



Barrie Park Site Master Plan

Community Meeting Number 4

May 13th, 2015



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Barrie Park Site Master Plan: Process A Blue Print for the Future”

Already taken place:

Site walkthrough, Focus Groups, 3 Community meetings and a Presentations to the P. D. Citizen’s Committee and the Board of the Park District. Presented the concept of the Speed Table to the Transportation Commission with a positive result.

May 13th

Community Mtg #4

Thursday June 4th

Present recommendation and cost estimate to Board at Committee Meeting at Conservatory

Monday June 18th

Park Board to consider accepting final plan at regular Board meeting, 218 Madison Street.



Barrie Park Site Master Plan: Tonight

- Review of consensus items already established
- Report on results of meetings with the Village
- Look at a proposed layout for the top of the reservoir
- Examine the results of the 3rd Questionnaire
- Discuss the results
- (Hopefully) Reach consensus on a recommendation to the Board of the Park District



Barrie Park Site Master Plan: Consensus Items

- Speed Table on Lombard at the Center
(Presented and supported by Village Transportation Commission)
- Tot Lot expansion
(majority and staff wish it to stay in current location)
- New ramp configuration at the Center
- Partial roof structure over the Reservoir and potential uses

Main Park: whatever scheme is chosen

- Improve the drainage
- Improve Park Entryways
- Flip the back stop to the NE to help join Center and Park
- Add picnic grove, seating, planting and trees
- Distance markers and exercise stations (active adults)
- Exercise stairs/course on the Sled Hill

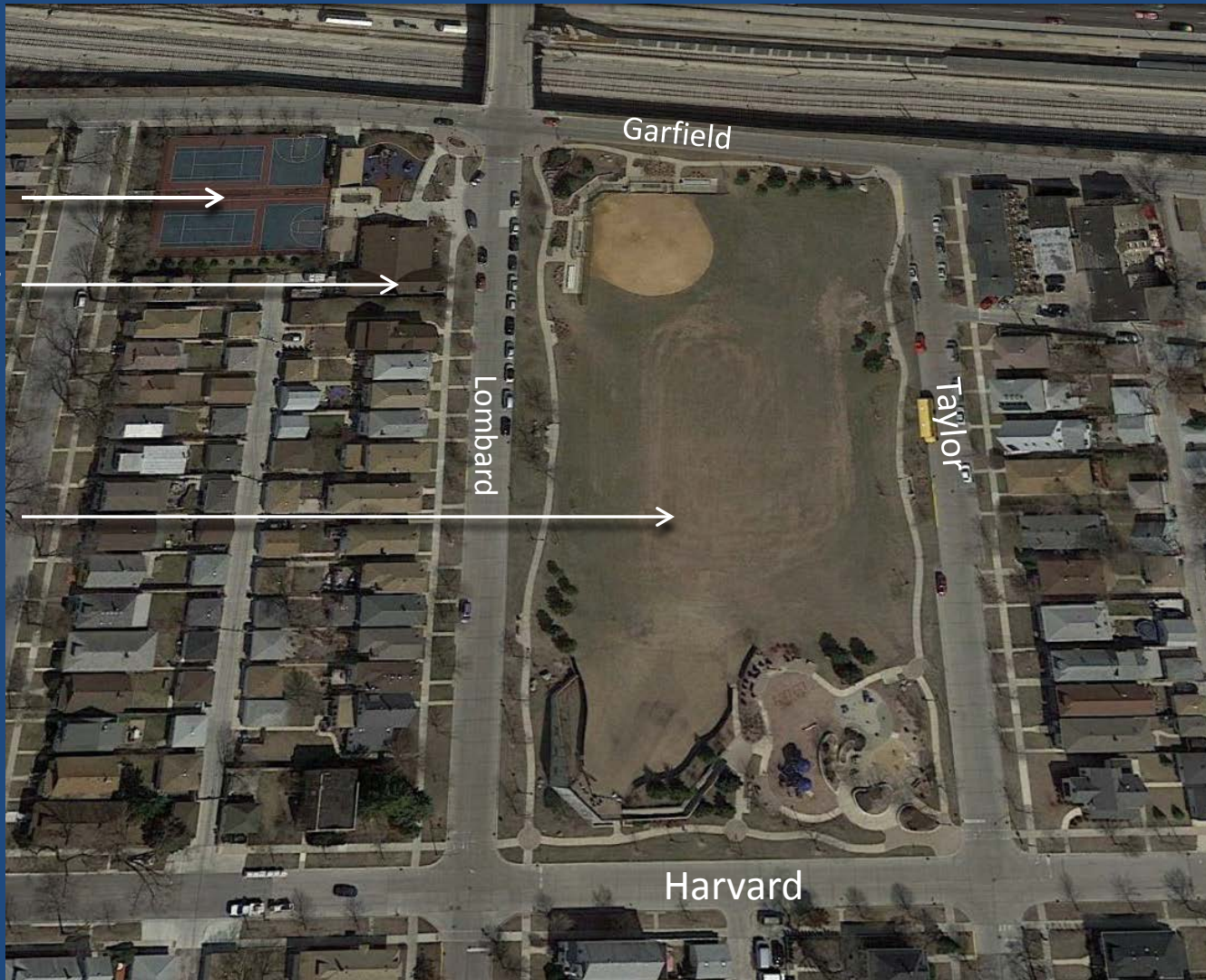


The Park Today

Reservoir
& multi-use
space

Barrie Center
& Tot Lot

Barrie Park



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Consensus Item: Speed Table at the Center

Traffic and Drop-Off at the Center

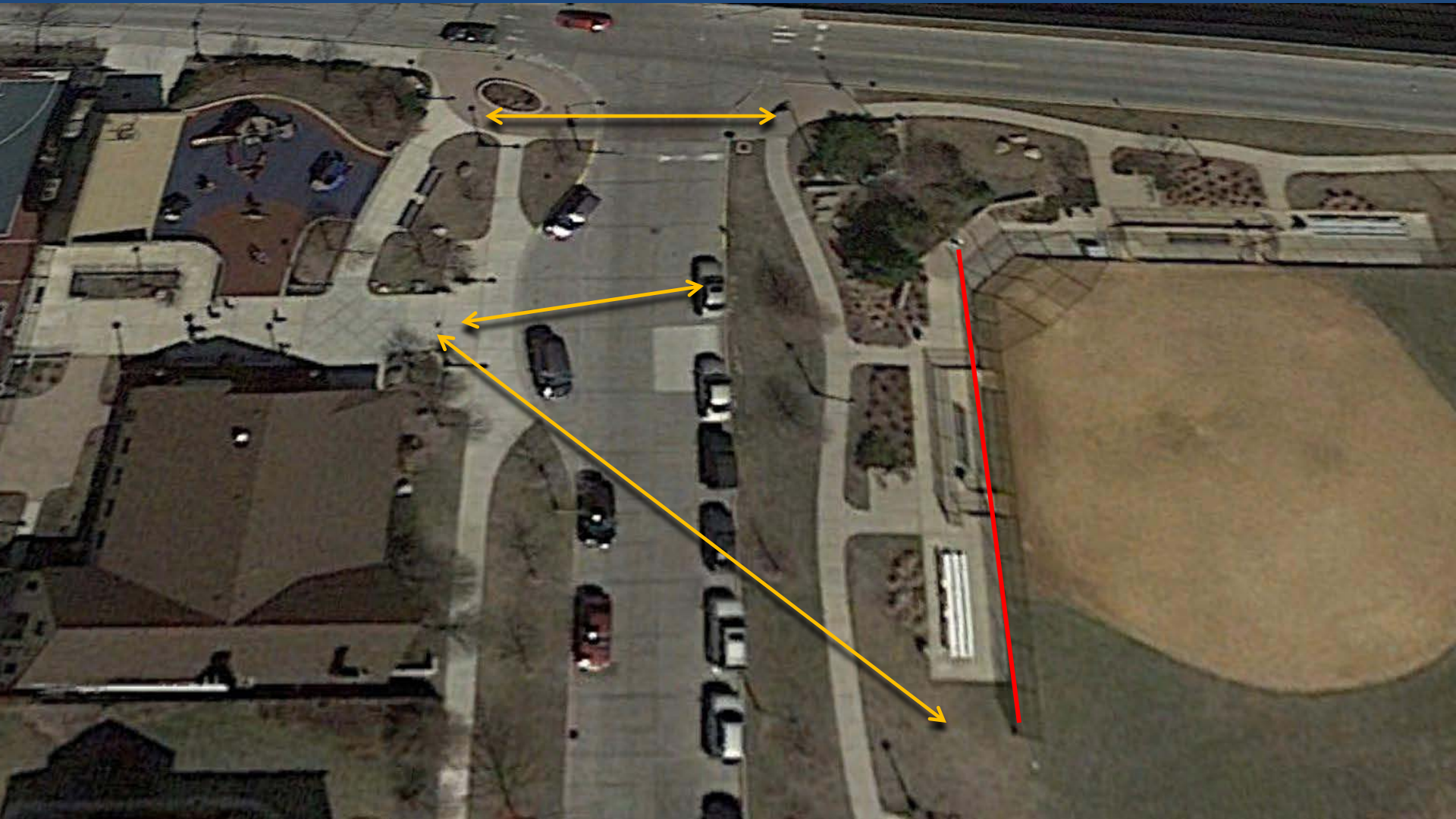
Bus drop-off 3:30, baseball 4, soccer 5:15, more activity for summer events



