

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-054
VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE STAFF TO DEVELOP
AN ENTRY LEVEL DISC GOLF COURSE AT GORNEY PARK**

The Village Board for the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, WI do resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer presented to the Parks Committee a concept layout for utilizing the grass fields at Gorney Park off of 7 Mile Road as presented in the Village Engineers Memorandum dated May 6, 2025, and included hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the concept proposal included a simple 9 hole disc golf course layout that would utilize the existing grass open spaces, coordinate efforts with Root-Pike-Win to install natural prairie areas through a grant funded program, and not require any capital improvement budget to install the goals, landscaping and other features of the course; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Committee reviewed the information and recommended approval on June 10, 2025, for Village Staff to develop the entry level disc golf course included in **Exhibit A**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Caledonia that Village staff is hereby authorized to develop the disc golf course at Gorney Park for the reasons and requirements set forth in **Exhibit A** and in compliance with all applicable Village Ordinances.

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin, this 24 day of June, 2025.

VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

By: _____

Thomas Weatherston
Village President

Attest: _____

Jennifer Bass
Village Clerk

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 6, 2025

To: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Ryan Schmidt, P.E.
Village Engineer



Re: **Disc Golf – Gorney Park**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Parks Committee has discussed the concept of utilizing lower Gorney Park off of 7 Mile Road for a variety of items. It was initially approved and used for soccer since the yard waste site was removed back in the late 1990's. Soccer was rarely played in this location and the previous proposal of a dog park did not pass.

The newly approved Park and Open Space Plan 2050 the Committee worked on includes the development of a disc golf course at Gorney Park in the proposed 2031-2050 Facility Developments and Improvements. In addition, the 2025-2030 improvements include a combination of improving the turf in this location and adding prairie plantings. The discussion further arose during the April 2025 Parks Meeting and it was determined that further research should be done before committing to anything in this location. The remainder of this memorandum is a compilation of the information to date regarding the concept of a disc golf course in this area.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & DETAILS

Disc golf is a recreational activity that offers a high benefit-to-cost ratio because it has low capital and maintenance costs compared to most other amenities and features of public parks. Disc Golf is played very much like traditional golf but instead of hitting a ball, the player throws a frisbee disc into a metal basket. The scoring is similar as well where the player is attempting to complete each hole in as few shots as possible. This is a sport that anyone can play and is quite easy to understand.

Attached to this memorandum is an exhibit with a concept disc golf course design utilizing the two areas of Gorney Park off 7 Mile Road. Staff looked at the Professional Disc Golfers Association for guidance on course design and typical rules/regulations for utilizing the space. The biggest goal to discuss, and ultimately what drove the concept design, was the level of player challenge the Village would like to have. Staff believes the goal should be to have a very beginner level course for kids and adults alike. The terrain is very flat and open which plays into that level of difficulty at the very start.

