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St. Joseph Park Board
January 26, 2026, 6:30 PM
St Joseph Government Center

1. 6:30 PM Call to order
2. Approve Agenda
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes – Approve December Minutes
 - b. Treasurer’s Report – Approve the Financial Report
4. Liaison Report
 - a. Staff
 - i. Rhonda Juell
 - ii. Adam Schnettler
 - iii. Nate Keller
5. Old business: Movie at Gov Center
6. New Business:
 - a. Klinefelter Playground Bids
 - b. Rivers Bend Park
7. Adjourn

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the St. Joseph Park Board met in regular session on Monday, December 22, 2025, at 6:30 PM at St Joseph Government Center.

Members Present: Andy Rennecke, Eli Stenman, Jeff Buersken, Keith Schleper, Milton Hodge

City Representatives Present: Rhonda Juell, Adam Schnettler, Kyle Rauch

Approve Agenda: Schleper made a motion to approve agenda; seconded by Buersken and passed unanimously

Approve Consent Agenda: Schleper wanted the financial report pulled to get clarification' Rennecke made a motion to approve November minutes; seconded by Buersken and passed unanimously

a. November Minutes - attached

b. Treasury report

Staff:

Juell: Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner/Bingo had 43 participants; Youth Cookie decorating had 5 kids; Puzzle Competition at Sal's had 11 teams; Pilates class Mondays at 10, Gov Center; Soup making, healthy meals class, Dec 18

Schnettler: gave an update on the Community Center: we are short three million. They will discuss whether to move forward with the project or let the project go at the next workshop

Council:

Schnettler: gave an update on the Community Center: we are short three million. They will discuss whether to move forward with the project or let the project go at the next workshop

Old Business:

Movie Night: Jan 31, Super Mario Brothers will be shown at the Government Center at 7:00PM

New Business

Election of Officers: motion was made by Hodge and seconded by Buersken to have Eli Stenman remain as President and Andy Rennecke remain as Vice President, passed unanimously

Movie Concessions: Rennecke will get popcorn from Parkwood Theater; Juell will pick up gatorades, soda, and candy

Rainbow Bridge: Board decided that at this time we would like to see about 75% of the funds in their account before making a decision on this project.

E-bikes/Scooters: Board will continue to collect information on creating an ordinance; Schnettler will bring the topic to a Council workshop; Rennecke will talk at a Council meeting on the need for an ordinance

Other: bids were collected on the Klinefelter playground project; questions were addressed; Buersken will talk with SEH to get clarification on the questions.

Adjourn: Rennecke made a motion to adjourn at 7:30; seconded by Hodge and passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Monday, January 26, 6:30PM at City Government Center



MEETING DATE: January 26, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Finance Report

SUBMITTED BY: Finance

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION: Council approved 2025 budget on December 2, 2024.

PREVIOUS PARK BOARD ACTION: Reviewed financial reports through November 30, 2025.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Enclosed you will find the reconciled financial reports through December 31, 2025.

I included a trial balance of the Park Board and Charitable Gambling funds (funds 205 and 215, respectively). The Charitable Gambling fund supports the Movie in the Park activity. The activity does not include audit entries that will be recorded over the next couple months.

After designated funds are set aside, the Park fund undesignated balance is (\$334,506). Included in the designated balances are the fencing council approved for the Park Board to move forward with. The dog park shelter/screening is a carryover project from 2024. I set aside \$100,000 of the Park Board budget for the Klinefelter Park play equipment. This amount is set aside Fund 205 reserves accumulated in past years. There is additional budget in 2026 for the play equipment that is not reflected in the designation for 2025. The LCCMR grant proceeds have not been received. As a result, the undesignated balance is understated.

The pickleball courts project is completed with final payments made in Nov. The courts were mainly funded by ARPA grant dollars and the City's debt relief fund. Excess expenditure over the budgeted amounts in these two areas will be deducted from the Park Board fund 205.

The city issued equipment certificates in December. The Millstream west softball fields will receive some of the certificates proceeds for fencing. The expenditure will be tracked into another fund.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: Information only

ATTACHMENTS: Park Board Monthly Report
Park Board 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan Summary
Financial Statements – Park Board

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION: Consider accepting the December financial reports.

