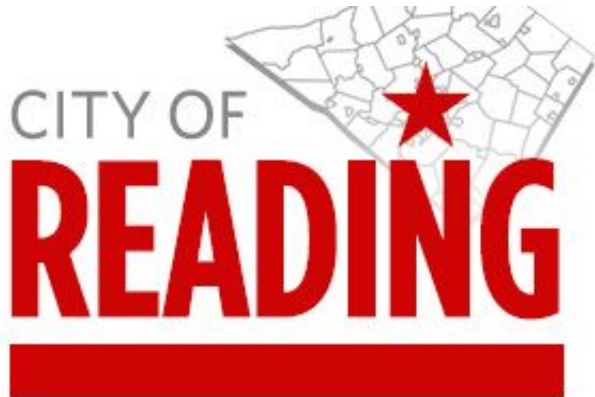


Reading Redevelopment Authority meets with skate park designer to discuss plans for park | Reading Eagle - NEWS



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The Reading Redevelopment Authority has met with a skate park designer to discuss plans for a 30,000-square-foot skate park along Riverfront Drive.

The park would accommodate skateboards, bicycles, inline skates and scooters, and would be built on authority-owned land between Penske Trucking and the Reading Area Community College campus. Executive Director Adam Mukerji said Wednesday afternoon that the skate park would be lighted at night and tied into the Schuylkill River Heritage Trail that runs through the area.

"I've spoken with everyone connected with trails and have been told this is the best location," Mukerji said. Bill Collins of Simone Collins Landscape Architecture, Norristown, Montgomery County, told the board he will put together a proposal for services by the end of the month.

Collins said timing for the design and construction of the park will depend on where the money will be coming from

"There are sources at the state level that might apply if this is pitched as an economic development project," Collins said.

Mukerji said the authority will be open to selling naming rights for the park to further fund it.

Mayor Wally Scott has publicly stated he is very supportive of the idea.

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