

**CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING**

Regular Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of September 21, 2020
7:00 PM

MEETING CONDUCTED BY ELECTRONIC MEANS – SEE INFORMATION BELOW

As provided for in M.S. 13D.021, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings may be conducted by telephone or other electronic means when a state-wide emergency has been declared. The Monday, May 18, 2020 meeting will be accessible electronically by GoToMeeting software available at no charge (link below) or by calling as indicated below.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 15, 2020

IV. VISITORS

- A. General Visitors Comments

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. COVID-19 Updates (verbal)
 - 1. Community Center Update
 - 2. Public Works Update

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Integrated Pest Management Plan
- B. Minnesota Square – 2021 Improvements Plan

VII. REPORTS

- A. Chairs Report (Mike)
 - 1.

- B. Department of Recreation and Leisure Services Update (Joey)
 - 1. June/ July/ August Activity Report (attached)
 - 2. Summer Programming Recap
 - 3. Pool Report
 - 4. Fall Programming

- C. Department of Public Works (Pete)
 - 1. Levee Park -
 - 2. Thompson Dog Park –
 - o Meeting on Phase 2 (handout)

- Eagle Scout Donation – wood picnic table; (2) wood benches; (2) wood stick boxes; wood agility ramp

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next scheduled meeting ***Monday, October 19 at 7PM***, Public Works

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Mon, Sep 21, 2020 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (CDT)

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City of Saint Peter Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a pest management plan that focuses on long-term prevention or suppression of “pest” issues with minimum impact on human health, the environment and non-target organisms. In most cases, an IPM is directed at controlling pests that have an economic impact on city facilities, parks, athletic fields and our customers.

For the purpose of our plan pests are identified as: *weeds, rodents, insects and fungus.*

Management Strategies

Management strategies and pest management techniques include:

1. Promoting natural occurring biological control.
2. Cultural practices that include cultivating, pruning, fertilizing and general maintenance.
3. Changing the habitat within the area to make it incompatible with pest development.

Three principles of IPM used in designing a specific program are:

1. Know your pests.
2. Have a BMP in place for parks. (Best Management Practices)
3. Continual surveying and observation of park areas.

Setting Thresholds.

Before any pest control action is taken, the IPM approach considers if the pest has exceeded a predetermined threshold. The point at which the pest population or environmental condition indicate that pest control action should be taken. Meaning, finding a single pest or even very low numbers of pests does not always result in taking action. Conversely, some pests may be below the threshold while others are above it. Keep in mind that some pests are seasonally specific, as well as weather-related.

Turf

General Parks

Goal: To develop and implement environmentally sound, IPM for the use of green space in our parks system. We plan to minimize cost with providing a safe environment.

Staff recommends a threshold of 25% for broadleaf and a 25% grassy weeds in general parks or green spaces.

- 1) When it has been determined that this percentage has been reached. The appropriate post emergent or pre-emergent herbicide may be applied.

- 2) Selection of the appropriate herbicide of choice will be determined by trained staff after evaluating the site, the hazard rating of the product and the specific location.
- 3) Posting of the park site to be treated will occur prior to application and if this park includes a recreation center or building facility, posting of a sign must occur at the entrance.

Competitive Athletic Fields

Goal: To develop and implement environmentally sound, IPM for the use of competitive athletic fields within our parks system. We plan to minimize cost with providing a safe environment.

Staff recognizes the need to develop and use strategies that effectively manage turf pests on athletic fields and to manage those pests in an environmentally sound manner. We also plan to maintain the athletic fields so that park users have a safe and stable site for a high level of athletic activities.

Difficulty of maintaining multi-use fields and the intensity of their use are impacted by turf recovery time and a lack of down time will affect the quality of turf. Currently, due to compaction from over use, many of our athletic fields have a high population of clover, dandelions, spurge and annual grassy weeds. The approach to reducing these populations of pests will take multiple years and persistency. Staff will develop a multi-year plan for reduction.

Major facilities like Community Spirit Park (CSP), Jefferson and Veteran Memorial Park a threshold range of either 20% for broadleaf and a 20% grassy weeds triggers the threshold activity. Once this threshold has been reached, appropriate management practices are implemented. Heavy use on competitive fields requires fertilizing more frequently in these areas. This will assist in the turfs ability to rebound from the stress of repetitive foot traffic.

Rodents

By eliminating rodents, parks will remain healthy for our citizens. Rats, mice, gophers and voles are some of the more common rodents in our community. Trapping with mechanical traps is the most practical means of eradicating rodents but do cause a variety of other public issues. The action point for rodents is visual observation or traces within our parks.

- 1) When it has been determined that rodents are present staff will implement the appropriate eradication processes.
- 2) Selection of the appropriate mechanical traps will be placed and flagged for public notice. If this method is unsuccessful staff will proceed to Step #3.
- 3) Selection of the appropriate rodenticides pellet and or liquid form will be determined by trained staff after evaluating the site, the hazard rating of the product and the specific location.
- 4) Posting of the park site to be treated will occur prior to application and if this park includes a recreation center or building, posting of a sign will occur at the entrance.

