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NOTICE OF PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: August 11, 2021
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: Washburn City Hall

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Agenda:

- Call to Order/Roll Call
- Approval of the June 15 & July 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- Discussion & Action of Outdoor Recreation Plan; Eric Howell, NWRPC
- Adjournment

It is possible that members of, and possibly a quorum of, other governmental bodies including the Common Council of the City of Washburn are in attendance at the above meeting. No action will be taken by any governmental body other than the Parks Committee.

June 15, 2021

CITY OF WASHBURN PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 PM

Via In-person and Video Conference Call

Members Present:

Kyleleen Bartnick, Jamie Cook, Angel Croll, Erika Lang, Jennifer Maziasz (Council rep)

Municipal Personnel:

Assistant City Administrator Tony Janisch, Public Works Director Gerry Schuette

Other:

Mayor Mary Motiff, Councilor Karen Spears-Novachek

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm by Lang. Quorum was met. Maziasz and Croll arriving late.

Approval of the May 18, 2021 Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve minutes by Bartnick, second by Cook. Motion carried unanimously.

Selection of Committee Chair

Maziasz agreed to continue to serve as Committee Chair. Motion by Bartnick, second by Cook. Motion carried unanimously.

Selection of Recording Secretary

Lang agreed to continue to serve as Recording Secretary with Cook assisting as needed. Motion by Bartnick, second by Lang. Motion carried unanimously.

Updates from Public Works Department

Public Works Director Schuette and Janisch gave the following updates:

- Bridge rebuilding finished in Memorial Park and working on second bridge now. Water repairs have been made and staff is upgrading electric at the picnic pavilion. Public works staff have also begun repairing the steps down to the beach; rock is being used.
- At Thompson's West End Park, the sailing club buildings have been moved, gravel will be added to the walking trail in several locations, garden valerian along the trail and in the large, cleared areas will soon be mowed to reduce the amount of seeding, and the bridge near the marina entrance will soon be repaired. Staff will also look at the repair list for the playground such as adding pea stone.
- Cook shared that the Washburn school playground equipment has been replaced, but perhaps it could still be used somewhere else. She will reach out to the school.
- Cook also shared that additional woodchip are needed for Jackie's Field in the fall, and it needs to be a specific type of woodchip. Volunteers can help spread them.
- Janisch added, regarding the donation of the small property located near the walking trail and Memorial Park (information was presented during the May Parks Committee meeting), the City's Plan Commission will be discussing this at its next meeting. If they approve to accept the donation, a recommendation will be made to City Council and a property survey will be done.
- Janisch also shared that fees for the outfitters commercial use ordinance have been changed.

Update on Implementation of the Walking Trail Land Management Plan and Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant

- On behalf of the Washburn Heritage Association (WHA), Karen Spears-Novachek presented the temporary sign that will be put at the beginning of the walking trail so people can be better informed about and oriented to the trail system. Public works staff will be putting it up.
- Additional contract work will be done to remove/control invasive plants this summer and fall.

- A small subset of the Parks Committee (Lang and Maziasz) met with representatives of the Washburn Heritage Association to identify a more comprehensive plan and a “look” for the signage along the walking trail. They recommend that the signs be printed on synthetic material and framed with a black or brown metal frame. For the primary sign at the main entrance, it would be nice to incorporate brownstone into the sign base.
- It would be advantageous for the City and WHA to seek additional funding for signage with continued replacement over time.
- Janisch reminded everyone that a quarterly grant report is due to Wisconsin Coastal Management Program for this project.

Discussion & Action Clean-Up Day at Coal Dock Beach

- Joe Groshek brought an idea for a clean-up day to City staff recently. There are some issues at this location such as trash, pieces of glass, drainage issues, old pieces of wood, etc. He would like to organize volunteers to help the City better maintain this location. Public Works Director Schuette pointed out that the public works staff can attend to this location by cleaning it once/week. Volunteers could possibly help; Janisch will follow-up with Joe Groshek about helping between the cleanings that the city staff will do. A volunteer agreement would need to be signed. Another idea is to post signage to inform people of what they can do to be good stewards.

