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Introduction

Park planning begins with looking at the community and the past planning efforts. Sun Prairie is a growing community that in 2017, completed a 5 year park master plan. The Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) forms the foundation for the building of a master plan for a park. The Sheehan Park Master plan is only as good as the foundation it is built on. Each of the planning documents form the road map that progressively address the goals of the community and brings them to fruition through planning, design and construction.

1. INTRODUCTION

The City of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin enjoys a variety of well-developed and well-maintained parks throughout the community. There has been a systematic effort to improve the function, facilities and utilization of these community assets. Consistently, the city has been funding and fundraising significant improvements to the overall park system.

Sheehan park is the largest of the community parks. The park was developed in the mid 1970's. This Master Plan focuses on evaluation of the existing park amenities, review of the overall purpose of the park and the identification of important assets of the property that will allow the park to function in concert with the other parks in Sun Prairie.

MASTER PLAN GOALS

Evaluation of the Aquatic Center bathhouse

Consider the addition of a Recreation Center

Develop a park master plan for Sheehan Park



*Sheehan Park
looking south.*

1. INTRODUCTION

The Master Planning Process

A Master Plan is a road map for improvements. The goal of the master planning process is to vet community needs, determine the community goals for the park, address deficiencies and evaluate the natural features of the park. The plan defines the issues well enough to create a vision and develops a capital strategy to make these improvements happen. The nuances of the design will be worked through as the plan proceeds to final design. It is very important to look at a Master Plan as the starting point to the discussion.

Blending of Community Resources

In Sun Prairie, there are six community parks with Sheehan Park being one of them. Within a quarter mile radius to the Park, is a mix government and residential property. The Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School is within approximately 1/2 mile from Sheehan park. At the middle school, there are baseball, football, soccer, softball, tennis, and a track and field area. Sun Prairie High School is approximately 3/4 miles to the east of the park. On the High School property, there are three football fields, two baseball fields, two softball fields, eight tennis courts, and a track and field area. The community is not a primary user of the school district sport facilities. The high school facilities are available to the public when not programmed for school district activities and events. As the school district upgrades their facilities, there should be a dialog between the two agencies to determine if there is opportunity to share facilities in a meaningful way and not increase the cost to the community when expanding sport programs within the community.

Departmental Goals

In 2017, the City Parks and Recreation Department completed their most recent Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) for a period of 5 years from 2017 through 2022 where they identified eight goals for the future of the Department. Though some are broad and focus on park connectivity and access the reflect the Department's desire to improve the parks and recreation services delivered to the citizens of Sun Prairie.

All five community goals can be applied to Sheehan Park:

- ◆ Provide park and recreation facilities and programs that are accessible to the citizens of Sun Prairie;
- ◆ Provide for and sustain a wide range of well maintained parks, recreation facilities, and special use areas for all residents, including special groups such as elderly, the handicap, and the pre-school age children.
- ◆ Ensure that all residents are provided with safe and reliable parks and recreation equipment throughout the park system.
- ◆ Provide a connected bicycle/pedestrian path system connecting parks, schools, and other recreation facilities to residential neighborhoods and commercial areas.
- ◆ Ensure that all residents of Sun Prairie have adequate park facilities available to them within walking distance.

1. INTRODUCTION

Important Demographics for Sun Prairie

Current population **33,974** (2018)

Projected **2030** population

40,948

Median household income **\$67,187**

Families

8,077

The makeup of the City of Sun Prairie is typical of a growing community near a popular destination city like Madison, Wisconsin. The community is young, with the median age being 34.6. The ethnicity of Sun Prairie is predominantly white (79%), 7% Black, 5% Asian, 3% Hispanic and 3% of 2 or more races.

See section 6. Supporting Documents for additional information on relevant census information for Sun Prairie

What is unique about Sheehan

Sheehan Park has interesting terrain and some limiting soils.

The park has gentle rolling landforms that makes the park interesting with inviting spaces. The park divides into three distinct areas. The northern portion of the park has level topography with the exception of the large fill area that currently is used as a sledding hill. The central park area has south sloping terrain with drainage channels that drain to the detention pond on the south portion of the park. The southern portion has large open areas with rolling terrain with mounded area in the south east portion of the park. There is a 7.79 acre detention pond on the south east portion of the park that is being incorporated in to the overall design as a feature of the park.

The soils however present more of a technical challenge. Our initial evaluation of the soils of the parks showed much of the park to be impacted by hydric soils which limit drainage and can impact constructability. When evaluating sites for the Recreation Center, some of the sites were limited by soils impacting the size of the space and the ability to provide adequate parking for a building of this type.

General usability of the park is not limited by the hydric soils as there is suitable surface drainage existing in the park directing water movement to designed storm water features.

1. INTRODUCTION

Goals of the Sheehan Park Master Plan

Every park needs a purpose. A purpose starts with goals. From working with city staff and the public, the following goals were clearly established and verified through the public input process:

- Update facilities to current standards
- Consider adding a Recreation Center to this side of the community
- Address the bathhouse deficiencies
- Engage the community
- Improve the access from the north side of Linnerud Drive to Sheehan Park
- Expand the trail system throughout the park
- Organize the parking and entry ways into Sheehan Park

The Sheehan Master Plan Report is intended to illustrate how to meet each of these goals and to incorporate the program elements to give a reason to come to the park and to re-invent the purpose of Sheehan Park to the community. The underlying approach is to use the “Power of 10” principals developed by the Project for Public Space, a nationally known planning firm in New York. This approach states that all great spaces need at least ten reasons to come to the public space or ten things to do once you are there. Upgrading the facilities in the Sheehan Park is a necessary start. A key goal is to use the existing park design, validate it, and then improve it for the next 30 years

Sheehan Park is already a destination for Sun Prairie. The question is how can it best serve the community into the future.

Trends in Park Design

An increasing consciousness for **health, fitness and active living** is influencing current recreational trends for informal and individual activities, such as running and walking. Parks with walking loops and outdoor fitness equipment are in high demand, often sought after within community parks, and are incorporated with local and regional trails. Pedestrian and bicycle connections within cities also foster active living.

Recycling in parks is coming to an end. The “feel – good” environmental program for park and recreation agencies over the past 40 years is not helping to improve the environment. The rapidly changing markets for recycling is now not cost effective. Parks must re-examine special events and group use of parks and decide what will be allowed in the parks to meet this new paradigm.

For organized athletics, the trend is for **higher quality facilities** where specialized teams and organizations can play. Additionally, organized athletics is broadening in focus from more traditional sports, like baseball, to non-traditional athletics including BMX, rock climbing, ultimate frisbee, disc golf and pickleball. Although there is a desire for more durable, high quality outdoor recreational facilities, these areas increasingly need to accommodate multi-purpose users.

Technology is demanded by users of community parks. This is to provide a stable internet mesh that covers all facilities within the park. A dedicated public internet system is preferred over cellular data only. The band width and the ability to video stream is becoming a standard in community parks. Video surveillance is also exploding in parks. Rapidly improving technology, advances in miniaturization and economies of scale from mass production are making video surveillance equipment affordable.

Source NRPA Top Trends for 2020

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UNDERSTANDING THE COMMUNITY

Consent building is the process of agreeing to move forward even if you do not necessarily agree with the direction. This process is critical to how a community develops and thrives. The process breaks through the barriers of decision making. To guide this project, the following Consent Building Principles were incorporated into the decision making process:

- Clearly define issues and bring them to the community

- Define and engage users and other impacted parties

- Create alternative solutions for review

- Define and evaluate community input

2. UNDERSTANDING THE COMMUNITY

The goal of the planning process is to have a design that is substantiated by an engaging public process that give meaning and support to the decisions about the future of Sheehan Park

Planning + Process

1. The entire planning process

11 months in duration

2. Utilized working committees :

Staff Committee	4 meetings
Advisory Committee	3 meetings

3. Used an innovative engagement process



4. Conducted 6 group interviews

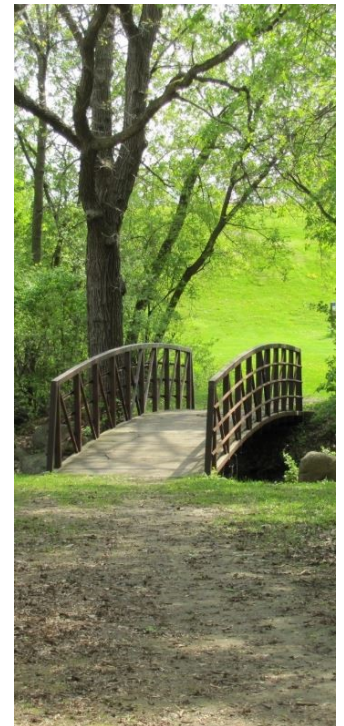
5. Open House/ Listening Session

6. Presentations to Park, Recreation and Forestry Commission

2 meetings

7. Conducted a workshop at the mid point of the planning process

8. Present to Committee as a whole for final approval of the plan



2. UNDERSTANDING THE COMMUNITY

Sun Prairie utilized a 4 tier public engagement process to engage the public. First, there were staff interviews for the development of a committee of primary users that was established to reach out to the groups to keep them informed,.



The MindMixer platform gave the design team information, in real time, about the pressing issues we faced in the Master Planning of Sheehan Park. MindMixer gave the community opportunities to offer ideas, likes, respond to surveys and take polls. The design team reviewed and interacted with participants for 3 months during the early stages of the project.

