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The City of Port St. Lucie seeks public input for Winterlakes Park conceptual plan

PORT ST. LUCIE – Residents will soon have a chance to see plans and give feedback for a Conceptual Master Plan for Winterlakes Park – which is envisioned to be a significant recreational enhancement for the Torino area.

The public is invited to meet with City staff at the Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 SW Airoso Blvd., on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. During this meeting, residents can view renderings of the amenities proposed for Winterlakes Park. At 6 p.m., staff will give a brief presentation on the project, followed by an opportunity for citizens to give their input.

Winterlakes Park, located at 5241 N.W. Jannebo Street, is a 28 acre, partially developed park site in an area of Port St. Lucie that is considered underserved for recreational facilities. The site was used by the St. Lucie County School District as a temporary site for Allapattah Flats K-8 school, and has considerable infrastructure already in place

The school was decommissioned in 2012 and the portable classrooms were removed, leaving in place the permitted storm water drainage and retention system, a small playground, an airnasium, underground electric, paved parking, some fencing and sidewalks. Plans to initially develop the site as a large, day-use recreation area have been in place since 2012.

The City Council has approved funds in this year's budget to develop a Conceptual Master Plan for the park. The development of the Conceptual Master Plan is now underway and is being led by consulting firm Cotleur & Hearing.

While significant portions of the site's existing infrastructure can be incorporated into future development of a public park, development of additional park elements will be needed if the property is to become the long-needed public recreation area desired by area residents. To meet the growing demands of the public, proposed park amenities include, but are not limited to:

- Soccer fields
- Football fields
- Baseball fields
- Restrooms
- Sports courts

It is proposed that the sports fields be lighted for night time play and public reservations.

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