

Comments are Unedited

Comments Concerning Community Centers, Pools, Libraries

1. My family moved here for 2 reasons: 1. Good, diverse schools 2. A historic, walkable, small-town type of neighborhood. - Our kids walk/bike to the pool and the library and meet up with friends. In Elkins Park, it will only be accessible by car. It is unsafe for kids to walk or ride a bike down Church Rd. Splash pads are for toddlers, anyone older is creepy. Pools and libraries are for everyone. Bldg's for use by twp employees: do as you see fit. Please keep our neighborhood walkable!
2. Ideally we would like to preserve the community centers and historical buildings as much as possible.
3. We love our local library and pool. The centralized community center is far from most people and not walkable really walkable to anyone.
4. Walkability to community ammenities is super important. We pay taxes (high ones at that) and keeping ammenities un the communities they serve is so important. Especially for the kids in the summer who cannot drive!
5. Per earlier comment, school aged families are the majority of pool and library users. Therefore you need to communicate better to this audience. Disseminate info through the schools to this audience. So many families walk to the Glenside pool and it's busy during the summer (that's a good thing). Families with young children, your core user, aren't going to be inclined to pack everyone in the minivan and haul everything to LaMott area unless they're planning on being at the pool all day long
6. I live in LaMott, grew up here and it is extremely important to keep our community center up and running. It was a staple of our community growing up and I wish to share the same experience with my children. It's not okay walking past saying "when I was younger" or "we use to". Also please keep Conklin pool open. I don't like Glenside pool because it was small and lacked diversity. I never felt comfortable there. Conklin is a large pool with lots of diversity and I feel 100% comfortable there
7. Please keep our Glenside pool! We love it and would pay more to keep it running for our community.
8. Possibly selfish, but the pools are most important to me. We get very little benefit to the extreme high taxes. The pools are a great benefit and I do not wish to go further to be in a more crowded environment. This would push me one step closer to moving to an area with lower taxes and more amenities- which is not hard.
9. To me a "centralized community center" is an oxymoron. Community centered should exist in neighborhoods

10. A central campus for community facilities, particularly the pools and libraries, does not promote walk-ability. I'm surprised those proposals are even on the table. I'm also skeptical of arguments that maintenance of existing facilities is more costly than building new ones.
11. Would need to know how much this all is going to cost to see if it would be worth it.
12. I wonder if there has been consideration for space dedicated to a senior center (e.,g.,including a wooden floor for dancing, gardening space) or whether the needs for place for seniors to congregate will be combined with other community activities.
13. Having functioning libraries and pools spread across our community makes us strong. Centralized locations leaves the resources less accessible at the end of the day. Residents should be able to walk or ride their bikes to go to library or pool. Modernize the existing structures is best. The proposed Wall Park is a very dangerous intersection! Be fair to residents. The intersection is bad. The Township should work harder on this. These changes effect most people in the community!
14. Taxes cannot continue to rise as a result of these modifications. It's unsustainable.
15. We moved to Cheltenham because of the community centers, pools, sports and amenities like the art center. Moving them or removing would seriously impact how we saw the community. It would change the fabric of the community. Part of the reason they are so important is the accessibility and walkability in each part if the community.
16. Getting rid of the pools will effect so many residents and families in the community in a negative way. Growing up in Cheltenham, going to the pool during the summer is one of the best parts of summer break, especially when your family can't afford to take vacations or go to the shore. Now my kids are able to enjoy the benefits of living in a neighborhood with a pool that has a swim team.
17. Keep Conklin pool as is. Do not develop that land or change the pool in any way
18. If you cannot fix the pools, sell them and don't build new ones.
19. Not in favor of a centralized pool. Keep existing pool locations. End winter closures at Rowland and LaMott.
20. EVERY real estate listing in my area mentions walkability to our pool and library. It's a huge selling point for families. Please don't take these amenities away from each neighborhood and replace them with a centralized center - it does not have the same feel or charm. Especially after forcing in a WaWa against our wishes. Please listen to us! Keep the charm of our neighborhoods - renovate and take care of our assets - don't demolish them. Be better stewards going forward.
21. I love the idea of a centralized library so there is a better chance for my desired books to be on site. And 1 set of new pools is definitely more cost effective than 2
22. The Glenside pool and library are very important to our family. We are very frequent visitors and losing them would be a detriment and hurt our community.