St. Joseph Park Board
Summary Treasurer's Report - Fund 205
December 2025

Fund 205, Park Board Balance as of December 31, 2024 (Audited)

501,330.71

<u>Year to Date Revenue:</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2025 YTD Actual</u>	
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	50,000.00	50,000	38,206.38	
Interest Earnings	16,259.08	3,500	9,274.87	
Park Dedication Fees	-	-	3,656.00	
Park Round Up Fees	206.75	185	195.43	
Contributions	41.00	100	80.00	
LCCMR Grant	186,449.09	-	(3,926.79)	
DNR Grant	91,738.71	-	158,645.29	
Transfers from Other Funds	-	-	-	
Total Revenue	<u>344,694.63</u>	<u>53,785</u>	<u>-</u>	206,131.18

<u>Year to Date Expenditures by Object:</u>				
Professional Services	-	-	-	
Buildings	-	-	-	
Other Equipment	(4,995.00)	(6,500)	(14,661.36)	
Park Development	(288,187.79)	-	(601,280.26)	
Total Expenses	<u>(293,182.79)</u>	<u>(6,500)</u>	<u>(601,280.26)</u>	<u>(615,941.62)</u>

Fund Summaries as of December 31, 2025:

Park Board Fund Balance - Fund 205 - (Unaudited)

91,520.27

	Designated for Dog Park	4,151
	Designated for Millstream Park East Softball Field Fencing	1,675
	Designated for Klinefelter Park Play Equipment (24 & 25 levies)	100,000
	Tentative Designated for Rivers Bend Park Development (wait on LLCMR final reimbursement)	320,201
	Amount Undesignated	<u>(334,506)</u>

2025 Projects:

Pickleball Courts completion
Rivers Bend Park phase I completion
Dog Park screening
Millstream Park bleachers
Millstream Park soccer goals
Twins Grant - Coaches, Equipment
Millstream Park east field fencing (PW)

Notes:

\$25,000 of the Millstream fencing is budgeted from the 2025 Equipment Certificates.

The DNR grant of \$250,384 has been received and closed out.
The LLCMR grant final submittal on Dec. 15th for \$372,265.29.
unused LLCMR grant = \$145,212.41

City of St. Joseph Park Board
2025 Capital Improvement Budget Summary
Park Board Recommended: June 24, 2024
 Adopted December 2, 2024

<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Park Dedication Cash December 31, 2025 (Unaudited, cash balance)	\$ 91,493

<u>Adjustments</u>	
Starting Balance	\$ 91,493
2025 remaining revenues	\$ (152,346)
Other revenues remaining	\$ -

<u>Potential Projects:</u>	Potential	Proposed
Millstream Cottages-phase 2	\$ 23,400	
Sunset Ridge-phase 2 - 4 lots	\$ 2,000	

Ending Balance for 2025	\$ (60,853)
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<u>Projects - Budget</u>	<u>PY Balance</u>	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total 25-29
PTR-01 (Millstream)	\$ 50,000	\$ 6,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 593,000	\$ 599,500
PTR-02 (Northland)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PTR-03 (Klinefelter)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 275,000
PTR-04 (Wobegon)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PTR-05 (Memorial)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,000
PTR-06 (Centennial)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PTR-07 (Monument)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PTR-08 (Hollow)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PTR-09 (Cloverdale)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PTR-10 (Rivers Park)	\$ 41,272	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 630,000	\$ 632,500
PTR-14 (Dog Park)	\$ 4,072	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,000
PTR-15 (Skate Park)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360,000	\$ 360,000
Total	\$ 95,344	\$ 6,500	\$ 254,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 1,585,000	\$ 1,875,000

<u>Projects - Actual</u>	<u>Spent 2024</u>	<u>Spent 2025</u>	
PTR-01 (Millstream)	\$ -	\$ 63,690	<i>bleachers, soccer goals, pickleball courts</i>
PTR-02 (Northland)	\$ -	\$ -	
PTR-03 (Klinefelter)	\$ -	\$ -	<i>future ADA play equipment</i>
PTR-04 (Wobegon)	\$ -	\$ -	
PTR-05 (Memorial)	\$ 4,995	\$ 2,554	<i>dugouts padding</i>
PTR-06 (Centennial)	\$ -	\$ -	
PTR-07 (Monument)	\$ -	\$ -	
PTR-08 (Hollow)	\$ -	\$ -	
PTR-09 (Cloverdale)	\$ -	\$ -	
PTR-10 (Rivers Bend Park)	\$ 288,188	\$ 550,508	<i>phase 1</i>
PTR-14 (Dog Park)	\$ -	\$ -	<i>shading, future small dog play area</i>
PTR-15 (Skate Park)	\$ -	\$ -	
Total	\$ 293,183	\$ 616,752	
	163,382	-	<i>pickleball courts ARPA Funds</i>
	38,172	49,020	<i>pickleball courts Debt Relief Funds</i>
	201,554	49,020	<i>Total Pickleball costs</i>

