

**West Pikeland Township  
Online Public Comment  
May – September 2014**

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### **Purpose of the Public Online Commenting**

West Pikeland Township provided citizens with the opportunity to make comments about the park master plan for the former White Farm site. The Township's goal was to generate information about:

- Public preferences for the types of recreation facilities preferred for the park,
- Concerns that citizens had about the park,
- Ideas for naming the park, and
- Any related comments that citizens had about the future park.

### **Responses**

161 citizens participated in the online commenting. Only 10 were non-residents.

### **Preferred Facilities**

Trails were the most preferred facility. More than half of the respondents indicated that they would like to see safe places to walk and bicycle in the park. Other facilities listed each by fewer than 10 respondents included:

- Tennis courts
- Picnic areas
- Dog park
- Disc golf
- Farming and a CSA
- Playground
- Sledding with a fire pit
- Restrooms
- Shooting range

### **Concerns**

Of the 114 concerns, the majority was in support of the park. The respondents provided questions on connections to the regional trail system, serving citizens of all ages, and specific facilities.

The preservation of the scenic rural character of the park was important to the respondents. Keeping the view of the dark night skies intact is important. Preservation of the farm theme in park development would be an asset.

Concerns regarding the physical design were related to traffic volume and safety leaving the park, access to the neighborhood and impacts on neighboring residents. Noise, vandalism, and litter that could be generated from the park were of concern.

The cost of development and park maintenance was listed concerned some respondents. While some respondents were concerned about spending too much money on the park, others indicated that they wanted the Township to plan for proper development and the long-term care of the park.

## **Comments**

Respondents used the opportunity to provide general comments to address more ideas on facilities, support for the park, examples of other parks that they like, and opinions mostly in favor of the park. Past discussions about sewage treatment arose here with a few respondents expressing their opposition to using the new park for sewage treatment. Residents, particularly from the Fairfields, commented on the importance of preserving their privacy when the park is being planned, developed and operated.

- Park should be for all, not a sports/LYA dominated park
- Use natural materials in construction
- Add trees for shade
- Connect the park to other trails in the area
- Make this a destination for families: have pavilion, programs, movies etc.
- General opposition to lighting
- Don't make this a sports complex – make it for everyone
- Add play equipment
- Keep as much open space as possible
- Deal with traffic concerns and ensure that it is safe to enter and leave the park

## **Park Names Suggested**

Names suggested primarily fell along the lines of West Pikeland Park, Chester Springs Park, White Farm Park and something historic. In all, 101 suggestions were offered as shown in the attached list.

## Q4 What do you think a good name for the park would be?

Answered: 101 Skipped: 00

#	Responses	Date
1	I would have to spend a bit of time in the park to tell you that...	9/9/2014 12:25 PM
2	West Pikeland Park	9/2/2014 10:18 AM
3	Some tribute to the White would be great. Eimer White was born in the farm house. The members of his family are kind and caring people	9/1/2014 1:20 PM
4	Unnecessary Park	8/16/2014 1:04 PM
5	White Farm Park	7/31/2014 11:01 AM
3	Something with Conestoga in it.	7/16/2014 7:09 PM
7	Opperman's Corner Park in Chester Springs	7/16/2014 10:35 AM
3	Public Diversion of Funds Park	7/10/2014 11:32 PM
9	Pickering Park	7/2/2014 7:50 PM
10	West Pikeland White Farm Community Park	6/23/2014 10:33 PM
11	West Pikeland Community Park	6/23/2014 4:25 PM
12	Something historic.	6/20/2014 5:39 PM
13	I don't know	6/19/2014 5:12 PM
14	Conestoga Park (as memorial to historic Conestoga road)	6/17/2014 7:44 PM
16	Anselma Hills	6/16/2014 8:33 AM
16	Chester Springs Community Park	6/15/2014 8:08 PM
17	Farm Park	6/15/2014 12:50 PM
18	No opinion.	6/15/2014 11:03 AM
19	The White Farm	6/14/2014 9:00 PM
20	Colonial Park	6/14/2014 10:30 AM
21	Conestoga Park	6/13/2014 10:56 PM
22	Opperman's Corner Park	6/13/2014 3:59 PM
23	Anselma Park	6/13/2014 2:56 PM
24	Anselma Park	6/13/2014 9:57 AM
25	White Park	6/13/2014 9:54 AM
26	The White Farm	6/12/2014 11:52 PM
27	Chester Springs Park I think this name would be "perfect" to have a park in Chester Springs to be called that.	6/12/2014 11:40 PM
28	The White Park	6/12/2014 10:18 PM
29	White Elephant Township Park	6/12/2014 10:06 PM
30	? No idea, would need time to think about it.	6/12/2014 8:42 PM
31	White Farm Park	6/12/2014 6:14 PM
32	Name it after the White Farm Park	6/12/2014 5:21 PM

