

FINAL PRESENTATION

Tydings Park Commission Final Presentation



21 March 2016

Agenda

1. Commission Charter
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Commission Charter

- Created Under Executive Order 2015-02
- Consists of twelve (12) members
 - Eight (8) Citizens of Havre de Grace
 - Two (2) Council members
 - Two (2) City staff members
- Introduction of Members
 - Eight (8) citizens of the City of Havre de Grace
 - James Clark
 - Mark Hemler, Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps
 - Scott Hurst, Chief, Susquehanna Hose Company
 - Darryl Leonetti
 - Mary Martin
 - Phillip Powell
 - Deborah Stathes
 - Jan Vanderhoff
 - Two (2) Members of the City staff
 - Patrick Sypolt, Director of Administration
 - John Allen, Directorate of Public Works
 - Two (2) City Council Members
 - Michael Hitchings, Chair
 - David Martin

Commission Charter

Duties:

- Review state of the park
- Review uses of the park
- Assess potential uses for the park
- Assess viability of potential uses
- Provide recommendations to Mayor & Council

Executive Summary

- Bayside Park was originally established in the late 1800's
- Millard E. Tydings Memorial Park dedicated in 1962
- Park extends over eight (8) acres along the waterfront
 - Includes the upper grassed areas
 - Includes the swale and former tennis court areas
 - Includes the parking lot up to the marina bulkhead

Summary of Recommendations

- Grounds require intensive reseeding, aeration, and protection to re-establish grass.
 - This can be done in phases to not impact the whole park at one time
 - Estimate ~\$9,000
- City should consider not installing a permanent amphitheater, but instead purchase a portable trailer bandshell that could be used throughout the City
 - Estimate ~\$150,000
- Uplighting could be installed to accent feature areas of the park.
 - Price depends on locations and number of fixtures

Summary of Recommendations

- Playground area and equipment should be refreshed
 - Bring current equipment into full compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act
 - Support multiple levels of play for multiple ages.
 - Enhance Tydings Park Playground as a regional feature attraction
 - Estimate ~\$250,000 (recommend seeking grant support through Parks & Recreation)
- Retain the swale area, but reseed and stabilize the grounds
 - Limit the parking to only true overflow parking
 - Encourage overflow to use other areas outside of the park
 - Estimate - part of re-seeding noted above.
- Install new sidewalks, benches, grills and amenities
 - These should be designed to support a walking circuit and maximum use of the park grounds

Summary of Recommendations

- Festivals and Celebrations

- Encourage only low impact devices and equipment to be placed in grass areas.
- Encourage higher impact devices to use lower parking lot
 - High impact devices could be established around updated sidewalk design to minimize impact on the grass & grounds
- The Commission supports using the Park for festivals, as long as they are not at the expense of the health of the Park.

- Gazebo

- Recommend reconstructing the gazebo in current architecture, style, and design with new materials to address degradation and damage.
- City should consider increasing the size of the gazebo to support larger events, while retaining the look and charm of current structure.

Tydings Park Concept Plans

- a. Commercial Recreation Products, Inc. supported the Commission in the development of an updated playground concept plan
- b. Site Resources, Inc. supported the Commission in the development of an updated site plan

Tydings Park Playground



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Custom Duck Riders And Custom Balance Beam

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The Rock-n-Ship





Lighthouse has
a tall Spiral Slide
and a Rock Wall
climber.

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Lighthouse
has slides for
multiple levels
of play.

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The Dragon has a new home!

The See-Saw Snake has also been relocated in this new design.

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Questions

Mayor & City Council Questions?