Mosquitos

Goal: To develop and implement environmentally sound, IPM for control of mosquitos within the corporate boundaries of the City of Saint Peter. We plan to minimize cost with providing a safe environment.

Staff aims to provide and maintain a safe and hospitable environment for the community and recognizes the need to develop and use strategies that effectively manage mosquito populations in an environmentally sound manner.

To this effect, the threshold for implementing the BMP strategies will be implemented based on City Council authorization and policy. A guiding principal is Minnesota Statutes 2019 18G14 Mosquito Abatement, Minnesota Department of Agriculture Category L Mosquito Pesticide Applicator Training Manual and National Pesticide Applicator Certification core manual.

- 1) Determination of breeding sites for mosquitoes within corporate limits
- 2) Determination of types of mosquitoes
- 3) Surveillance of mosquito populations
- 4) Control of mosquito populations based on the thresholds
 - a. Citizen complaints using the following pest management options
 - i. Cultural
 - ii. Economical
 - iii. Physical/Environmental modification
 - iv. Chemical
 1. Larvicides (primary control)
 2. Adulticides (secondary control)

Selection of the appropriate chemical will be determined by trained staff using the appropriate IPM strategy. Notice of the use of chemicals will be completed to impacted areas in a timely manner using the appropriate media.

- 5) Monitor mosquito population

Insects

Urban Forest

Goal: To develop and implement environmentally sound, IPM for control of insects within the corporate boundaries of the City of Saint Peter. We plan to minimize cost with providing a safe environment.

Staff plans to maintain a safe and hospitable environment for the citizens of the community and recognize the need to develop and use strategies that effectively manage tree diseases in an environmentally sound manner.

To this effect, strategies will be implemented based on ANSI A300 Integrated Pest Management Standard (Part 10) and the Best Management Practices booklet Integrated Pest Management, 2nd Edition.

Tree Injection

Within the City, tree injection is a disease/pest management option that can be utilized with other IPM management tools and considerations.

The threshold would be visual observation and/or notifications from a state agency.

An example of how tree injection is being utilized within the City as part of an IPM strategy, is for controlling Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Please refer to the EAB management plan 2018 and EAB methodology document, The Management of Ash Trees Utilizing Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to Mitigate Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) within the corporate limits of the City of Saint Peter.

For all tree injections, the selection of the appropriate chemical will be determined by trained staff using the appropriate IPM strategy. Notice of the use of chemicals to impacted areas will be completed in a timely manner using the appropriate media.

Tree Stump Removal

Tree stump removal using mechanical, physical or environmental modification is not always feasible or practical within the community. The current policy is to physically remove the stump by grinding, this is not always the case and at times based on an IPM, the application of a chemical to the stump is appropriate. The selection of the appropriate chemical will be determined by trained staff using the IPM strategy. Notice of the use of chemicals to impacted areas will be completed in a timely manner using the appropriate media.

Adopted by the Saint Peter Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

September __, 2020

MINNESOTA SQUARE PARK



Classification: Community / Special Use Park — 10.85 acres

Character: Minnesota Square Park was established as part of the original plat of Saint Peter in 1854 and has been our town's premier park since. The park is the site of community celebrations such as; Memorial Day, Ambassadors Blues Fest, Fourth of July Celebration and Rock Bend Folk Festival.

In 2018, the Veterans Memorial Wall was added to the northeast corner of the park along Minnesota Avenue. Patriots and service members, past and present, visit the marvelous black granite wall. The Memorial Wall draws people from all over the state who pay their respects and take in the beauty of the craftsmanship. With the construction of a new Pavilion in 2019, the parks popularity continues to climb. With over 8,000 square feet of covered area it is the perfect location for weddings, reunions or functions desiring an open space with weather protection.