23. I think it's extremely important to keep libraries and community centers in the areas that they currently serve. These facilities are utilized by many township residents and children and are a huge part of the draw to our community.
24. There's no way anyone I know will go to the Tyler Art Campus/LaMott as it's not a desirable or safe place to be. I think the township should not spend any money on these old buildings and try to sell them off to gain income for a newer main facilities. Rowland CC should be completely sold and relocate to a smaller building Central Ave or Ryers Ave. This would be centrally located and people would walk so parking should not be as big of an issue.
25. I am against repurposing the Glenside Library and the demolishing Glenside pool. These recommendations are distressing since the Glenside Library and the Glenside Pool are extremely important to adding value and to building community in Glenside. In fact, these two facilities were instrumental in our recent decision to move from Melrose Park to Glenside. Their removal could contribute to a dropping of property values and lessening the appeal to move to this area.
26. What is the plan for Conklin Pool location?
27. The idea to demolish Glenside a hall of awful. The idea of cooking the park will bring rodents and late night noise. I absolutely hate that part of the plan. Preserve the hall, build a better pool in the same location, and turn the fields into a legitimate soccer turf and baseball field, or just soccer turfs. You're taking away our spaces for the kids that GYAC and Hunter have used for years. It's a truly terrible idea foGlenside.
28. A bit shocked about proposal of centralized community center on church avenue and plans for Breyer campus. From logistics view point it creates permanent gridlock for traffic. It will be radical transformation. Another location has to be a more convenient location, and was presented on another slide
29. Renovate and keep the pools. Don't close libraries
30. The value of our neighborhood is dramatically increased by the walkable nature of it. We can walk to the library, pool, farmers market, church, grocery, barber, and train station. Without that, we may as well move to any other suburb. Having people out walking makes the neighborhood safer, more welcoming, helps reduce congestion on the roads, and offers a sense of community for our youth as well as for the elders living independently. Don't take away our community centers.
31. I have already sent a detailed email. My position is that the pools should not be moved. The libraries should remain and we should keep this community walkable.
32. As a Glenside community member I cannot stress enough how crucial the Glenside pool and library are to our sense of community and belonging.
33. I find a number of these plans exciting as a family with young kids that regularly utilizes both pools and libraries. Though I love the idea of a new pool, my main concern is the kids who live in Wyncote and Glenside accessing the Wall Park facilities. There is no safe walking or biking route. We live at Webster and Cheltenham Hills and the speeding and conditions of the sidewalks are a big issue. I also hope the Conklin pool grounds remain open space. It's a lovely lot.

34. The pools are a vital part of our community, not only for kids but adults as well. Many people have become friends in the community just from meeting at the pools. No residents I have spoken to want to see the pools go away and have splash pads in their place. Most I spoke with would gladly pay a bit more for membership to maintain them. Pools must stay where they are.
35. The pools need to stay open they should look at ways to keep the pools open longer by keeping them open after school once school opens so they can be staffed and utilized later into the summer and fall
36. Having utilized the Glenside library and the Glenside pool for the over 20 years that I've lived in this community has made it part of both mine and my children's wonderful experience for living in this town. I strongly feel that a splash pad will not be the best for the community overall. Please work to allocate funds to repair and keep the Glenside pool open. Additionally the same thought and sentiments for the Glenside library. Thank you
37. We moved to our current location in Wyncote one year ago, and vicinity to a community pool in Glenside was a factor in our decision. We would hate to see it demolished and moved.
38. Keep Conklin Pool and the libraries
39. Please keep libraries in neighborhoods.
40. Centralizing community buildings, pools, libraries takes away access for the individual communities.
41. Please keep Conklin and Glenside pools and the local libraries open. They are very important to the communities they serve. Those without access to cars would be unfairly impacted if these locations were all centralized.
42. I think keeping pools and libraries accessible in multiple neighborhoods should be top priority. I would like to know more about what the satellite library locations would entail before I give full support for those.
43. No centralized, township-wide facilities should be on Penrose Ave. Sites that serve the larger community should be central, and sites that serve specific communities should remain walkable within those communities.
44. I love this town because it is very walkable. When you move the pools and libraries, you force me into a car. The sites proposed for these locations ensure that there will be more cars in the roads in already congested locations.
45. I feel that a more comprehensive, master plan approach would benefit these projects/areas, making grant applications easier to receive monies. Example: look at Glenside library, Hall, Pool, Reninger field, and the playground across the creek as one whole property to be redeveloped.