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Expand Drop-off, Add a Speed Table, Move Back Stop
Alert drivers, Calm traffic, Join Center & Park together



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Barrie Center



1. Create better bathroom access (a family bathroom)
2. Create larger multi-use space
3. Retrofit work station into kitchen
4. Parking for Staff - garage at rear

View of tot lot and entry plaza at Barrie Center

“A lot of concrete, gets very hot” and “not enough seating or shade”





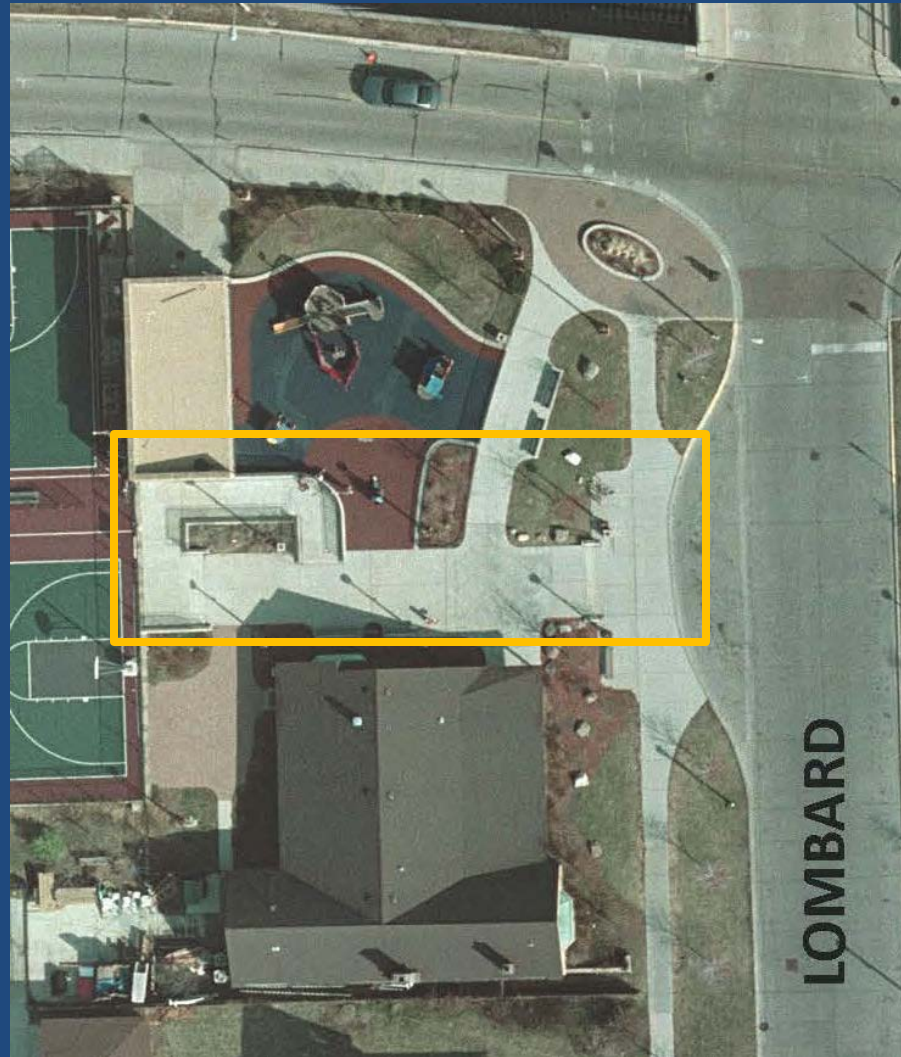
Main suggestions for Tot Lot at Barrie Center

Most Popular suggestions from Questionnaires and Meetings

1. Improve Safety
2. Redesign
3. Add Peter Pan mural
4. Add water feature
5. Add picnic pavilion
6. Apply green solutions