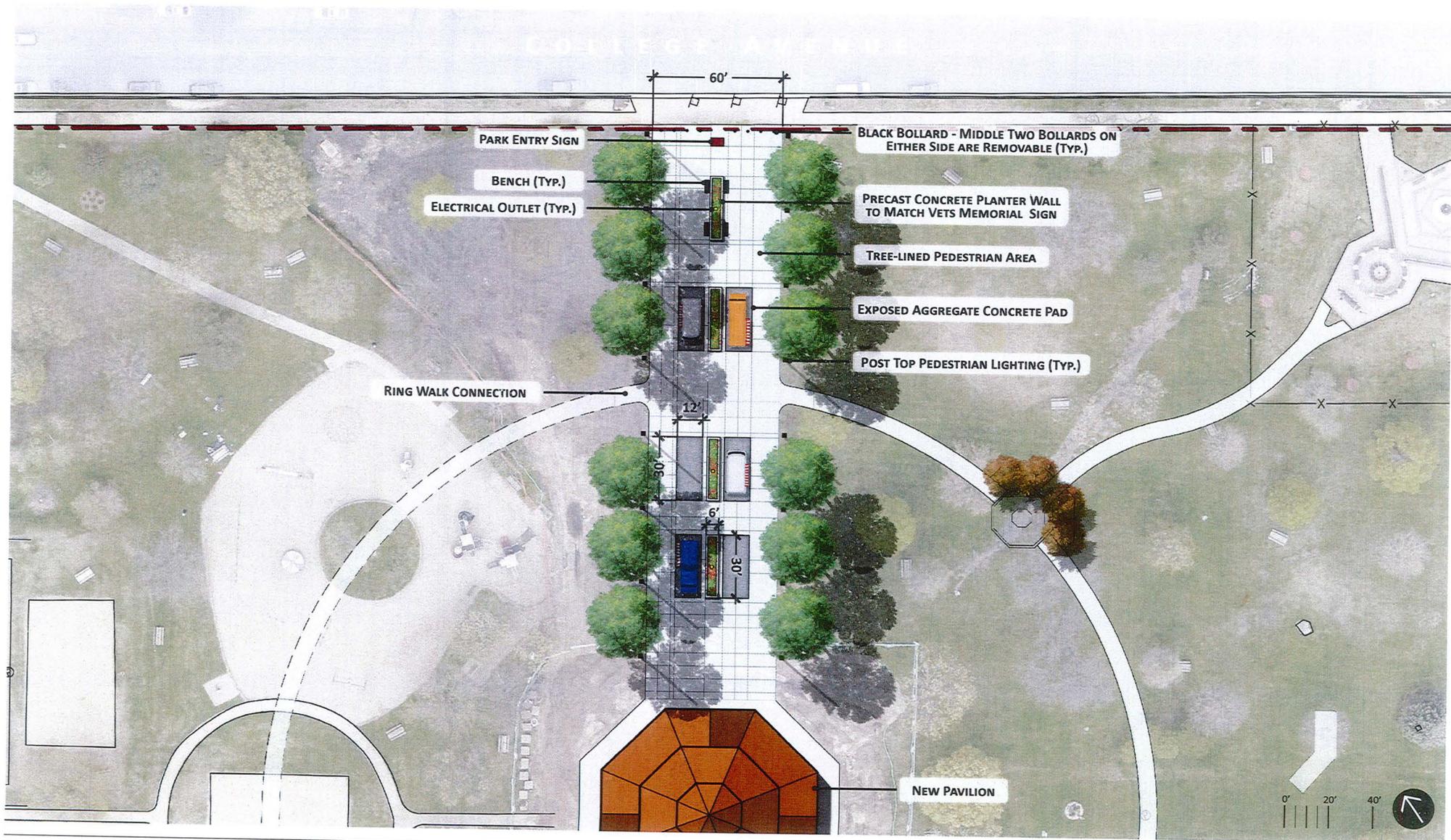
Funds are being sought for a Plaza north of the pavilion which ties the pavilion to College Avenue (main entrance to Gustavus) and to our historic downtown. Not to mention, recreational amenities such as sand volleyball, basketball and tennis. Along with a large playground area and greenspace for picnics and grilling. This all only adds to the attractiveness of Minnesota Square Park.

Development Considerations and Needs: Growing demands and shrinking resources will continue to be a challenge for parks and recreation services in Saint Peter. With strong leadership from the Saint Peter Parks and Recreation Board, there is a unique opportunity to create a guiding vision. Minnesota Square's overall aesthetic qualities are welcoming to the community. The newly constructed Pavilion stands out as the focal point for the community.

Key amenities and improvements worthy of consideration include: enhancing the park's visual and functional connection to the "gateway" of Saint Peter's downtown area (plaza – north side). Creating and improving walkways throughout the park; making the park accessible with ease for all ages and physical capabilities thru a phased sidewalk improvement project. Constructing a 15-stall parking lot with handicap parking on the south side of the park adjacent to Elm Street. Along with a sidewalk leading up to the Pavilion (parking lot & sidewalk). Minnesota Square is the communities sand volleyball headquarters. Removing the north tennis court and adding an additional sand volleyball court; (volleyball project) adding lighting by the volleyball courts; updating and relocating the playground equipment for 2-5 year olds and 6-12 year olds (playground projects); maintaining a good-sized multi-use grass area is an important design element to accommodate annual community events and provide space for informal lawn activities. Adding an irrigation system around the Pavilion would help ensure a healthy stand of grass around the overly popular structure.