As the ideas began to form the design, a public open house was held to help vet ideas for the park. When the program began to develop, a workshop was held to review these assumptions and enhance the dialog. A summary of the workshop is in the Supporting Documents portion of this report.

The approval process completed the planning for Sheehan Park with presentations to the Park, Recreation and Forestry Board and the Committee as a Whole.

Final approval of the Sheehan Park Master Plan was April 21, 2020

Welcome to Sun Prairie: Your Parks, Your Input, Your Plans.

The City of Sun Prairie is looking for resident feedback. Suggest ideas, leave feedback and second ideas you support. Posts are reviewed by the city to help in decision-making for parks projects, including the Sheehan Park Master Plan.

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HELP DECIDE THE FUTURE OF SHEEHAN PARK!



The City of Sun Prairie is engaged in Master Planning the future of Sheehan Park. Master Planning is the process of building a road map for improvements and changes over the next 30 years. This beautiful park has benefitted the community since it was first developed in the late 1970's. With growth in the community and new opportunities looking to be added into the park, now is the time to be sure these decisions are what is best for the community.

Over the next few months the Parks and Recreation Department wants to have an ongoing dialog with residents and stakeholders of potential opportunities and incorporate these discussions into the planning process.

The end goal of the Master Planning process for Sheehan Park is to have the community informed and engaged in the project. This way we can all look forward to what is planned for future of Sheehan Park.

**BE A PART OF THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS
WITHOUT HAVING TO LEAVE YOUR HOUSE!
EARN REWARDS JUST FOR PROVIDING YOUR INPUT!**

Join the conversation at
<http://sunprairiewi.mindmixer.com>

Mind Mixer invite

There are **546 Total Participants** in this Project

2. UNDERSTANDING THE COMMUNITY

The public engagement process was set up not only to engage as many residents as possible, but also to get diverse inputs from a representative sample of Sheehan Park users. As part of this process, the city contracted with Mind Mixer, a public polling and engagement firm, to assist with engaging the community.

The following are results from our 3-month engagement process.

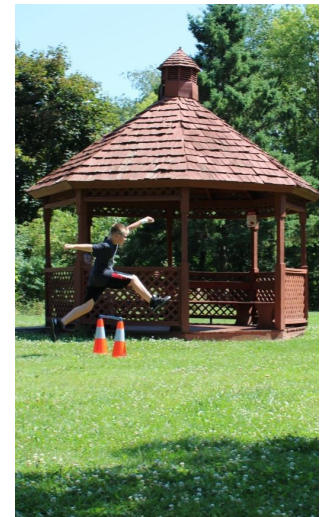
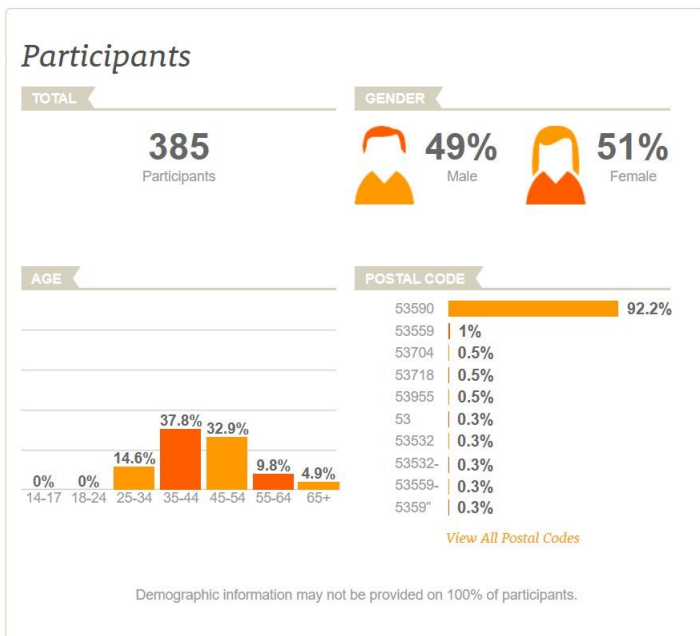
Sheehan Park has a mix of both athletic facilities (ball fields, athletic fields, sand volleyball, etc) and non-athletic facilities (trails, playgrounds, shelters, etc). Do you feel that we should:

Keep its current balance of athletic and non-athletic use	56
Expand on the athletic use of the park only	33
Expand on the non-athletic use of the park only	26

A key starting point was to assess how the community looks at Sheehan Park and whether there are any big ideas the should shape the future of the park. We heard a mix of feedbacks but the most significant message was that Sun Prairie **loves** Sheehan Park. There are 4 primary feedbacks that came across in the planning process.

#1 feedback: Keep the balance of multi-use functions of the park.

They like the mix of facilities and open space opportunities available in the park. This became the center point of the design program for the park.



2. UNDERSTANDING THE COMMUNITY

What area(s) of the park are non-negotiable to you for eliminating or relocating if parking needed to be expanded?

If a new parking lot and park entrance was developed, some existing amenities would need to be eliminated or relocated to another area of the park, depending on where the parking lot and entrance was moved to.

Ideas	9	Comments	4	Idea Statuses	0
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Top Ideas

More parking at the youth baseball and softball complex	67 Stars
Adam G27 Dec 03, 2019	1 Comment

Don't remove the sledding hill	61 Stars
Chris C134 Sep 17, 2019	1 Comment

Don't remove the singletrack mountain bike trails	60 Stars
Chris C134 Sep 17, 2019	1 Comment

Please don't destroy or alter natural areas	37 Stars
Mark P79 Sep 23, 2019	0 Comments

Don't remove the ability for people to move thru the park	37 Stars
Chris C134 Sep 17, 2019	0 Comments

#2 feedback:

Improve the baseball facilities;

The community relationship to Sheehan Park was primarily developed through sports and in particular, youth sports. The Sun Prairie Youth Baseball (SPYB) association is a very active group in Sun Prairie. The organiza-

tion was an active participant in the master planning of the SW portion of the park. The Association does appreciate the mix use characteristics of the park and cooperated with the other groups during the master planning of the park resulting in field improvements identified in the master plan.

#3 Feedback: Keep the sledding hill

An interesting result of the multiple public engagement process was how much interest there was in the sledding hill. Of the existing recreation activities in the park, there are few supporting winter activities. Presently walking on paved trails, if cleared of snow, cross country skiing and sledding, when the snow conditions are suitable is what is available to the community of over 30,000 residents. Creating consistent snow utilizing snow making equipment would be very popular with city residence. With snow making equipment in the park, cross-country skiing would also benefit. Based on multiple inputs, increasing winter activities would be very important to the park and to the community.\

#4 Improve /add nature features to the park

Finally, a strong voice was heard for the upgrading and increasing the natural elements of Sheehan Park. This interest is in both flora and fauna. The wood lots in the park can be improved through maintenance, including the removal of a poor stand of pine trees and replanting with more appropriate plant material.

2. UNDERSTANDING THE COMMUNITY

What do the visitors of the park use the most? Top ideas:

This is where we received confirmation that the sledding hill is highly desired in the park.

Mountain biking is a recreation that has developed through advocacy of a group of residents that are willing to invest time and money into having a viable single track circuit in Sun Prairie.

The discussion of trails looping within the park and also connecting the neighborhood and community to the park received support from both the MindMixer engagement process and the community workshop. Trails are important to multiple users of Sheehan Park including walkers, runners, and cross county skiers

Adult baseball is closely connected to the youth baseball organization. Combining these groups together and the connecting these fields together makes good use of the southeast portion of the park and creates a strong funding source for these improvements.

The southern portion of the park was adopted by the mountain bike group and has developed into a nice circuit. These trails are consistently used and are an excellent fit to the south side terrain. Giving runners and walkers other trails will reduce the conflict between users.

What are the elements of the park that you utilize the most?

The Sheehan Park Master Plan will be taking a look at the current uses and needs of the park. Show us on the Idea Map the areas and amenities of the park that you utilize and place the most value on and tell us why.

Ideas	37	Comments	12	Idea Statuses	0
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Top Ideas

Sledding hills	198 Stars
Chris C134 Aug 16, 2019	0 Comments
Mtn Bike Trails	180 Stars
Brian S120 Aug 16, 2019	5 Comments
paved multi user paths	175 Stars
Chris C134 Aug 16, 2019	2 Comments
Build full size 60/90 baseball diamond	156 Stars
Mike C99 Nov 21, 2019	1 Comment
Trails for running and biking	153 Stars
Fred K11 Sep 30, 2019	0 Comments

2. UNDERSTANDING THE COMMUNITY

Question 4

Would you be in support of adding a splash pad at the Family Aquatic Center?



During the discussion with the City Staff and Advisory Committee, the desire by the community to have a no charge splash pad is important and the desire to add it as part of the Family Aquatic Center makes a lot of sense. The splash pad could be a significantly better facility if it can utilize the return piping to the recirculation system of the pool. This also would force the City to fence and staff the facility to meet current state pool regulations. A lower volume system that is not recirculating would also work and would not have the fencing and staffing needs of a more robust splashpad facility.

