



PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Caledonia Village Hall – 5043 Chester Lane

Call to Order

- 1. Approval of Minutes** – Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – June 11, 2024
- 2. Public Comment** – Provides a two-minute opportunity for citizens to voice opinions to the Park & Recreation Advisory Committee. The Committee cannot respond as this may conflict with open meeting requirements.
- 3. New Business**
 - a. Discuss and Review Concept “South Phase” of Crawford Park Master Plan.
- 4. Old Business**
 - a. Crawford Park Mass Grading – Project Update
 - b. Discussion on Uniform Bench for Park System.
- 5. Adjournment**

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
June 11, 2024**

1 – Order

5:02 pm meeting called to order by Trustee McManus.

PRESENT: 4 – Trustee McManus, Trustee Stillman, Eugene Pagel, Tom Dovorany

EXCUSED: 2 – Trustee Lambrecht, Larry Pedrazoli

ABSENT: 2 – Carl Garnetzke, Christian De Jong

STAFF/OTHER: Village Engineer Ryan Schmidt, President Tom Weatherston, Development Director Peter Wagner

2 – Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2024

Chairperson McManus tabled the minutes to the July Parks Meeting due to committee member shortage.

3. Public comment –

The following people appeared to speak before the Committee:

None

4 – New Business

A. Discuss and Review Future Crawford Park Buildout

Staff presented the Crawford Park Master Plan Layout with minor modifications showing the future storm water ponds. Staff also presented the Master Plan Report that described the Priority Levels and expected costs for future projects and where the Village sits today. Discussion ensued about the next direction the Village should take towards developing the site according to the Master Plan. Since it is expected to have the sledding hill completed and asphalt recreation trail completing the full loop in 2024, the committee thought it would be best to pursue a portion of the court sports and internal parking/road system. The committee directed staff to put together a rough estimate for the road and south parking lot combined with a portion of the court sports for the July Meeting. No motion required.

5 – Continuing Business

A. Crawford Park Mass Grading – Project Update

Staff presented a project update and refresher for members who were absent from previous meetings. Project pushed into July with a preconstruction meeting next week. No action required.

B. Discussion on Donation Items for Parks Department

Staff discussed this as the carryover item for when Trustee McManus was available. The committee discussed the concept of getting documentation out to the public to request support for future projects. Trustee McManus described her experience with donations and recommended a tiered donation system. It was recommended to have a specific item on the agenda for the next meeting addressing this topic.

C. Discussion of Uniform Bench for Park System

Staff updated the group on the final bench cost and delivery time. Concrete installation quotes are needed to complete the all-in price for installing a bench as well as the plaque to be mounted for dedication. Staff will collect further information on the concrete and include the all-in price at the next meeting.

6 – Adjournment

Trustee McManus adjourned the meeting at 5:45pm with no more items on the agenda.

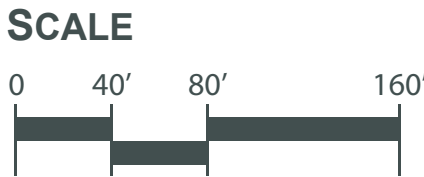


Crawford Park

Master Plan

Caledonia, WI
9.21.2022

- LEGEND
- Open-Air Shelter
 - Sculptural Piece



PROJECT PHASING

The Village of Caledonia seeks a master plan to guide future improvements to Crawford Park, and its expected expansion to neighboring parcels, to provide a guiding vision for a unique community amenity. Crawford Park is situated on 18 acres with an additional 17 acres in the planned development area. The current park hosts a variety of recreational amenities, playgrounds, and walking trails; however, many of the existing equipment is facing its useful lifetime limit and storm water has become a major issue. Aside from the aging park amenities, access to these recreational uses can be cumbersome to some community members.

The Village has recently completed the construction of their Village Hall adjacent to the park and is in the process of constructing a new Public Safety Building that will play a factor into the future of Crawford Park.

Improvements to Crawford Park will maintain the layout of existing baseball diamonds and associated parking with improvements to accessibility, stormwater management, and grading. Centralized recreation area will include court sports, a new 4-season shelter with plaza space, updates to existing playgrounds and shelter, proposed splashpad, and associated parking and trails. The east area of the park will focus on more open recreation: a multi-use sports field, a sledding hill, passive recreation areas, and a skatepark. The south area of the park will include the restoration of farm fields into a native prairie space, with recreational walking/running trails, rentable shelters and gathering spaces throughout.

Analysis of the existing park conditions and the proposed masterplan, conducted during the Summer of 2022, helped provide a general prioritization/phasing schedule for the Village.

Priority I - Initial rough grading of site and stormwater improvements; site restoration with turf grass and native prairie areas; updated playground; court sports; and initial parking. Recommended in 0 - 3 years.

Priority II - Mile trail loop with gathering nodes, benches, mowed trails, and shade shelters; 4-Season Pavilion with flex plaza space; remodel existing shelter with improved accessibility; and additional parking and stormwater management as needed. Recommended in 3 - 6 years.