Making all residents go to one central pool at Wall Park, for example, would disenfranchise many. No easy public transportation stop exists there! Keep the two pools, just do it right. Full libraries are crucial!!

46. I think removing pools in lower income areas is a huge mistake. The splash pad at wall park has NEVER been turned on. It all go to poop!
47. We need to keep all pools and libraries open in their current locations!
48. Essential to keep community centers and libraries in their current locations. These are an essential asset in keeping neighborhoods good places to live. Monies to fund partial demolitions of the centers should, instead, be earmarked to improve/refurbish said centers.
49. I enjoy walking to the EP library and feel strongly we need to continue to be considered a walkable neighborhood with facilities available to walk to if needed.
50. What would replace Conklin Pool? What is the plan for that land? Also, splash pools aren't a feasible idea. Without oversight, they would become a problem. Besides, they are only serviceable to little kids.

51. Destroying these facilities in an effort to create centralized facilities would have a significant negative impact on the entire township. We purchased our home in large part due to its proximity to the Glenside pool and library. We are active members of the community and are involved in the swim team, use the library regularly. Many of our relationships and community connections have been made through those facilities. The residents deserve to have their voices reflected in these decisions.
52. Renovate the two pools. Stop with the craziness about splash pads. Make this a ballot issue and truly put in the work to educate the residents about the proposal
53. The one question mentions demolishing Glenside Hall and Conklin but these two aren't in the same locartion (Note: Text was corrected. Diagram with question was correct.) so people need to realize. that two pools would be demolished. I'm very concerned about safety of the centralized location (at the Richard Wall house area) Also will the pool be big enough for all of Cheltenham especially if there are extended heat waves and camps using the pool. I feel that the two pools should remain where they are and rehabbed or built new

Comments Concerning Historic Buildings

1. preserve history and function
2. I think it's very important to save the Breyer Mansion.
3. It should be a priority to maintain the township's history as an early suburb of Philadelphia and that should be done by maintaining its historical buildings--obvious signs of how long the township has been around. No need for the old structures to be museums, but there are surely ways they can be renovated and put to beneficial use even if township government and residents need new, modern facilities. Invest in the future, preserve the past.
4. Leave the historic buildings alone, please do not demolish them.
Thank you.
5. Please don't demolish historical buildings...
6. DO NOT DEMOLISH the historic buildings!!! Especially Cheltenham Art Center & The Shovel Shop!
7. Let us preserve the history that makes us unique. Many of us are now retired but grew up in Chelt and they the schools. Sad to see what is happening
8. Please consider that the historical places can never be replaced. This is part of the mission of the Township to preserve the historical legacy. It is easy to demolish but consider that what is being demolished is never replaced with a structure that has the character of the original.
9. Historic buildings in the township should be preserved by ordinances, even if the township decides to deaccession them. They are the tangible touchstones of our shared history and one of the reasons that I choose Cheltenham.

Comments Concerning Finances

1. Our taxes are already high. Where are you going to get the money to do all this?
2. The architects presented recommendations that are basically to tear everything down and build everything new, with a cost of over 100 million dollars that the township does not have. Taxes already make residents non-competitive when deciding to sell. The plan never presented to cost of repairing/keeping some of the properties - they just recommended not going that way. I would like to see the cost, of for example rebuilding Conklin pool where it is, as opposed of this crazy Wall park project.
3. Our taxes are high enough. Where is this money coming from?
4. Where do all our taxes go - sure not improving schools etc
5. Don't be a scum bag, taxes are already high
6. Need to Make Sure plans take into account community quality of life NOT JUST COST - especially as we pay such high taxes
7. Don't tax us into oblivion. We have a terrible reputation for an over taxed school system. Increased property taxes to pay for all of this will prohibit more young families from buying into the area.
8. Taxes are high enough... new proposal can only increase taxes two thumbs down
9. The community never received costs for renovation vs. demolition. This was requested during the presentation and as far as I know was not provided in follow up.