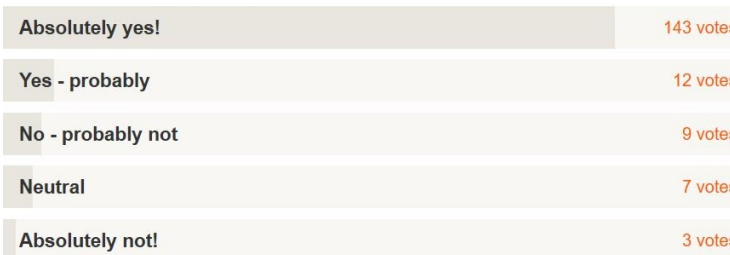


Adult baseball was a talking point throughout the second half of the master planning process. Locating the field associated with the youth baseball/softball makes more sense and then the parking facility can be shared with all groups.

The Poll

Would you be in support of adding a full size Baseball facility south of the youth baseball complex in Sheehan Park?

174 Votes 8 Comments



2. UNDERSTANDING THE COMMUNITY

There are **22 Votes** in this Poll

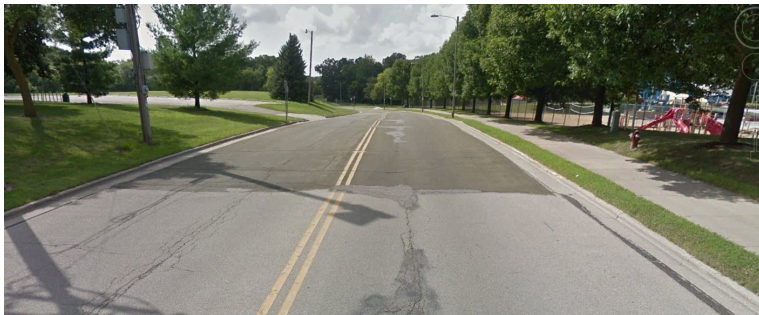
The Poll **Costs and funding aside, would you be in support of building a community Recreation Center within the Sheehan Park?**

22 Votes **1** Comment

Yes	15 votes
No	7 votes

The discussion about the **Recreation Center** was vetted through the planning process. The feedback received through MindMixer showed interest in the recreation center but the level of interest was not as high as some of the other items. As this item was taken through the Open House and Community Workshop public engagement process, where direct discussions took place, feedback was more encouraging and that a recreation center would be a very positive addition to the community.

Linnerud Drive is an important component of Sheehan Park. This road bisects the larger community



facilities on the north from the more group based facilities south of Linnerud Drive. The community does not perceive that the road is a significant safety concern for park users moving from one side of the road to the other.

Question 2

What is your perception of traffic on Linnerud Drive as it relates to park usage? (Check all that apply)

There is too much traffic along Linnerud Drive near Sheehan Park	7 votes
The traffic along Linnerud Drive near Sheehan Park is not concerning to me	45 votes
The traffic is a barrier to use of the park for myself and/or my family	3 votes
The traffic is not a barrier to use of the park for myself and/or my family	22 votes

However, if the Recreation Center is added to the mix of public buildings north of Linnerud Drive, specific traffic calming features need to be designed into the improvements to Linnerud Drive. In the final Master Plan design, three tabletop crossings were included at specific mid block crossing points included, combined with assign alerts and the narrowing of Linnerud Drive will improve the crossing of the road.

03

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public engagement is the engine that drives the master planning process. The community needs to be fully engaged through multiple processes.

The information gathered by the staff and consultant is to be evaluated as a whole and not focus on only the numerical information but also through listening and, at times, challenging the users to be looking beyond the present and toward the next 30 years when the next generation will again review the function and purpose of the park in much the same way we are today. This is a continual process that crosses multiple generations.



3. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

To vet our findings from Mind Mixer, we looked for ideas on the personal level. We conducted interviews with stakeholders, assembled an Advisory Committee with a very specific mission of bringing back feedback from their organizations, a community workshop to develop broad goals, then summarize the discussion with the group of 21 attendees, and finally presented the preliminary design to a combined group of Park, Recreation and Forestry Commission and Advisory Committee.

This public engagement was the second level of consent building. With a diverse approach to engaging the community, this process gathered a very broad base of inputs that gave the design committee a solid vision for Sheehan park.



On January 8, 2020, the Sheehan Park Master Plan was revealed during a public open house in the Council Chambers. The open house was attended by over 50 community members. Primary discussion centered around youth baseball and the community gardens. The Parks and Recreation Director followed up with a separate meeting with the Sun Prairie Community Garden Organization and numerous emails were exchanged with the Youth Baseball organization. The final configurations of the field was adjusted to meet the organization's desire to expand facilities in Sheehan Park

The consent building process took many turns to reach the final design but everyone involved was heard and given multiple opportunities to give their input. This plan is to build on a solid foundation.

04

PARK VISION

A park has to have a clearly defined purpose. That purpose needs to come from the community. With the master planning for Sheehan Park, the design phase was clear when the engagement process was completed. The vision for the park was developed over time through multiple engagements. This formed the vision for Sheehan Park.

What came out of the vision is a strong sense of pride in Sheehan Park. There have been a generation of families that have explored, played sports and built the park through partnerships over the past 40 years. The community has a passion for this jewel. Every step in the process reinforced this to the design team.



4. PARK VISION

VISION STATEMENT

The citizens of Sun Prairie♥'s Sheehan Park!

Users enjoy the diverse offerings within the park that encourage physical activity, social interaction and provide the opportunity to experience nature within a growing urban area.

The park holds the right mix of group areas, sport facilities, recreational trails and natural, open and forested areas. The City of Sun Prairie is committed to developing and maintaining quality facilities that are either provided by the City of Sun Prairie or by special partners utilizing the park for their group needs.



The goal of the Sun Prairie Park, Recreation and Forestry Department is to keep the comfortable familiarity of the park with the present mix of amenities that meet public standards, and that will sustain the park for many generations. This allows others to develop their own love for the park.

05

PARK DESIGN

The primary goal of this Master Plan is to examine the family Aquatic Center bathhouse and to examine the feasibility of adding a recreation center in to Sun Prairie. These objectives were first identified in the Request for Proposal and was a focus of the engagement process used by the design team.

Planning for the greater Sheehan Park was also an integral part of the City's goal of reimagining of the largest community park in Sun Prairie. Upgrading the features within the Park was thought to be more than a coat of paint or a new roof. The Sheehan Park Plan is intended to take this park forward to meet the needs of the community for the next 30 years.

The following chapter presents the overall park design and the individual areas within the park.



5. PARK DESIGN

SHEEHAN PARK - PLANNING ZONES

NORTH OF LINNERRUD ROAD

- POOL IMPROVEMENTS
- RECREATION CENTER
- COMMUNITY GARDENS

NORTHWEST PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- LARGE/ GROUP COMMUNITY EVENT PAVILION
- 2 GROUP PAVILIONS
- PRIMARY RESTROOM
- LARGE PARKING LOT
- EXPANDED TRAIL NETWORK
- LINNERRUD DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS

WINTER RECREATION AREA

- TUBING RUN
- SNOW MAKING EQUIPMENT
- TUBE TOW
- WARMING BUILDING WITH RESTROOM
- PARKING

SOUTH SPORT AREA

- ADDITIONAL BASEBALL FIELD
- ADDITIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD
- EXPANDED SKATE PARK
- TRAILHEAD/RESTROOM FOR MOUNTAIN BIKE AND BALLFIELDS

SOUTH SHEEHAN PRESERVE

- EXPANDED TRAILS (PAVED AND MOWED)
- DECKS AND SHELTERS OVERLOOKING THE POND



Each of these planning zones addresses the park activity areas identified through the engagement process. This became the road map for the park design.

5. PARK DESIGN

Features

The proposed recreation center would be a community resource. This building is to be developed in two phases. The initial phase would provide programmable interior spaces, including a multiuse gymnasium, locker rooms, group workout areas, multiple meeting rooms and Park and Recreation staff office space. This phase of the building would have exterior breakout spaces and a large parking lot. Phase 2 would develop a second multiuse gymnasium, additional group spaces and an early childhood programming space. The exterior areas would provide a secure play space for children of parents utilizing the services. Additional segregated daycare drop-off, staff and short term parking would be provided for this phase of the building project.

The building will complement the existing architecture of the Public Library, utilizing exterior finishes, and shared parking.

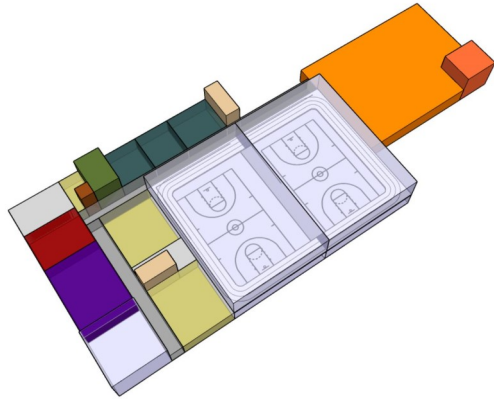
North of the Recreation Center would be a new community garden area with small rail with carts for the collection of garden vegetables, two processing sheds, and a watering system.



COMMUNITY CENTER

5. PARK DESIGN

Features—Recreation Center



The Community Recreation Center is to provide a year-round programmable space to ensure a variety of community recreation and social needs. The project is defined in two phases.

Phase 1 is the development of a two-story structure housing a large multipurpose space /gymnasium for sport and age group activities, walking track, locker rooms, multiple studio and small gathering rooms and administrative space with a conference room.

The second phase is to add an additional multipurpose space/Gymnasium with an expanded walking track and an early childhood facility.

