



Recommended Facility Plan For Columbia Local Park

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What are your thoughts on the recommended Columbia Park Facility Plan?

Summary Of Responses

As of March 31, 2021, this forum had:

Attendees:	194
Responses:	99
Hours of Public Comment:	5.0

Topic Start




December 30, 2020

Topic End

March 31, 2021

QUESTION 1

Do you support the recommended Facility?

		%	Count
I support the recommended Facility Plan		77.8%	77
I do not support the recommended Facility Plan		19.2%	19
I am indifferent/ neutral to the recommended Facility Plan		3.0%	3

QUESTION 2

Do you have any additional comments you would like to share about Columbia Local Park?

Answered	75
Skipped	24

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Survey Questions

QUESTION 1

Do you support the recommended Facility?

- I support the recommended Facility Plan
- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan
- I am indifferent/ neutral to the recommended Facility Plan

QUESTION 2

Do you have any additional comments you would like to share about Columbia Local Park?

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Individual Responses

Dan Reed

inside Silver Spring
January 4, 2021, 8:22 AM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

The more dog parks the better! East County needs more dog parks, as the closest ones to Burtonsville today are in Olney.

Name not shown

inside Fairland
January 7, 2021, 11:06 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

A dog park would be a great addition, many people walk their dogs at this park.

Name not shown

inside Cloverly
January 9, 2021, 5:30 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I am especially excited about the pickleball and dog park features!

Name not shown

inside Fairland
January 9, 2021, 6:34 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I love the idea of a pickleball court.

Name not shown

inside White Oak
January 10, 2021, 11:17 AM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

The baseball fields in the back are muddy cesspools, they should be replaced by turf soccer fields. Soccer is a very popular sport and it is difficult to find turf soccer fields in this part of MoCo.

Name not shown

inside Fairland
January 11, 2021, 9:14 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Need restrooms.

Name not shown

inside Aspen Hill
January 12, 2021, 10:49 AM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

The proposed location is obtrusive by itself but having it next to a tot play area is thoughtless for the well being of all concerned. I have spent many hours with my grandchildren at the park and have enjoyed every minute. Mixing children and dogs in such close proximity can have both positive

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and negative effects. Why cause a problem that does not now exist. Please find another area where the enclosure would not be such an eyesore. Thank you.

Name not available

January 19, 2021, 2:47 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 10:35 AM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 10:49 AM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not shown

inside Fairland

January 20, 2021, 3:39 PM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Definitely need a playground for our kids. This park is within walking to distance to many homes and is devoid of a playground

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 3:43 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 4:12 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

A natural surface dog area makes more sense than concrete.

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 4:18 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Just get it built already.

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 4:35 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Can't wait for it to open!!

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Name not available

January 20, 2021, 4:37 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Build it as soon as possible!

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 5:10 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I think the dog park is a great idea!

Name not shown

inside Fairland

January 20, 2021, 5:52 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Is futsal a sport played by many in the area? If so, I support a futsal field. If not, could it be replaced by a roller skating/roller hockey rink? I live behind the park in Briarcliff Manor and have seen many people roller skating on the sidewalks, streets, and tennis courts.

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 5:57 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not shown

inside Fairland

January 20, 2021, 6:00 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

We are so excited about the new dog park and opportunities for outdoor activities. Thank you for your work on this.

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 7:19 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 7:21 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

This would be such a welcome addition!!

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 7:25 PM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I love the dog park in 2 sections but please don't pave it! Dogs want grass!

Name not available

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January 20, 2021, 7:26 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Andre van der Merwe

inside Patuxent

January 20, 2021, 7:26 PM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

There are enough accessible tennis\pickleball courts within a 5 mile radius of this location (Bannaker Middle & PBHS, just to name 2 sets) that are already underutilized. However, there are not enough (any?) turf fields for multipurpose use (soccer, kickball, rugby, football, etc) available to the public. Please reconsider the use.

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 7:57 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Option 3

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 8:00 PM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I am concerned about a dog park so close to the baseball/soccer fields. All that activity might excite the dogs who then might run away or dart

into the street.

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 8:08 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Dog Park

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 8:23 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Barbara Noll

inside Cloverly

January 20, 2021, 8:39 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 8:47 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

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Name not available

January 20, 2021, 8:52 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 9:47 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Would like swings.

Name not available

January 20, 2021, 10:38 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

desperately need dog park and running/walking paths.

Name not available

January 21, 2021, 11:49 AM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

We need a dog park.

Name not available

January 21, 2021, 11:52 AM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Put up basketball courts instead of Futsal and pickle ball. Or re-do the outdoor courts closer to the rec center.

