

## Village Of Lawrence

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### PUBLIC INPUT MEETING: VILLAGE PARK PROJECT

Host: Lawrence Joint Parks and Recreation and DDA

April 13th, 2023

Present: A.Lorenzo, D.Quick, T.Stroud, T.Reynnells, D.Vanzoran, K.Maring

Guest Presenter: Ben Baker from Wightman and Associates

Meeting started: 5:30pm

#### Ben Baker Presents Village Park Project

- Leather's and Associates assessment of 2018 and Summary fo results
- Kid's Palace
  - To bring up to date and regulations approx.\$250k
  - Leather's: New Build with community help approx.\$450-600k
  - Landscape Structures: New build installed approx. \$500-700
    - All estimates approximating contingent upon size and design
      - Public Input
        - "It seems that doing a large community build would not be successful with this generation. Time commitments and volunteers would be very difficult to organize"-Annette Crandall
        - " I like the idea of a fence around park, with one access point."-Esther Tower.
        - "I'm concerned about the environment and would like to keep as many trees from being cut down as possible."-Mrs. Peterson
        - "I would like to have the park be walkable and a concrete path to the bathrooms"Mr.Muday
      - Option layout 1: reorient the basketball courts to be parallel and further from the west pavilion , add 2 pickleball courts and walking path with benches.
      - Option layout 2: resurface the basketball courts, walking path with benches, and 2 pickleball courts.
        - "I like the courts being further away from pavilion" Mr.Muday
        - "I like the idea of only 2 pickleball courts, so we still have a small court left for the younger kids basketball" -D.Vanzoran
      - Overall consensus seemed to be that the public liked the Option 1 of Reorienting the courts for a better layout and more green space.
    - Splash Pad: Ben also discussed reviewed summary results of survey from community and there was a desire for a launch pad, so Ben discussed this as well and what costs and scope would be for a project like that. Consensus was that it is not feasible at this time.

Attached is the brainstorm list from public comments online and during the meeting, see below

Meeting ended: 7:15pm

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Next meeting: Tuesday, April 25th at 6:00pm at village hall



1. Old pavilion : make this structure as maintenance free as possible by installing metal roof, soffit, fascia and ceiling to help bird nesting.
2. Current basketball court: pivot so it runs east and west rather than diagonally as it is now. This would open up more green space to the east.
3. Current "old tennis court" : pivot is it runs east of the restrooms and create pickle ball courts. It would be nice if we could also incorporate basketball backboards for the younger kids on the pickle ball courts on the east end.
4. Restrooms: metal roof, soffit, fascia to make it as maintenance free as possible.
5. Palace: contract with Leathers design to maintain what we can of the original structure and to bring the playground up to code. Install a fence around the perimeter with limited access for parents to monitor children's safety. Remove the outdated playground equipment with ADA approved auxiliary equipment, ie swings.. carefully look at the footprint to see if it could be be contracted a bit as it does utilize 25% of park space.
6. Install a small fountain in the area where the original fountain was located with a flower garden around the fountain. Install cement sidewalks from each of the pavilions to the fountain area.
7. I truly believe we need to maintain all of the current green space south of the fountain area for family picnic areas, farmers market, and ox roast vendors,,,
8. Install decorative lighting in green space area.
9. Wheel Chair Swing
10. Add path to bathroom from the pavilions
11. Two basketball two pickleball courts rather than only one basketball court
12. Add color to concrete sidewalk to make it blend into the park more
13. Move pickleball between basketball and pavilion to create more separation of kids from adults
14. Re-plant the old fountain with more flowers and possibly add a water feature
15. Install a fence around the playground

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