

# The City of Lewes



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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** PLANNING COMMISSION  
**FROM:** LEWES PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
**SUBJECT:** SHOWFIELD CITY  
**DATE:** MARCH 12, 2019

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Monday February 25, 2019 the Lewes parks & recreation commission (PRC) reviewed the Showfield City subdivision plan submitted by Davis Bowen & Friedel, Inc on behalf of owner Showfield, LLC. The PRC reviewed the plan related to any proposed recreation amenities, walkability & bikeability of subdivision to other Lewes parks, trails, any proposed tree removal or planting plans, and existing or proposed open space, effect on any adjacent park areas or other natural features within the City for comment to the Lewes planning commission.

The applicant did not request any waivers from the City code.

Discussion and recommendations of the plan regarding recreation amenities, walkability & bikeability of subdivision to other Lewes parks, trails, any proposed tree removal or planting plans, and existing or proposed open space, effect on any adjacent park areas or other natural features within the City for comment to the Lewes planning commission.

- Recommendation to have visible permanent property markers by lots next to or near open spaces and trails to prevent homeowners from encroaching into the right of ways and open areas with landscaping or other structures and preserving the open space.
- Recommendation to establish easement for resident and public access to Open Space B area. Currently the area is not accessible to all except those who's properties boarder it.
- Recommendation to create a natural like plant buffer around the storm water ponds with native trees, shrubs and or other low maintenance plants instead of leaving a grass buffer.
- Recommendation to give street trees more than 3 feet of space to establish root zones.
- As presented recreation items, street trees, and landscaping designs are all to be determined. Recommendation that once these are designed that the plans are resubmitted to Parks & Recreation for review and comment. If no recreation items are proposed recommend a one-time fee in lieu of to PRC for maintenance of current park amenities. Street tree placement, species, size, and planting techniques to be approved by Lewes Tree Commissioner.

- Recommendation to ensure the interconnectivity of paths, sidewalks, trails to proposed neighboring future and current paths, sidewalk, trails to enhance walkability and bikeability into the City of Lewes and as an alternate method of transportation.