33	West Pikeland Community Park	6/12/2014 4:50 PM
34	Pikeland Park?	6/12/2014 4:48 PM
35	West Pikeland community park	6/12/2014 1:24 PM
36	White Farm Park	6/12/2014 11:54 AM
37	The White Farm	6/12/2014 11:34 AM
38	Yellow Springs Park	6/12/2014 10:28 AM
39	Anselma Park	6/12/2014 10:00 AM
40	Open Space and Recreation	6/12/2014 9:21 AM
41	White	6/12/2014 8:28 AM
42	Chester Springs Park	6/12/2014 7:27 AM
43	NB- your survey invitation says the park is on Pikeland Rd (Rt 401) but I believe you mean Conestoga RD. Conestoga Park? Joseph Pike Park?	6/12/2014 7:15 AM
44	... someone's name who serviced in West Pikeland.. really no idea	6/11/2014 9:59 PM
45	no ideas...west pikeland should be in the name somewhere to identify location	6/11/2014 9:37 PM
46	White Farm Park	6/11/2014 8:59 PM
47	Not sure -- something perhaps using the names Anselma, Pickering, Conestoga or the family names of the farmers, millers, or such -- if historically pertinent -- to again capitalize on the history of the Township.	6/11/2014 8:50 PM
48	Chester Springs Park or Conestoga Park or West Pikeland Park	6/11/2014 7:10 PM
49	Anselma Station Park or WP Community Park or Oppermann's Corner Park	6/11/2014 6:59 PM
50	no idea	6/11/2014 6:46 PM
51	No idea	6/11/2014 6:41 PM
52	Freedom Park	6/11/2014 6:34 PM
53	Conestoga Pike Park	6/11/2014 6:13 PM
54	Pikeland Park	6/11/2014 6:08 PM
55	Life	6/11/2014 5:51 PM
56	West pikeland serenity park	6/11/2014 5:31 PM
57	Whitamome	6/11/2014 5:23 PM
58	Anselma Park	6/11/2014 4:39 PM
59	Anselma Park	6/11/2014 4:35 PM
60	No opinion	6/11/2014 3:49 PM
61	Peace Park	6/11/2014 2:51 PM
62	West Pikeland/White community Park	6/11/2014 2:49 PM
63	White Farm Park (Think the name since it was a farm before conveys the township's concern to preserve open space for the community)	6/11/2014 2:42 PM
64	Patriots Park	6/11/2014 2:18 PM
65	Chester Springs Memorial Park & can include A memorial to fallen soldiers, to serve as a reminder to all visitors, of price that was paid for our freedom?	6/11/2014 2:05 PM
66	Up A Hill Park	6/11/2014 2:03 PM
67	?	6/11/2014 2:02 PM
68	Anselma Mill Park	6/11/2014 1:27 PM