- ✓ Plaza Construction: Connect the Pavilion to Saint Peter's Historic Downtown
 - Tree lined pedestrian trail leading to the Pavilion
 - Planters running up the middle with benches
 - Vendor designated parking stalls with exposed aggregate
 - Electrical improvements
 - Potential Development Costs: \$400,000 – 415,000
- ✓ Sidewalk Projects: Improve pedestrian walkability throughout Minnesota Square
 - Sidewalk from Elm Street/169 Intersection to Pavilion
 - Sidewalk from Veterans Memorial to Pavilion
 - Connecting sidewalk from Restroom to Plaza (east side of Pavilion)
 - Potential Development Costs: \$65,000 - \$70,000

- ✓ Parking Lot and Sidewalk: Pavilion access from Elm Street
 - Giving an access point on the south side of the Pavilion.
 - Potential Development Costs: \$45,000 - \$47,000
- ✓ Signage (Name with QR Code): Signs signifying Minnesota Square Park
 - City staff would install the signs
 - Potential Development Costs: \$300-400
- ✓ Sand Volleyball Courts: Developing a three court Volleyball system which opens up the opportunity for more competition and the option to host more games at Minnesota Square
 - Reaching out to the Volleyball Association for funding of the sand
 - Removing the north tennis court would free up the space for another sand volleyball court
 - City staff would remove the tennis courts
 - Potential Development Costs: \$1,500 - \$2,000
- ✓ Lighting on Volleyball Courts: With two sand volleyball courts side by side. The installation of lights would promote use and functionality of the courts.
 - Musco's Light-Structure System with TLC for LED
 - The lights would be on a timer to prevent the area being lit all night
 - Potential Development Costs: \$46,000 - \$52,000
- ✓ Irrigation System: With the heavy presence at the Pavilion, means more foot traffic. Installing a 3-4 zone system will help ensure healthy grass around the Pavilion.
 - 3-4 zone system utilizing Hunter i25 rotor heads
 - Potential Development Costs: \$10,500 - \$12,000
- ✓ Playground Upgrade: The current playground equipment is old and in need of replacement. Relocating the playground area southeast of the Pavilion creates the possibility of an area suitable for more playground options.
 - 2 – 5 Year Old Playground Upgrade
 - Potential Development Costs: \$50,000 - \$60,000
 - 6 -12 Year Old Playground Upgrade
 - Potential Development Costs: \$45,000 - \$55,000
- ✓ Splash Pad: The addition of a 1,600 square foot splash pad would create family fun for all ages.
 - The splash pad could be located just west of the Plaza south of College Avenue
 - Utilities are in place to support such a structure
 - Potential Development Costs: \$135,000 - \$145,000