10. There is absolutely no way the township has the money to put any of these plans into action. What I foresee is that you demolish or divest everything and then it takes years upon years to actually get any of this into motion. This will leave the communities devoid of any services we pay a lot of taxes for and will bring down the property value and the community in general. Its embarrassing that you want to demolish or divest properties that have you not maintained. Take responsibility.
11. Stop spending money the township doesnt have.

12. Building repairs are very high estimates in the proposal. The Elkins park centralized plan would be a great asset for the new hotel and the Lynnewood neighborhood. But a great expense for a lot of the township who would not see a direct benefit.
13. Seems like a lot of demolition, the taxes are already ridiculous. I hope this proposal doesn't raise taxes.

Mixed Comments on Study

1. 1. Walkable neighborhood pools attract young families; please keep local!
2. Satellite libraries should focus on young kids/tots (same reason).
3. Add walking/biking bridges over Church Rd to Wall Pk? Wall Pk is great location (assuming safe walking access), but is there a ground water issue?
4. Glenside: Yay to Envir Ctr!
5. Glenside: Yay to Outdoor Pavilion (ideally w BBQ/picnic area)!
6. Please consult w Art Ctr re suitability of any proposed space.
7. Yay to Maker Space!
8. Thank you :-)
2. The consultants do not seem to understand our community needs as well some of the issues. A pavilion in La Mott will be a place for kids to hangout and not to good ends. Very attractive to city kids as well. Splash pools are seasonally limited as well as an expensive waste. Also children get hurt. Indoor, year round space is needed, i.e. gym, activities room, library and meeting/program space. Putting any Township facility right next to the City Line and the edge of the Township is not good.
3. Please let community involvement be taken seriously. Our taxes should mean we have a stake in the development of the Township. Thank you.
4. The community should be included as a strong partner in the decisions that are made for these facilities.

5. Cheltenham Township is a vital piece in the journey to a better future! We are a perfect mix of new world, old world and present day AWESOMENESS!!!
6. I don't like change and love historic buildings. I also have an emotional attachment to many of these sites. However, I found the plan to be very thoughtful, taking into account who we are as a community. I see the upgrades that towns around us are making and I heartily agree that it's time to be brave and embrace change. I don't want to continue to waste our resources on aging structures that we can't afford to truly fix. I'd like to see more community engagement and hear about funding plans.
7. The way the township is shaped, many of us use the facilities in our own neighborhoods and not others that may be a 15 minute drive away. It's going to be challenging to come to a consensus when we are all focused on our own neighborhoods. That said, walkability and places my kids can get to on their own are extremely important to me and the #1 reason I chose this location. Losing walkable facilities would be disappointing. If there was a trail or bike path at least that would be a huge plus.
8. Leave Things as they are currently!!!
9. I believe that the cost estimates presented in the presentation grossly understated the cost of the projects. The cost per sf of buildings was too low and the site acquisition costs were not factored into the estimates. The study did not address traffic near the proposed sites especially at the wall park site where traffic is already backed up on church road. Most importantly the study did not address how we are going to pay for these new facilities without significantly raising taxes.
10. Start an instagram page with updates.
11. Consolidating administrative type activities in central locations makes good financial sense and is efficient. Libraries and pools in neighborhoods is essential. Perhaps explaining what "satellite" libraries would consist of might help.