The outdoor areas will include breakout spaces for group activities and a small tot playground for the early childhood facility.



5. PARK DESIGN

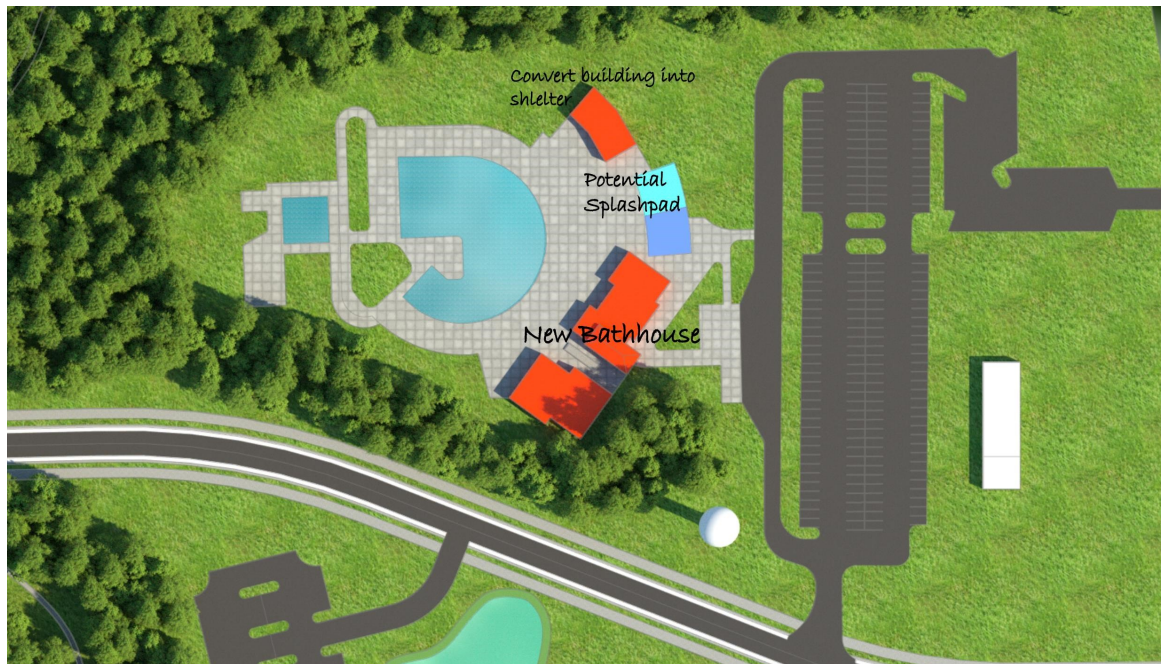
Features

The Family Aquatic Center was constructed in 1992. The facility has seen recent mechanical improvements but the general function of the facility has remained the same for the past 30 years. The facility included a main zero depth access pool, 8 – lane competition pool, diving well with two diving boards and a 210'-foot water slide

The focus of the design is to address the deficiencies of the existing bathhouse facility. The building does not meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, efficient cash management and lifeguard spaces. Once admitted to the facility, users will have separate changing areas with a group area and private family changing areas. Exterior and interior lockers would be provided.

The adjacent building will house the admittance area, manager office, concession, lifeguard break area, First Aid area, group area and an adjacent splashpad. The existing concession areas would be purposed as a rental shelter for pool users.

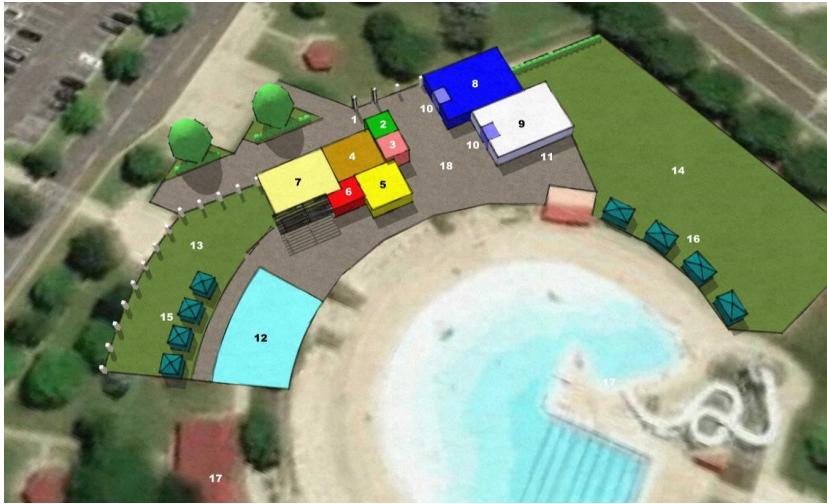
Additional Family Aquatic Center improvements would include a double flume slide and water feature at the main pool, splash pad near the bathhouse and new playground equipment.



FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

5. PARK DESIGN

Features: Family aquatic Center



The existing bathhouse lacks adequate restroom and changing areas. The combined wet and administrative spaces with an open ceiling creates a climate control problem. The Sheehan Park Master Plan proposes a total replacement of the bathhouse involving building a separate changing building with showers, family changing and lockers essentially separately housing the wet functions of a bathhouse. The second building would house the ticketing, concession, lifeguard area, training /group room spaces. Having the two buildings creates an opportunity to use the administrative space for non pool activities and improve money management by incorporating the concession and ticketing areas into one building plus facility oversight.



5. PARK DESIGN

Features

The NW Sheehan Park improvement area is the community portion area of the park. This area is scalable from small groups to community events. The diversity of facilities allows for multiple activities occurring at one time. The central parking area serves the large community pavilion adjacent to the street. Smaller group pavilions for groups up to 200 people are adjacent of the community pavilion. The athletic fields also serve as event spaces if planned correctly. Northwest Sheehan park is directly connected to the trail system, across the street from the library and to the future Community Center. This community space needs to be scheduled carefully to maximize the utilization. An understanding with special interest groups such as soccer and softball needs to partner with the City of Sun Prairie to successfully balance the community use with the sport use.

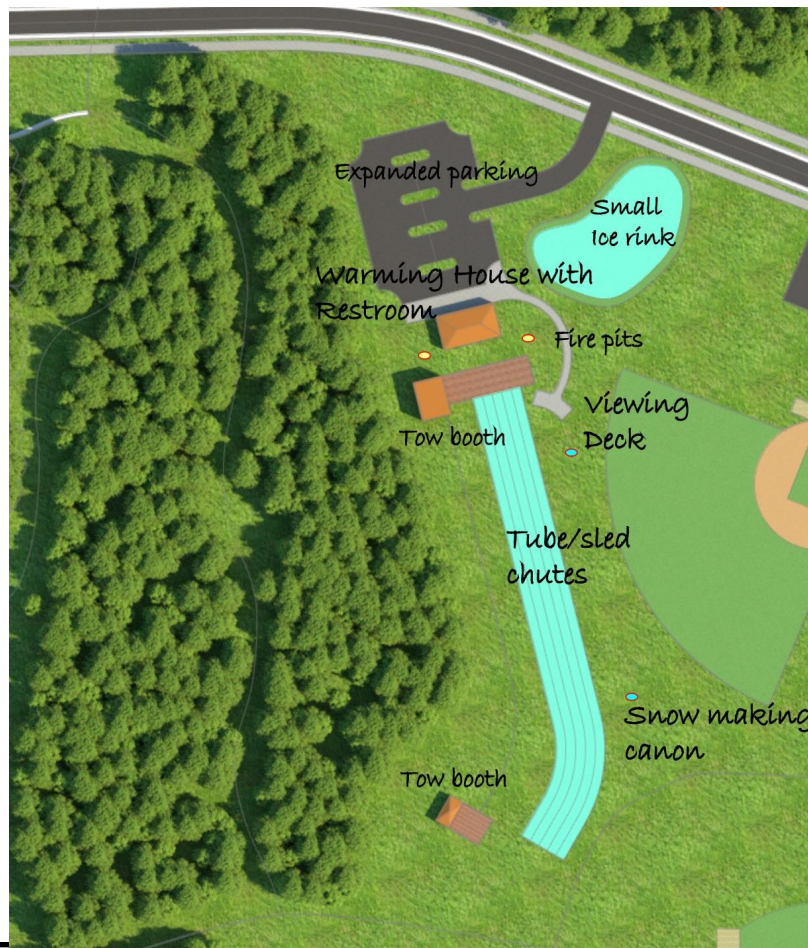


NORTHWEST IMPROVEMENTS

5. PARK DESIGN

Features

Winter is the time of year that the Parks and Recreation department needs to engage the residents of Sun Prairie. The existing sledding hill in Sheehan Park is popular and has the potential for improvements to increase the length of seasonal use of the facility. The master plan looked to improve the existing sledding hill with a new warming house that can be a summer shelter as well and the parking lot can be enlarged to afford close parking for more users. The key to the success of the sledding hill is to add the ability to make artificial snow. This would involve adding snow making equipment and to regrade the hill to create chutes to allow for tubing. In addition, a rope tow would be added to allow for more use than is possible giving more runs time that is possible when walking up the hill. This would improve the tubing conditions and greatly improve user safety. If the city wants to create a revenue opportunity this would be a prime situation to offer a low cost recreation during the time of year that outside activities are typically not as available.