Discussion & Action of Outdoor Recreation Plan

- Jason Laumann from Northwest Regional Planning Commission attended the meeting. He asks that all Parks Committee members look at the Bayfield County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan to see what is listed for the City of Washburn, and to bring back our notes/comments/ideas. Committee members also need to look at the Thompsons West End Park Master Plan. Committee members should identify short-term and long-term goals over a 5-year time-period. Members pointed out that it would be helpful to break some of the longer-term goals into smaller steps so we can move forward and make progress incrementally which will help keep momentum as we work to accomplish the vision for outdoor recreation. Comments ideally should be shared before the next committee meeting.
- Laumann also pointed out that the City could participate in the 2020 Agency Performance Survey through the National Recreation and Park Association. This would help the City understand if we are spending money and doing things comparable to communities of a similar size. This is a good tool, especially for programmatic and budgeting reasons, however data is needed for the tool and analysis to be most useful. City staff will consider this tool.
- Laumann also reminded everyone that the outdoor recreation plan will be included within the City’s updated comprehensive plan, rather than being a standalone document.

Future Topics

- Outdoor recreation plan work
- Artesian well area and overflow camping area regarding management and desired future conditions
- Budget discussion and recommendation for Parks projects

Adjournment

Date and time of next meeting will be July 20, 2021. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Erika Lang.

July 20, 2021

CITY OF WASHBURN PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 PM

Washburn City Hall & Remote Call-In

Members Present:

Jamie Cook, Erika Lang

Municipal Personnel:

Assistant City Administrator Tony Janisch, Public Works Director Gerry Schuette

Other:

Eric Howell, Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Absent:

Kyleleen Bartnick, Angel Croll, Jennifer Maziasz

Call to Order

Meeting was called off at 5:45 pm due to lack of quorum. Two (2) of five (5) members present.

Approval of the June 15, 2021 Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

No action taken.

Updates from Public Works Department

No update given

Update on Implementation of the Walking Trail Land Management Plan

No update given.

Discussion & Action of Outdoor Recreation Plan

No discussion occurred.

Tony Janisch

Assistant City Administrator

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Comments: – Tony Janisch
– Jamie Cook

CITY OF WASHBURN

THOMPSON WEST END PARK



Existing Facilities:

- Campground
- Campsite Cable Hook-ups/Electrical sites and WIFI.
- Shower & restroom facilities in ADA compliance.
- Information kiosk and payment pipe
- Sewage dump station.
- Two Flowing wells.
- Festival area.
- Covered picnic shelter.
- Picnic area.
- Swimming beach.
- Playground area.
- ~~One 75' fishing pier.~~ – This has been removed. – This is not the old broken fishing pier/dock?
- Boat launch & docks.
- Storm water conveyance pond.

Recommended Improvements:

- Extending water & sewer utilities to campsites.
- Replacement of playground equipment.
- Additional covered picnic shelter.
- Extension of Lakefront Trail through park.
- Construction of year around ADA compliant restrooms within festival area. – ??
- Purchase of an automated Beach Rake. – ??
- Extending water utilities to festival area.
- ~~Replace fishing pier,~~ to include ADA compliance. – Gone, is one still needed?? No one has asked for it to be replaced since it was removed. – Seems hard to maintain/remove.
- Construct roof structure overflowing wells and upgrade piping.
- Construct equipment storage building. – There is a storage building at the entrance of the campgrounds. It is currently not utilized. – Duplicate.
- Extending adequate power facilities to festival area. – There is power to that area. But what does adequate mean? This area is used for Book Across the Bay, but I'm not sure if they are also using a generator.
- Paving of parking lot with permeable materials.

City of Washburn Parks & Recreation Inventory Review (Last Updated: 7/8/2021)

Comments: – Tony Janisch
– Jamie Cook

- Expansion of playground area.
- Construction of gazebo by waterfront.
- Drive, for surface water management and park expansion. – Huh??
- Pathways and access trails in park that comply with ADA. – Yes, especially for a walkway from the playground/pavilion area to the bathrooms.
- Expansion of Maritime Trails signage within park. – I'm not sure if this is needed within the park/campground itself. Maybe something at the entrance, or bathroom, or pavilion. But it seems interpretive signage is more appropriate on the historic walking trail.
- Erosion control along lakefront.
- Construct campfire program area with seating. – ??
- Storm water management improvements. – Has been occurring.
- Reduce lake level of Lake Superior.
- Development of additional campsites.
- Development of additional camping areas.
- Landscaping of current and any additional camping areas.
- Expand restroom/shower facilities within campground, with ADA compliance.
- Extension of municipal utilities to additional campsites and restrooms.
- Development of additional picnic and recreation facilities e.g. playground equipment, **disc golf course** and public pavilions.
- Construction of appropriate parking facilities for park facilities, including boat ramp and beach.

