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Subject: Seven Pines Park Visioning Meeting
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A Community Visioning Session was held at the Paradise Township Municipal Building on September 26, 2013 to solicit input from the public regarding Seven Pines Park. Approximately 40 people were in attendance representing different organizations and interests including the Girl Scouts of America, little league participants, local residents, and the Pocono Area Recreation Commission. Every person in attendance participated by providing answers to a series of questions. The questions were as follows:

- Currently, what do you like most about Seven Pines Park?
- Currently, what do you like least about Seven Pines Park?
- What would you want to see in Seven Pines Park for the future?
- What would you not want to see in Seven Pines Park for the future?

Using the Nominative Group Technique each individual was given an opportunity to provide an answer to each question, which was then recorded and voted upon by all participants. The top three priorities for each question were noted and presented to the group. The key component to this technique is that each person present has a chance to offer input and each opinion is recorded. Each member of the group is given a set number of votes per question. A participant can put all their votes in any combination on any of the responses (i.e., all votes on one response, or one vote each on a number of responses.) What emerges are clusters of interest and a general idea of consensus, even when outwardly, people appear to be in disagreement. For the complete results of the Visioning Session please refer to the attachment.

The overall reaction and responses to the questions indicated that the participants like the availability of the baseball fields located at the park but are concerned with the lack of other amenities such as bathrooms, playground equipment, trails, etc. What residents appeared to like most about the park, in addition to the baseball fields, is the opportunity for the site to be used by multiple age groups, and for the facility to be used as a baseball learning opportunity and teaching tool. When asked what they liked least about the park participants agreed that the lack of bathroom facilities, playground equipment, and electricity were detriments to the attractiveness of the park. Question #3 regarding what participants would like to see in the future for Seven Pines Park garnered the most responses. The top response being the desire for a senior league (90') field. The number of votes for subsequent responses were close indicating that participants want to see a number of different things at the park. Participants indicated the



desire to see stacked trails with signage, playgrounds, a multipurpose building, outdoor batting cages, running water, an ice cream stand, restroom facilities, wifi availability, lighting for all fields, a multipurpose field for multiple sports, a pavilion with concession stands and bathrooms, trail connectivity, and funding to support the park and its amenities. A top priority is that any plans for Seven Pines Park move forward. Participants did not want plans for the park to remain stagnant.

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