. The bathhouse would be updated without affecting the park itself and creating a space to overlook the pool. Another suggestion was to move the library to this location.

### Other Comments (Small Building):

This is the most realistic option.  
Relocate the tennis and pickleball courts.  
Add a pavilion with the playground and basketball courts.  
We need a sidewalk from the library to the park.

### Name 3 things you like about the Medium Building:

- More space/multi use (9 responses)
- Separate community center (3 responses)
- Parking/traffic (4 responses)
- Athletics (3 responses)
- Pool house (3 responses)
- Restrooms (2 responses)
- Distance from pool (1 response)
- Playground visibility (1 response)
- Lobby (1 response)
- Locker rooms (1 response)
- Reclamation of green space (1 response)

### Name 3 things you dislike about the Medium Building:



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- Parking (10 responses)
- Athletics – courts, track (5 responses)
- Building size (3 responses)
- Building/parking overtake the park (2 responses)
- Costs – staff, utilities (1 response)
- Location of restrooms (1 response)
- Eliminates sled riding hill and field (1 response)

## **Comments about location of handicapped spots in front of Party Deck (Medium Building):**

This location is a great idea as it helps those who can't walk as far. Some suggested more handicapped spots and wheelchair accessibility.

## **Comments about adding existing pool parking lot into drawing (Medium Building):**

Overall, respondents stated that we need more parking. One suggestion was to level the Girl Scout Camp.

## **Adequate Parking for the Medium Building:**

60% yes  
40% no

## **Other Comments (Medium Building):**

There were mixed responses in this section. Some respondents believe the parking is adequate while others believe there will never be enough parking without turning the whole space into a parking lot.

## **Comments about size and layout of proposed building (Medium Building):**

Most respondents liked this option including location, size, and layout. However, some stated it was too big and are concerned about costs and still preserving the park atmosphere.

## **Other Comments (Medium Building):**

Add an indoor turf area so teams are able to rent this space.  
Add a pavilion, parking, utilities, and restrooms. Remove basketball and pickleball courts. The parking area down the hill is a great idea and having 3 entrances/exits.  
This option would result in significant long-term maintenance and operational costs for taxpayers. We need a sidewalk from the library to Kiwanis.

## **Name 3 things you like about the Large Building:**

- Parking (6 responses)
- Size/space (5 responses)
- All encompassing (3 responses)

- New pool house (2 responses)
- Restrooms (1 response)
- One entrance and exit (1 response)
- Sidewalks on Wetzel (1 response)
- Outdoor community space (1 response)
- Reclamation of green space (1 response)
- Competes with neighboring communities (1 response)

## **Name 3 things you don't like about the Large Building:**

- Size (7 responses)
- Cost (5 responses)
- Courts – basketball, pickleball (4 responses)
- Parking (3 responses)
- Eliminates sled riding hill and field (1 response)
- Will usage be appropriate (1 response)
- Building is horizontal rather than vertical (1 response)
- Restroom location (1 response)
- Plan for upper pavilion (1 response)

## **Comments about parking lot, where Jeffrey School was located (Large Building):**

Traffic flow is a concern. Some respondents love the idea of having indoor and outdoor parking. Add a playground and courts and possibly a tall fence in the outfield of the main baseball field.

## **Comments about size and layout of proposed building (Large Building):**

The responses were split in this section. About half of the respondents believed this proposed building was too big and the other half believed it was a good size. The cost is also a concern.

## **Other Comments (Large Building):**

Add an indoor turf area so teams are able to rent this space. Outdoor pickleball courts are not needed if we have indoor courts. Ellen Hughes and the high school both have tennis courts.

Least favorite option.