Comments: 2015 Master Plan not implemented. Popular recreation site.

WEST END PARK BOAT LANDING



Existing Facilities:

- Lakefront & Maritime Trails Trail head – i.e. Walking Trail
- Fitness Area and Equipment
- Boat Docks
- Boat Launch
- Overflow Camping Area
- Paved & Grass Parking Area
- Sailing, Kayak, Rowing Shell Instruction Beach

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Recommended Improvements: – Can we merge some development/expansion/replacement categories (seems repetitive)?

- Extending water & sewer utilities to public facilities at boat launch – Why??
- Construction of ADA compliant restrooms – Where??
- Storm water management improvements. – Is occurring.
- Construction of community center – I'm not sure if this is a desire anymore, but potentially another pavilion would be nice.
- Construction of access roads and parking by community center
- Removal of pilings to permit better water access to landing – Guessing this was done when the landing was redone.
- Construction of larger boat and trailer parking lot by boat ramp
- Extension of Lakefront Trail through park – Duplicate.
- Addition of picnic tables and benches
- Expansion of Maritime Trails signage within park – Same comment as above, given the this area is the trailhead for the walking trail, not really sure historic signage it needed.
- Relocate instructional facilities, and indoor storage for sailing, kayaking and rowing programs – This has been a long-time discussion point, and honestly might be the best location for this type of activity. – Duplicate with West End Park
- Landscaping and tree planting
- Purchase of buoys to mark channel to boat landing
- Dredging of the boat ramp area – Have to check if this was done during the reconstruction.

Comments: Recent improvements to the boat launch significantly enhance the usability of the site.

PUBLIC LANDS - THOMPSON WEST END PARK TO SOUTH CITY LIMITS

Existing Facilities:

- ATV & Snowmobile Trail – Multi-Use Trail

Recommended Improvements:

- Extension of Lakefront Trail and Maritime Trail from Thompson's West End Park westward along lakefront to the south city limits (Summit Avenue).
- Construction of parking lot at trail head by Summit Avenue (south city limits). – I don't think there is enough space for a parking lot at this location.
- Design and construction of cross-country ski trails.
- Transition old railroad grade to multipurpose trail to include walking, biking, skiing. – Yes
- Construction of pedestrian bridge across Thompson Creek.
- Grading and surfacing of ATV/snowmobile trail along old railroad grade. – This has occurred recently.
- Completion of ATV/snowmobile bridge across Thompson Creek. – A bridge was constructed and is in use.
- Installation of signage along trails.
- Installation of benches and picnic tables. – Where & Why??
- Construction of fishing pier south of Thompson Creek. – Huh?? This is all private land.

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Comments: – Tony Janisch
– Jamie Cook

- Purchase additional lands. – Too late... The private lands that adjoined city land, which included the mouth of Thompson's Creek has recently sold. The sale was to a real-estate company and will likely be on the market, but likely priced well above what is affordable.
- Construction of trail shelters.
- Construction of boardwalks over marshy areas of pedestrian trail.

Comments:

FORMER RAILROAD GRADE WITHIN CITY



Existing Facilities:

- ATV & Snowmobile Trail
- Multi-Use Trail
- Bike route also?

Recommended Improvements:

- Purchase remaining railroad right-of-way in private hands between 4th Avenue East and Gary Road. – Potential donation of right-of-way from 4th Ave. to Superior Ave. Discussions of the section to Gary Rd. are occurring from NCCA.
- Construction of ATV/Snowmobile trail and/or silent sports trail between 4th Avenue East and Gary Road. – The potential donation from 4th Ave to Superior would have the caveat of being non-motorized.
- Transition old railroad grade to multipurpose trail to include walking, biking, skiing.
- Install signage as required.
- Landscaping as necessary.
- Grade and resurface trail throughout the city.
- Relocate overhead power lines. – I doubt that this would be possible.