39	Yellow Springs Park	6/11/2014 1:23 PM
70	White Farm Park or the Park at White Farm	6/11/2014 1:22 PM
71	no preference	6/11/2014 1:14 PM
72	Can we get a sponsor to pay to name it annually like Citizens Park	6/11/2014 12:52 PM
73	Chester Springs Recreational Park	6/11/2014 12:50 PM
74	West Pikoland Park	6/11/2014 12:44 PM
75	West Pikoland Park	6/11/2014 12:35 PM
76	West Pikoland Park	6/11/2014 12:33 PM
77	OPEN SPACE not a park	6/11/2014 12:23 PM
78	Since the park has been the White's family farm for many generations--it should be called White's Park	6/11/2014 12:16 PM
79	something historically significant to the township or that reflects the previous owners of the land.	6/11/2014 12:16 PM
30	Pickering Park	6/11/2014 12:11 PM
31	It should be something like West Pikoland Community Park. There is no need to dedicate it to any individual or group.	6/11/2014 12:02 PM
32	No thoughts on this.	6/11/2014 11:59 AM
33	Anselma Park or Pickering Creek Park.	6/11/2014 11:47 AM
34	Pickering Creek Park? Chester Springs Community Park?	6/11/2014 11:47 AM
35	west pikeland community park	6/11/2014 11:47 AM
36	White Farm Park	6/11/2014 11:46 AM
37	Chester Springs Sports Park	6/11/2014 11:44 AM
38	Anselma Preserve	6/11/2014 11:42 AM
39	WHY NOT USE THE NAME TO INCLUDE WEST PIKELAND---LET PEOPLE KNOW WHERE AND WHO SET UP THE PARK.	6/11/2014 11:38 AM
30	Hillside Park	6/11/2014 11:37 AM
31	anselma park	6/11/2014 11:37 AM
32	Chester Springs Community Park	6/11/2014 11:35 AM
33	Lightfoot Park honoring original owner of adjacent Mill, and I'm guessing probably also owned White acreage at that time.	6/11/2014 11:34 AM
34	West Pikoland Community Park	6/11/2014 11:33 AM
35	Central Park	6/11/2014 11:31 AM
36	West Pikoland Park or Chester Springs (not White Park)	6/11/2014 11:30 AM
37	Anselma Park	6/11/2014 11:30 AM
38	West Pikoland Community Park	6/11/2014 11:30 AM
39	(no preference)	6/11/2014 11:29 AM
100	White Farm Park	6/11/2014 11:29 AM
101	n/a I'd rather not name it....I don't like it in that location	6/11/2014 11:28 AM



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### Q5 Your Turn: Please use this space to make any other comments.

Answered: 64 Skipped: 78

#	Responses	Date
1	I would love it if all the biking/hiking trails were connected so I could walk with my dog/ride from my house in Pickering Estates to the new park , Pine Creek, Binky Leo, Whiteland etc... Bags dispensors with trash cans every half mile along the trails to pick-up after your dog are a really nice touch too...As are benches and sheltered areas in case of rain. Well maintained porta-potties are appreciated as well! Thank you. You can call me if you need any assist in trail building for mountain bike riders...4843545338!	9/9/2014 12:34 PM
2	Kimberton Park is GREAT. Fun for all ages. Use that as a benchmark/standard.	9/2/2014 10:21 AM
3	What are the plans for updating West Pikeland township on the status? Who is leading this effort? Where can I find more information?	9/1/2014 1:30 PM
4	The purchase of this property does not fit into the open space directive. Our residents have not requested additional parks. Open space yes, but NOT parks. Additionally, this township cannot resolve budget issues annually and continues to degrade it's park maintenance plans, it's road maintenance plans and cutting costs in order to expand assets. Not smart planning from any perspective.	8/16/2014 1:06 PM
5	It would be nice to have lawn game courts set up for people to bring their own equipment, but have the courts available. ex. bocce, croquet hoops set in a pattern that is not too difficult, horseshoes, etc.	7/18/2014 7:12 PM
6	Use part of the park for sewage treatment	7/16/2014 10:36 AM
7	Kimberton has a great park. Tennis courts, fields, playgrounds, etc. that would be great in this town.	7/15/2014 9:32 PM
8	Why do we need a park since our township is largely rural. Do we not already have open space? How does this figure into Agenda 21.	7/10/2014 11:36 PM
9	I would hope the parks committee would consider allocating a portion of the property for 1. open space / wildlife preserve 2. community garden / arboretum 3. ball fields (soccer / baseball / softball) 4. community events area / outdoor concert area / picnic areas	6/23/2014 10:38 PM
10	Would really like my boys to have a skatepark close by.	6/20/2014 5:39 PM
11	Please make the park a passive use facility with minimal construction and playing fields. People without children like to enjoy parks.	6/19/2014 5:13 PM
12	a 1/4 or 1/2 mile running track in the park would be very beneficial for those of us who need to run in the streets	6/17/2014 7:46 PM
13	The Fairfield is a community where residents value being a neighborhood, but respect separation and privacy - given the separation and enough distance between homes lends to this. This is the vibe here. The notion of a large park immediately adjacent has many residents concerned about traffic and imposition on privacy, which is many respects the very reason we decided to move here. We looked to W. Pikeland Township to take specific consideration for this impact. Thank you.	6/16/2014 8:41 AM
14	I hope that you don't make this park another excuse to build more soccer fields and parking lots. I think it would be better to have open space and passive recreation.	6/15/2014 11:04 AM
15	The township needs an activity oriented park	6/14/2014 10:31 AM
16	The back part of the property which contains the stream should be saved for Anselma Mill. This stream supplies the mill pond.	6/13/2014 2:58 PM
17	I would love to have fields for the kids to play at.	6/13/2014 9:54 AM
18	Walking trails, a few planted trees shady spots for picnics, some set aside fields for organic farming (instead of mowing).	6/12/2014 11:58 PM
19	I think tennis courts would be a nice addition instead of having to go to a tennis club...	6/12/2014 11:42 PM
20	N/A	6/12/2014 10:21 PM