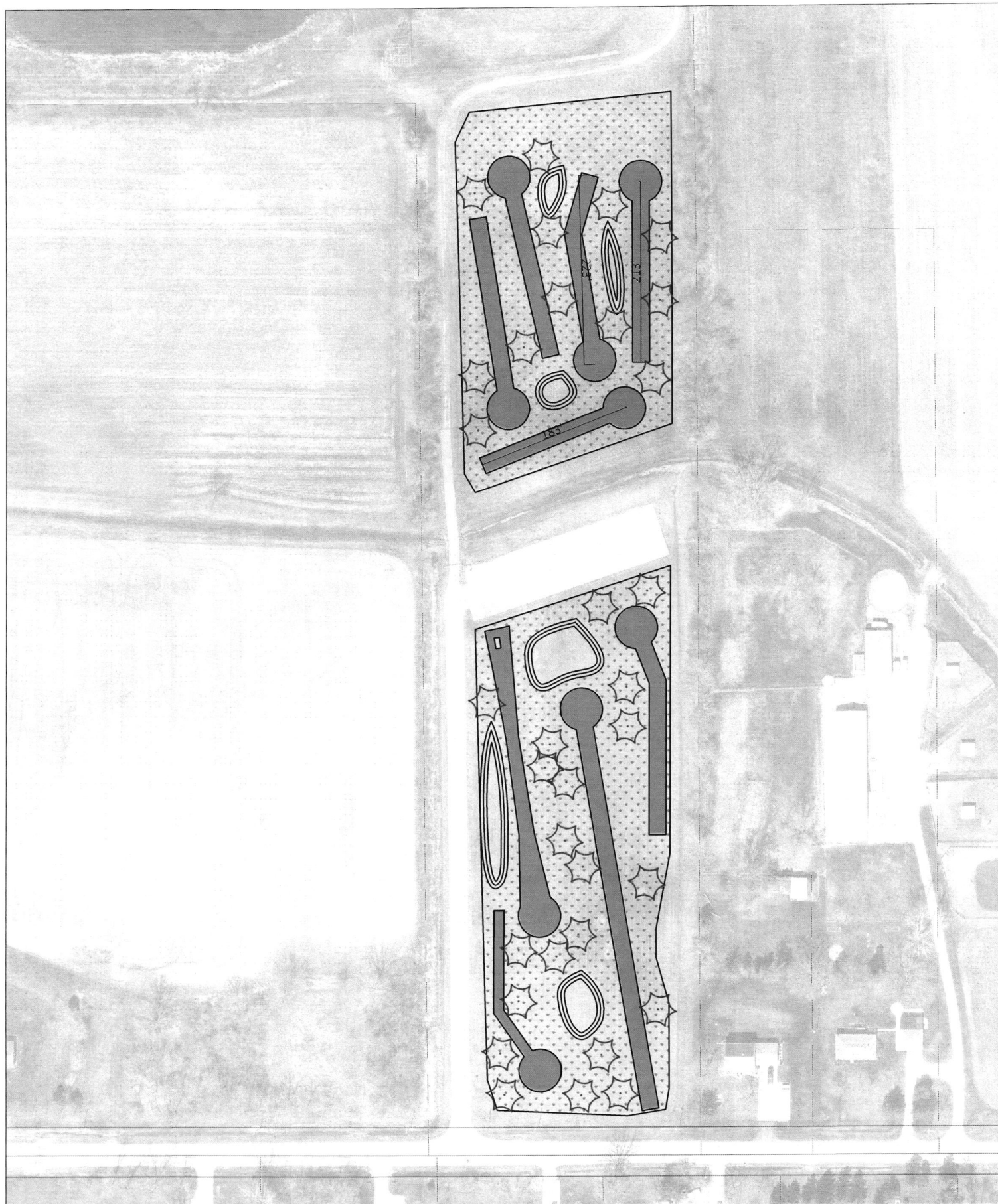
Holes are measured like golf with Par 3, 4, and 5. Minimum distances for those at the beginner level or "green" level are 100+, 325+, and 475+, respectively. The course provided

includes all Par 3 holes with the exception of 2 holes, to include a Par 4 and Par 5. This was done to utilize the length of the space and provide some inclusivity of more experienced players.

The holes would be the existing grass with a mowed turf surface roughly 20' in width. The Village already mows and maintains this space and the width is open for variation based on future prairie plantings. The remaining portion would include a combination of berms made from fill material that our Public Works crews can place on-site as well as the grant driven prairie plantings with Root-Pike-Win. Areas can also utilize with the existing mulch from our Public Works Department for "greens" or "bunkers" as desired. Trees can be planted on a donation basis or slowly over time as budget allows to create buffers and an aesthetically pleasing landscape.

Tee pads would be made from concrete at the minimum 4'x10' requirement at all locations based on a donation process. Tees can be made from gravel or earthen material at the onset of the development of a course to ensure its location is accurate and usable for the long-term. Targets would be purchased utilizing Park Fees or general park budget. These can be purchased in portable units or ground anchored versions for less than \$500 each. Course development and signage is intended to be achieved through local sponsorships as well. Our Parks Supervisor has already discussed this concept with local vendors and businesses about the cost to donate for the minimum signage and concrete. If donations are acquired – that hole would include their logo on the sign.

All design work and efforts are expected to remain in-house to avoid any additional costs. Currently, no specific motion is required. Staff recommends the committee discuss the options further and only make a motion to approve and direct staff if they have intentions to proceed.



Concept Disc Golf Course
Gorney Park