

Summary of meeting April 25, 2024 between PL Fire Chief John Vincent and PLP&T Commissioner Reid Wiecks to discuss and begin planning for the “strip” park between the parking lot south of the pedestrian bridge and the back of the restaurants.

Strip park is one that is defined as being long and narrow to accommodate the nature of the lot available.

The area is owned by the Town of Palmer Lake, has been unused for years and thick with tree-like vegetation, some of which have thorns. The area needs to be thinned out, and once we can determine the type of tree decide if pruning will improve the tree’s health. The treed area also needs cleaning up as it has collected trash over the years.

Many of the trees are dead.

The Plan:

The plan is to flag and create a path running north and south through the middle of the trees that would connect the base ball field to the south to the restroom north next to the west entrance to the pedestrian bridge. This would allow people, especially young folks using the ballfields, to tradition to the restroom without having to walk through the parking lot which will shrink in size through that area because of the development of the pickle ball courts.

There are currently social paths from the parking area to the back of various restaurants used to access them.

At the back of each restaurant and on either side of the path to them a picnic area would be “carved out” of the trees to accommodate a picnic table.

The trees mitigated along the strip park would be a joint effort by the PLVFD and PLP&T using the Town wood chipper and creating chipped wood piles along the parking lot-tree border for use on the trails.

Work on the chipping would be done as their schedule and demand allows.

The plan is to have the area mitigated by July 1st

Prior to work a letter drafted and approved by PLVFD, PLP&T, and Town would be hand delivered to the restaurants and businesses bordering the strip park informing them of the work.

Picnic tables would be built as time allows from wood harvested at the log pile at the Upper Reservoir.

Respectfully submitted:

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