To achieve all this we will need more space

Issues: Large Areas of Concrete



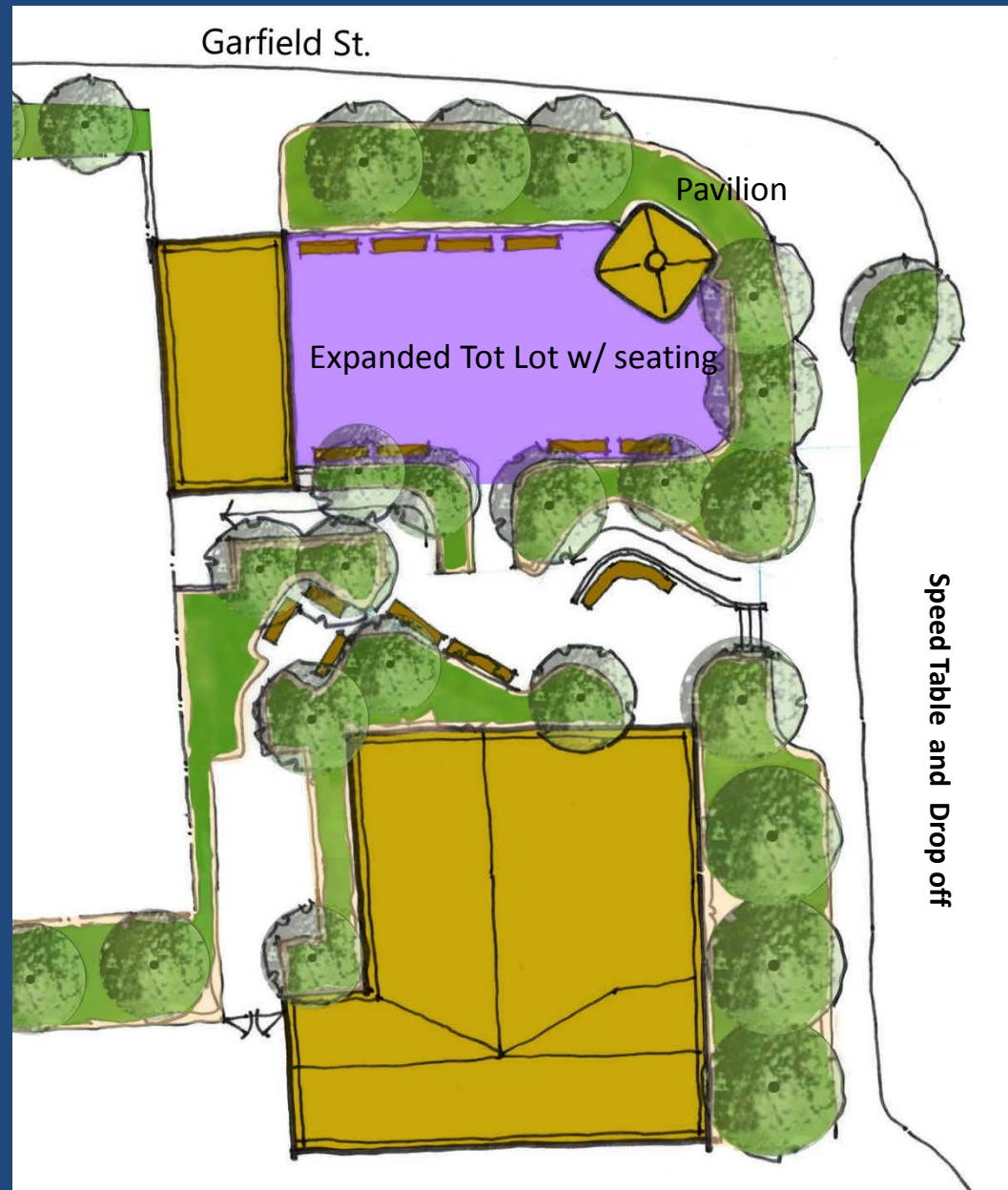
Example: Ramp becomes a place



Scheme 1

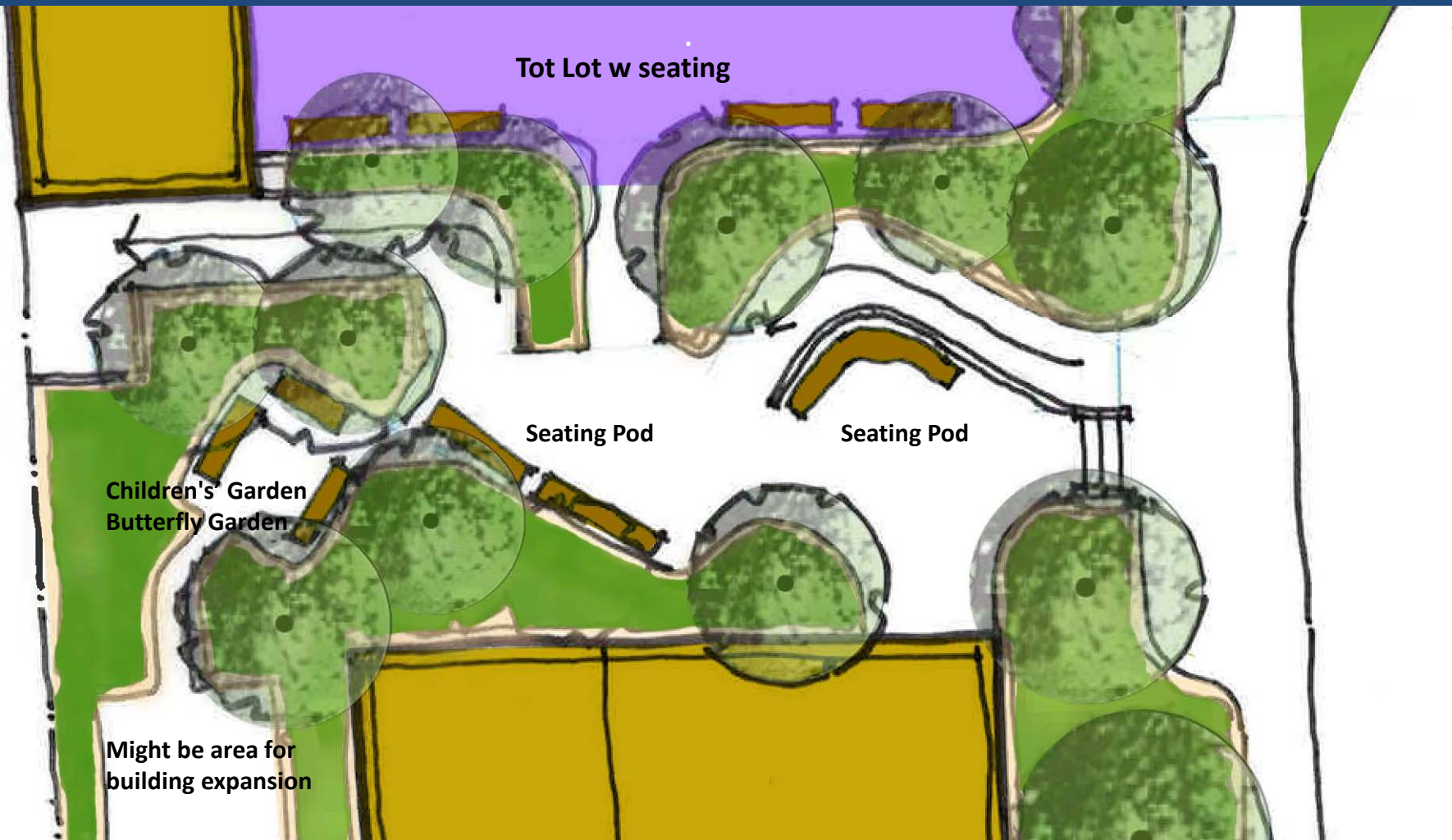


More play space
More trees
Places to sit



Scheme 1

Enlarged planting areas, 3 different seating pods, space for garden



The Top of Reservoir



Multi-use space, Volley ball, 2 Half Courts, 2 Tennis Courts, 143 ft x 123 ft (17,589 sq ft) But space is “cut-off” from the rest of the facility



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Add a roof over Reservoir to make it useable year-round



From discussions with the Village

- Preliminary agreement on proposed uses but grilling/food to be reviewed by Dept. of Public Health
- There must be access to the reservoir for inspection and repair
- Village must be kept informed of when and what will be constructed
- Review and approval of structures

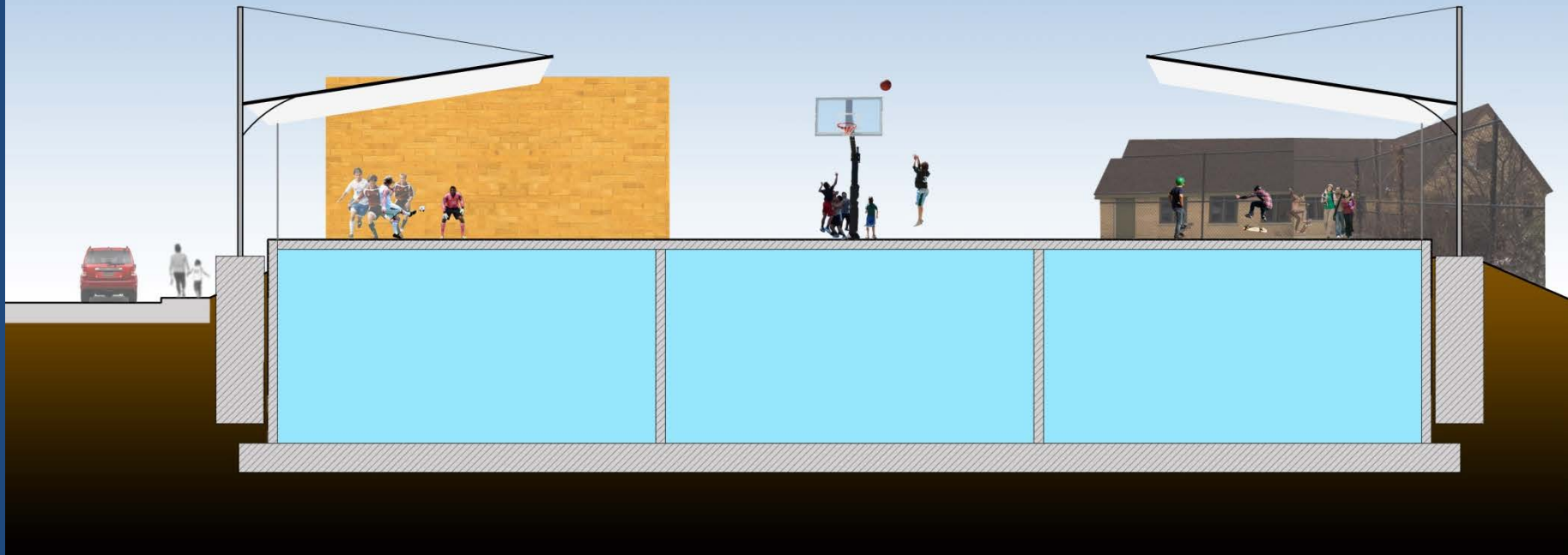
Potential Roof Schemes:

Village agreed to a Tension structure/mono pitch

Bean Bags, Horseshoes
when needed
Soccer kick-wall
Movie screen

Multi-use Space
Basketball
Golf Driving Range
Community Gardens?