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21	I would love to see a wide walking paved path that easily allows biking, walking, jogging, and rollerblading without feeling crowded. There are similar parks in West Chester and Malvern/Wayne area. They have play grounds within the trail area and ball fields within so parents can get their exercise and be nearby if there is a practice. You children can learn to ride their bike or skate in a safe area and by having it be a loop, style it allows people to do measured laps if they like. Thank you for asking! Oh, and a fenced dog park in the center would be a real treat!	6/12/2014 8:47 PM
22	I would like to see some active recreation in this park... fields, tennis courts, picnic areas, playground, etc. No horses.	6/12/2014 6:15 PM
23	This should not turn into another LYA run park. It should be open space. Maybe a fenced in Dog Park area?	6/12/2014 5:23 PM
24	Are you really sure this is a GOOD IDEA?	6/12/2014 4:51 PM
26	I think it is confusing to refer to 401 as Pikeland Rd. b/c we already have a Pikeland Rd. in West Pikeland township and Binky Lee Preserve sits on it. I would also say a survey like this would be more informative if you made specific reference to the passive types of activities you will allow at the park. Picnicking, hiking, playground, etc. and asked people if they would use the park for the specific activities you are proposing.	6/12/2014 1:24 PM
26	Thanks for asking for opinions.	6/12/2014 11:34 AM
27	A municipal golf course would be awesome!	6/12/2014 10:29 AM
28	Please include at least one field suitable for soccer/lacrosse/football - there is a lot of pressure on field facilities in our area.	6/12/2014 10:01 AM
29	Thank you for asking	6/12/2014 9:21 AM
30	Natural products would be nice. Big rocks, water feature, paths made of natural products	6/12/2014 7:51 AM
31	Let's make this site a prototype and model and inspiration for Best management practices to promote environmental stewardship and sustainability. Let's include impervious pavement, rain gardens, rain barrels, native plant species, LED lighting, reclaimed and recycled materials for benches, structures, etc, recycling containers, Integrated Pest Management, and more....almost as if the Park could become LEED certified as a Platinum project!	6/12/2014 7:19 AM
32	It would be nice if the park would have walking trail and tennis courts.. and of course the stuff for little kids swing sets etc. Benches and maybe a grill?? Water fountain.. I really like the Bell Tavern park there seems to be lot of things for kids & teenagers to do and we have very young population so it would be nice for the young people to hang up	6/11/2014 10:02 PM
33	Please provide trails for walking/biking/horseback riding	6/11/2014 9:00 PM
34	The parking area should be dressed up as much as possible to make it aesthetically pleasing, while being useable and functional. Turning lanes from Rt. 401 into the park should be built to accommodate safety and so as not to diminish traffic flow. Any widening should be coordinated with the mill, the King property, and other neighbors. If ballfields are constructed, use for less constructed purposes, such as casual ballgames that are not necessarily league affiliated, Frisbee play, or kite flying should be accommodated without the league folks always being first priority. This should not primarily be a sports complex, though should accommodate some sports to the extent that our Township participates in the various leagues. A park that is primarily sports oriented is more appropriate for a commercial/light industrial zone -- or perhaps for an area adjoining a highway such as the turnpike. Thanks for your efforts at reaching out to the community. Best wishes in your efforts.	6/11/2014 6:58 PM
35	I would love to see several soccer/lacrosse fields and a large walking/running/biking trail. I would love this park to connect with a path from The Mill at Anselma through the common ground at Fairfield's (where I live) to Milky Way Farms. I would love to see tennis courts and a basketball court. I would love picnic tables and a gazebo. I would love to see a street hockey rink like they have at Bell Tavern Park. I would love to see a playground also.	6/11/2014 7:20 PM
36	The site is mostly treeless. Therefore, some shaded benches or other shade sources would be helpful. Also, some jogging trails and tennis courts should be installed.	6/11/2014 7:01 PM
37	I do not want a new park thank you	6/11/2014 6:46 PM
38	Hmnm. I expected the survey to collect data on what the park should become. Pavilion with electric, amphitheater for outdoor concerts and movies. Real restrooms. Small snack area for clubs to sell items during events at the amphitheater. Other than LYA, PCP is not widely used by township families. Make this park a center for community, not only for rec leagues Thank you	6/11/2014 6:39 PM