12. Wall Park has playing fields, where will they be relocated?
What about Ogontz Park, are there plans for that?
Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America and looks like you're going from 6 courts to 3 at Wall Park.
How popular are the community pools now? Public transportation and/or bicycle access is very limited for those families who don't or can't drive.
Glenside Memorial Hall neighbors are very vocal about parking and area usage, what is the pavilion with the stage to be used for?
13. My largest concern is the timeline for all of this. We will have closed libraries/pools/community centers but the others will not be built yet? I would hate to have 5-10yrs of nothing because the old were too old and the new took too long to fund and build. I have young children and it would be unfortunate if they had access to nothing as they grow up. I haven't seen a timeline yet of closers vs openings. I do like the plans and see the benefits if rolled out strategically. Thank you!
14. I like that Wall Park will be renovated. Rather than decreasing Pickleball/tennis courts area, they should at least stay the size currently or increase. Community use is increasing daily. Upgrading the courts should be considered with the addition of wind guards and a bubble for winter use. Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns.
15. I agree that something needs to change. Please rebuild administrative offices and move them together at a safe campus. Would also love to see arts center updated and provide children with nice new facility to expand their horizons!! Please please rebuild pools where they are. It is so important for our children to have pools to learn to swim. They need to be able to ride their bikes to the pool and meet friends and neighbors there!! Moving to a pool centrally located will take this freedom away
16. Why is there not a question about the proposed divestiture of the Elkins Park Library? That is a big deal. It's as if we are assuming that there will be a central library at Wall Park. Why is there not a question re. the option of repairing or replacing the Glenside and Conklin pools and renovating the existing libraries? The Township shouldn't ask us to consider the Tyler location when the Township does not even own it, and we don't know what it would cost to purchase it.

17. This plan would significantly decrease access to facilities that make Cheltenham a good place to live. It shifts access to those in the community that can drive their children to the new facilities and would negatively impact children in our township. The plan should be reworked to keep facilities in the communities they serve.
18. The expectations created by the wide ranging slide show are unrealistic. Going back to a report in June 2020, the commissioners have been looking at demolishing older buildings and reducing quality of life services. The concept for Wall Park eliminates one of the few fields that are heavily used for soccer and other sports. The traffic flow on Church Rd needs to be considered. I do not believe this size investment will be made. Transparency is lacking at this time.
19. Unclear why a new indoor pool is needed, as there is one at the High School which should be renovated. In the questions, it is unclear what is meant by satellite library. Note that the east and west ends of town have the children with greatest unmet need for access to a library (due to limited parental time & resources e.g., both parents working, etc).
Sadly, old buildings are expensive to maintain.
We should consolidate the fire stations into 1 company so the township buys only 1 set of vehicles
20. none of these ideas seems to understand that many of our buildings and activities provide access for those residents that want to be able to walk to community centers libraries, sports facilities, meeting rooms, etc. Much of these communities want their children to be able to walk to these places. We also need to be more respectful of our historic facilities and not keep tearing them down because they were not taken care of in the past.
21. We moved here and stayed here (bought another home) for the sense of community these proposals take away this. It makes the walk ability of the community no longer and many people may leave if you do this and also raise taxes to pay for it. This is a no!
22. Most of these proposals are a waste of taxpayer dollars. Money needs to be funneled for the upkeep and replacement of our streets and additional security measures as crime from Philadelphia is increasing.

23. Lack of clarity on current cost - proposals that will not be recommended is a concern. Presentation is the first step in right direction however centralizing community centers goes against definition of what makes a good community. Township in general has been not forthcoming in decisions and their financial impact; environmental study on increased traffic on church ave must be done. Environmental study on bird sanctuary must be done. Negative impact from wall house/ central admin plan concern
24. Please keep Conklin Pool and Glenside pool. It is a gem and used by many families including mine. Just knowing the township had these pools available to residents was a plus for buying a home here in addition to the historical architecture and historical significance of the township.
25. Admin building is still very usable with upgrades: Police Dept was promised better facilities decade ago and should be priority; No need for satellite libraries in modern era, 2 is plenty; 2 pools are needed so children learn to swim and get exercise; Indoor pool not needed - coordinate with High School; Township unloaded sewer system to save money and now wants to rebuild everything is counter intuitive; Last - I cannot believe the Commissioners do not meet in person so public can attend .
26. Make use of the buildings you have and do not tear anything down!
27. I don't feel that there was sufficient space after the questions to fully provide an opinion. I love this community and feel that it has a lot to offer the residents. Splash Pads are a waste of space and money. They only provide enjoyment for preschoolers. I believe the two pools are important assets for the community. EMS should move to the Ogantz Fire house. The township fire companies are an asset but I think we need to rethink their concept. Can't finish comment, not enough space.
28. Need more info on the new buildings being proposed. Since finances are important, administration, police and end should be efficient but no frills. Splash pads sound like a waste of money, and no substitute for community pools.
29. Most of the residents of this township are unaware of these plans.
I would like to see a real effort to make sure this is properly publicized. I would like to see some real information on where this money is coming from.

