

# EAKIN COMMUNITY PARK

PUBLIC MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2014  
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

## GENERAL COMMENTS

- General support for the two improvement proposals.
- It was requested that the community assist the efforts of the Eakin Trust Fund to benefit the park.
- Would like to see safer conditions for pedestrians crossing Prosperity Avenue.
- The potential for coordinating with Eagle Scout projects was noted.
- It was noted that the parking area near the garden plots is underutilized. Some additional signage might be helpful.
- Belief that Mantua Park was the first Park Authority park, deserving of recognition. Believes Hamilton Avenue was the first park. (Note: verification from the FCPA land records shows that Parcel XX consisting of xx acres and known as Eakin Community Park located between Prosperity and Tobin Road was acquired in 195X and the Mantua Park located on Hamilton Avenue was acquired in 195X. The features in Eakin Community Park were built later than the features in Mantua Park.)

## PROPOSED PAVILION

- Some would prefer to see the pavilion placed down on the Prosperity Road end of the park. (Note: Due to the Chesapeake Bay Act, regulations do not allow this type of feature in resource protection areas that comprise the bulk of this section of the park.)
- Some concern was expressed that the picnic pavilion might generate parking problems.
- A suggestion was made to place the pavilion and parking off of Barkley Drive.
- The pavilion will hold about 4-5 picnic tables, approximately 50 people.
- There will be grills provided with the pavilion. The pavilion should not impact the existing trail and tennis courts.

## FACILITIES

- Restrooms would be beneficial to users. Restrooms are typically not provided in unstaffed parks. Porta-potties are more often used and are an option.
- The volleyball court could use some maintenance.
- A suggestion was made to consider including outdoor musical equipment as being socially sustainable.
- A suggestion was made to include a dog park.
- Some would like to see some new/additional play equipment.
- There was a request for more picnic tables.
- Request was made for additional parking at the Prosperity Road entrance.
- Suggestion was made to include recycling facilities within the park.
- Request was made to include dog waste bag dispensers along the GCCCT.
- There was a request for a bocce court.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

- Comments were made that the natural features should be recognized and appreciated.

- Concern was expressed about impacts to wildlife by the additional disturbance and people in the Tobin Road area.
- Support was expressed for the managed meadow.
- Concern was expressed about disturbing the hedgerow near the Tobin Road sign.
- It was suggested that no additional impervious pavement should be added in the stream valley.
- It was observed that the stream itself could use some restoration effort. Stream clean ups are volunteer activity to address trash issues. There are technological fixes that would help to keep trash out of the stream.
- Request was made that the upper area of the park should not be disturbed at all.

#### EAKIN PARK AT HAMILTON DRIVE ACCESS

- Recommendations were made to update the play area at Hamilton Drive and Glenbrook Road.
- Comment was made that the trees need to be pruned
- The pavilion at the park has hornets' nests and the picnic tables need repair.
- Additional playground equipment and benches were requested.