Grilles, games,
Seating,
Batting Cages
Storage

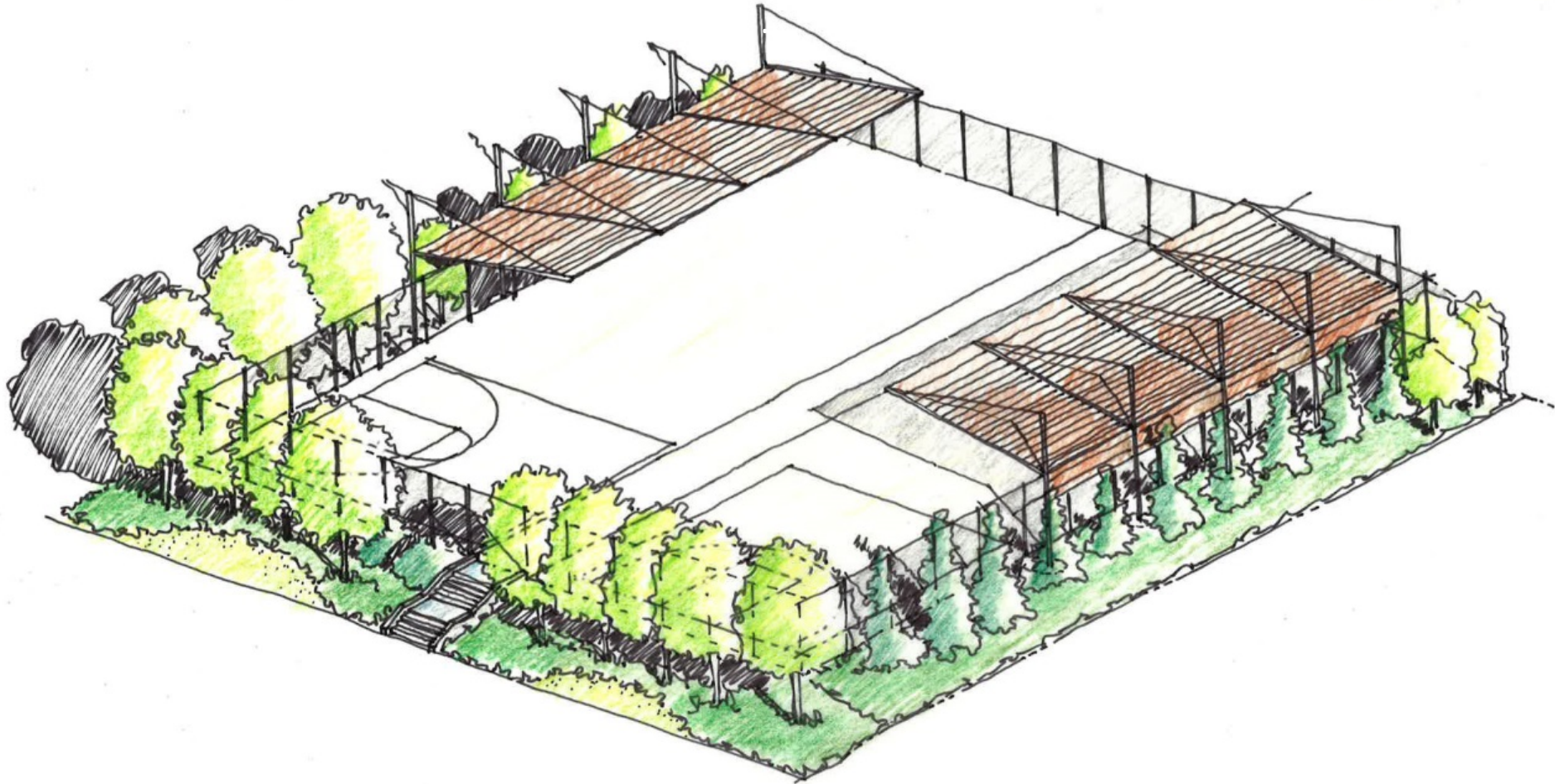


Potential Roof Schemes:

Roof should not dominate surrounding homes



Potential Roof Schemes: Set back from Harvey





Uses from 2nd Questionnaire and 3 Meeting in order

1. Pavilion/Rental Space for family gatherings, films, grilling, movies
2. Community Gardens
3. Basketball
4. Space for Older Kids , chess tables, ping pong etc.
5. Battling Cages
6. An Aerarium, a gym without walls Basketball
7. Mini Skate Park
8. Volley Ball (cant be sand volley ball)
9. Tennis
10. Golf practice cages
11. Bocce
12. Soccer kick-wall
13. Bean bag games
14. Horse Shoes



How do we fit all these uses?

1. Pavilion/Rental Space for family gatherings, films, grilling, movies
(Partial roof and PDOP has a movie screen for movies in the park)

1. Community Gardens (could be movable)

2. Space for Older Kids , chess tables, ping pong etc. (movable)

3. Battling and Golf practice cages (Northside away from houses)

{ 4. Basketball in multi-use space potentially 2 half courts
5. Volley Ball cant use sand, could share multi-use space
6. Tennis could share multi-use space }

7. Bean bag games (could be in any scheme, keep in storage)

8. Horse Shoes (could be in any scheme, keep in storage)

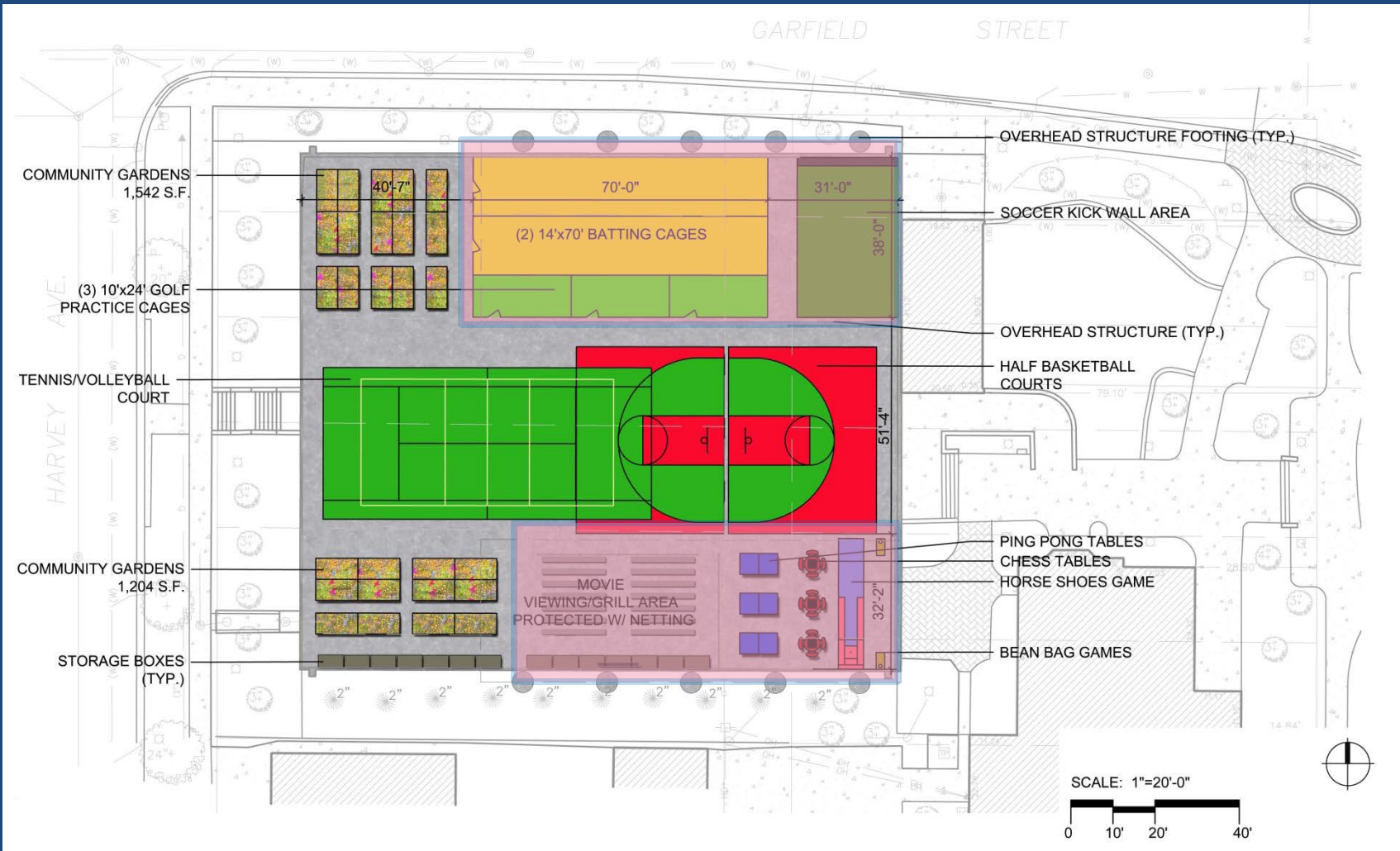
9. Soccer kick-wall (could be in any scheme on north or north east)

10. An Aerarium, a gym without walls

11. Mini Skate Park

13. Bocce

Example



Improve Entries



NE Corner



NW Corner

- Remove the walls and open up views into the park
- Ensure back stop doesn't block entry on NW