30. As a new resident of the township, I would like to see new facilities that are worth the taxes we pay. Many people in this township clearly do not understand the financial burden of operating crumbling facilities. We are also too small of a community for multiple libraries. The current library situation is unusable because the locations are too small and often don't have the books I want. centralized facilities are the way of the future and would better serve us.
31. We need to have working facilities. To pay the taxes we pay and have facilities that are not maintained just does not work at all. I would never have thought we need to use another township as a guide, but all of the surrounding townships have facilities that aren't closed for the winter. The pools have been around for a generation and there is no reason why we should not invest in our aquatics program.
32. The concepts provided seem well needed and would improve our community. My only concern is how much this will cost the residents. Are we able to prioritize rebuilding some buildings to alleviate costs that would come from rebuilding and demolishing all buildings all at once? What is the timeline for all of this to take place? Also, having a pool for next summer would be necessary- how will rebuilding affect the availability of pools for next summer?
33. I don't know why the Libraries are are part of the main campus idea. If satellite libraries are available as proposed, the EP Library can be the main library as it acts mostly today. I don't feel MORE space is needed for the main library.
I know we are all concerned about historic buildings, HOWEVER they have proven unusable, by the township itself, or by offering independently for rent. Nobody, wants to rent a "shop/ office" with no parking and one they cannot update with modern amenities.
34. Facilities haven't been managed well. Any buildings aren't getting usage, they should be restructured following the proposals. Community pools should remain in locations- keep updates simple . But if moved to Wall park, it's too far and we won't go. There are other private pools I would sign up for. Parks are also not maintained well. It would be nice to have sports facility to rent out to clubs and organizations. A turf field or 2 would generate income for township.

35. A great deal of this plan would change Cheltenham for the worse not the better. How can you even consider demolishing historic buildings. How can you take things like pools that are now walkable and move them? Who needs a splash pad or a picnic grove? It seems like the charm of Cheltenham will be destroyed. Not happy about this for the most part.
36. Where is the dialogue between programming needs and infrastructure upgrades? The study only focuses on replacing buildings, neglecting the impact on programs and services that happen in and around these facilities. No one considered that consolidating the pools would mean that Cheltenham would have to consolidate its 2 swim teams (also doesn't look like the proposed new pool is big enough to host a regulation swim meet)...
37. Wall Park is not a safe place for most kids in the township to walk or bike to! Glenside Pool and library are part of what we love about living in Glenside. We walked to the pool and library regularly when our kids were little and they walked and biked there as teens. Please don't take that away from future G-siders! The township needs to provide more and better playing fields for sports teams, and keep the indoor basketball courts at LaMott and Rowland. Our youth need walkable activities.
38. I am concerned the township will demolish/sell certain assets and then decide not to rebuild.
39. Having centralized Administration services makes great sense. However the local communities require local recreation, libraries, and community spaces that are within walking distance.
40. Sell HS rd pk & 611/Ch rd prop. Build taxable space like the new pavilion on 63. Apts on top of buisness including new EP library. This is accessable 2 train 4 commuters & will tie 2gether walkable business sectors from Cent Ave thru TKPW into new walk trail up 2 york road. P/W move 2 Wav Rd. Take up Cops/EMS & build new multi-level office space on footprint. Put EMS in strategic Fire house locations. Cops take Ogontz FH. Fix pools & bump up costs 2 go. Fix Rec centers

