



Date: October 18, 2021
To: Hermantown Park Board and Hermantown User Groups
From: Eric Johnson, Community Development Director
RE: 2021 Fall Walk Through

Fichtner Field Park

Field #1 Comments:

- Batting helmet storage removed from dugouts
- Heaving pavers at corner restroom building
- Accessibility needed to bleacher area
- Broken block at dugouts
- Large concrete footings from backstop heaved above ground level

Field #2 Comments:

- Dugout potentially being replaced in spring 2022 with chain link fence material – either concrete or ag-lime surface
- Accessibility needed to bleacher area

Field #3 Comments:

- Backstop repairs
- Accessibility needed to bleacher area

Field #4 Comments:

- Dugout potentially being replaced in spring 2022 with chain link fence material – either concrete or ag-lime surface
- Accessibility needed to bleacher area

Basketball Court Comments:

- Crack sealing in blacktop is needed
- Replace broken hoop

Skate Park Comments:

- Plywood is rotting, the rubber surfaces are broken and lifting off ramps, general repairs needed
- Crack sealing in blacktop is needed

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- Access to paved area too narrow

Concession Stand Comments:

- The concession stand protective shield needs to be replaced. There was an attempt to fix it but you still cannot lock it and the tabs are jagged and can cut your hands
- Budget for roof replacement

Picnic Table Shelter Comments:

- Maintenance needed on tables
- Budget for future replacement

Playground Area Comments:

- Equipment generally OK
- Budget for new equipment/destination playground?

Future Plans, Thoughts:

- Fichtner Park is one of the items associated with the Community Recreational Initiative slated to be voted on by residents in November 2022
- On going discussions with youth baseball regarding their future needs for field space
- Revamping of old football field for passive park?

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Rose Road

General Park Comments:

- Field 3 dugouts will have fabric shade covers and are in the 2022 Budget; anticipate installation in early in 2022. Will depend on supply chain availability
- Bleacher from the old football field at Fitchner will be repaired & delivered to Rose Road prior to start of softball season
- The net for the batting cage and flag will be brought to Rose Road field this Fall
- Turf within the new batting cage will be kept in its current location until next Spring, when it will be replaced at that time
- Install park sign – posts keep heaving
- Dirt from the batting cage area was removed from the site and will be replaced with sand, topsoil and class 5 to dress up around the cage and footings
- The wire which holds the batting cage net will either be installed this fall or in the spring prior to start of the season. Softball will still be able to install the net on their own once this is installed
- The City is under contract with Northwoods Sodding for the removal of the existing field 3 outfield grass and replacement with new topsoil and sod. Work is anticipated to start in early May (weather dependent) and be ready for play 3 weeks after installation.

Stebner Park

General Park Comments:

- The concrete blocks at the concession building were tuckpointed earlier this summer.
- Swings all need to be lowered.
- Two low areas along trail that should be addressed – raingarden?
- Potential for drinking fountain/water bottle filler at concession stand
- Fan at concession building approximately \$2,500.00
- Staff to install handicap signage at ADA marked spaces
- The NW corner of the utility building is missing a block at the lower corner – coordinate with Jim Rich

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Keene Creek Park

General Park Comments:

- Purchase 2 picnic tables, bench, trash receptacle and bike rack (match Stebner Park) and install at concrete pad near parking lot
- Potential for small (120' x 250') dog park adjacent to trail
- Interpretive/wayfinding sign by parking lot
- Hermantown Youth baseball has expressed desire to use field for their league. Staff to continue discussions with group. Potentially \$25-40,000 work to get the field game ready
- MN Trout Unlimited finished the streambank restoration project along Keene Creek. Potential for more work upstream
- Add playground equipment to capital budget
- Paul Sens to verify that there is electricity to the outlet at the baseball field

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