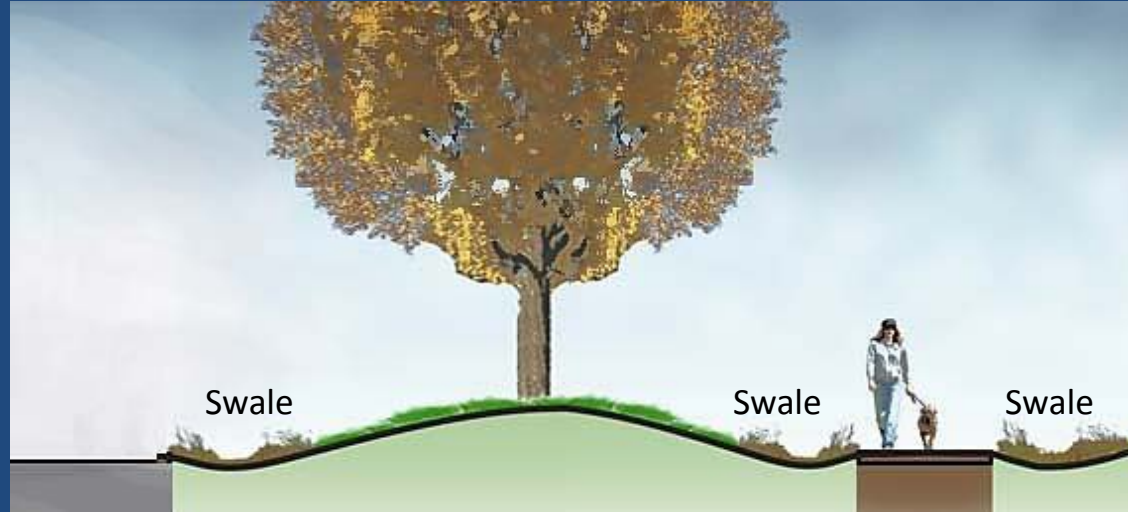


Open up corners, Add a rain garden at NW entry, we will need detention areas with new codes





Mounds and grading block drainage, Move paths, regrade, add swales to detain and direct water





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- Remember this is a Questionnaire not a survey.
- It is not scientific but gives the Park District a general gage of what the community is thinking.
- There are many comments. We tallied them to see what was popular in individual schemes.

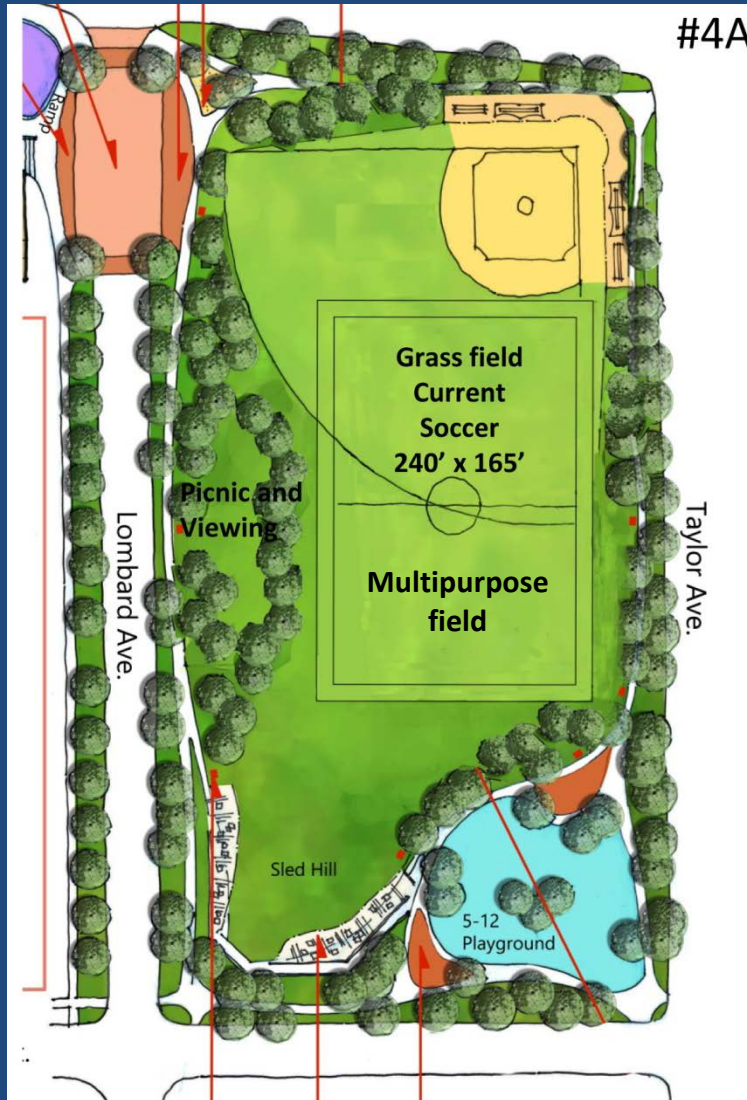


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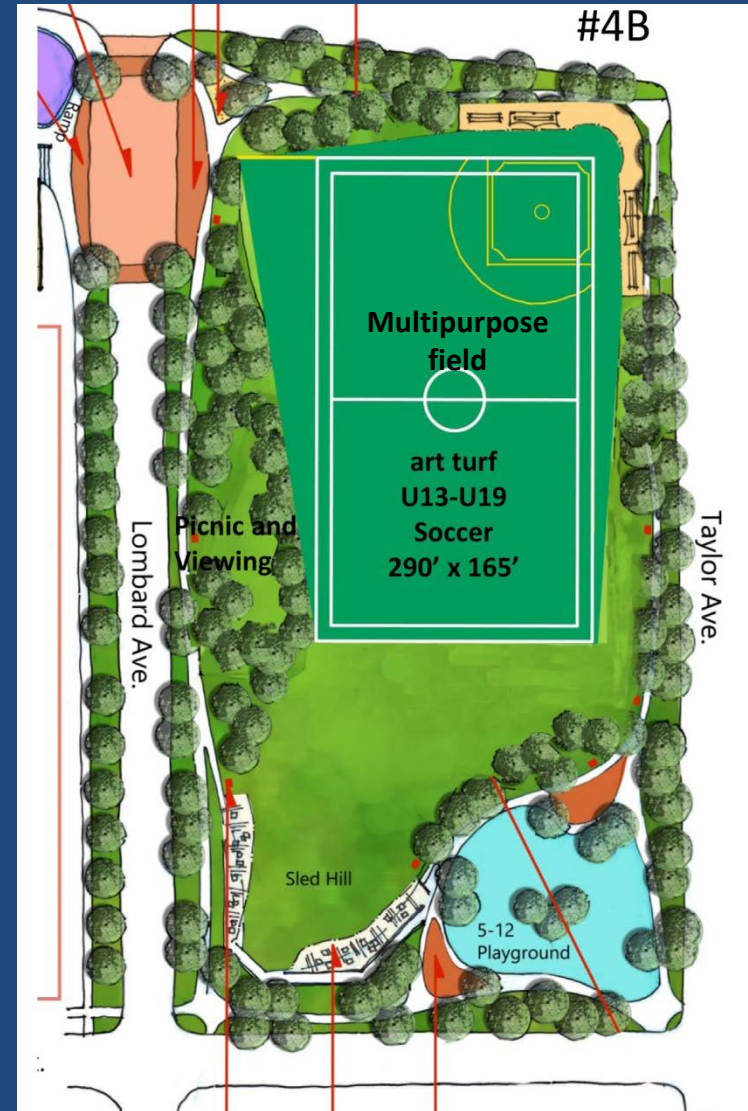
Initial Result on straightforward voting

Scheme 4 b	38.3%	178 votes
Scheme 4 a	31.2%	145 votes
Scheme 7	24.1%	112 votes
Scheme 8	6.5%	<u>30 votes</u>
		465

Most popular Schemes 4 B, and then 4 A, very similar



Scheme 4 a, 31.2%, 145 votes



Scheme 4 b, 38.3%, 178 votes



Comments on Schemes 4 A and 4 B

Applies to both schemes

“Best accommodates the needs of the overall community”
(improves drainage, provides for sports, multi-use, active adults, work out stations, exercise pop-up spaces, more trees and planting, picnic grove, more seating, rain gardens/no mow areas)

Most cost effective

Keeps status quo/the layout is similar to today

Large fields (grass same size as today or synthetic slightly larger)

Playground in best location (existing) for safety/neighborhood use

Adds speed table on Lombard and flips backstop, therefore improves safety, connects park and Center and creates a park entry

Main Park Designs Under Consideration:

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Main comments

Has the largest field/most space 43

Artificial turf/most practical 119

162

Note: larger than today but larger field can only happen if infield and field overlap.