Priority III - Skatepark; splashpad; southern open-air shelter with restrooms and associated path connections; expanded parking if needed; existing parking lot runoff and accessibility improvements; fine grading for multi-use sports field and winter skating rink; and park road East-West connection. Recommended improvements 6 + years or as needed.

Ongoing - Sledding hill; tree plantings; sculptures and/or workout stations; donor benches, and areas of screening/landscaping improvements as needed.

The prioritization schedule provided above is an example and can be modified to meet the needs of the Village of Caledonia's ability to budget for necessary improvements. The Village may add, remove, or prioritize some elements ahead of others due to potential funding sources becoming available or unforeseen community needs becoming apparent in the future.

PRIORITY 1 – INITIAL SITE PREPARATION / HIGH PRIORITY AMENITY REPLACEMENT

Due to the current ongoing projects and extents of future improvements, it is recommended that the Village begin by establishing a rough grading plan for undeveloped areas of the park and existing areas to be re-developed. Efforts should be taken to manage current stormwater issues and begin to anticipate the needs of future park developments.

Through community engagement, the Village identified the need for updates to their existing court sports, and specifically, the desire for pickle ball courts within the community. In coordination with the rough grading, the Village should grade for new court facilities to meet demands. The current plan lays out (2) full-size basketball court, (8) dedicated pickle ball courts, and (2) multi-sport courts: (2) tennis/ (8) pickle ball courts. It is recommended that the Village plan for including at least half of the amenities, (1) basketball, (4) pickle ball, (1) multi-sport court during the first phase. Subsequent phases can identify the need for additional courts and the final amount of each court type is to be determined by the Village. Inclusive to the court area should be access and parking.

Another area of concern is the age of playground equipment. The Village should prioritize replacement of the northern playground area. Inclusive to the playground work will be a new park access road, adequate parking, with accessible routes to the playground and shelter. Adequate parking needs to be established by the Village to base on expected volume of users for the proposed playground amenities and existing facilities.

Establishing native perennial planting areas as soon as possible will provide a base landscape for the future walking trails/paths throughout the southern area of the park. Native seeding may take up to 3 years to fully establish and will need proper management efforts to grow into a healthy plant community. The village can anticipate proposed trail routes and seed accordingly.

As a part of the future improvements to Crawford Park, the Village may review and update the ordinance for dogs in park. Many responses to the survey requested a dog-park; however, the village has plans for a dog park elsewhere. A simple, yet effective compromise would be allowing dogs “on-leash” along walking paths/trails.

Priority I	
Mobilization, Bonds, and Insurance	\$ 200,000.00
Grading/Stormwater/Site Restoration	\$ 497,500.00
Native Prairie Seeding (6 Acres)	\$ 100,000.00
Playgrounds (2-5 age, 5-12 age)	\$ 500,000.00
Basketball Courts (2)	\$ 250,000.00
Pickle ball Courts (8)	\$ 240,000.00
Multi-Sport Courts (2)	\$ 250,000.00
Roads and Sidewalks	\$ 304,000.00
Park Amenities	\$ 63,000.00
Landscaping Allowance	\$ 30,000.00
Phase Subtotal =	\$ 2,434,500
Engineering (10%) =	\$ 243,450.00
Contingency (15%) =	\$ 401,692.50
TOTAL =	\$ 3,079,642.50

PRIORITY II – TRAIL LOOP AND SHELTERS

In the Priority II phase, the Village's focus will be on providing three key things: the mile trail loop, construction of the 4-Season Pavilion and flex plaza space, and the remodeling of the existing shelter.

The mile trail loop provides a passive recreation element within more natural areas of the park and expands on existing goals of the park. To coincide with this development, park improvements may include resting and gathering spaces along the path with benches, small gathering nodes within natural areas, and rentable shade shelters. The main path in the park should be 10' wide with a 2' mowed shoulder. Wisconsin's DNR - Knowles Nelson Stewardship Program is a potential grant-funding source for the trail system. The Village can also consider smaller, mowed walking trails to provide alternative walking routes throughout the natural area. As part of the expected trail use, the Village should plan to periodically place dog-waste refuse stations.

The central, 4-Season Pavilion with flex space will be a major budget item, but it also has the greatest upside potential. Ideally, the Pavilion will have the potential to convert into a semi-open air pavilion during more favorable weather, but can still be used in the colder months. The restrooms within the Pavilion will serve nearby amenities, a rentable kitchen space for events, and a rentable four season flex space to be used for a variety of events, classes, meetings, etc. An outdoor flex space is intended to be an extension of the pavilion and serve various programs. Final size and amenities requirements of the pavilion to be determined by the Village. The Village may need to adjust local ordinances to allow parks to be open during winter months with the addition of the 4-season Pavilion and winter amenities in later phases of implementation.

