

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY STAFF REPORT

MEMO DATE: January 21, 2022

MTG. DATE: January 27, 2022

TO: Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee

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

RE: **Community Park Redevelopment**

BACKGROUND:

While working with Strand Associates and their contracted Landscape Architect, Blake Theisen on the pickleball courts and new playground project, we started to re-imagine the Village's 2nd oldest park. The attached 2 renderings were created. The overall goal was opening the view into the northern end of the park. Looking at the sequencing of construction and not boxing ourselves in or out.

Some key points to consider when viewing the concepts:

- Preservation of the large oak tree. Concept B brings patrons closer to the tree and under the canopy to experience its huge scale.
- A trail from the north end of the park starting next to the Black Bear that connects Cottage Grove Road to Weald Bridge through Community Park.
- Enhancing pedestrian circulation and connectivity to all features.
- Removing the existing basketball court and using that as programmable green space.
- Moving the basketball court to the southern end of the park in the unused greenspace. Basketball courts and playgrounds don't mix well. This allows for better supervision and walkability for players.
- ADA access is provided to the baseball diamond.
- Concept A uses existing east edge of the current playground as a reference line.