In 4 A field moves south



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Main comments

No artificial turf/Synthetic field 35

Natural Grass 72

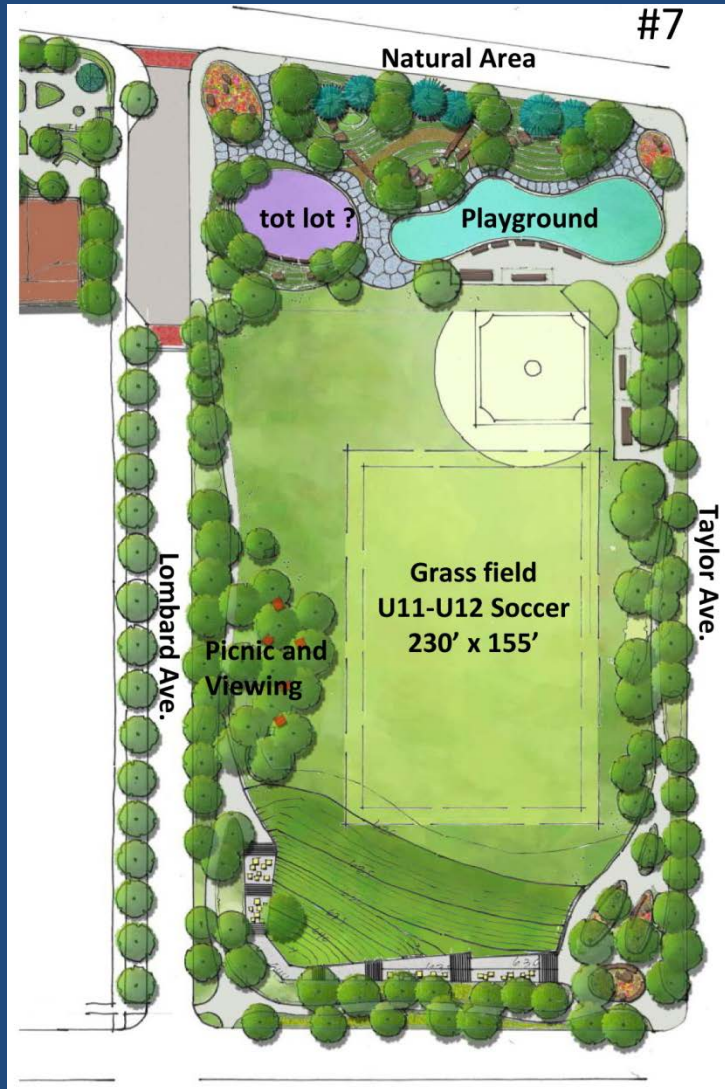
107

Traditional infield/Soccer & BB separate 6

113



Schemes 7 and 8



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Scheme 8, 6.5%, 30 votes



First lets talk about the Sled Hill

Issues include erosion of Hill and Field, overuse and training of this popular feature



It is more popular than many respondents think. It is very popular & well used

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If all main comments about the Sled Hill are tabulated

- Keep sled hill as is 35 scheme 4 A
15 scheme 4 B
50 Total

Reasons given: cost, may block views, expand the field instead

- Hill with different slopes for smaller kids etc. 70 scheme 7
17 scheme 8
87 Total

Reasons given: existing too steep, dangerous, erodes, turns back on community, need something for everyone including small kids

Sled Hill as is	50
Different slopes	87



Recommendation for Sled Hill

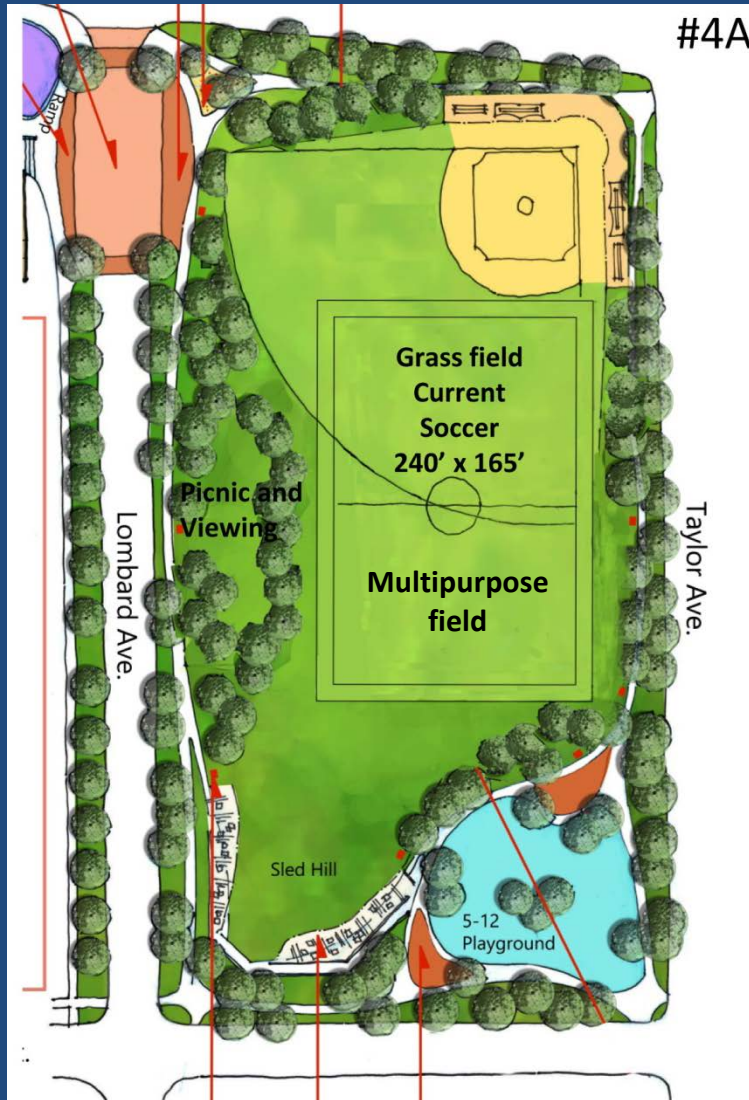
FYI: There was a detailed comment on how to make the hill more natural with walls removed, and rock outcrops and planting added, unfortunately it is a late arrival in the process.



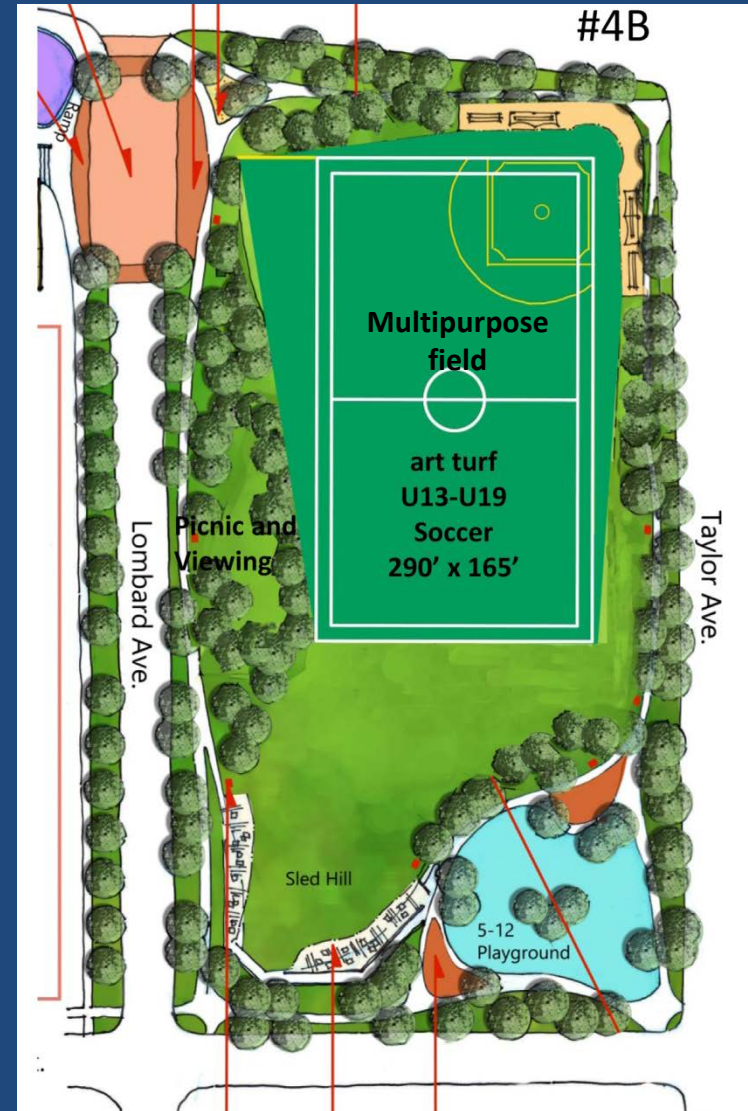
Potential recommendations for Sled Hill to Park Board

- Add exercise stairs/course along the sides of the Sled Hill
- Add a low hill/roll hill for smaller children to whatever scheme is chosen keeping issues raised in mind (ie cost, do not block views, size of the field, other uses)
- Improve planting and appearance of concrete walls
- Improve SW entry into the park, make more welcoming
- Repair wall, remove metal rails and replace, bolt to the surface
- Consider alternate planting (short grass native prairie)

Back to the main issue: Grass or Art Turf?



