



# Field Park Master Plan Update

28<sup>th</sup> October 2014



Tonight:

An update of the Master Plan 2006

How much of the Master Plan was constructed in 2007-8

What has been added since then

What is programmed to happen in the future

- \$350,000 programmed for Field Park Improvements in 2019

Discussion: How should we apply these funds?

# Master Planning Process 2006



## Some of Main Items from Public Comment Date: Wednesday, April 5th, 2006

- ✓ Add a multi-use trail/peripheral path
- ✓ Plant lots of new trees  
PDOP and D97 have continued to plant additional trees and historic oaks may be planted next year
- ✓ Construct 3 playgrounds as school kids dominate the main playground
- ✓ Add a small drop-off to the Center but remove old concrete pad
- ✓ Add formal entryways and decorative fence  
(added entryways but decorative fence was too expensive, black vinyl was used instead)

# Path system was instantly popular



FIELD PARK SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2009

# Playgrounds were also instantly popular



Original playground in 2006



One of the new playgrounds in 2009

# The new entryways changed the feel and use of the park



Northern Entry in 2006



New entry

# Additional Trees

PDOP and D97 have continued to plant additional trees and hopefully historic oaks will be planted next year



But much more has been added since the master plan



**Master Plan  
April 2006**

Shelter & Bocce Added

Wildflower garden



# Wildflower Garden, Shelter, and Bocce





Outdoor Classroom

Community Garden and Irrigation

D 97 moved  
Garbage Storage

D97 Playground  
Reconstructed

# Community Garden and Irrigation, Outdoors Classrooms, Moved Trash to free up space and for increased safety



And D97 redesigned and constructed the school playground, replaced the fence and added plantings in 2013



## Funding

\$ 400,000 grant	Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources 2007-8
\$ 1,057,547.98 (includes grant)	PDOP, Phase 1 Construction 2007-8
\$ 458,633.30	D97 Mann Playground, fence & plantings
\$ 33,400.00	PTO, Outdoor classrooms and garden
\$1,549,581.28	Total plus incidental plantings and expenses

# Back to the Master Plan and Community Comments

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Looking into the Future.....

In the long-term, the Center is to be removed and replaced by a Gym/Rec Center shared by school and community

Existing Center is in poor condition, but leave it for the moment and keep two potential sites for a new recreation center/gym attached to the school; one at the north end and one at the south end.

Currently there is NO funding available for a recreation/gym center

Existing Center

PARK DISTRICT

DISTRICT 97

Parking lot  
Potential Site for  
future Gym/Rec  
Center

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Master Plan  
April 2006





- The school playground was to move to the center of the park and free up space along Division for auto entry and parking.
- Teachers did not like the proposed site due to noise close to classrooms.
- Playground did not move and therefore parking did not move.



- D 97 parking did not move to the south
- Potential site for a new recreation/gym center remains but parking will become an issue
- Currently there is NO funding available for a recreation/gym center

# Park District Comprehensive Plan

## Process Overview

12 month study to develop:

- Comprehensive Master Plan
- 10 year Action Plan

Began in early 2014 –  
completion targeted for December

Four Phases of Work

- Engage
- Analyze
- Envision
- Implement



## Findings: Park Centers

Centers unused 45-75% of the day, financial burden, replace with multi-use shared facilities with multiple activities for children and adults

## 2. Neighborhood Centers

Create efficiencies in operation, maintenance and programming by deconstructing some of the neighborhood centers

Support:

- Stakeholder interviews – generally supportive of removing some centers if creating a financial burden on District
- Community Survey – Centers ranked in lowest condition of District indoor facilities
- Trends – national trends towards centralization
- Usage – neighborhood centers are unused 45% to 70% of the time
- Priorities – these facilities cannot be efficiently used to address other community priorities
- Park & Facility Evaluations – some neighborhood centers were noted as having significant maintenance issues





The existing Field Park Center is in poor condition  
Currently used primarily for preschool programs and restrooms  
Rarely rented, spaces not flexible,  
Financial burden for level of use  
Long-term the building may not last  
But no matter what happens the PDOP will keep a restroom facility

# What is programmed to happen in the future

- 2019 PDOP has allocated \$350,000 for additional improvements

Suggested improvements include:

Additional walking paths improvements, (replace poor concrete)

Add lighting and landscape

Improve drainage

And/or

Bagos, public art,

shade structures for BaseBall,

Another type of yard court use for the Bocce court

But with Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources approval.

Add more trees to enclose the park and replace declining trees



## Replace sections of concrete paths and improve drainage



## Suggest alternate yard court use for the Bocci/Bocce Court?



Game being played in Italy



Bocci Court at Field Park

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