

**Minutes**  
**Board of Town Commissioners**  
**Alice Anne Park Public Input Meeting**  
**April 12, 2021**

This meeting was held, in person, at Alice Anne Park, to solicit feedback from citizens. The meeting started at 5:30 PM on April 12, 2021.

Commissioners Present:        Amy G. Chmielewski, Chair  
   Kevin M. Bianca  
   Erin S. Hughes  
   Donna L. Kahoe

Staff Present:                    L. Jesse Bane, Town Administrator  
   Stephen Kline, Director of Public Works  
   Michael Krantz, Director of Administration  
   Patti Parker, Community & Public Relations Manager  
   Kevin Small, Director of Planning

Others:                            Sue Niewenhaus, Appearance and Beautification Committee  
   Christa Egerland, Appearance and Beautification Committee  
   Ruth Oswald, Appearance and Beautification Committee  
   Jenny Dombeck, Appearance and Beautification Committee  
   Elaine Millard, Appearance and Beautification Committee  
   Bonnie Bailey, Appearance and Beautification Committee  
   Deanna Richards, Appearance and Beautification Committee  
   Kristy Sudbrink, Appearance and Beautification Committee  
   Molly Noyes and Girl Scout Troop 2520  
   Robin Street  
   Bill Coningsby  
   Wayne Merkle, Tree Committee  
   Angela & Paul Pupek  
   Nicki Jergensen, Cultural Arts Commission  
   Elizabeth Janney, Bel Air Patch

Call to Order:

Chair Chmielewski called the meeting to order and explained that the purpose of this meeting was to solicit feedback from citizens regarding ideas for improvements to Alice Anne Park.

Steve Kline and Kevin Small explained that general cleanup of the park, including repairs, landscaping, and improvements will be happening soon.

Recommendations from the meeting:

Girl Scout Troop 2520 would like to install a little free library that they will build and maintain. Plus, they would like to see bird houses added and a Chess/Checkers table and chairs added. Also, they would like to be involved in cleaning up and planting flowers in the park.

Nicki Jergeson suggested a full court basketball court and installing a fence that could be painted with a mural or other art project.

Paul Pupek suggested a multi-purpose court (including basketball), as well as, planting shrubbery along the dividing fence, and moving the trash can (blocking the sign/bike rack). He also inquired about installing speed bumps in the alley to slow traffic down.

Robin Street suggested installing covered trash cans to keep animals from getting into them and adding a recycling can.

Kristie Sudbrink recommended adding a gravel parking area for the park, accessible from the alley.

Steve Kline and Kevin Small explained that one or two handicap parking spaces, with possibility of a few additional regular parking spaces, were under consideration.

Wayne Merkle suggested crowning and pruning, not topping, of some of the trees, and working with an arborist.

All attending suggested more gardens with colorful flowers.

Other recommendations included:

- Multipurpose sports area including a pickleball court
- Horseshoes
- Doggie bag and trash station
- Speed limit sign in the ally
- Art on the benches/basketball backboards/sidewalks/fences

Miscellaneous:

Many attendees expressed interest in being involved in the next Town Community Cleanup Day.

The Appearance and Beautification Committee suggested that the Town post a notice at the Armory about Town Community Cleanup Day, and highlighting it during the Garden Mart. They also suggested asking the Downtown Alliance to share the Garden Mart and Town Community Cleanup Day on their social media.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Approved: April 19, 2021

Signature on file

Amy G. Chmielewski, Chair  
Board of Town Commissioners

Signature on file

Michael L. Krantz, Town Clerk