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5:01 start, no absences

Citizen comments:

Ken Michel—over saturation of evens/beer gardens, dedication and maintenance requirements

Introductions by members/experiences

SWOT-led by Pete based on committee comments

Strengths

- Amount of undeveloped land
- Centrally located
- Flat/open fields
- Affluence of residents
- Park safety (public safety building)
- Infrastructure

Weaknesses

- Maintenance costs
- Lack of comm interest/change
- Not understanding costs to develop park
- Lack of staff
- Access to park—roads, etc.
- Grading of existing paths is poor/water management
- Few special needs amenities
- Current design of park—random/scattered
- Legislation regarding animals/liquor
- Public safety building

Opportunities

- Expand pedestrian trail/path
- Attract tournaments
- Population growing/use of parks increasing
- Create rec opportunities for all ages
- Create winter amenities
- Contract w/ businesses to operate in the park
- Fundraising and supports from businesses

Threats

- Lack of funding
- Lack of commitment
- Saturation of certain amenities (i.e. Beer Garden)
- Flooding/pooling in areas

Trustee Wishau-list and map of suggestions, provided baseline for ideas

Amenities

- ADA playground

- Fitness stations/free-running options
- Gazebo/band shell
- Non thoroughfare---road to south
- Soccer field
- Multi-purpose courts
- Dog park
- Sledding hill
- Walking paths
- Pickleball courts
- Skating rink
- Full ball court, instead of 2 half courts
- Gazebo/band shell
- Splash pad
- Add access for parking/drives/safety building
- Artificial shade
- Prairie/rain gardens
- Butterfly garden

Long-term maintenance remains a concern.

No need for public indoor rental sites—high cost.

Adjourned at 1817 hours—Christian/Andrew