



PLANNING STAFF REPORT

MEMO DATE: December 2, 2019

MTG. DATE: **DECEMBER 11, 2019**

TO: Village of Cottage Grove Plan Commission

CC: Village of Cottage Grove Board of Trustees
Matt Giese – Village Administrator
Lisa Kalata – Village Clerk
Lee Boushea – Village Attorney
Michael Maloney – Village Engineer

FROM: [Erin Ruth, AICP – Village Planning Director](#)

RE: **Bakken Park Site Plan Amendment – Shelter and Splash Pad**

BACKGROUND

Property Owner: Village of Cottage Grove

Location: Bakken Park

Area: 28.6 acres

Agent: Sean Brusegar – Director of Parks & Rec., V. of Cottage Grove
Dan Schmitt – Landscape Architect, MSA

Existing Zoning: Park & Open Space

Proposed Zoning: Park & Open Space

Future Land Use Plan: Park & Open Space

OVERVIEW

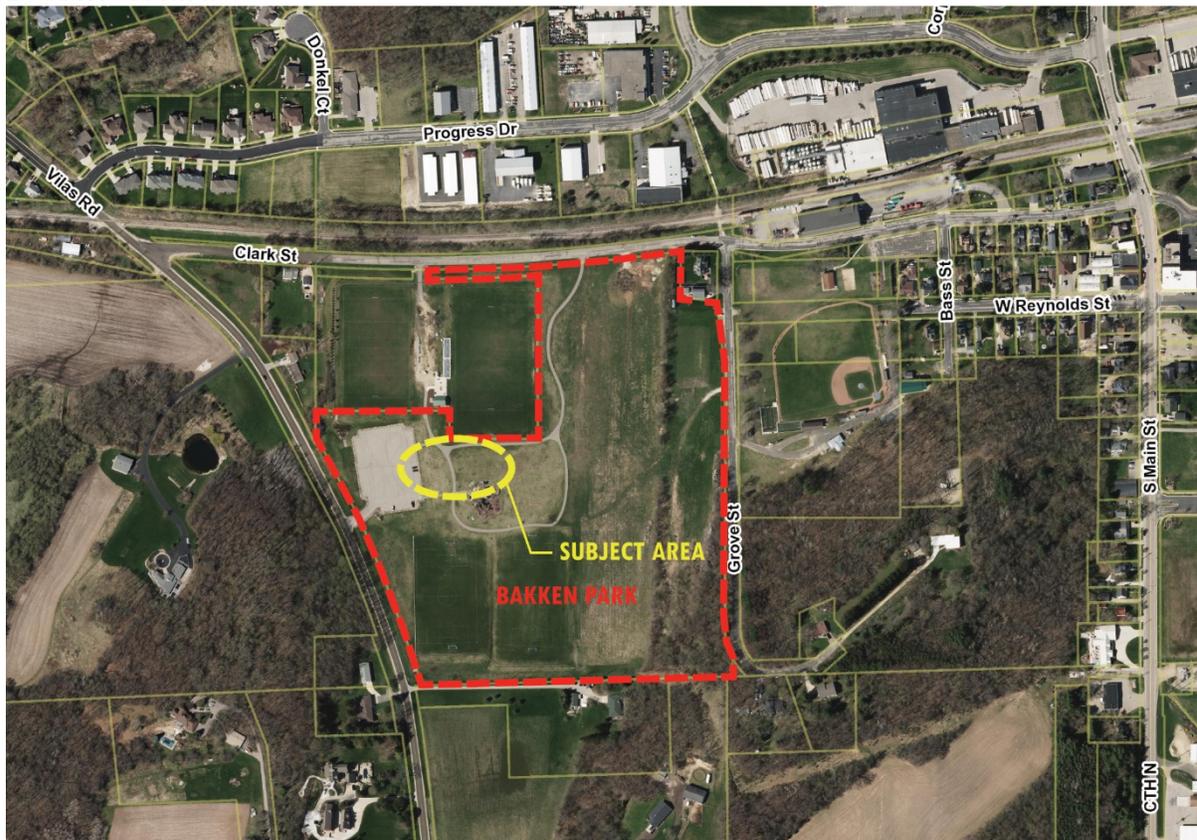
The Village of Cottage Grove's Department of Parks & Recreation is applying for a site plan amendment for Bakken Park to permit the construction of a new shelter, a splash pad, and associate improvements. The shelter features 1,150 sq. ft. of enclosed space and 1,900 sq. ft. of open area under the canopy.



The other improvements include bike racks, bike ‘fix-it’ equipment, ADA ramps from the existing parking lot, additional site lighting, and modifications to the path through the subject area.

Funding for the construction of the shelter and splash pad was included in the Village’s 2020 budget, with construction expected to begin in the spring.

LOCATION MAP



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENCY

The property is designated as Park and Open Space on the Future Land Use Map. The proposed site plan amendment is consistent with that designation. Furthermore, the proposed improvements are included in the current Park and Open Space Plan, amended in 2018.

ZONING ORDINANCE CONSISTENCY

The Bakken Park parcel is zoned Park and Open Space, as regulated by 325-42 of the zoning ordinance.



Per 325-42(2)(a), both active and passive outdoor public recreation are permitted by right within the district.

The proposed project meets all intensity and bulk requirements of the district.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the proposed Site Plan be **APPROVED**.