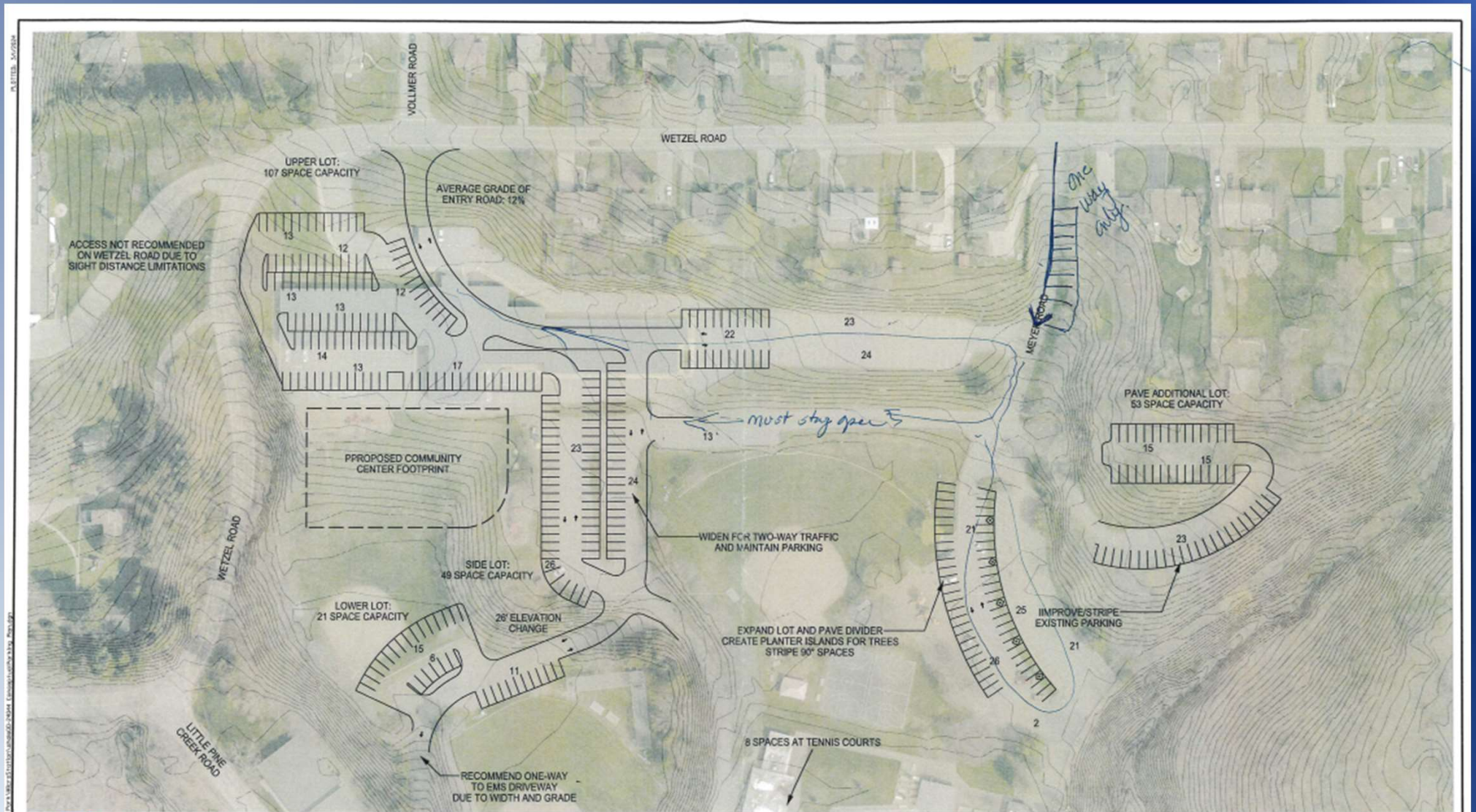
The playground would be hard to see from the pool.

Storage should only be in a building this size. If the community center is smaller, the space should be for community use.

Significant maintenance and operational costs. We need a sidewalk from the library to Kiwanis.



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Source: Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access (PASDA) imagery and contours (2')



PARK	TA PLAN	KLH MEDIUM PLAN
UPPER PARKING	177 SPACES	201 SPACES
MIDDLE PARKING	273 SPACES	66 SPACES
LOWER PARKING	450 SPACES	267 SPACES



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