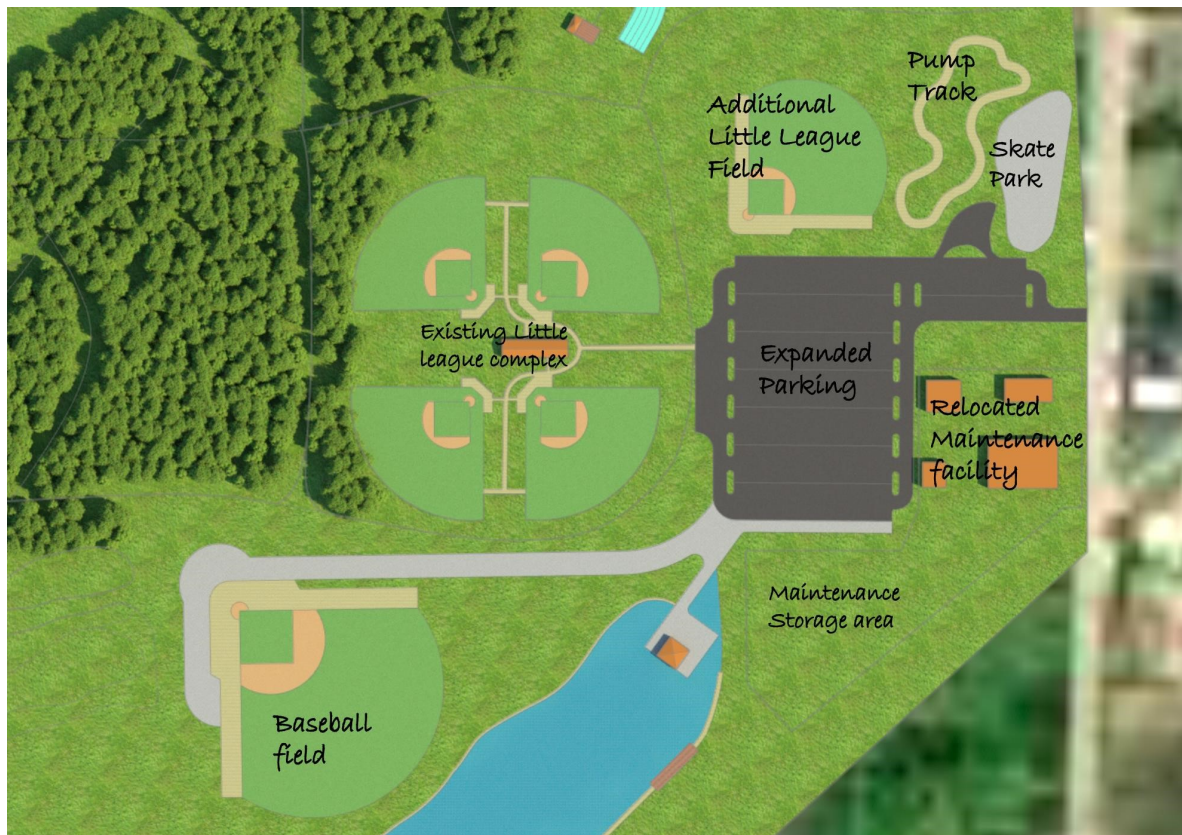


WINTER RECREATION AREA

5. PARK DESIGN

Features

To continue to support the youth sport areas of the park, the city worked with the Sun Prairie Youth Baseball and Softball (SPYBAS) organization to identify the potential expanding of their facilities in Sheehan Park. This privately run organization has built the existing 4-plex facility within the Southeast portion of the park. The master plan proposes the existing maintenance facility that, with acquisition of adjacent property, would be relocated allowing for the park activities to be separate from maintenance operation. The plan also identified an additional little league field and an expanded skate board park in the area of the existing maintenance facility. The master plan proposed an additional field located south of the existing field 4-plex for a full size baseball field. To accommodate the additional facilities, the parking lot will be expanded to provide parking for 350 vehicles, expanding the existing 210 vehicle parking lot.



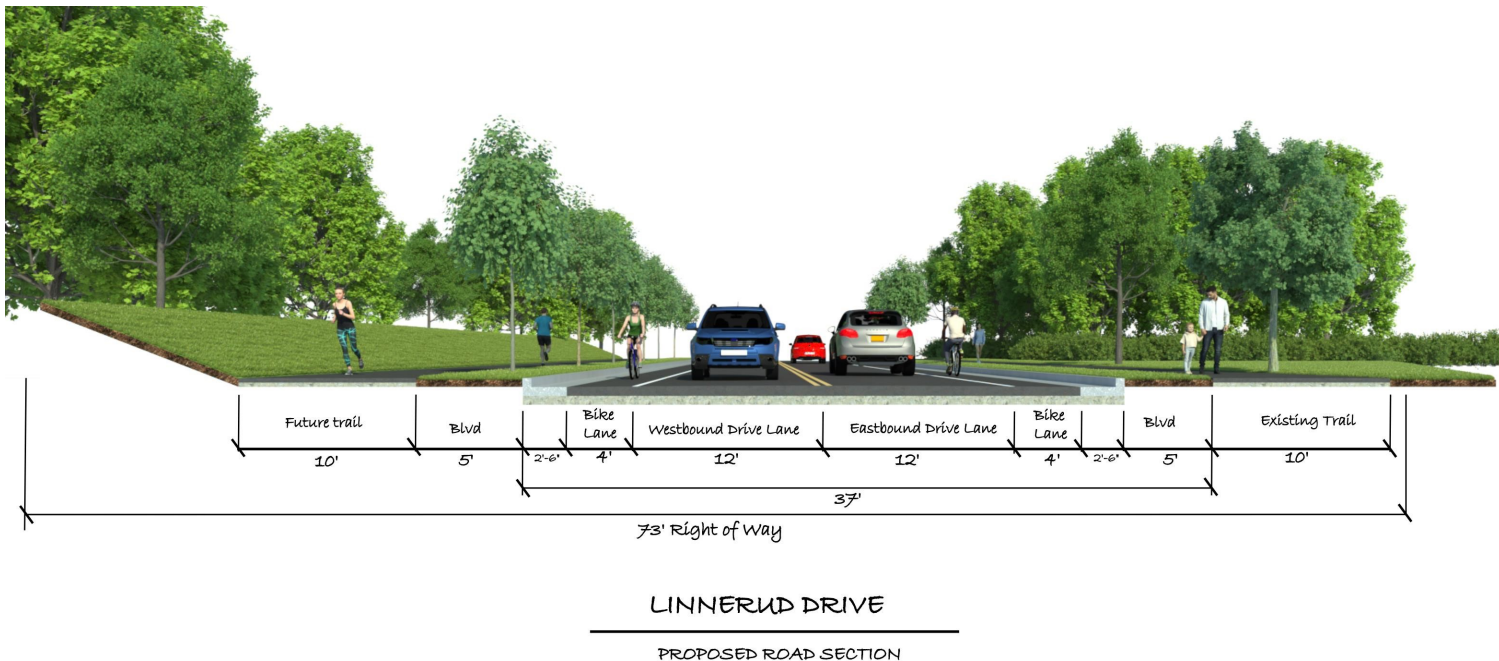
SOUTH PARK IMPROVEMENTS

5. PARK DESIGN

Features

Linnerud Drive is the primary arterial street connecting the community to the Sheehan park. The drive provides access to two distinct areas of the park: the large community facilities including the Library and the Family Aquatic Center (FAC) on the north side of the drive, and the larger more diverse facilities to the south of Linnerud Drive. The city owned property north of Linnerud Drive is technically not Sheehan park but function as part of the park to visitors. This drive is an impediment to the combined functions of the park creating a safety concern when family's use the FAC and library and the open space provide within the park.

The master plan works to create a more multipurpose use of the corridor by narrowing the street, removing on-street parking, providing on-street bike lanes and off-street walking trails. Additionally, there are three distinct crossings connecting each side of Linnerud Drive utilizing traffic calming table top crosswalks that, with additional signing, alert drivers of potential conflict with pedestrians.