Comments:

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Comments: – Tony Janisch
– Jamie Cook

LAKEFRONT PARKWAY – aka Lakefront Historic Walking Trail & Parkway



Existing Facilities:

- Gravel trail from 6th Avenue West to 1st Avenue East
- Maritimes Trail & Historical signage
- Picnic tables and benches
- Parking & trail head at 4th Avenue West – **It's actually 6th Ave. West., also Washington Ave, and the Marina.**
- Bridges over ravines
- Landscaping with native species
- 6th Avenue West to Washington Avenue is ADA accessible
- Unguarded beaches
- Parking & trail head at Washington Avenue – **Yep.**

Recommended Improvements:

- Improve trail heads and parking lots.
- Pave entire trail for ADA accessibility. – ***Yes!**
- Install additional benches and picnic tables.
- Relocation of trail within Washburn Marina. – **Huh..??**
- Expansion of trail from 1st Avenue East to Memorial Park. – **Yes.**
- Update of management plan. – **This was accomplished and approved by Council in 2020.**
- Renovation of trail between Washington Avenue and Marina with switchbacks and bridges across ravines to insure ADA accessibility.
- Install decorative and safety lighting as necessary.
- Expansion of picnic or pet exercising areas. – **A dog park needs to be in the discussion, as there is support for one, just not sure of the location.**
- Expansion of Maritime Trails, historical and informational signage within parkway.
- Expansion of Trail from 6th Avenue West to Summit Avenue.
- Replace existing and install new bridges across ravines as necessary.
- Remove invasive plant species, plant native species. – **This is in progress.**

Comments: Consider possible complimentary uses for adjacent vacant parcel near the parking area (Lakeview Dr/Harborview Dr)

Comments: – Tony Janisch
– Jamie Cook

WASHBURN MARINA



Existing Facilities:

- 138 Boat slips
- Piers & Docks with utility hook-up
- Outdoor boat storage
- Boat lift
- Covered picnic shelter
- Store
- Petroleum sales
- Boat launch
- Fish cleaning station
- Paved and unpaved parking areas
- Restrooms & shower facilities
- Office building and repair building
- Lounge

Recommended Improvements:

- Addition of campsites. – While this is in the development plan for the Marina, it is not a priority and can probably be removed.
- Replace pier decking on piers. – Done
- Landscape to eliminate industrial look
- Replacement of existing office building with enlarged office, store and lounge.
- Construction of laundry facilities.
- Construction of playground area. – The suggested location for this is above the coal dock beach. So, could be moved to that area. Is this a feasible location for a playground.???
- Build enhancements to lakefront trail.
- Extension of south break wall to better protect interior basin opening.
- Installation of safety equipment on break wall and piers.
- Construction of picnic area. – Done, pavilions were constructed this year.
- Construction of additional marina basin for 50- 100 additional slips.
- Relocation of lakefront trail.
- Repair and expansion of parking areas.

Comments: Improvements (2016) launch ramp, parking, restroom facilities, washdown station, fish cleaning station.

Comments: – Tony Janisch
– Jamie Cook

COMMERCIAL DOCK & BEACH



Existing Facilities:

- Mooring bollard for commercial boats
- Fishing area
- Beach

Recommended Improvements at Beach:

- Upgrade parking at beach area
- Install benches or picnic tables
- Construct ADA bathroom – ??? I don't think there is enough space for this.
- Construction of premier (yurt style) campsite
- Purchase beach grooming equipment
- **Construct beach access (stairwell) from picnicking area.**

Comments: 2016 storm did significant damage to the commercial dock. Funding for wall reconstruction provided through DOT HAP (2017). Worked completed on rehabilitation project in 2019. Site is multi-use, four-season access to Lake Superior.

ATHLETIC FIELDS & SKATE RINKS



Existing Facilities:

- Regulation softball field
- Regulation baseball field
- Regulation little league field
- 2 ice rinks

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- Restrooms, concession stand, warming building
- Parking and access road
- ~~Snowmobile trail~~ – While the snowmobile/ATV traffic still use this route, the land has been sold along 1st Ave E and I believe the road right-of-way has been vacated.