Name not available

January 21, 2021, 3:27 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not available

January 22, 2021, 12:13 AM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not shown

inside Fairland

January 22, 2021, 1:55 PM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

My concern is that if the dog park is between the baseball and soccer fields that activity might excite the dogs. We don't want any dogs running out onto a busy street.

Name not available

January 22, 2021, 4:11 PM

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Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Are there any restrooms or porta johns provided? Are you making any upgrades to the picinc shelter?

Name not available

January 22, 2021, 4:33 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not available

January 23, 2021, 12:33 AM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Carl Becker

inside Fairland

January 23, 2021, 8:04 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

My wife and I like the plan. We haven't played pickleball but we've talked about trying it. This would be a great addition, especially since there are a lot of tennis courts nearby at P.B. High and the park on Greencastle Rd. Thanks.

Name not shown

inside Fairland

January 28, 2021, 8:19 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Please make sure the tennis courts and the other courts have lights for night time play. It would also be good to have plugs for cell phones. Looking forward to these facilities.

Name not shown

inside Fairland

January 28, 2021, 8:21 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

A paved dog park might be a hazard for the dogs. They could scrape their paws while running and playing. Their paws might start bleeding.

Name not shown

inside Fairland

January 30, 2021, 8:11 AM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I like the plan because it will offer more activity choices for the neighborhood. However, the current large paved area is often used by groups playing / practicing cricket, and these changes will take away their space. A small, paved dog park is better than no dog park, but it won't really allow dogs to run, fetch, etc., because the pavement may hurt their paws. But it will allow enclosed space for dogs to play together. I am glad to see a drinking fountain and pickleball courts. I also agree that the open space near the baseball diamond is underused because it rarely dries completely.

Name not shown

inside Fairland

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February 3, 2021, 8:53 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Please keep current tennis courts open until the new courts are built so we have somewhere to play pickleball as it is our only way to exercise during Covid. Build the dog parks after the new courts are in!!

Name not shown

inside Olney

February 3, 2021, 10:17 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I am most happy to see the addition of pickleball courts, but also am glad that the county was able to include all of the other sports and the dog park too.

Name not available

February 5, 2021, 5:31 PM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Montgomery County Parks Dept are about 10 years behind where they should be regarding PB. Four courts? Seriously?! Put in 8 courts. There are enough places to play tennis in the county. Get rid of that one court.

Name not shown

inside Fairland

February 6, 2021, 12:49 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

gary lyst

inside Kemp Mill/4 Corners

February 6, 2021, 10:21 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

once the pickleball courts are built , they will be used like you wont believe. We need more than just 4 pickleball cta.

Name not shown

inside Fairland

February 7, 2021, 4:25 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Yes, please stop talking about it and be like Nike "just do it". This has been talked about for over three years. I keep looking for the improvements and there is no change. Stop dragging your feet and start already. If this was in Bethesda or Potomac it would be done.

Name not shown

inside Fairland

February 8, 2021, 2:18 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Please consider adding swing sets... At least one of them should be a baby seat swing.

Name not available

February 8, 2021, 6:55 PM

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Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Option 3. I believe it provides accommodation for all parties. It is important to still have a basketball court in most communities while it also provides something for the tennis players. At the same time, it keeps all pickleball players in the same proximity which is important during rotation and tournaments. By contrast, option 1 splits up the pickleball courts and option 2 fails to include a basketball court. Thank you. Tina H Smith

Name not available

February 13, 2021, 5:33 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Looks great, outstanding addition

Name not available

February 13, 2021, 8:50 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Would like lights to fields evening play especially on Futsol court

Name not available

February 14, 2021, 10:29 AM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I am a dog owner and have used Columbia Local Park frequently with my family for attending son's baseball games. I am opposed to any plan that includes artificial turf in the dog walking areas or anywhere in the park. Artificial turf is hot, and toxic to humans, pets, wildlife, waterways and

the environment.

Name not available

February 16, 2021, 3:32 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Lights on basketball courts

Name not available

February 16, 2021, 3:33 PM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

More basketball courts are needed at this facility; Basketball, football, track and soccer are the biggest sports in the area.

Name not available

February 16, 2021, 4:08 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

If possible a Turf Field would be really good for HIIT cardio workouts, I often see people doing it on courts and that can be harsh on their bodies in the long run

Name not available

February 16, 2021, 4:08 PM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Recommended Facility Plan For Columbia Local Park

What are your thoughts on the recommended Columbia Park Facility Plan?

We want basketball courts

Name not available

February 16, 2021, 8:28 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I support the plan and love the renovation idea! However, not to sure about the pickleball courts. Seems like there would be more use for another tennis court, or some sort of outdoor fitness structure in that area.

Name not available

February 16, 2021, 10:54 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

More Basketball Courts.

