



## MEMORANDUM

To: City of Saint Anthony Village Parks & Environmental Commission  
From: Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Director and Charlie Yunker, City Manager  
Date: June 6, 2022 Parks & Environmental Commission Meeting  
Request: St. Anthony Village Parks Assessment

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### BACKGROUND

City staff annually updates and refines the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that encompasses the equipment, buildings and park amenities throughout the city. This plan helps ensure that these items are replaced when appropriate, and that adequate funding is available when those replacements are needed.

It has been a number of years since the parks amenities were reviewed system-wide, and staff engaged the City engineering firm, WSB, to conduct an assessment of the park amenities condition and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance to further refine the CIP and provide a basis of discussion for any changes in amenities to recommend to the City Council.

The report covers Silver Point Park, Water Tower Park, Central Park, Emerald Park and the tennis court on Silver Lane, aka "Well House Park" for the purposes of the report. Trillium Park and Salo Park were not included as Trillium Park functions primarily as an "entrance node" and Salo Park's condition was evaluated in 2021 as part of the new maintenance agreement, and the known deferred maintenance is underway as part of that agreement. Staff reviewed the report with WSB staff and have summarized the recommendations below.

### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

From staff discussion with WSB staff, the overall status of the parks is that they are maintained effectively, but are aging and ADA standards have changed since the amenities were installed. WSB listed recommendations for replacements in short term and long term categories, and brief observational comments.

Staff will be completing most of the short term items in the coming months, such as re-stripping for accessible parking, purchasing accessible picnic tables and any deferred maintenance.

Long term items such as playground equipment and trails will need to be planned for completion and funding becomes available. Replacements will be scheduled based on their age and current condition as first priority and will start with the playground equipment at Silver Point Park, as that playground is in the greatest need of replacement as soon as possible.

This also presents an opportunity for discussion on what equipment features and amenities are desired for when those replacements can be scheduled for completion.

## REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

PARK	SHORT TERM	LONG TERM
Silver Point Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace pea gravel at play structure with accessible surface.</li> <li>• Accessible picnic tables, benches, ballfields.</li> <li>• Accessible parking.</li> <li>• Additional Wayfinding on Silver Lake Road &amp; 29th Ave</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace Play Structure</li> <li>• Repave Trails</li> </ul>
Water Tower Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessible parking at Tennis Court with crosswalk to playground area</li> <li>• Provide accessible picnic tables and benches.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace Play Structure</li> <li>• Provide an accessible sidewalk/trail connection to the Central Park and City Hall without having to travel out to sidewalks along 33rd Ave and Silver Lake Road.</li> </ul>
Central Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide accessible picnic tables and benches.</li> <li>• Accessible parking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relocate/additional accessible parking near City Hall/Community Center.</li> <li>• Add Pickleball Courts</li> <li>• Replace Play Structure</li> <li>• Trail Replacement</li> <li>• Accessible sidewalk/trail connection to the Water Tower Park.</li> </ul>
Emerald Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide accessible route to picnic shelter and grill.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide improved accessible parking</li> <li>• Provide accessible seating and access to ballfield</li> <li>• Replace Play Structure</li> <li>• Replace asphalt trails in poor condition</li> </ul>
Tennis Court “Well House Park”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean, fill cracks, and resurface court</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide additional parking options</li> <li>• Provide accessible route to court.</li> <li>• Provide accessible parking.</li> <li>• Rebuild court</li> </ul>

## DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR COMMISSION FEEDBACK

Below are the specific items for discussion and feedback for staff:

- Does the Commission have any additional thoughts or observations for staff to integrate into the CIP?
- Does the Commission have any thoughts on changes to the current amenities in any of the parks to recommend to the City Council?
- Other considerations for staff?

## NEXT STEPS

- Staff will utilize the WSB report and Commission feedback to refine the 2023 CIP and will bring details of that to the September, 2022 PEC meeting.

## ATTACHMENTS:

- WSB Parks Amenities Assessment