

# St. Anthony Village – Park Evaluation

## Silver Point Park



### Park Evaluation # 1

**Park Name:** Silver Point Park

**Park Size:** 5.2 acres

**Location:** 3010 29th Avenue NE

**Proposed Classification:** **Neighborhood Park**

**Overall Park Design:** Small Park with good character and a variety of amenities including warming house, basketball court, softball fields, ice rink with lights, play area and trail.

The parking lot is connected to 29<sup>th</sup> Ave NE by a drive with walk. The walk connects to the walk 29<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. There is no sign at the intersection in the lot. There are paved trails to the ballfield in the south as well as play area and trail loop.

**Overall Park Maintenance:** Turf areas are in fair to good condition except at ice rink area. Landscape includes pollinator lawn and wildflower areas and are minimally maintained. The paved trails, basketball court, concrete walk at playground area is in need of maintenance/replacement.

**Natural Resources/Landscape:** There are mature trees lining the outside of the park, around the play area and along the portions of the trail loop. A wetland area is located east of the east ballfield.

**Overall Park Ranking:** **58%**

### AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Basketball Court	2	2	2	2	8	12	Pavement is in fair condition with some cracking. One painted key and three point line.
Playground Equipment	2	2	0	2	6	12	Miracle equipment in fair condition. Trail leads to playground. Pea rock surface (Not ADA or allowed by current codes). Concrete walk around play area in fair to poor condition.
Hockey Rink & General Skating Area	2	2	n/a	2	6	9	Proper orientation. Temporary dasher board system (not on site at the time of evaluation). Like softball fields, hockey rink is small, but good size for younger users. Lighted

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Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Softball Field (East)	2	2	0	2	6	12	Backstop in fair condition. Has bleachers and players benches. Lack of ADA access to bleachers and players benches. Is irrigated. Field well suited for practice field and younger youth play.
Softball Field (West)	2	2	0	2	6	12	Backstop in fair condition. Has bleachers and players benches. Lack of ADA access to bleachers and players benches. A portion of the outfield overlaps general skating area. Is irrigated. Field well suited for practice field and younger youth play.
Trail	2	2	2	2	8	12	Trails mainly fair but some areas in poor condition. Steep at access point from parking lot. Trails are lighted. Benches along the trail provide good viewing points for most of the park.
Parking Lot	2	2	1	2	7	12	Fair condition, 1 ADA stall not labeled as VAN and striping on the wrong side for VAN ACCESSIBILITY. Ramp does not align with striping. 24 Stalls
Amenities	2	2	1	2	7	12	Bike rack, older picnic tables, trash cans, and 1 is ADA. Variety of styles and ages for amenities.
<b>Totals</b>					<b>54</b>	<b>93</b>	

### General Comments:

The park's primary purpose is flood control during large storm events and has been known to flood the building (designed to be flooded) during large storm events. The east softball field has been known for a wet outfield.

Smaller sized park with a variety of amenities. Parking lot provides enough parking for small events but will be overloaded if all fields are used for programmed activities. Ballfields and hockey rink are good sizes of younger youth play.

The Park sits below the elevation of New Brighton Blvd (County Rd 88) which limits traffic noise for most of the park.

### Park Needs & Recommendations

#### 1. Short Term

- Replace pea gravel at play structure with accessible surface.
- Accessible picnic tables, benches, ballfields.
- Accessible parking.
- Additional Wayfinding on Silver Lake Road & 29<sup>th</sup> Ave

#### 2. Long Term

- Replace Play Structure
- Repave Trails

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# St. Anthony Village – Park Evaluation

## Water Tower Park

### Park Evaluation # 2

**Park Name:** Water Tower Park

**Park Size:** 5.0 acres

**Location:** 3105 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

**Classification:** Community Park

**Overall Park Design:** Park is adjacent to St. Anthony High School & Middle School, City Hall, Police Station, Water Tower and Water Treatment Facility. It has a large playground, tennis courts and 1/2 court basketball (not striped). There are walks and trails from the parking lot leading to the tennis courts on the west and the play structure to the east. It was busy at time of site visit.

**Overall Park Maintenance:** Overall, the park is well maintained, though some features are in need of repair or replacement. Walks showed some cracking. Grass in some areas is sparse from pedestrian traffic and shade. Some portions of the ornamental metal fence along 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave are in need of touch up painting.

**Natural Resources/Landscape:** There are mature pines, spruce and maples throughout the park. There is a pond along Silver Lake Road with water fountain.