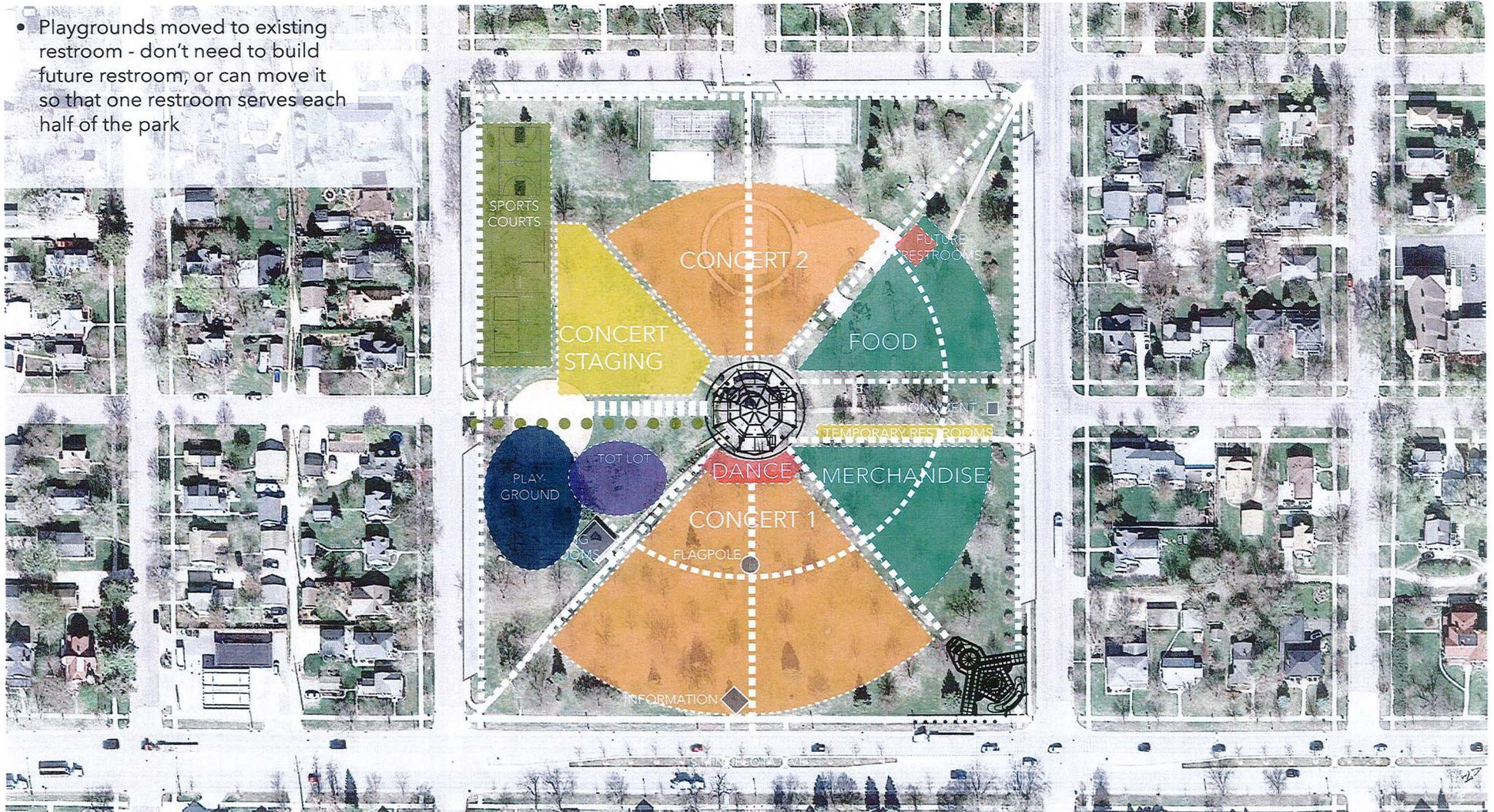


MINNESOTA SQUARE PARK PAVILION PLAZA | CONCEPT PLAN



SWITCH - EVENT LAYOUT

- Playgrounds moved to existing restroom - don't need to build future restroom; or can move it so that one restroom serves each half of the park





Saint Peter Recreation and Leisure Services Monthly Activity Report

August 2020

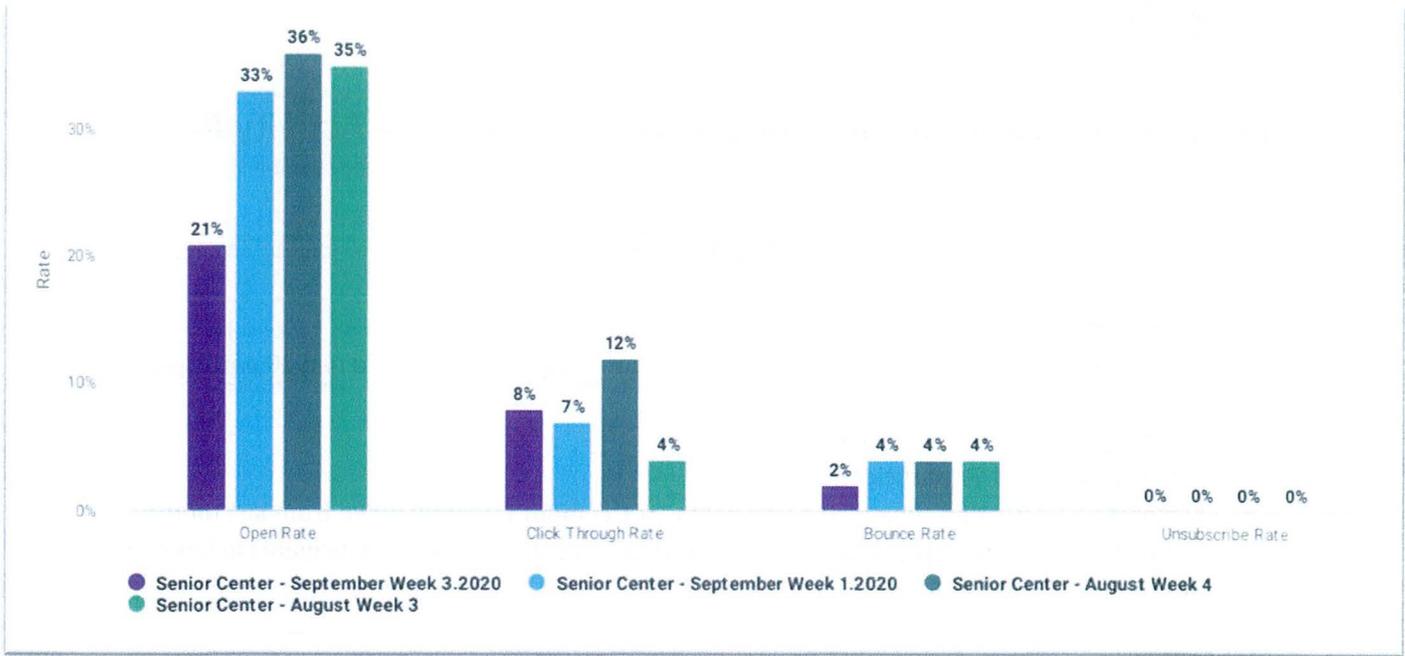
Recreation Programming

- Microstars, a pre-school sports and games program for ages 3-6 years old had 10 participants total.
- Princess/Prince Dance Camp had 8 registrations.
- Family Fitness had 31 participants.
- Exploration Recreation served 89 participants for the month, slightly down from last month.
- Virtual Camps were fairly popular for the month of August, we had 31 participants in Camp in a Box and 17 in Tote for a Tot.