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What happens if all main comments on turf are tabulated?

Natural turf/Grass	107	scheme 4 A
	80	scheme 7
Traditional infield/Soccer & BB separate	<u>6</u>	scheme 4 A
	193	
Artificial Turf	162	scheme 4 B
	<u>20</u>	scheme 8
	182	

- The issue is very close whatever way you tabulate results
- Neither the design team nor the staff or the Park District wish to force a decision.



Proposed recommendation to the Board of the Park District 4 A and 4 B are similar schemes

The main issue in contention is use of Grass or Artificial Turf
Numbers for and against are similar

Drainage will be expensive to fix with either

Work on the tot lot and reservoir may be in 3-5 years, but the
field and playground may be 5-8 years away

Materials continue to change and improve

Research on the materials for artificial fields is ongoing

There may be time for the issue to be resolved and definitive
results to be provided prior final design

The proposed recommendation is to price both schemes and
present to the Board. A final decision on materials to be used
to be taken prior to final design in 4-5 years time.



Play Ground

Rubber surface and contemporary equipment or a “nature based” play area with wood chips or both.

Rustic Play with boulders, logs, etc. 55.8%

Contemporary similar to the equipment at Irving Elementary or Longfellow School 33.7%

Solution: a mix of both



Play Ground Suggestions

1. Redesign the playground, remove the concrete planters
2. Improve lines of sight
3. Add a flex spaces for pop-up uses
4. Create fitness areas for parents
5. Add more boulders logs and plants
7. Art mosaics or sculpture to enliven the space

Play Ground in Same Location



Play Ground: We also have to design for desire lines





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THANK YOU
NOW YOUR COMMENTS



Ideas may strike you later you can email Diane at
Diane.Stanke@pdop.org

There will be a survey on Park District Website
<http://www.pdop.org>

and go to
<http://www.pdop.org/about/park-planning-projects>
for this presentation

Previous Schemes 1, 2, 3



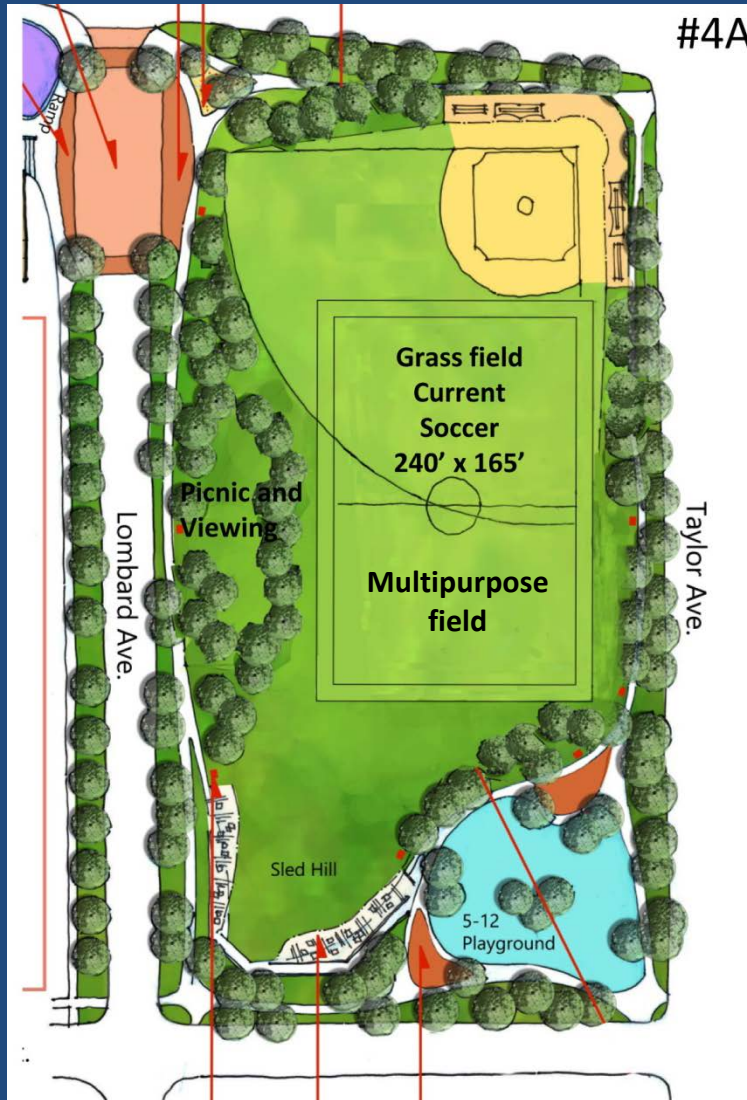
Previous Schemes 4, 5, & 6



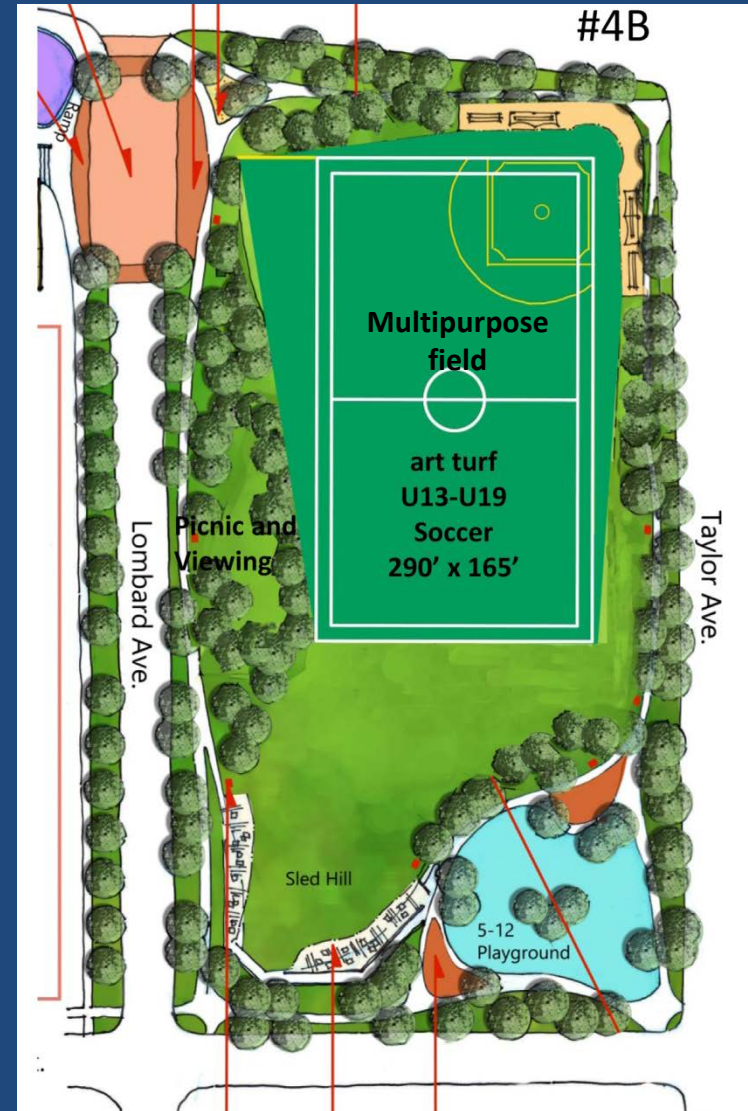
Scheme 8 gives space for all the elements



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Scheme 4B

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In 4 A, field moves south no overlap possible

Keep sled hill as is (no additions) 15

Keep Playground in present location 16



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Scheme 4 A

145 votes

Main comments

No artificial turf /Synthetic field

Natural Grass

35
72
107

Want a traditional infield

6

Keep sled hill as is (no additions)