LINNERUD DRIVE

5. PARK DESIGN

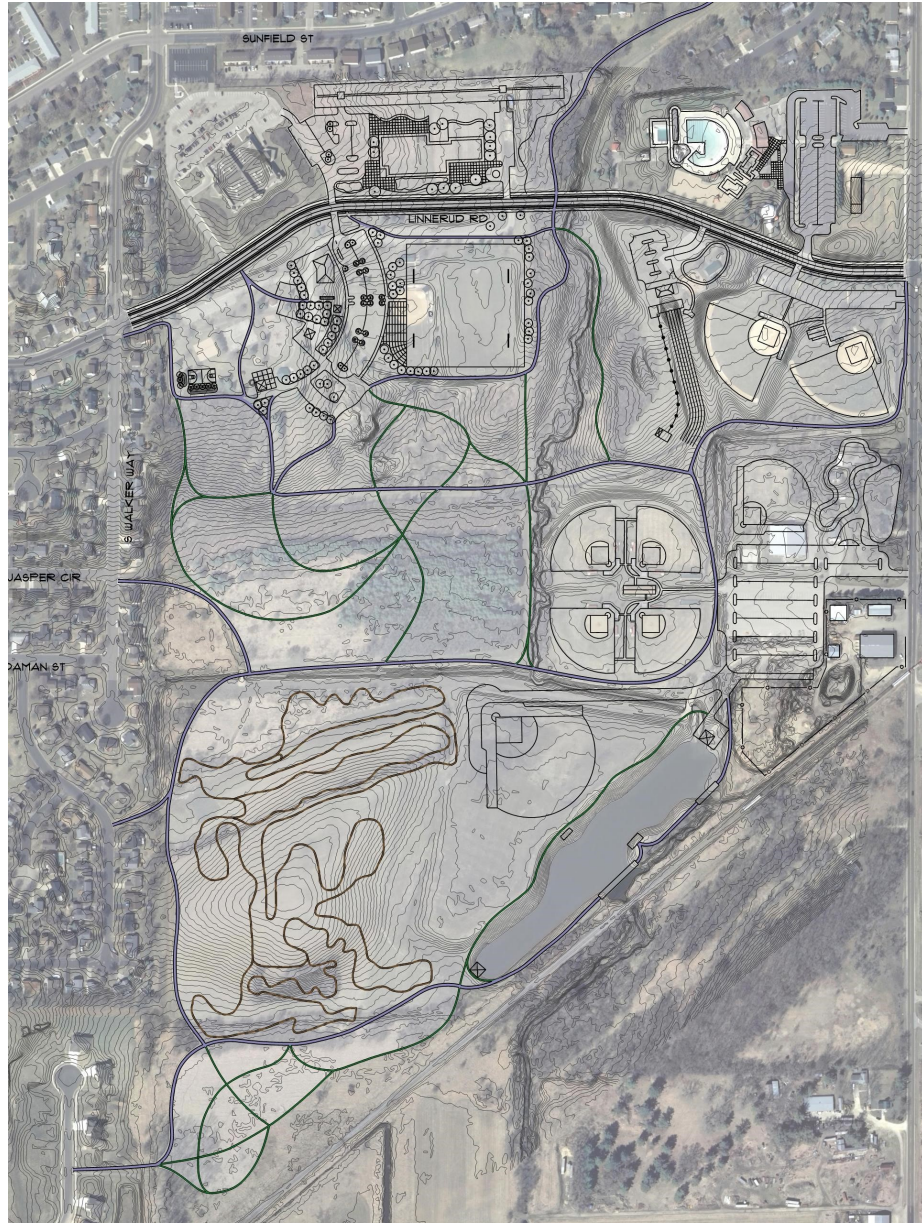
Features

The Sheehan Park trails are a combination of paved and mowed trails in addition to the separate mountain bike trails on the south portion of the park. The master plan works with the existing trails but expands then to provide barrier free access throughout the park with and expanded paved trails. In addition, the plan includes additional mowed trails. The trail system provides new access points from the neighborhoods and is incorporated with the reconstruction of Linnerud Drive allowing east west pathway access on the south side of the road..

The southern most areas of the park provides paved and mowed trails through a natural area that is to be developed with native planting



Mountain Biking
in Sheehan Park



PARK TRAIL NETWORK

5. PARK DESIGN

The Impact of the Master Plan on Existing Facilities and Programs

Redeveloping an existing park can create more contentious issues than developing a new park. Many of the elements of a park are well established and user groups or City recreation programs have invested in the facilities to meet their needs.

Sheehan Park is well rooted in the community and the neighborhood. It not only has similar facilities found in other parks throughout the community, but there are also facilities found only in this park. During the public input process, discussions were held with groups interested in each of these activities. Formulation of this Plan recognized the unique recreation opportunities in Sheehan Park and assessed if or how these programs will play into the enjoyment of the Park during the next 30 years.

An aspect to consider when having special interest recreation facilities included in a community park is the ability of a group to fund improvements and the community's need for the recreation. Recreation activities change over time. This Plan tries to reflect the changing direction of recreation in the park and to develop a consistent mechanism for funding improvements.



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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

SCHEDULE

Once the design is developed, reviewed and approved by the design team, an opinion of probable cost is developed. This tool is critical to the next step in the Master Plan process. Nearly all projects are funded through multiple sources. To start with, there is always a need for local dollars to support a project. From there, the funding gets to be a combination of state, federal and private funds. A project of this magnitude can only be successful if the private organizational and philanthropic funds are sought. This will be the key to the success of Sheehan Park.

The following represents the breakdown of each component of the Sheehan Park Master Plan. The costs identified are buffered with a 30% contingency to allow for the redesign of the individual elements or the delay in completing the project and will be more affected by inflation.



6. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

Each cost item has been associated with a potential funding source. The actual support to improve Sheehan Park will be determined by the funding opportunities, especially from private and philanthropic sources.

	POTENTIAL FUNDING
	CITY
	GRANTS
	DONATION
	BLENDED

PARK IMPROVEMENTS						
Phase/Funding	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Estimated Cost	
P1	POOL IMPROVEMENTS					
	MOBILIZATION (4%)	LS	1	\$192,000.00	\$192,000.00	
	POOL BATHHOUSE	SF	8394	\$285.00	\$2,392,290.00	
	POOL SITE IMPROVEMENTS	LS	1	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	
	DOUBLE FLUME SLIDE AND WATER FEATURE	LS	1	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	
	NEW PLAYGROUND	LS	1	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	
	CONCESSION BUILDING CONVERSION	LS	1	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	
	SPLASH PAD	LS	1	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	
					\$4,034,290.00	
	CONTINGENCY 30%	LS	1	\$1,210,287.00	\$1,210,287.00	
	ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES 8%	LS	1	\$322,743.20	\$322,743.20	
					\$5,567,320.20	
P3	COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER IMPROVEMENTS					
	MOBILIZATION (4%)	LS	1	\$778,000.00	\$778,000.00	
	COMMUNITY CENTER -Phase 1	SF	43,225	\$285.00	\$12,319,125.00	
	COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING Phase 1	EA	75	\$2,100.00	\$157,500.00	
	COMMUNITY CENTER PLAZA- Phase 1	LS	1	\$342,500.00	\$342,500.00	
	COMMUNITY CENTER- Phase 2	SF	21070	\$285.00	\$6,004,950.00	
	COMMUNITY PARKING- Phase 2	EA	40	\$2,100.00	\$84,000.00	
	COMMUNITY CENTER PLAZA -Phase 2	LS	1	\$266,000.00	\$266,000.00	
	COMMUNITY GARDENS	LS	1	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	
					\$20,202,075.00	
	CONTINGENCY 30%	LS	1	\$6,060,622.50	\$6,060,622.50	
	ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES 8%	LS	1	\$1,616,166.00	\$1,616,166.00	
					\$27,878,863.50	

6. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

POTENTIAL FUNDING	
	CITY
	GRANTS
	DONATION
	BLENDED

PARK IMPROVEMENTS						
Phase/Funding	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Estimated Cost	
P2.1	GENERAL PARK AND LINNERUD DRIVE AREA					
	MOBILIZATION (4%)	LS	1	\$25,480.00	\$25,480.00	
	DEMOLITION	LS	1	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
	CLEARING AND GRUBBING	AC	5	\$10,000.00	\$50,000.00	
	EARTHWORK	LS	1	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	
	STORMWATER FACILITY	LS	1	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	
	LINNERUD ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	LS	1	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00	
	PAVED TRAIL SOUTH LINNERUD ROAD	SF	34800	\$2.50	\$87,000.00	
					\$1,412,480.00	
	CONTINGENCY 30%	LS	1	\$423,744.00	\$423,744.00	
	ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES 8%	LS	1	\$112,998.40	\$112,998.40	
					\$1,949,222.40	
P2.2	NORTHWEST PARK IMPROVEMENTS					
	BASKETBALL COURT	EA	1	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
	LARGE PAVILION	EA	1	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	
	LARGE PAVILION PLAZA	SF	17500	\$9.50	\$166,250.00	
	LARGE PAVILION OUTDOOR KITCHEN	EA	1	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	
	MEDIUM PAVILIONS	EA	2	\$100,000.00	\$200,000.00	
	MEDIUM PAVILION PLAZAS	SF	12700	\$7.50	\$95,250.00	
	PLAYGROUND	LS	1	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	
	PAVILION RESTROOM	SF	750	\$285.00	\$213,750.00	
	LARGE PARKING LOT	EA	160	\$1,800.00	\$288,000.00	
	FITNESS EQUIPMENT	LS	1	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	
	FITNESS PLAZA	SF	8000	\$6.00	\$48,000.00	
	MULTI PURPOSE FIELD (NATURAL TURF)	LS	1	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00	
	MULTI PURPOSE FIELD PLAZA	SF	14000	\$6.00	\$84,000.00	
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	BLENDED