Senior Center

August 10, 2020 – September 11, 2020

- **Lunch and Learn**
 - Well attended program hosted by Moments Hospice and Senior Center on August 12.
 - 20 patrons attended; boxed lunches provided by Gustavus Dining - \$187.91. \$100 was covered by Moments Hospice
- **Active Aging Week**
 - Swag items ordered for participants.
 - 100 lunch coolers, \$475 (paid for by Mankato Clinic grant)
 - Donations secured:
 - Culligan will donate cases of water
 - Family Fresh to donate oranges
 - McDonald's coupons
 - Items ordered for Senior Explore Rec Day.
 - Craft materials ordered for Make and Take Craft Day
- **UCare**
 - Was approached by Community Engagement Specialist of UCare about donations.
 - Donated \$500 worth of puzzles for ongoing puzzle swap
 - Donated \$1000 towards the Senior Isolation boxes
- **Constant Contact**
 - Continue to use CC to send current information to subscribers.



- **Continuing Education and Online Learning**
 - *Ongoing Libraries Transforming Communities: Coaching Call and Module completed*
 - Zoom meeting September 11, 2020

Library

6,440 checkouts

207 new items added to catalog

32 new library cards issued

3,131 active library card holders in St.Peter

378 eBooks checked out in Overdrive

217 eAudiobooks checked out in Overdrive

433 active mobile patrons (sign up for a virtual library card for access to Overdrive specifically)

St. Peter loaned out 39 items via MNLink.

St.Peter patrons borrowed 18 items from MNLink libraries

633 holds were placed in Encore by St.Peter patrons.

335 Chromebox sessions were used (this includes 5 patron computers and 1 card catalog computer. Pre-Covid number of computers is 13)

537 Wifi Sessions used

The library was open 35 hours per week during COVID. Regular library hours would normally be 54 hours per week. Patrons are encouraged to limit their visits to 30 minute max.

Outreach Services

Jazz in the Park Free Book Give Away August 7 and August 21
Bookmobile at the Farmers Market each Saturday in August

Youth Services

Lego Challenges: 12 submissions

Tuesday Storytimes on Facebook:

8/04 Tooth Fairy 100 views
8/11 Mrs. Seitzer 114 views
8/18 Ms. Brenda 96 views
8/25 Mrs. Seitzer 155 views

Take and Make Kits: 118 picked up

Battle of the Books: 34 St. Peter Teens/Tweens participated (August 1)

Saint Peter Outdoor Pool

- Pool attendance for the month of August was 371 swimmers.
- Concession Sales for the month of August was \$439.60.
- Daily Admissions for the month of August was \$873.00.
- There were no pool rentals.
- The pool had to close early due to staff member testing positive for COVID-19. Pool closed on Sunday, August 9th.
- No pool passes this summer.

Program	Attendance
PM Lessons – Session 3 (max.54)	30

Facility Use

Saint Peter Community Center room reservations

- Rec programs did not provide any indoor programming.
- Senior program used 219 1 time and Gym 13 times
- Tenant used the Gym 2 times and Room 217 5 times, Room 219 5 times and 215 one time.
- City used the Gym 2 times, Room 219 5 times and 215 one time.
- Fee waived for room use 2 times

- Rental: 33
 219 4
 310A 4
 Gym 15 (North side)
 9 (South Side)
 1 (Full)

Park Shelters

MN Square: 6 paid and 6 free for groups that would normally meet inside and 1 Rec/Arts Center concert

Gault Park Shelter: 4 paid

Gorman Park Shelter: 4 paid and 5 for Rec programming (Family Fitness)

Field Use

- Saint Peter Schools reserved CSP fields 5, 6, 7, and 8 for practices 9 times and CPS field 3 one time and CPS field 9 (3 times).
- Soccer Club used Gault 1 (3 times) for practice and one game, Gault 2 (10 times) for practices and Gault 3 (6 times) for practice.
- Girls Fast Pitch practices at Gorman (4 times), Jefferson 2 (8 times) and 3 (11 times) and Stones (9 times). No games were scheduled.
- St Peter Baseball Association used Vets 1 for 2 practices and 9 games.
- Adult Softball used Jefferson fields 1 and 4 on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Rec T-Ball and Squirts used Jefferson 1-4 on Tuesday nights this program ended August 11. They also used Gorman on Friday mornings and this program ended August 14.
- Rec used the Gorman grass and patio area for youth programming 6 times.

Maintenance

Community Center

1. Parking lot crack sealed and resurfaced.
2. Patio Paver Stone Replacement.
3. Continue enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols for Community Center/Library.



Saint Peter Recreation and Leisure Services Monthly Activity Report

July 2020

Recreation Programming

The month of July was a very busy with both virtual programming and an increased amount of in-person programming. Numerous safety measures were put in place for in person programming with reduced capacities but numbers for programs were strong. Microstars, a pre-school sports and games program, for ages 3-6 years old had two sessions with 22 participants total. Sports Sampler a program that focuses on some more unique sports and adaptation of sports had 14 participants. T-ball was offered for the month of July and with reduced capacities was maxed out with participants. We had 70 children participate in our four different session offerings. Squirts baseball had 16 participants, Horse Camp with Pinewood stables was very popular with 20 participants, Princess/Prince Dance Camp had 7 registrations, and the NEY Nature Center Kayaking program was full with 8 participants. July was also the start to our adult athletic leagues. Leagues have seen solid numbers with 8 teams in each league including Men's Softball, Co-ed Softball, and Co-ed Sand Volleyball. Exploration Recreation served 100 participants for the month slightly down from last month, some of this was due to the hot and humid weather for the month of July. However for 4th of July week Exploration Recreation delivered 82 goodie bags to registered participants throughout Saint Peter. Virtual Camps were again very popular for the month of July and a very nice addition to the summer offerings, we had 49 participants in Camp in a Box and 32 in Tote for a Tot.