Name not available

February 16, 2021, 11:53 PM

Question 1

- I am indifferent/ neutral to the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

We would like a basketball court

Nancy Chu

inside White Oak

February 18, 2021, 9:11 AM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

If 4 dedicated pickleball courts prove insufficient, I hope you will consider adding overlay pickleball lines on the tennis court

Name not available

February 28, 2021, 1:47 PM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

no need for tennis court,8 under utilized courts at Paint Branch High,only 1/4 mile away.If you add tennis court at Columbia,then put more pickleball courts at P.B.HIGH

Emer Daly

inside Gaithersburg City

March 1, 2021, 2:24 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Excited to see Pickleball finally get some dedicated courts but if I am to be honest, it's like building the beltway with one lane. Four courts in a county of over 1 million residents with Pickleball growth at 20% plus in just one year (2020), is incredibly short sighted.

Name not available

March 1, 2021, 4:44 PM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

PICKLEBALL please!

Name not available

March 1, 2021, 4:56 PM

Question 1

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- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Be sure to add numerous Pickleball courts

Name not available

March 1, 2021, 5:26 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Have as many pickleball courts with lights, thank you.

Ken Brown

inside Olney

March 1, 2021, 6:22 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Glad to see Montgomery County is finally looking to keep up with popular sports like Pickleball the way City of Rockville and our neighboring counties are. Park design looks great. Please add gate openings to access courts on both sides to help keep social distancing. Thanks

Name not available

March 1, 2021, 10:02 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not shown

inside Aspen Hill

March 2, 2021, 7:48 AM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I think the tennis court should also be marked with low contrast pickleball lines (similar to Leisure World). It should also be made clear that tennis has priority use and pickleball players must graciously vacate the shared use court when requested. This will provide 2 additional pickleball courts, which are in high demand, when there are no tennis players.

Name not available

March 2, 2021, 2:36 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I absolutely support it. The pickleball courts are really needed. Around the area, pickleball courts have really high occupancy, and serve many people. I think pickleball and tennis can coexist without difficulty.

Name not shown

inside Fairland

March 3, 2021, 5:46 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I am so excited to see this project getting back on track! The proposed plan looks great and meets a variety of needs. I know there are other areas of the park which need attention, but I am grateful that the county has set aside funding to revitalize this upper section of the park which has been deteriorating. I like how they are connecting the path that goes by the pond, and the addition of the low 3 ft fences on the pickleball and tennis courts to keep rolling balls in check! Nice touch. I also hope there will be more than one entry gate so folks don't have to interrupt play just to get to the far courts. This will be an exciting addition to our east county area, and certain to be heavily used!

Name not available

March 3, 2021, 6:56 PM

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Question 1

- I am indifferent/ neutral to the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I agree with those who point out the huge demand for pickleball courts. Grateful that you are building them and think that it would be good to have the pickleball lines on the tennis courts. That would allow 8 more people to be playing pickleball when the tennis court is free.

Name not shown

inside Cloverly

March 4, 2021, 10:30 AM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I do not think that the recommended facility plan allocates space particularly well. Notably, almost half of the new plan is entirely devoted to dogs, and completely unusable by the majority of county residents who do not own a dog. I was also disappointed in the size of the futsal court. While perhaps adequate for futsal, I was hoping for a court similar to that constructed at Dewey local park which is usable for other sports such as hockey. The county seems to be devoting significant resources to pickleball which is played by only a tiny fraction of county residents. Because so much valuable space has been redirected from people to animals, and other space has been taken up by a sport which is not played by most, I don't believe that this redevelopment meets the needs of many county residents.

Name not available

March 11, 2021, 8:59 AM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Dedicated pickleball courts are highlight of this proposal. Definitely would see use.

Sebastian Smoot

inside Cloverly

March 16, 2021, 11:02 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I love that Montgomery Parks is making the facilities more inclusive for people of all ages and backgrounds

Jonas Tizabi

inside Fairland

March 18, 2021, 8:32 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

The proximity of Columbia local park in relation to Paint Branch HS, Banneker MS and Burtonsville ES make it an ideal location for a soccer court. This location provides a safe location for youth to engage in productive, healthy activities outdoors. Furthermore, creating a soccer court will fill the void that currently exists in purpose-built facilities for soccer that meet the needs of an evolving demographic. The presence of a soccer court will enhance the established recreational environment in Columbia Local Park and will provide a location for year-round recreational programming.

Name not available

March 18, 2021, 9:14 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I love to play soccer! A futsal court being added would be a great addition and be used so much by the community

Name not shown

inside Fairland

March 19, 2021, 2:40 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

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Question 2

I suggest adding some dog waste stations with bags and disposal bins. There are a lot of dog walkers in the area and the dog park will only bring more dogs.