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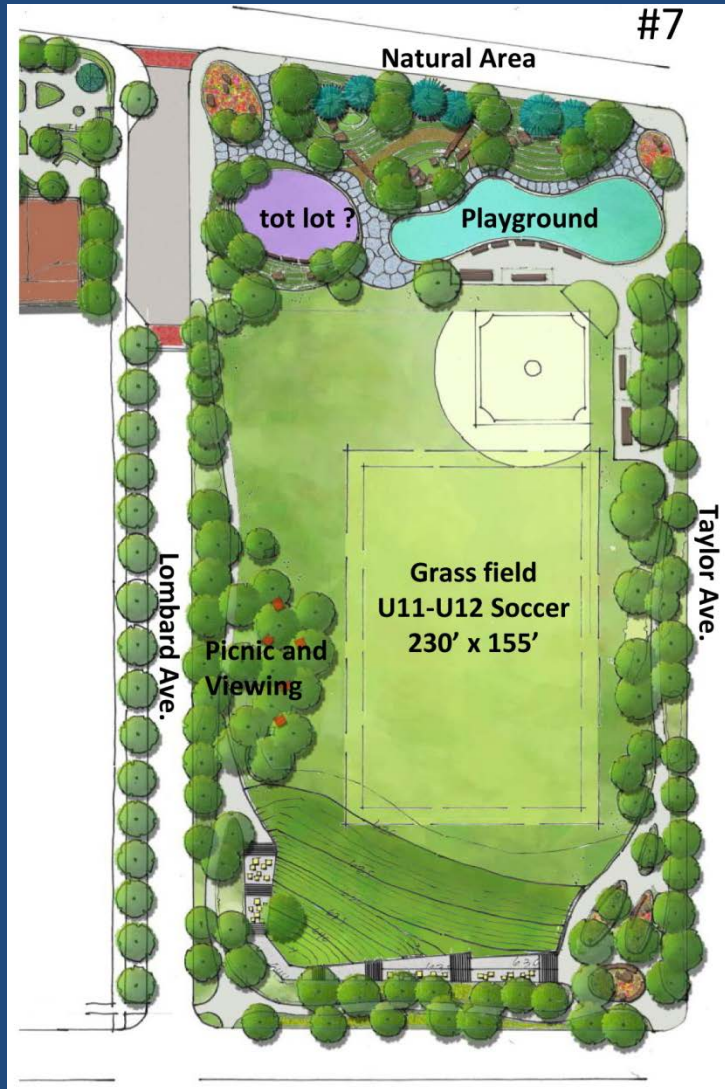
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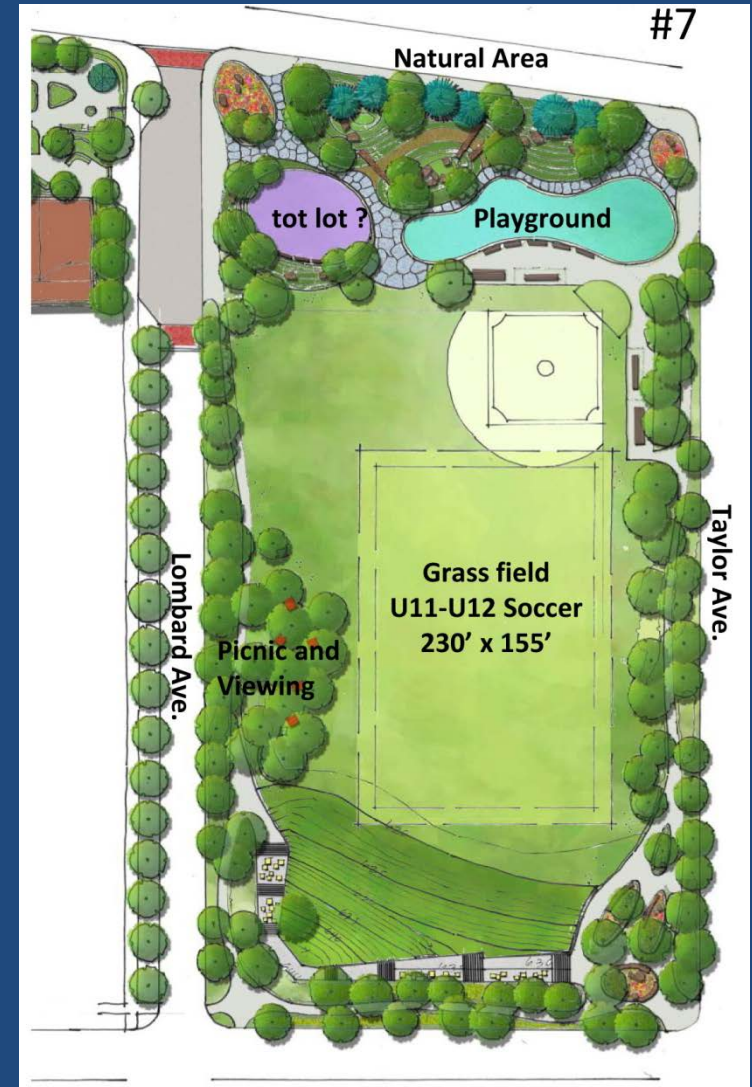
Scheme 7

112 votes

Main comments

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Enlarged hill for smaller children 69



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Scheme 8

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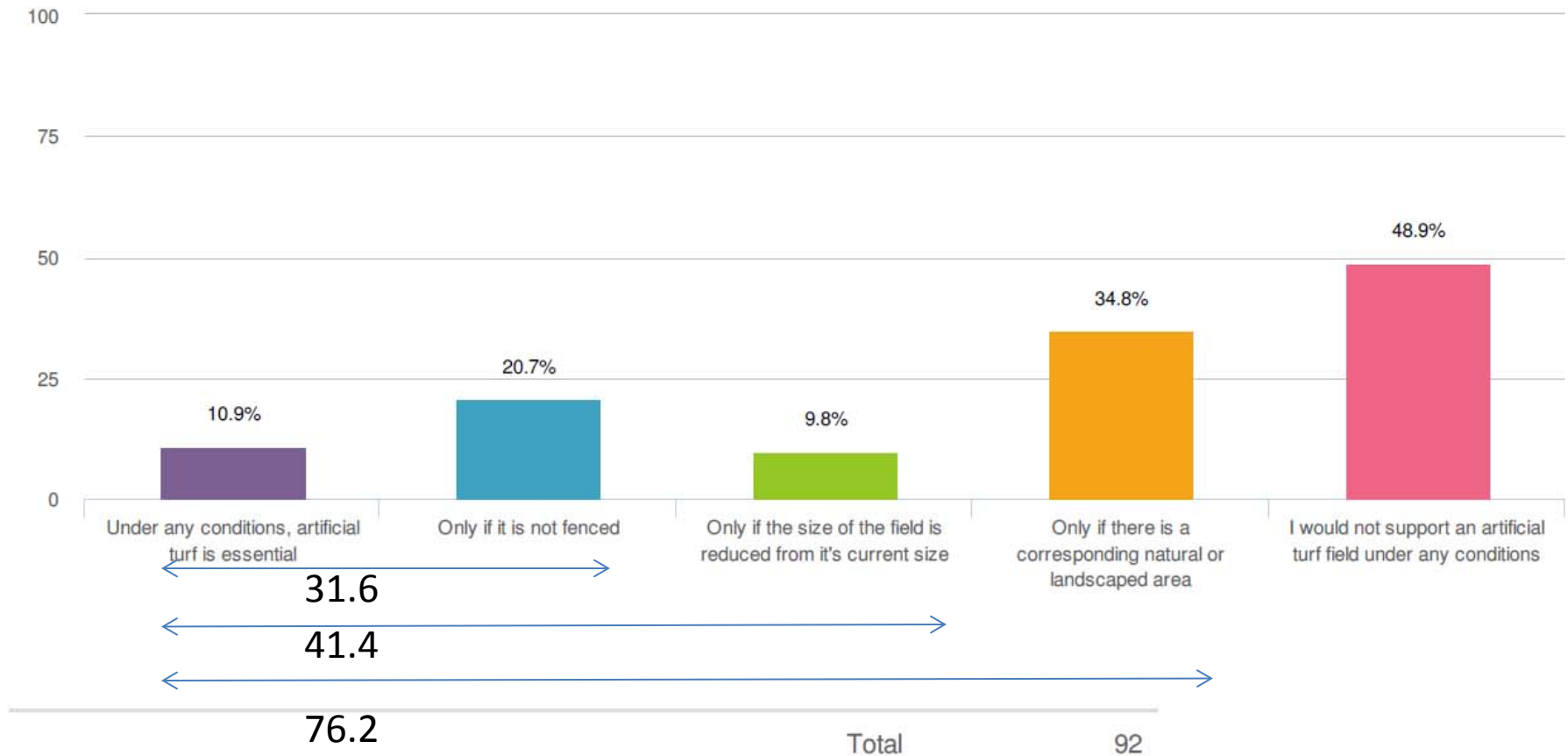
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Barrie Park Site Master Plan: Art Turf?

11. There is interest in an artificial turf field at Barrie Park. Under which of the following conditions would you support an artificial turf field? (more than one box may be checked)



76.2 points for art turf under certain conditions versus 48.9 points under no conditions