PARK IMPROVEMENTS						
Phase/Funding	Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Estimated Cost	
P2.3	WINTER RECREATION AREA					
	TUBING HILL WITH SNOW MAKING/LIGHTING/TOW	LS	1	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	
	SKATING RINK	LS	1	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
	TRAIL BENCHES	EA	10	\$1,200.00	\$12,000.00	
	WARMING HOUSE/RESTROOM	EA	1	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	
	WINTER AREA PARKING	EA	24	\$2,400.00	\$57,600.00	
					\$544,600.00	
	CONTINGENCY 30%	LS	1	\$163,380.00	\$163,380.00	
	ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES 8%	LS	1	\$43,568.00	\$43,568.00	
					\$751,548.00	
P2.4	SOUTH PARK IMPROVEMENTS					
	ACQUISITION OF ADJACENT PROPERTY	LS	1	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	
	PAVED TRAIL SYSTEM	LF	15800	\$30.00	\$474,000.00	
	TRAIL BENCHES	EA	10	\$1,200.00	\$12,000.00	
	SKATE PARK	LS	1	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	
	PUMP TRACK	LS	1	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	
	SKATE PARK/PUMP TRACK PLAZA	LS	1	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
	225' LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD	LS	1	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	
	ENLARGED SOUTH PARKING LOT	EA	395	\$1,800.00	\$711,000.00	
	BABE RUTH FIELD	LS	1	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	
	TRAILHEAD BUILDING WITH RESTROOM	EA	1	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	
	SOUTH TRAIL BOARD WALKS	SF	2790	\$25.00	\$69,750.00	
	SOUTH TRAIL POND OVERLOOKS	EA	3	\$35,000.00	\$105,000.00	
	SOUTH TRAIL SHELTER	LS	1	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	
	"THE PRESERVE"- NATIVE PLANT RESTORATION	AC	13.4	\$2,500.00	\$33,500.00	
	FOREST IMPROVEMENTS	AC	24.31	\$6,200.00	\$150,722.00	
					\$4,270,972.00	
	CONTINGENCY 30%	LS	1	\$1,281,291.60	\$1,281,291.60	
	ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES 8%	LS	1	\$341,677.76	\$341,677.76	
					\$5,893,941.36	

6. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

Priority Items (2-5 years out)

- FAC Bathhouse
- Native Plant Restoration & Forest Improvements
- South Sport Area – SPYBAS Expansion
- South Sport Area – Parking Lot Expansion

Upcoming Items (5-10 years out)

- Winter Recreation Area
- Northwest Park Improvements
- Linnerud Drive Improvements

Horizon Items (11 – 20 years out)

- Community Recreation Center phase 1
- Community gardens relocation
- Nature Preserve – paved trail system,

Future Items (21+ years out)

- Community recreation Center phase 2
- South Sport Area Property Acquisition
- South Sport Area Skate Park/Pump Track



6. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

Family Aquatic Center Opinion of Probable Cost

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Source, Sun Prairie Facebook Page

6. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

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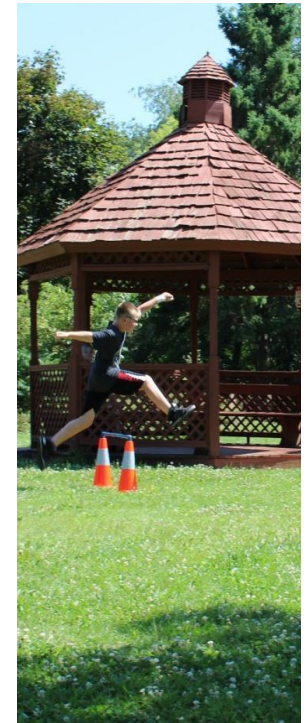
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6. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

Northwest Sheehan Park Opinion of Probable Cost

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NW Sheehan Park

6. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

Winter Recreation Area Opinion of Probable Cost

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Sledding hill

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Supporting documents represents information that formed some of the decision arrived at in the body of this report. Many more discussions occurred but the following represents some of the pivotal meetings and guidance received from the community not represented in the report and is intended to support the design decisions of the Master Plan for Sheehan Park.



7. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Relevant Census data

Households

13,242

Number of households

the Madison, WI Metro Area: 268,213

Wisconsin: 2,343,129

2.5

Persons per household

a little higher than the figure in the Madison, WI Metro Area: 2.4

a little higher than the figure in Wisconsin: 2.4

Population by household type



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Age

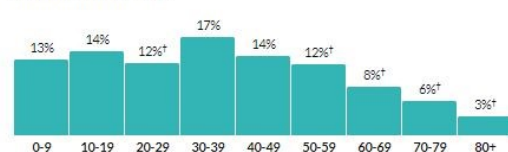
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Median age

about the same as the figure in the Madison, WI Metro Area: 36

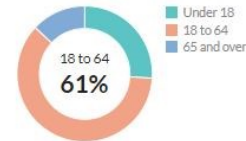
about 90 percent of the figure in Wisconsin: 39.3

Population by age range



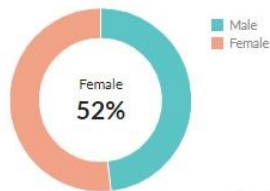
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Population by age category



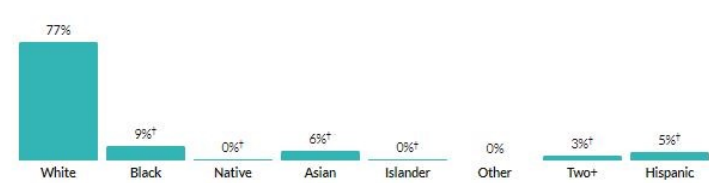
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Sex



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Race & Ethnicity



* Hispanic includes respondents of any race. Other categories are non-Hispanic.

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Poverty

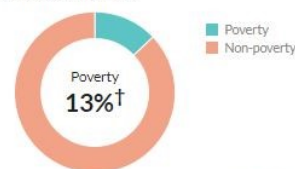
8.8%

Persons below poverty line

about 80 percent of the rate in the Madison, WI Metro Area: 11.2%

about three-quarters of the rate in Wisconsin: 11.9%

Children (Under 18)



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Seniors (65 and over)



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Source: US Census

7. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Relevant Census data

Income

\$33,542

Per capita income

about 90 percent of the amount in the Madison, WI Metro Area: \$37,679

a little higher than the amount in Wisconsin: \$32,018

\$70,295

Median household income

about the same as the amount in the Madison, WI Metro Area: \$69,372

about 20 percent higher than the amount in Wisconsin: \$59,209

Household income



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Educational attainment

96.1%

High school grad or higher

about the same as the rate in the Madison, WI Metro Area: 95.2%

a little higher than the rate in Wisconsin: 91.9%

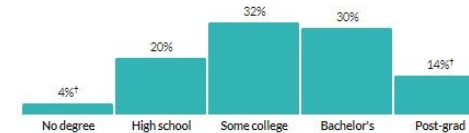
44%

Bachelor's degree or higher

a little less than the rate in the Madison, WI Metro Area: 45.5%

about 1.5 times the rate in Wisconsin: 29.5%

Population by minimum level of education



* Universe: Population 25 years and over

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Transportation to work

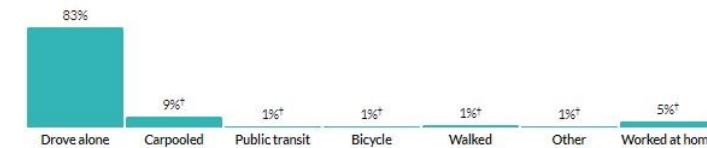
20.4 minutes

Mean travel time to work

a little less than the figure in the Madison, WI Metro Area: 21.7

about 90 percent of the figure in Wisconsin: 22

Means of transportation to work



* Universe: Workers 16 years and over

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Source: US Census

Sun Prairie School District

8,500 students K-12

Source:
NCES>ED>GOV
website

7. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Advisory Committee—Meeting 1



City of Sun Prairie

Sheehan Park Master Plan

Advisory Committee Meeting #1

June 26, 2019

[Summary notes from meeting](#)



Attendees:

Michael White	Sun Prairie swimming team
Aaron Perry	Youth baseball and Softball
 is Clinton	Bike Advocate
Maureen Crombie	3 rd Alderman
Kate Piela	Sun Prairie Park Commission
Chad Shelton	Recreation Supervisor
Scott VanOmmeran	Parks and Forestry supervisor
Eric Nee	Sun Prairie School District AD
Donna Bemis	Skateboard representative
Barbara Bailey	Sun Prairie Park Commission Chair
John Sheehan	Resident/ Financial supporter
Kristin Grissom	P&R Director
Jim Hanson	CBS Squared – Engineer
Phil Johnson	CBS Squared – Project Manager

Agenda

Introduction

City Staff

CBS Squared Team

Contact information

Defining the role of the Committee

Review timeline/project approach

Level of engagement: 4-5 meetings, 4 to 5 weeks apart

Identifying responsibilities.

Sounding board for ideas

[Described the role of the Committee is to bring information to and from the organizations they represent. The Committee is not for defining the vision of the park but for being clear communicators of the design process to the organizations that they represent.](#)

Set and Review goals

Power Point – review of Sheehan Park and Aquatic Center

Discussion points from Committee representatives

Youth Baseball

[735 play on 4 fields](#)

[15-20% growth](#)

Adult softball

[Small decline](#)

[53 teams](#)

[700-800 players](#)

Skate Park

[Conducts classes](#)

[Expanding to be a destination facility](#)

[No fee](#)

[Active area](#)

Little League field

[Adding parking for the Little League field, Skate Park and Mountain Biking](#)

Biking Perspective

[Trails are open type](#)

[Need a trail head facility](#)

[Parking is a big issue for users](#)

[300-500 users per week](#)

7. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Advisory Committee—Meeting 1

3.25 miles of trail

Trail system does not exist

Need to develop a hierarchy of pathways through the park for walkers, joggers.