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39	Include in the plans walking, hiking and bike paths, picnic pavilion, children's playground and no lights: open dawn to dusk.	6/11/2014 6:16 PM
40	Look at that outdoor stainless gym equipment - saw it in Fischen, Germany	6/11/2014 5:52 PM
41	Please send a proposed plan to residents so we can make intelligent comments.	6/11/2014 5:45 PM
42	I would really like a great bike path, paved and a running trail. Wide trails similar to chester valley trail for lots of passing room	6/11/2014 6:32 PM
43	I hope there will not be lights.	6/11/2014 4:40 PM
44	one park is enough!	6/11/2014 4:35 PM
45	It would be wonderful if there was a fenced in dog park! we don't have anywhere local now to let our dogs run off leash.	6/11/2014 4:08 PM
46	If this is the end of the survey, it's absolutely worthless! Is this being done so that the planners can say they had community input?	6/11/2014 3:51 PM
47	Happy the township has preserved more of the old West Pikeland. The reason we live here.	6/11/2014 3:25 PM
48	As a senior citizen, I walk two to three miles daily and would like to have a safe trail to do so. Cars and drivers using cell phones have been an increased hazard.	6/11/2014 2:51 PM
49	This park would be a good place for the township to place an underground sewage treatment plant.	6/11/2014 2:51 PM
50	Thrilled to have a 2nd park. Hope we are able to walk our dogs there too and there are sufficient walking trails for all.	6/11/2014 2:43 PM
51	Please show several plans for the design of the park	6/11/2014 2:18 PM
52	I like the idea of township building and police department being located at same location.	6/11/2014 2:07 PM
53	What do you think about a memorial to fallen soldiers, to serve as a reminder to all visitors, of price that was paid for our freedom?	6/11/2014 2:06 PM
54	Just don't take up the whole thing with sports fields	6/11/2014 2:04 PM
55	Walking / hiking trails should be included	6/11/2014 1:28 PM
56	Not being familiar with the current property, I hope that it maintains open space and if there are any historical buildings in good condition, they can be incorporated into the uses of the park.	6/11/2014 1:25 PM
57	I would love to see paved trails for walking and biking.	6/11/2014 1:00 PM
58	Need to do something for the family side of the township on the south side of 401.	6/11/2014 12:53 PM
59	Park should have fields for soccer/lacrosse and baseball. Walking/jogging trail should be considered	6/11/2014 12:51 PM
60	Anxious to hear some real plans.	6/11/2014 12:36 PM
61	none for now	6/11/2014 12:33 PM
62	when is pine creek park and the grounds around the township building going to be cleaned up, weeded, bushes trimmed, gardens repaired etc...?	6/11/2014 12:25 PM
63	It would be nice to have a large picnic pavilion with running water, bar-b-cue pit and electricity.	6/11/2014 12:20 PM
64	Please add lots of playground equipment	6/11/2014 12:20 PM
65	I hope there will be a playground and fitness area!	6/11/2014 12:19 PM
66	suggest plans - jogging/walking trails, kid playground area (something like bell tavern would be awesome), pavillion area for possible future concerts	6/11/2014 12:12 PM
67	Keep as much open space as possible; maintain the nice view as much as possible; plan for a soccer field and a baseball/softball field but wait to spend until they are needed	6/11/2014 12:02 PM
68	Great idea. Hope to use it for walking and hiking.	6/11/2014 12:00 PM
69	we really do not have enough places to bike. trails are key	6/11/2014 11:56 AM