Other Comments

1. I understand the need to update our existing facilities as they are outdated and cost of repairs are extremely high. I do think that keeping the pools as they are should be vital.
2. Total transparency is key!!
3. Cheltenham is not the first or only Township to have aging facilities and funding issues. We can learn better practices from other (even regional) townships who have found creative ways to preserve their historic places (like Glenside Hall) and keep their facilities (like neighborhood pools) while raising funds. We can do better than the plan proposed!!!
4. Impressive
5. Our students (young people), need to be considered first! They are our present and our future! The Twp. MUST consider that people have to be able to walk (&/or take public transit) within and around the Twp., especially in their own communities. Read our sustainability goals.
6. What makes this community different than other suburbs is that we can walk to many of the facilities and our children/grandchildren can bike/walk there also. Changing that changes the community.
7. One of the most active areas is the Pickleball part of Wall Park. (Used daily and often packed with people) yet you want to change it from 6 to 3 courts. That shows me that the planners are not looking at community use. Also, you can build all the new facilities you want but you need a plan to maintain them or we will be here again, staring at a community center with no heating system and other issues.
8. Cheltenham Township is a very livable community because of the various neighborhoods. Walkability and easy access to libraries,
9. Publish and distribute these plans, so we can understand them.
10. The pickleball program is a vibrant and community organized program . It is a growing program that will be self limited if you decrease courts from 4 to 3 at wall park. That idea strongly needs another look.

11. People worked hard to create a location for Pickleball over a few years and it grew immensely. It would really be nice if you can include an indoor facility for people of all ages to come during bad weather
12. It is important to me to expand, not reduce, the number of pickleball courts available. They are used daily by many residents.
13. It would be great to see plenty of social media updates or even a mailer any time there are updates—it is daunting to pick through meeting minutes and proposals and lots of people can't attend the meetings even on zoom.
14. I have been a member of the Art Center for 48 years. It's a very important part of our creative community. I know first hand that the building is falling apart, not ADA compliant and beyond repair but I'm very concerned that the many studios and offerings at the current Art Center will be difficult to duplicate in the suggested new facility. If it can be done well, with the space required, then I'm all for demolishing the current Bldg and moving to a new, state-of-the-art building.
15. Needs to be a quick timeline. Is there a plan in place if the Township Building or Police station is condemned? Is the OSHA investigation still on going?
16. We need more surveys like this
17. Would love to explore crowdsourcing volunteer construction talent within the Township to fix our facilities, similar to other successful nonprofit models like Habitat for Humanity and local churches.
A creative property tax abatement program for volunteers would alleviate costs while solidifying connections among residents.
18. Create a working committee between community and government and advocate for preserving but modernizing for the future.
19. I feel for a project which would have a huge impact on the community and possibly property values it was not very transparent and I had to hear about it on social media from our community page .
20. It always sounds good on paper, but there does need to be community input

21. I feel splash pads are dangerous
We need our park guards back
22. I would like to see updates to make the wall park area safer. It's a gem of a park but it's so hard to get to safely as a pedestrian. (For example, from Cheltenham Hills you have to walk on a tiny little sidewalk along church road, which is almost impossible to do safely with a toddler, stroller, wheelchair, dog, etc.) I'd love to walk to my local park without taking my life in my hands doing it.
23. A significantly better dog park would be a good attraction.
24. I don't feel like this plan really represents the wants and needs of our community.

25. Thank you for this survey opportunity! You're on the right track! Continue to actively seek out community voices & participation. People have busy lives; yet I believe they will make time for informing decisions that directly impact where we all live. Our residents need to be fully engaged in this process and the decisions for the future of our diverse community. Also, I hope we're finding ways to actively engage our community members who may not have access to computers or mobile devices.
26. I think Cheltenham residents are generally good at complaining and shutting down progress. This is why I suggest limited resident involvement. Nothing will move forward if you want everyone to agree. For example, I've heard people complaining about the shovel shop. When I've asked them where it is none of them knew where it was located or why it was important.
27. I understand this is a difficult task and appreciate you taking the time to develop a survey.
28. Please don't destroy Cheltenham!
29. I think parking needs is often overlooked in these studies. It would be nice to move to fewer cars but that is not really feasible and Wall Park, for example, does not have ability to absorb lots of cars absent massive changes.