Connectivity to neighborhood/community is poor

Wayfinding needs to be improved

Park is not user friendly to seniors

With new High School, Little League organization may split

Sheehan services east side of town

Cross Country trails are used in the fall

3rd Ward

Not all kids do organized sports

Encourage fitness

Recreational biking

More family recreation

More area and programs for the disabled

Integrate pool with recreation center

Look at Community based program

Community table

Sunshine club

Park Commissioners inputs

Walking is important

Develop a community linked trail system

Shelters are getting old and outdated

Shelters are highly used

Park is used for community events

Needs more restrooms

Soccer field – Game only

Soccer is huge and growing

Sheehan Family

Park was dedicated in 1977

Father and Uncle were very involved in coaching and sports in Sun Prairie

Present role would be to focus on donation or scholarships

Family is not favoring any agenda for the park

May be interested in game only field

Discussion occurred about potential west side athletic park as joint arrangement with the City of Madison.

Aquatic Center/bathhouse

This topic was not discussed at this meeting

Next meeting: a request was made to schedule meeting to allow for group to plan to avoid conflicts and make arrangements to attend.

7. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Recreation Center—Staff Planning Summary

Rec Center Brainstorming Session

9/17/2019 Call with Kristin, Dave and Phil

Key Amenities/Features (MUST HAVES)

- o Multi-use rooms – group fitness/wellness classes, staff trainings, etc.
 - Room capacity: Pre School -15, Youth- 30, Teen- 20, Multi-use -50
- o Classrooms – including dedicated preschool space; room for indoor summer camps
- o Community kitchen that can be used for rec classes and also rented out as part of the party space
- o Gymnasium with ability to separate into halves or quadrants – lines painted for volleyball, basketball, pickleball and futsal
 - Locker rooms
- o Welcome area with lounge/coffee/place to gather and socialize
 - Large Lobby, Include Museum Exhibits, lounge(?)
- o Conference Room
 - Capacity 12 with center table
- o Community room that can be rented out
 - Capacity -80
- o Concession Stand/access to purchase concessions from both indoors and outdoors
- o Fitness room/dance studio (with TRX band hookups from ceiling and walls)
 - Capacity – 12 with storage and overhead supports
- o Museum satellite location (display area for exhibits)
 - Place through hallways, lobby areas
- o Community resource area (to house Neighborhood Navigators – community welcome area, computer access for residents, desk space for 3 staff)
- o Offices (Director, Admin Assistant, Rec Program Manager, Rec Coordinator, Special Events Coordinator, Parks Supervisor, shared office for 2 rec programmers)
 - Consider open concept with shared tables and breakout rooms for private work.
- o Washery/Dryer

Wish List Items (WE REALLY WANT, BUT DON'T NEED PER SE)

- o Indoor Play structure
- o Climbing wall
- o Indoor Track
- o Game room with ping pong, pool table, etc
- o Indoor soccer field
- o Racquetball courts/league

Other considerations

2 story (Admin area upper, program spaces lower)
Window viewing into fitness and youth areas
Outdoor area for group activities
Pavilions (?)
Outdoor access to equipment storage and public space

Programming to be done in this facility: (Staff requests)

- Fitness classes (cardio, strength, yoga & dance fitness)
- Childcare & babysitting services
- Enrichment classes – music, art & dance
- Summer camp rain location
- Preschool socialization programs
- Staff meetings
- Event prep
- Warming shelter for winter use at Sheehan Park
- Possible concessions stand for Baseball games
- Indoor sports – pickleball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, archery, futsal
- Cooking classes
- CPR/First Aid/AED certification classes

7. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Interview with Urban Ecologist

Sun Prairie Sheehan Park

Doctor David Drack Urban Ecologist

Specialist in habitat improvement to introduce/ re introduce species

Looking to aid in the introduction of marginalized species.

Conservationist more than a preservationist. Likes to see the land used.

Small blocks of habitat have limited value to habitat introduction.

Trails should be on perimeter of wildlife areas.

Doesn't have a lot of bird habituated in areas disturbed by trails.

Predatory animals would use trails that would disturb bird nesting.

Most of the animal movement is at night.

Dog walking in the park?

Is forested areas important to the park?

No money exist for management of forest or prairie area.

What is a defined objective of the park?

- Each area within the park?
- Is the intent to introduce new wildlife?
- Community does not want to see a decrease of the existing species (Scott)

What kind of animals do we want in the park?

Long term may be to utilize the southern undeveloped land for wildlife habitat improvement.

Make up a committee of neighborhood to work with the City to improve and manage the land.

The south side a conservation area.

Osprey platform

Signage

No dog areas.

Inventory what habitat you have in the park. (Bio blitz)

Bird, mammals pollinators etc.

Look to engage the schools

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Summary of October 8, 2019 - Sheehan Park Community workshop

Common Themes

- * Enhance natural utilization
- * Look @ expanded plan for FAC
- * Emphasis of passive recreation on south side
- * Trail connectivity
- * Expansion of Sheehan Park
- * Integrated internal trail system
- * Improve parking, accessibility & wayfinding

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Community Workshop Sun Prairie Star article

SUN PRAIRE STAR September 25th 2019

Connectivity, more options for bikers, a new shelter and bathhouse were among the key ideas floated during a Sheehan Park Listening Session on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Westside Elementary School, 1320 Buena Vista Drive.

During a 90-minute session, roughly 25 people — including District 3 Alder Maureen Crombie and Sun Prairie Bicycle Subcommittee Chair Chris Clinton — participated in the planning session.

The idea was to have each table of four to five people list opportunities for the park as well as how those opportunities could be achieved.

A presentation at the beginning of the session by Sun Prairie Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director Kristin Grissom and consultant Phil Johnson from CBS Squared explained the city will be replacing the aging bathhouse at the Family Aquatic Center, located across Linnerud Drive from Sheehan Park-East.

“If anyone’s been there, you know it’s an aging facility and something needs to be done with it,” Grissom told the group. The bath house has not been reconstructed since the center opened in 1992.

Other improvements shown on the aquatic center plan include a free-to-the-public splash pad and new buildings for staff, concessions and facility storage. A “wet area” outside the shelter, but inside the center, will allow swimmers to rinse before and after swimming.

Johnson explained his firm has already completed a “building massing” drawing that shows the aquatic center buildings that will replace the bath house.

“We haven’t taken this building program conversation to the public though, because I think what we ended up doing now is that we’re starting to develop a building. Then as that progresses through the political process and the budgeting process, you’ll get a kick at it again and then you’ll rethink some of these things,” Johnson said. “But we want to be able to develop a shape, a form and a size so we can estimate the cost.”

A new recreation center will also be constructed in Sheehan Park, although the location has not been determined. One idea for the new facility — voiced during the meeting — is to construct it overlooking a detention pond with an observation deck, trailhead and large parking facility, with connectivity to the remainder of Sheehan Park to the north.

The new center design shows a ground level with a corner entry, gymnasium, concessions, locker facilities and office space, while a smaller second story would include a community room, kitchen, storage and a studio workout area.

Top opportunities

While many bicycle advocates attended the meeting, two Sun Prairie students were the ones who brought actual pictures of the ideas they wanted to see in the park: A bicycle playground and “pump track” that allows mountain bikers and competitive bicycle riders to test their skills on a track format.

Another resident, Tom McKenna from Scenic Point, asked for a connection to the park from his neighborhood. Otherwise, families have to bike or drive to the closest entrance to the park from South Walker Way.

Others wanted wildlife to be emphasized in the park, especially with deer, cranes and other wildlife already in the park. In fact, one idea was to keep the southern park for “silent sports” — a reference to biking and hiking — with the northern part of the park used for sports like soccer, baseball, softball, fitness and sledding. Another suggestion was to include prairie preservation in the park.

Accessibility and way finding — with more signage and more accessible facilities — were also listed as key opportunities.

While some want to see the aquatic center facilities updated, still others wanted more: An indoor pool as part of the recreation center, for example, while others wanted larger facilities to enable the Sun Prairie Piranhas swim team to host another conference swim meet during the outdoor season. Inclusion of the splash pad was also suggested as part of the aquatic center.

Updates to the Sun Prairie Skateboard Park, located just east of the Sheehan Park Youth Baseball Complex, were also suggested. Other park amenity upgrades listed included a new larger shelter house, an indoor play park where kids could play when it’s cold outside and the addition of another soccer field in the park.

Objectives

Grabbing common themes from the opportunities listed by Grissom on large sheets of paper, Johnson listed these primary objectives for Sheehan Park moving forward:

- Improve parking and accessibility, including way finding;
- Upgrade the natural engagement and use of the park;
- Expand aquatic facilities;
- Increase trail connectivity to the remainder of the park, including the park’s internal trail system, and expanding the parts of the park not widely used to public access; and
- Emphasize biking and silent sports on the south side of the park.

Johnson told the group he would develop a preliminary plan and present it to the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission in November, then refine that plan before seeking more public input. After the second round of public input, Johnson said he would create a computer aided design drawing and take that through the commission and city council committees for further input next year.

Both Grissom and Johnson emphasized no timeline for the expansion of the park, construction of the new community center building or the updates for the aquatic center. Grissom said the current 2020 budget debate does not include any potential Sheehan Park improvements.

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Recreation Center and Pool—Opinion of probable cost

January 2020

Opinion of Probable Cost

Community Center

Phase 1	Phase 2
43,225 SF	21,070 SF
\$285 per SF	\$285 per SF
\$12,319,125 2020 Cost	\$6,004,950 2020 Cost
\$3,695,738 Contingency (30%)	\$1,801,485 Contingency(30%)
\$16,014,863	\$7,806,435
\$500,000 Site work	<u>\$350,000</u> Site work
\$16,514,863	\$8,156,435
<u>\$250,000</u> Relocation of Community Garden plus shelters	
\$16,764,863	

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