Name not shown

inside Fairland

March 20, 2021, 6:08 PM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I live very close to Columbia Park and strongly oppose a dog park. I am concerned about noise and that it will contain dog waste. It does not seem like a great idea to put it right next to the pavilion where people will be grilling and eating. There is a need for more pickle ball to serve the many rather than a dog park to serve the few.

Name not available

March 21, 2021, 12:58 PM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

I am not in favor of where you are intending to locate the dog park. It is too close to residential housing and to the pavilion that houses a number of picnic tables and a grill. It should be relocated to the other side of the proposed space. Additionally, any portable bathrooms at this facility should be available year round. With regards to the futsal court, I don't see a need for it. I can't remember when I saw anyone kicking a soccer game being played in this park. Last but not least what accommodations are being made for the people who have been playing cricket on the larger pad for the past several years. .

J.D Schwartz

inside Fairland

March 25, 2021, 10:35 AM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No need for a tennis court, 8 under utilized courts at Paint Branch High, only 1/4 mile away. If you add tennis court at Columbia, then put more pickleball courts at P.B. HIGH. MAKE ALL PICKLEBALL COURTS AT COLUMBIA, THE DEMAND IS THERE, THEY WILL NEVER EVER BE UNDER UTILIZED. THIS IS SAID WITH THE UTMOST CONVICTION, JUST STUDY THE INCREASING POPULARITY. DONT WASTE FUNDS ON ANOTHER UNDER UTILIZED TENNIS COURT. PUT 6 COURTS AT COLUMBIA PARK. NO MORE NEW TENNIS COURTS!!!

Name not available

March 26, 2021, 10:50 AM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

The plan looks to cater to a number of different interests that would be good for everyone

Name not shown

inside White Oak

March 26, 2021, 5:52 PM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not shown

outside Planning Areas

March 26, 2021, 8:54 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

We love the plan and love the idea of soccer fields.

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Name not available

March 26, 2021, 10:18 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Keep the plan

Name not available

March 26, 2021, 10:26 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not available

March 26, 2021, 10:28 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not available

March 27, 2021, 8:04 AM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not available

March 29, 2021, 3:36 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not available

March 30, 2021, 7:59 AM

Question 1

- I am indifferent/ neutral to the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Are there going to be "dedicated" paved paths? [for walking? I am a senior and cannot deal with obstacles.

Name not available

March 30, 2021, 2:33 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not available

March 30, 2021, 4:34 PM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not shown

inside Kensington/Wheaton

March 31, 2021, 8:16 AM

Question 1

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- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

A dog park should not be paved it will hurt their feet. It shouldn't be next to places where people eat because they dig and kick up dirt. Also the dogs need a source of water and place for bags of trash.

and therefore a much bigger number. I would much rather have more pickleball courts than a dog park, as my guess is that no matter how many pickleball courts you build, there will never be enough. Please do not build a dog park here. We all bought single family homes in a neighborhood lined with sidewalks, with large yards and a wooded park nearby to enjoy what the outdoors offers. During this last year it has brought us all a lot of comfort. Seeing nesting bluebirds, and birds of all colors, has been such a joy. Rabbits, fox, deer -- they are all part of our lives and a dog park filled with barking dogs will ruin their habitat and our enjoyment of our neighborhood.

Name not available

March 31, 2021, 9:33 AM

Question 1

- I support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

No response

Name not shown

inside Fairland

March 31, 2021, 10:53 PM

Question 1

- I do not support the recommended Facility Plan

Question 2

Since the beginning of quarantine, I have taken daily walks from Briarcliff Manor Way to Old Columbia, south to park entrance, and along the walking path to my neighborhood. I walk with a neighbor and we have enjoyed the four seasons of foliage and wildlife that the park has to offer, especially the fox family and the bluebirds who have wintered over with us. We enjoy the tranquility of the park and the young families we have met along the way. While I was indifferent to the dog park when it was first presented, I am definitely against it now. The barking dogs will frighten the wildlife away, especially the blue birds and fox who have now made Columbia Park their home. The neighborhoods around the park all have sidewalks and plenty of private yard space for dog owners and dogs to enjoy each others company and exercise. If the park was surrounded by apartments with no private outdoor space the situation would be different, but as it is, I believe adding a dog park will ruin the wildlife aspect of the park that my neighbors and I enjoy on a daily basis. I live on the cul de sac of Lyncrest Court, and a dog park so close to my home and the homes of my friends where we visit at least weekly, and mostly on our decks and back porches, will mean that we will have to listen to barking dogs constantly with no respite. This will ruin the enjoyment we all get from our close knit neighborhood. A neighbor dog or two is fine. However this plan will attract dogs and owners from a much wider area