30. With particular concern about recreational facilities and fields, I would really like to see the township collaborate with the school district, which also must move forward on the demolition and replacement of major facilities, and the divestment of its administration building. I am also concerned that the township is planning to eliminate the only lighted full-sized soccer field from Wall Park. Active sports programs are also an important consideration for families wishing to move to Cheltenham
31. All information has come from Facebook, which is a disgrace. The township is doing a terrible job disseminating information, which I suppose is the point. They don't care what we think.
32. I would like to see the township place a focus on providing safe pedestrian access to the pools, libraries, and community centers, wherever they end up being located.
33. Seems like you're taking away resources from the areas that need walking access and moving it all to a very busy and dangerous intersection. I would love if the current parks could be maintained better, not having to pick up glass before my kids play or broken slides. I've never seen the water feature at wall park on, but I've seen plenty of glass broken around to the point that we have to leave. Think of convenience for walkers/children instead of just making this new and shiny.
34. Update schools to make sure there is some kind of working A/C in all schools
35. It seems as though encouraging access on foot and on bike to the central hubs should be encouraged by creating bike paths or sidewalks through the more dangerous heavily trafficked areas.
The Art Center is home to some musical programming. Would a stage be included in the central hub, with 100-200 person seating?
36. Collaboration with school facilities and athletic fields is a must. Adding circulator busses to help transport people across the township will enable more people to use the facilities. Making the township more bike and walk friendly will also help.
37. Maintaining many of these facilities should have been a priority over the years and to not let them fall into disrepair.
38. Township should have widely circulated plans and should delay date for responses.

39. The administration, police and public works currently are in highly desirable locations for commercial or retail development, which should be sought as the first step in this whole plan, to provide rateables and financial resources to fund some of these proposals.
40. Does the township own the Tyler property?? I haven't heard purchase or whether its for sale addressed
41. Sad that some proposals will limit accessibility of residents
42. As long as the plan is inviting to all of its residents and their diverse countries, languages and backgrounds, only, then will it receive my vote.
43. We must have more and continuing resident support before any final decisions are made by the commissioners. They cannot force these plans through if the people who are affected don't want this!
44. I am very disappointed with the current plan. More community input is needed. No indoor pool is needed, we can't even take care of what we have
45. The township needs to modernize.
46. The Commissioners need to be out having hyper local meetings on these issues. Their ideas are good ones but challenging for some to understand. You need to sell it and be available for questions.
47. Youth input!
48. Have been following the issue since the Township first presented about it in 2022 and am just waiting for more information about real cost possibilities, and further discussions.

Comment Sent to Our Email Outside of Survey

Hi,

I started filling out the Chamber's survey but I wasn't able to complete it because it didn't include options on several important questions that reflect my opinion. It seemed especially important on the questions about the particular sites where it's proposed to create some centralized facilities. For example, my response on the Cheltenham Ave-Penrose Ave plan for centralized facilities is that I don't feel it's a suitable location for them, nor do I like the design of a sort of fortress-like set of centralized administrative facilities. On the other hand, I'd favor an inviting sort of town center with administration buildings that would actually be attractive, central and accessible for foot traffic (though of course many township residents would have to drive there — as they do now — because our communities aren't designed with easy local public transit, or even non-scary access by bicycle).

As for the satellite plan near me, I don't particularly like the Glenside plan. The design seems sort of like an afterthought. I'd be sorry to lose the character that Glenside Hall lends to the location, although I see that it hasn't been usable for a time, so I don't know quite what to do about that. I don't know what an environmental center at the Glenside Library building would be like. Would it really be a vibrant community asset or just some sort of minor exhibit space? As a general comment, the library building, while apparently in good shape, is the less attractive of the buildings in the locale. On the Glenside Hall site, while I'm not a devotee of either of our community pools at present, it seems that a lot of people use the Glenside pool and a splash pad would serve fewer people. I recognize that the pool isn't in great shape. If a pavilion-bathroom-kitchen facility is located at the site, I'm worried about whether it would be unattractive, cheaply built and only usable for a very limited season.

Those are just a few of my thoughts.