Recommended Improvements:

- Reconstruction of skate park ramps.
- Re-contouring of skating rink walls to permit better maintenance of landscaping.
- Paving of parking lot.
- Additional tree planting and landscaping.
- Electronic scoreboards at all fields.
- Installation of lighting at fields.
- Pave access road to concession stand.
- Reconstruct little league dugout. – Occurring, the little league field has been relocated since the Bayfield Co. plan was written.
- Construct press box and announcer's stand at all fields. – Really, why??
- Extend lakefront parkway walking trail through park.
- Install additional benches and picnic tables at park.
- Construct new access road to park via 2nd Avenue East. – Not possible, the road right-of-way has been vacated.
- Relocate and reconstruct skate park. – Huh..where??
- Better sealing of east skating rink basin to permit it to hold water better. – Rink liners have been purchased, but sealing would be nice too.
- Improvement in storm water handling.
- Complete fencing of little league field. – Done
- Installation of bleachers at all fields.
- Construction and paving of pedestrian walkways throughout park that are ADA compliant.
- Extend water lines to softball field and little league field. – *Yes
- Install better directional signage to park.
- Construct covered picnic pavilion at little league field. – ???
- Prepare park development plan for Athletic Fields Park.
- Place fencing around baseball field and skate park at other locations.
- Construct equipment storage buildings. – There are already multiple sheds for storage,
- Install additional paved walkways.
- Construct field sports area including paved athletic track, bleachers, lighting and fencing. – I don't think we need a paved athletic track.
- Construct dugouts at boy's baseball field and repair other dugouts. – Occurring.
- Purchase additional lands.
- **Potential – Pump Track**
- **Improve/Install water lines for rink flooding.**
- Add basketball hoops near blacktop/ice skate area.
- Update warming shed to be all year round bathroom/concession usage.

Comments: Recreational trail bypasses this facility due to private parcel along 1st Ave East. Barricaded access still used for foot travel? Recent enhancements to site facilities, with additional improvements underway (dugouts). Seasonal warming house on property (possible summer uses?)

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Comments: – Tony Janisch
– Jamie Cook

MEMORIAL PARK



Existing Facilities:

- Campground
- Covered picnic shelter
- Dump station
- Electric and cable TV service to some sites and WIFI. – Electric & WiFi in all sites.
- Playground
- Historic kitchen building
- Picnic areas
- Pathways and bridges across ravines
- Restrooms and shower building
- Information kiosk and payment pipe
- Parking area
- **Park gate** (South 6th Avenue East) – Huh?? Oh, maybe the entryway at Bayfield St.

Recommended Improvements:

- Preparation of campground development plan.
- Renovation and redesign of campsites to facilitate access and identification. – Occurring and maybe Done
- Install additional benches and picnic table.
- Expansion of lakefront trail through park. – Huh??
- Construction of primitive campsites. – Huh??
- Construction of premier (yurt style) campsites
- Extension of water lines within park. – Occurring/Done
- Construction of additional ADA compliant trails and pathways within park.
- Construction of concession stand. – Huh??
- Construction of additional pedestrian bridges across ravines. – Three bridges currently, two were rebuilt. Maybe this should be moved to existing facilities.
- Pave access roads.
- Construct new or renovate restroom/shower building to ADA compliance. – Needed.
- Construction of fishing pier. – Huh?? Really??
- Renovation & expansion of playground area.
- Replace playground equipment.
- Expansion of maritime trails, historical and informational signage within park.
- Re-establishment of fitness trail within park. – Fitness Trail?? Where was it?

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Comments: – Tony Janisch
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- Reconstruction of caretaker's house. – Huh?? Where was this?
- Upgrading and expansion of electric service to campsites. – All sites now have electrical service.
- Extension of sanitary sewer lines within park.
- Purchase of additional lands.
- Construction of additional picnic pavilion. – Not a bad idea, but where??
- Construction of beach access steps. – There were steps to the beach, and they were removed several years ago. Trail access was recently redone, and a small section of stairs were constructed.
- Construct bandstand. – No...
- Install sand lot volleyball courts.
- Construct campfire program area with seating. – Maybe...
- Storm water management best management practices.

Comments: Popular recreation site. Ped bridges currently being replaced. Outdated playground equipment. Recent changes to campsite configuration (lakeside). Bluff erosion and slumping ongoing, closing winter access point. Opportunity for alternative camping options on adjoining city-owned property (yurt(s)?)