**Overall Park Ranking:** 58%

### AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Playground Equipment	2	2	2	2	8	12	Variety of ages and conditions. Natural shade around the play area.
Basketball (1/2 court)	2	1	1	2	5	12	Court is part of the bus loop for the HS/MS. Pavement is good condition, but no basketball striping.
Trail/Walks	2	2	1	2	7	12	Concrete walks are generally in good condition with few cracks. Some of the walks are steeper than ADA, but access to playground and tennis courts appear to meet ADA requirements.
Tennis Courts	3	3	1	3	10	12	Good condition, recently resurfaced. Lighted.

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Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Parking Lot	2	2	0	2	6	12	Parking lot is part of the larger campus parking. No accessible parking near tennis courts or playground.
Amenities	2	2	0	2	6	12	Tables, trash, benches, drinking fountain, portable restrooms (1 ADA) varying styles and conditions. Portions of fence along 33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave are in need of repainting.
<b>Totals</b>					<b>42</b>	<b>72</b>	

### General Comments:

Good visibility from Silver Lake Road and 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE. The Park conjoins with City Hall, Central Park and High School / Middle School sites with some shared amenities. The parking lot lays between the play area and tennis courts and connects to the larger City Hall/Police Station parking lot. There is a lack of accessible parking directly adjacent to playground and tennis courts. There is also a lack of an accessible route to picnic tables.

The walks around the play area connect south to 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE and east/west to the parking lot and bus loop. To access City Hall via walk/path from the play area, the route is to the street and around the tennis courts and pond. The other route is through the parking lots. There is also a lack of an accessible route from this park north to Central Park.

A crosswalk is needed to connect between the play area and tennis courts. A better accessible trail connection along the parking lot would also create larger trail loops.

It should be noted that the adjacent sites contain:

- Baseball Fields (2)
- Softball Fields (2)
- Football/Soccer Fields
- Hockey/Skating Rink
- Skate Park

### Park Needs & Recommendations

#### 1. Short Term

- Accessible parking at Tennis Court with crosswalk to playground area
- Provide accessible picnic tables and benches.

#### 2. Long Term

- Replace Play Structure
- Provide an accessible sidewalk/trail connection to the Central Park and City Hall without having to travel out to sidewalks along 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave and Silver Lake Road.

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# St. Anthony Village – Park Evaluation

## Central Park

### Park Evaluation # 6

**Park Name:** Central Park

**Park Size:** 14 acres

**Location:** 3503 Silver Lake Road

**Classification:** **Community Park**

**Overall Park Design:** Large, popular park with multiple trail loops, ballfields, skatepark, playground, splash pad and park building. A large parking lot along Silver Lake Road is the main access point to the park. The Park does have multiple connections to the adjacent neighborhoods.

Additional adjacent properties include recreational fields, additional parking, and trails.

**Overall Park Maintenance:** Turf and fields a well maintained. Trails are in varying conditions with some in good condition and some sections needing to be replaced.

**Natural Resources/Landscape:** Mature trees around parking lot. Lower stormwater area at north end of site.

**Overall Park Ranking:** **68%**

### AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Parking Lot	2	2	1	2	7	12	150 stalls, older and in fair condition. None compliant ADA stalls and no trail connection
Softball Field # (A)	3	3	2	3	11	12	Good orientation. Covered bleachers, covered dugouts, batting cage, lighted, Fence and backstop in good condition. 200' Field, No designated accessible area at bleachers.
Softball Field # (B)	2	2	2	2	8	12	Good orientation. Uneven ground, covered benches, bleachers
Playground Equipment	2	2	2	2	8	12	Equipment in fair condition. Concrete walk around play area in fair condition.
Ice Rink	2	2	n/a	2	6	9	Not optimal orientation, permanent boards, lighted, trail north of rink in good condition.

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Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Skate Park	2	2	1	2	7	12	Equipment looks to be in generally good condition. Bituminous pavement looks to be in good condition (resurfaced Summer 2020). Fence is in poor condition.
Splash Pad	2	1	2	2	7	12	Concrete pad in fair condition. Older system
Trail	2	3	2	3	10	12	Trails range from mainly good condition to some smaller sections that are in poor condition. Trail provides good connection to fields and site amenities, adjacent neighborhoods, and parking.
Amenities	2	2	1	2	7	12	Range of styles and conditions of benches, trash receptacles, bike rack. Benches along trail, around playground and splash pad in fair condition.
<b>Totals</b>					<b>71</b>	<b>105</b>	

**General Comments:**

The park is very popular with the neighborhood for its walking trails. The trails have good connections to the adjacent neighborhoods to the north and northeast as well as the parking lots, City Hall, High School / Middle School. The parking lot does not meet current ADA. Turf areas are well maintained throughout the park.