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70	In the interim, please maintain the property and cut the fields to prevent overgrowth and disrepair.	6/11/2014 11:50 AM
71	Despite my concern about local taxes, I am looking forward to having this space developed into a park area that will keep the land looking rural. I would like to take advantage of a nice walking path or paths through the park.	6/11/2014 11:48 AM
72	Fields constructed in this park should be shared with LYA for spring and fall sports as LYA has allowed us to be part of their great organization and we should be supplying fields for our youth to play on.	6/11/2014 11:46 AM
73	I would like to see connecting trails to the old growth forest there and Anselma Mill, with associated educational programs and information about WPT history, wildlife habitat, native plants.	6/11/2014 11:45 AM
74	I HOPE THIS GREAT AREA INCLUDES: ACTIVITY AREA, PICNIC, WALKING, ANY THOUGHTS ON : DOG PARK, ROLLER BLADING/SKATING , AREAS TO INCLUDE SPORTS WITH NETS?	6/11/2014 11:41 AM
75	Let's not duplicate underutilized assets that already exist. Having said that, having a pavilion at this location may occasion greater use than Pine Creek Park due to location. I would also try to blend park in with Mill historic site to the extent agreeable by Mill, including offering to build pavilion on Mill property if most residents were against having pavilion on White property...assuming Mill was okay with that.	6/11/2014 11:39 AM
76	Please work on reducing the speed limit and subsequent enforcement. As someone who travels the road every day, this will be an accident waiting to happen if the speed limit on Rte 401 is not reduced to 35mph west of Rte 113.	6/11/2014 11:39 AM
77	I hope than Pine Creek Park is still utilized to the maximum, and that building another park is not an attempt to remove active sports and activity from PCP to satisfy neighbors that dislike the fact that there is a park there.	6/11/2014 11:36 AM
78	If possible, it would be great to create spaces for families to bring kids and dogs to play -- modern NY-style playgrounds with mesh spiderwebs and benches in the shade etc., a bike trail that's appropriate for kids, an enclosed area for dogs to play without their leashes... A community garden would be fun for families to get involved in (like they do in cities). The water sprinklers at one of the DOWNTOWN parks would be wonderful too - they allow the kids to cool off after running around on the playground.	6/11/2014 11:35 AM
79	I'd love to see so many things at the new park! Youth sports, playground, picnic area, an area to host outdoor concerts, events, etc. Also, restroom facilities would be nice for when there are events held there.	6/11/2014 11:35 AM
80	I would like to see this land remain as passive as it currently is	6/11/2014 11:31 AM
81	Would like to see a nice walking trail/loop - at least .5 mi long would be nice (accessible to strollers).	6/11/2014 11:31 AM
82	Keep it natural looking as possible to preserve the beauty of the open space purchase	6/11/2014 11:30 AM
83	Again, what is wrong with the existing parks. for a small township we already have plenty of park space.	6/11/2014 11:28 AM