Senior Center

- **Senior Fitness**
 - Senior Fitness classes (formerly PALS) started back up in July with 22 individuals registered for class. As a safety precaution classes have been moved to the gym for additional opportunity to social distance.
- **Active Aging Week**
 - Grant received from Mankato Clinic Foundation for \$750 to support Active Aging Week.
 - Activities October 5 -9 include Fun Run, Pickleball Clinic, Explore Rec, Craft Day, and Mini Expo
 - Grant received from Friends of the Saint Peter Library for \$250 to support Craft Day during Active Aging Week.
- **Fall Music Program**
 - ACHF grant received for \$1600 to pay for three musicians as part of fall programming.
 - Maud Hixson: Listening for Your Song
 - Woody Guthrie's Pastures of Plenty in His Own Words and Songs
 - Celtic Yuletide with Laura MacKenzie
 - This artist will be part of the annual FOL/Library Christmas party
- **Continuing Education and Online Learning**
 - Ongoing *Libraries Transforming Communities*: 4th Coaching Call and Module completed
 - Zoom meeting July 22, 2020
 -

- **Initiated New ALA Opportunity**
 - Resilient Communities: Libraries Respond to Climate Change

Library

7,681 checkouts during the month of July.

331 new St.Peter items added to the catalog

18 new St. Peter library card registrations.

St.Peter has 3,279 active library card users.

396 Overdrive eBook checkouts.

241 eAudiobooks checkouts

423 registered Mobile patrons (patrons have signed up for a mobile library card purely for ebook access)

MNLink has somewhat re-opened. They are borrowing out a 5 item max per patron currently. Some regions are not open for interlibrary loan yet.

781 holds were placed in Encore by St.Peter patrons.

323 Chromebox sessions were used. (This included card catalog and patron computers) Currently only 5 of our 10 patron stations are available for 30 minute sessions during COVID.

516 Wifi sessions were used.

The library was closed July 3 for the Independence Day Holiday.

The library is currently open 35 hours per week during COVID. Regular library hours would normally be 54 hours per week.

Youth Services

July 8 Escape Room for School Age Families: 22

July 8 Great Stories Book Club for Teens: 2

Lunch Bunch Read-Aloud Book Club (June/July): 17 participants, Attendance: 83 over 8 weeks

July 31 Escape Room for Tweens/Teens: 20

Mondays Five Minute Fairytales: 527 combined views

Lego Challenges: 34 submissions

Tuesday Storytimes on Facebook:

7/7 First National Bank: 135 views

7/14 Michel: 122 views

7/21 Brenda/Ben: 441 views

7/28 Dr. Christina Family Dental: 251 views

Take and Make Kits: 178 picked up

Saint Peter Outdoor Pool

- Pool attendance for the month of July was 2,268 swimmers. Our busiest day was July 24th with 86 patrons for afternoon open swim and 84 patrons for evening family swim. We are averaging about 35-50 swimmer per open swim session.
- Concession Sales for the month of July was \$1,979.75.
- Daily Admissions for the month of July was \$4,194.00.
- There were two Pool Rentals totaling \$280.00.
- The pool has only been closed *Closed Early* three times the month of July (due to weather/low attendance/bodily fluids).
- Fourth of July we only had 64 patrons. No slip'n'slide in the park this year due to COVID-19.
- No pool passes this summer.

Program	Attendance
PM Lessons – Session 1 (max.54)	16
PM Lessons – Session 2 (max.54)	39
4 th of July	64
No private lessons	
Total	119

Facility Use

Saint Peter Community Center room reservations

- Rec programs used Gymnasium 11 times.
- Senior program used 217 1 time, 219 2 times and Gym 3 times
- Tenant used the Gym 2 times
- City used 219 8 times
- Fee waived for room use 6 times
- Rental: 3
 - 217 1
 - Gym 2

Park Shelters

MN Square: 10

Gault Park Shelter: 4

Gorman Park Shelter: 3

Field Use

- Soccer Club started practice at Gault soccer fields. They are scheduled to have 8 practice times a week. Games were only played on Gault Field 2.
- Girls Fast Pitch started practices they are using Jefferson and Stones with 1 practice on each field. Games were only scheduled at Jefferson.
- St Peter Baseball Association started practices. They are scheduled for multiple practices using Vets 1 and 2, Jefferson 4, Gault, and Ramsey. Games were only scheduled at Vets 1 and 2.
- Adult Softball used Jefferson fields on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Rec T-Ball and Squirts used Jefferson on Tuesday nights and Gorman on Friday mornings.