INTER-COMMUNITY TRAIL

– I'm not sure how to comment on this one, since all/most of the land/trail required for this is outside of the city limits.

– ATV-snowmobile usage

Existing Facilities:

- None

Recommended Improvements:

- Prepare recreational trail plan over abandoned railroad corridor between Washburn and Ashland for mixed use activities.
- Prepare recreational trail plan over abandoned railroad or existing highway corridors between Washburn and Bayfield for silent sports.
- Legal work to purchase lands and acquire easements as necessary.
- Surface trail with gravel or asphalt as warranted.
- Provide trail heads and parking as needed.
- Prepare maps and trail brochures.
- Undertake clearing and grade trail as necessary.
- Install bridges as necessary.
- Install signage as necessary.

Comments: Sounds like there are willing property owners within the city portion of the corridor, unknown north. This could be part of broader initiative to connect/link trails in Washburn.

Comments: – Tony Janisch
– Jamie Cook

DUPONT LINEAR PARK

– Where is this?

Existing Facilities:

- None

Recommended Improvements:

- Prepare park development plan.
- Provide clearing and grading of silent sports trail.
- Install benches.
- Surface trail with gravel.
- Prepare & publish maps and brochures of park.
- Purchase additional lands and easements as necessary to provide access to park, extend park and establish trail heads.
- Provide signage as necessary.
- Install gates at access points to limit motorized vehicles.

Comments: Work needed to identify feasibility

WASHBURN GREEN CIRCLE TRAIL

Existing Facilities:

- None

Recommended Improvements:

- Prepare trail development plan.
- Provide clearing and grading of silent sports trail.
- Install benches.
- Purchase of trail maintenance equipment including ATV, trailers and accessories.
- Surface trail with gravel.
- Install gates as necessary to prevent access of motorized vehicles.
- Purchase additional lands and easements as necessary to provide access to park, extend park and establish trail heads.
- Provide signage as necessary.
- Prepare & publish maps and brochures of park.
- Purchase of snowmobile and cross-country skiing trail grooming equipment.
- Bridge ravines and streams as necessary.

Comments: Work needed to identify feasibility

Comments: – Tony Janisch
– Jamie Cook

JACKIE'S FIELD



Existing Facilities:

- Playground set
- Benches
- Sandlot ball field
- Picnic tables
- Gravel parking lot

Recommended Improvements:

- Construct covered picnic shelter.
- ADA compliant pathways throughout park.
- New backstop and fencing at ball field.
- Construction of soccer field.
- Extend utility lines to park. – I assume this would be water & electricity, but maybe sewer if a bathroom is installed.
- Informational signage.
- Install benches and picnic tables.
- Construction of restrooms.
- Pave parking lot
- Landscaping and tree planting.
- Improved storm water handling.
- Add water spigot.

Comments: Pavilion or covered shelter could enhance this site. Ballfield receives minor use. Soccer net is present (not provided by the city). Site was very active during visit 4/6/21

Comments: – Tony Janisch
– Jamie Cook

EAST SIDE TENNIS COURTS



Existing Facilities:

- Tennis courts
- Benches
- Fencing
- ½ court basketball court
- Tennis backboard

Recommended Improvements:

- Resurface tennis courts.
- Install drinking fountain.
- Expand basketball court to full court. – I don't know if this is needed. Potentially, a basketball court could be installed at the skate rink, on the asphalt pad.
- Fence basketball court.
- Provide ADA compliant paved pathways.
- Install benches and picnic tables.
- Paint mural on tennis backboard. –??
- Construct maintenance building. – ??, maybe a shed for the tennis club to utilize, but they also use the Hillside courts.
- Renovate tennis court lighting.
- Landscaping & tree planting.
- Improve signage.
- Purchase additional lands. – I'm not sure where/how you would purchase additional lands here.
- Restrooms or move these amenities to another location with restrooms.

Comments: This site appears to have some minor drainage issues. Court surface appears to be in fair condition. Adjoining ½ basketball court backstop missing. Tennis backstop also present. Unsure of current level of use.