The Village aims to maintain the existing park shelter, serving the playgrounds to the north. A thorough audit of the park shelter's existing conditions and design should be conducted to determine an estimate of probable cost to bring the structure up to code. . Updates to the existing shelter should be considered in the park improvement budget.

As part of the Priority II elements, additional parking, paths, and stormwater management are identified as park improvements.

Priority II	
Mobilization, Bonds, and Insurance	\$ 250,000.00
General Site Work	\$ 92,500.00
Trail Loop	\$ 252,000.00
Roads and Sidewalks	\$ 495,000.00
Park Amenities	\$ 52,500.00
Remodel Ex. Shelter - Allowance	\$ 40,000.00
4-Season Shelter	\$ 2,000,000.00
20'x20' Open Air Shelter (2)	\$ 80,000.00
5'x10' Shade Shelters (5)	\$ 50,000.00
Site Utilities	\$ 250,000.00
Landscaping Allowance	\$ 30,000.00
Phase Subtotal =	\$ 3,592,000
Engineering (10%) =	\$ 359,200.00
Contingency (15%) =	\$ 592,680.00
TOTAL =	\$ 4,543,880.00

PRIORITY III – SPECIAL AMENITIES

Priority III phase focuses on elements less crucial to the overall park design and may be reconsidered in the future. Final decisions have not been made on the design or size of improvements in this portion of the plan, but general design guidelines are provided.

Skatepark - Can be all concrete or a flat pad with prefabricated wooden structures. Concrete can last longer, but is more costly per square foot than asphalt.

Splashpad - Can be flow through or re-circulating. Flow through is more cost effective to construct, but requires more water use. Re-circulating requires housing special equipment to treat the water before reuse. Both systems will need regular maintenance, winterizing, and daily operational duties.

Southern Shelter - This shelter would serve as a rentable, open-air shelter with at least (2) single occupancy restrooms. The potential for a warming kitchen/storage may also be considered. A drinking fountain and bottle filler serves shelter users and small number of bike racks. This shelter provides a remote space within the native area to host small gatherings or provide a respite for trail users.

Additional Parking - Due to the size of the existing western parking lot and the unknown sizes of future park amenities, further study will need to be conducted to establish if additional parking is necessary. Throughout the prior phases, the Village shall work with the consulting engineers to provide an adequate number of parking stalls for ease of access for those with mobility issues. If deemed necessary, the Village should plan for additional parking in this phase. Inclusive to this is the need for additional stormwater management and accessible routes.

Sports Field and Ice Rink Fine Grading - In order to meet codes these amenities may require fine grading to be completed. Additional equipment may also be necessary depending on programming. Final size, type, and quantity of athletic fields to be determined by the Village.

East-West Park Road Connection - This is deemed a lower priority due to the unconfirmed exact needs of the park. Ultimately, the decision to complete this is up to the Village, but that decision should be made after the prior park phases have been completed and user demands can be observed more carefully. It has been noted that a connection through the park is a concern, but through traffic calming measures, the Village can maintain the safety of the park and the wellbeing of the neighborhood. Certain measures such as raised crosswalks, time-locked park gates, and proximity to the public safety building can limit future issues.

Priority III

Mobilization, Bonds, and Insurance	\$	150,000.00
General Site Work	\$	52,500.00
Roads and Sidewalks	\$	256,000.00
Park Amenities	\$	12,200.00
Splash Pad	\$	500,000.00
Skatepark	\$	450,000.00
Prairie Shelter	\$	450,000.00
Site Utilities	\$	50,000.00
Landscaping Allowance	\$	30,000.00
Phase Subtotal =	\$	1,950,700
Engineering (10%) =	\$	195,070.00
Contingency (15%) =	\$	321,865.50
TOTAL =	\$	2,467,635.50

ON-GOING PROJECTS

This section is created to allow the Village to plan for items that can be included in non-typical budgeting methods.

Sledding hill - as discussed with Village Engineer, other Village projects could use the sledding hill area to dump extra fill, with the anticipation of building it up little by little every year.

Approximate cost - Unknown

Tree Plantings - A memorial tree or tree donation program could be established to allow residents to assist in the growth of the canopy of the park.

Approximate cost - \$500/tree

Sculptures - Elements such as these can be donated/funded through different methods instead of the typical park budget. They can also be elements added much later into the growth of the park, as they are optional improvements.

Approximate cost - \$5,000 - \$10,000 per sculpture

Donor Benches - Another opportunity to expand the park amenities is establishing a bench donor program. These benches can be included as part of other phase developments, or as extra benches throughout the park if there is community interest.

Approximate Cost - \$800-1200/bench, 5" Concrete Sidewalk and base \$10/sf

Additional Landscaping/Screening - As this Master Plan did not go into full depth of the design of all the park elements such as building sizes, exact layouts, or full park programming, this item anticipates the need for improving the aesthetic of the park and maintaining a good relationship with the neighboring community members.

Approximate cost - \$10-12/sf of planting bed

OVERALL COSTS

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