Maintenance

Community Center

1. Parking lot crack sealed and resurfaced.
2. Patio Paver Stone Replacement.
3. Continue enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols for Community Center/Library.



Saint Peter Recreation and Leisure Services Monthly Activity Report

June 2020

Recreation Programming

The month of June welcomed back recreational programming. Virtual Camps were a huge change to our department offerings but have turned out to be very popular and well received. We have three different options for participants, the first being Tote for a Tot. Participants ages 3-5 years old receive all their camp supplies along with a link to watch this with the intention that children participate with their parent or an adult to complete the different camp activities. Week 1 saw 6 participants, week 2 had 8, and week 3 had 7. Our other virtual camp offerings are called Summer Camp in a Box with the same concept except participants receive a link and are lead live through camp activities with Rec Staff. Ages for these camps are 5-7 years old and 8-12 years old. Week 1 had 17 participants, week 2 had 14, and week three had 15 campers. A couple additional Virtual offerings in June include the Social Distancing Dash Virtual Run which had 17 participants registered, along with our first 3 eSports leagues completed with 3 champions being crowned. Exploration Recreation held in-person programming with safety measures and guidelines in place. Six sites are visited weekly with 133 participants for the month of June. Activities include sports, games, crafting, and the Book Mobile.

Senior Center

- **Select Programs Resumed**
 - Estate Planning 101
 - First virtual program: 3 attended in person, 7 attended virtually
 - Diabetic Shoe Clinic
 - First time Senior Center has hosted this program
 - Hosted both fitting and pickup days
 - Approximately 20 people made appointments and received shoes through Medicare.
- **Grants Requests**
 - Grant sent to Mankato Area Foundation
 - Denied due to shift *"from crisis, to 'recovery' for nonprofits"*
- **Fall Programming Initiated**
 - Coordination of fall programs for both Senior Center and LIFE: Learning is ForEver fall lineup
 - LIFE: 5 new programs scheduled; 3 programs rescheduled from spring/summer
 - Senior Center: 6 programs scheduled
 - Musical program developed to include three musicians; ACHF grant paperwork submitted.
 - All program information input to *Brochure* folder and rooms scheduled through CivicRec.

- Active Aging Week: October 5 – 9, 2020
 - Activities all week long coordinated with local businesses
 - Monday: Bike-Walk-Run at Community Spirit Park
 - Tuesday: TBD
 - Wednesday: TBD
 - Thursday: TBD
 - Friday: Mini Senior Expo
- Fall Movie Lineup to now include both classic films and new releases; all films available through Swank Licensing.
- **Senior Fitness**
 - Will morph PALS to generic Senior Fitness
 - Meeting with Donna Nelson regarding recertification.
 - Classes will resume on July 27 in the gym
 - All class registration will be moved to online; no health assessments required.
- **Library on the Go!**
 - Books collected from all facilities; housing directors notified that Senior Center will no longer oversee program.

Library

Checkouts: 6,255

436 Overdrive ebook checkouts

199 Overdrive eAudiobook checkouts

409 Mobile Users

MNLink remains closed for patron borrowing, but returns are occurring. We are not borrowing from nor borrowing to other MNLink member libraries just yet.

151 Chromebox session used since reopening June 15.

510 WIFI Sessions used.

331 new St.Peter items added to the catalog

33 new St.Peter library card registrations

Currently 3,995 active library card users in St.Peter

The library re-opened to the public on June 15 after being closed (or offering curbside pickup only) for 89 days.

Youth Services

READsquared Sign-ups: 163

Bookmobile: Estimate 15-20 kids per week (plan to take better attendance in July)

Take-and-Make Kits: 176 out the door

Five Minute Fairy Tales: once a week on Facebook - averaging 115 views each week

Lego Challenges: 76 submissions

Virtual Storytime Guests and Facebook Views:

Mrs. Heather Storytales: 366

Where the Wild Things Are with Dan Polzin: 149

Mr. Ben: I Met a Bear 365

Money Storytime with SouthPoint Financial Credit Union: 329

IMagine YOur Story with Mrs. Potts!: 134

Lunch Bunch - Read Aloud Book Club:

17 registered. averaging 12 participants each session

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Mill Pond Shelter: 0

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Maintenance

Community Center

1. Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures.
2. Replacing cracked patio pavers.
3. Reworked common areas in preparation for opening to the public June 15.

Phase
2

07/14/2020

Thompson Dog Park Priorities

Item	Description	Needed
1	Signage (Thompson Dog Park)	2
2	Picnic Tables	4
3	Shade with Concrete	1
4	Garbage/Recycling (Receptacles)	4
5	Turf Entrances	2
6	Dog Waste Stations	2
7	Dog Waste Refill Bags (annual)	1
8	Trees	6
9	Landscaping	6
10	Parking/Painting Stalls	10
11	Concrete Entry Trial	1
12	Irrigation System	1

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