Comments: – Tony Janisch
– Jamie Cook

SMALL TRIANGLE



Existing Facilities:

- Flower gardens
- Benches

Recommended Improvements:

- Renovate flower gardens.
- Install benches. – There are benches, maybe repair the existing ones.
- Landscaping and tree planting.
- Construct sculpture. – **YES**
- Construct walkways and plaza. – Maybe improve current sidewalks.
- ~~Install drinking fountain.~~ – No

Comments: Small, irregular pocket park at Central/Washington Ave intersection. Would make an interesting gateway site. Sidewalk is deteriorating. Unsure of current level of use. Tony indicated he was unaware of any use at the site.

LEGION PARK



Existing Facilities:

- Veteran's Memorial
- Flag poles
- Flower gardens
- Pathways
- Benches

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– Jamie Cook

Recommended Improvements:

- Prepare park development plan.
- Extend utilities to park.
- Replace pathways with ADA compliant walkways.
- Install drinking water fountain.
- Renovate and expand flower gardens.
- Install benches.
- Renovate veteran's memorial.
- Upgrade electrical service to park.
- Construct fountain.
- Construct fountain plaza.
- Construct sculpture.
- Landscaping and tree planting.
- Install picnic tables.
- Install park lighting.

Comments: Flags are no longer maintained by the American Legion, as there is no local post. City? Flags could be replaced with a formal memorial.

CITY HALL PLAZA

Existing Facilities:

- Fountain
- Lighting
- Walkways
- Flag poles
- Plaza
- Flower gardens
- Benches

Recommended Improvements:

- Renovation of fountain electrical controls – Maybe this was done..??
- Replacement of plaza lights
- Replacement of plaza walkways
- Benches – and picnic tables
- Landscaping
- Renovation of flower gardens

Comments: Small plaza fronting City Hall along Bayfield St/Washington Ave. Possible gateway site. Aesthetically pleasing. Does this function more as a public space than a park or recreation site?

Comments: – Tony Janisch
– Jamie Cook

WIKDAL PARK



Existing Facilities:

- Benches
- Lighting
- Picnic tables
- Flower gardens
- **Informational Kiosk**

Recommended Improvements:

- Prepare park development plan.
- Renovate flower gardens.
- Renovate outdoor lighting and upgrade electrical capability for festivals.
- Construct gazebo or band stage. – **Good idea.**
- Construct restrooms. – **Would be nice.**
- Construct ADA compliant pathways and walkways.
- Install drinking fountain – **Absolutely**
- Place benches and picnic tables. – **Yes, more is needed**

Comments: Highly visible park space fronting Bayfield St. This site hosts many local activities & vendors during community events/festivals. Option discussed with Tony for the creation of a bandshell or like performing stage. Shelter/pavilion could greatly benefit this site.

Comments: – Tony Janisch
– Jamie Cook

HILLSIDE PARK



Existing Facilities:

- Playground
- ½ court basketball court
- Benches & picnic tables
- Tennis courts
- Sand lot ball diamond
- Tennis backstop

Recommended Improvements:

- Resurface tennis courts.
- Renovate and expand playground.
- Extend utilities to site.
- Construct covered picnic shelter.
- Landscaping and tree planting.
- Construct full basketball court. – There would be room here for a basketball court.
- Construct ADA complaint pathways.
- Renovate tennis court lighting.
- Fence sand lot ball diamond. . – ???
- Construct ADA compliant restrooms.
- Install benches and picnic tables.
- Construct parking lot. – Yes
- Install signage as necessary.

Comments: Somewhat “hidden” park located in low-density area of the city. Proximity to school amenities probably impacts level of use. Outdated recreation equipment present. Could consider alternative recreational uses for this site (dog park, splash pad, pump track, etc.)

– I think a good location for a pump track would be next to the athletic field.

Comments: – Tony Janisch
– Jamie Cook

THOMPSON CREEK PARKWAY

Existing Facilities:

- None

Recommended Improvements:

- Purchase lands along Thompson Creek for park. – As commented earlier, not sure if we could purchase any more land along the creek.
- Prepare park development plan.
- Construct access roads to park site.
- Extend utilities to access points.
- Construct hiking and cross-country ski trails.
- Landscaping & tree planting.
- Erosion control along stream banks.
- Construct picnic pavilion.
- Construct trail shelters.
- Construct parking lots at access points.
- Construct ADA compliant restrooms.
- Construct bridges across Thompson Creek as necessary.
- Install additional signage.
- Construct boardwalks across wetlands.