It should be noted that the adjacent sites contain:

- Baseball Fields (2)
- High School Stadium with Field and Track
- Football/Soccer Fields

**Park Needs & Recommendations**

**1. Short Term**

- Provide accessible picnic tables and benches.
- Accessible parking

**2. Long Term**

- Relocate/additional accessible parking near City Hall/Community Center.
- Add Pickleball Courts
- Replace Play Structure
- Trail Replacement
- Accessible sidewalk/trail connection to the Water Tower Park.

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# St. Anthony Village – Park Evaluation

## Emerald Park

### Park Evaluation # 7

**Park Name:** Emerald Park

**Park Size:** 3.07 acres

**Location:** 3925 Macalaster Dr NE

**Classification:** **Neighborhood Park**

**Overall Park Design:** Park has great character, a variety of amenities and trail loop. Minimal parking areas along streets on each side of the park. Park is split into two general areas. The north section is a ballfield and ice rinks, and the south is park building, shelters, picnic areas, and play areas.

**Overall Park Maintenance:** Landscape and turf field is well maintained. Play equipment and splash pad in good condition. Trail in fair condition.

**Natural Resources/Landscape:** Mature trees cover the south portion of the park and line the streets.

**Overall Park Ranking:** **60%**

### AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Picnic Shelter	2	2	0	1	5	12	No connection to walks or trails meeting ADA requirements. Shelter has grills.
Splash Pad	2	2	2	2	8	12	Newer construction, concrete in good condition.
Playground Equipment	3	3	2	2	8	12	Safety zones are not adequate in some locations, lacking proper container border in some locations. Newer main equipment but older swings.
Basketball Court (1/2 Court)	2	2	2	1	7	12	Asphalt surface in fair condition. Painted key and three-point line.
Play Field	2	2	2	2	8	12	Needs some minor regrading. A portion of the outfield overlaps general skating area. Is irrigated

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Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Softball Field	2	2	0	2	6	12	Backstop in good condition. Has players benches. A portion of the outfield overlaps general skating area. Is irrigated. No ADA accommodations.
Ice Rink			n/a			n/a	Lighted Rink, temporary dasher board system not installed at time of site visit.
Parking	2	2	1	2	7	12	One designated ADA stall but no access aisle. Lacks connection to park amenities, fair condition, 18 spaces
Trails		2	2	2	7	12	A bituminous trail that circles the entire park. A ½" lip is located at the west accessible ramp. Trail has pedestrian lighting.
Amenities	2	2	2	2	8	12	Portable restroom, picnic tables, bike rack, trash, benches in varying conditions and styles. Some benches and fence have paint peeling. Water fountain
<b>Totals</b>					<b>64</b>	<b>108</b>	

### General Comments:

This is a very popular park for summer use because of the Splash Pad. Residents of neighboring towns are also known to use the splash pad and playground. Ballfields and hockey rink are good sizes of younger youth play.

The Park has nice amenities and walking trail, but it lacks a trail or sidewalk connection to the rest of the neighborhood. The only access to the park is walking on the street or driving to the park.

### Park Needs & Recommendations

#### 1. Short Term

- Provide accessible route to picnic shelter and grill.

#### 2. Long Term Needs and Planning

- Provide improved accessible parking
- Provide accessible seating and access to ballfield
- Replace Play Structure
- Replace asphalt trails in poor condition

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# St. Anthony Village – Park Evaluation

## Tennis Court

### Park Evaluation # 4

**Park Name:** Tennis Court / Well House Park

**Park Size:** 0.95 acres

**Location:** 2920 Silver Ln NE

**Classification:** **Neighborhood Park**

**Overall Park Design:** Tennis court placed on a well house site. Many mature trees around the court give the area an appealing character. Adjacent to major roadways to the east and north.

**Overall Park Maintenance:** Park appears to be well maintained.

**Natural Resources/Landscape:** Large trees around the site, specifically west of the court.

**Overall Park Ranking:** **25%**

### AMENITY RANKINGS

Park Amenity Name	Overall Condition	Overall Design & Character	Accessibility	Age Considerations	Actual Points	Total Possible Points	Comments
Tennis / Pickleball Court	1	1	0	0	2	12	Court surface has many large cracks that have been filled. Fence in poor condition. No ADA access
Parking Lot	1	1	0	2	4	12	No designated ADA stalls. Fair condition.
<b>Totals</b>					<b>6</b>	<b>24</b>	

### **General Comments:**

A walk along Silver Lanes provides easy access to the park by nearby residents but no walks within park. On-site parking is limited to a few spots around the well house. No on street parking is available nearby.

The park does provide opportunity to be a neighborhood park if the tennis/pickleball court could be relocated to another park.

### **Park Needs & Recommendations**

#### **1. Short Term**

- Clean, fill cracks, and resurface court

#### **2. Long Term Needs and Planning**

- Provide additional parking options
- Provide accessible route to court.
- Provide accessible parking.
- Rebuild court

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