



# Parks, Recreation & Forestry STAFF REPORT

**MEMO DATE:** March 23, 2021

**MTG. DATE:** April 5, 2021

**TO:** Village of Cottage Grove Board of Trustees

**CC:**

**FROM:** Sean Brusegar, CPRP Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry

**RE:** Bakken Park Masterplan Update

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In 2015 the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, along with MSA, developed a masterplan for Bakken Park. That plan included 2 adult size softball fields, 4 tennis courts, 2 basketball courts, a skate park, a bike track, and additional parking. The 2021 updated Bakken Park masterplan includes all the above-mentioned components except the adult size softball fields. Since 2015, the Village has seen a shortage in multi-programmable greenspaces. We receive numerous calls a year from organizations looking for greenspace such as our current soccer fields to rent. Changing out the softball fields for greenspace allows for more flexibility in programming and a possible revenue source. The additional greenspace could be used for



soccer, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee, flag football or rugby just to name a few. The location of Bakken Park also makes for an attractive tournament facility should the Village choose to go that route.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION :**

Staff recommends the adoption of the current Bakken Park masterplan as presented.

On March 18, the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the 2021 Bakken Park masterplan as presented.