<u>Other 25 Expenses Budget:</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>
\$ -	\$ -

<u>2025 Revenue Budget:</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>
Interest \$ 3,500	\$ 9,275
Round Up \$ 185	\$ 195
GF Levy \$ 50,000	\$ 38,206
Transfer \$ -	\$ -
Grants \$ -	\$ 154,719
Donations \$ 100	\$ 80
Surplus Property \$ -	\$ -
Park Dedication \$ -	\$ 3,656

<u>25 Dog Park Donation Budget:</u>	<u>2016-2025</u>
pavers/treats \$ -	\$ 1,149
cash \$ -	\$ 7,229

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BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2025

FUND 205 - PARK DEDICATION FEES

ASSETS

205-10199	CASH	91,492.69	
205-10500	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	27.58	
	TOTAL ASSETS		<u>91,520.27</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

FUND EQUITY

205-25310	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	501,330.71	
	REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES - YTD	(409,810.44)	
	TOTAL FUND EQUITY		<u>91,520.27</u>
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		<u>91,520.27</u>

CITY OF ST JOSEPH
 REVENUES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
 FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

PARK DEDICATION FEES

	PRIOR YTD AMOUNT	YTD ACTUAL	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET	UNEXPENDED	PCNT
<u>PARK AREAS</u>						
205-45202-31010	CURRENT AD VALOREM TAXES	42,488.75	38,206.38	50,000.00	50,000.00	11,793.62 76.4
205-45202-33400	STATE GRANTS AND AIDS	96,142.63	154,718.50	.00	.00 (154,718.50)	.0
205-45202-34114	PARK DEDICATION FEES	.00	3,656.00	.00	.00 (3,656.00)	.0
205-45202-34785	PARK ROUND-UP PROCEEDS	206.75	195.43	185.00	185.00 (10.43)	105.6
205-45202-36210	INTEREST EARNINGS	13,911.99	9,274.87	3,500.00	3,500.00 (5,774.87)	265.0
205-45202-36230	DONATIONS - PARK BOARD	41.00	80.00	100.00	100.00	20.00 80.0
	TOTAL PARK AREAS	152,791.12	206,131.18	53,785.00	53,785.00 (152,346.18)	383.3
	TOTAL FUND REVENUE	152,791.12	206,131.18	53,785.00	53,785.00 (152,346.18)	383.3

CITY OF ST JOSEPH
 EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
 FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

PARK DEDICATION FEES

	PRIOR YTD AMOUNT	YTD ACTUAL	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET	UNEXPENDED	PCNT
<u>PARK AREAS</u>						
205-45202-531 PARK DEVELOPMENT	278,929.57	601,280.26	6,500.00	6,500.00	(594,780.26)	9250.5
205-45202-580 OTHER EQUIPMENT	4,995.00	14,661.36	.00	.00	(14,661.36)	.0
TOTAL PARK AREAS	<u>283,924.57</u>	<u>615,941.62</u>	<u>6,500.00</u>	<u>6,500.00</u>	<u>(609,441.62)</u>	<u>9476.0</u>
TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES	<u>283,924.57</u>	<u>615,941.62</u>	<u>6,500.00</u>	<u>6,500.00</u>	<u>(609,441.62)</u>	<u>9476.0</u>
NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(131,133.45)</u>	<u>(409,810.44)</u>	<u>47,285.00</u>	<u>47,285.00</u>	<u>457,095.44</u>	<u>(866.7)</u>

CITY OF ST JOSEPH

BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2025

FUND 215 - CHARITABLE GAMBLING

<u>ASSETS</u>			
215-10199	CASH	2,320.26	
	TOTAL ASSETS		2,320.26
<u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>			
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>			
215-25310	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	765.98	
	REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES - YTD	1,554.28	
	TOTAL FUND EQUITY		2,320.26
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		2,320.26

CITY OF ST JOSEPH
 REVENUES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
 FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

CHARITABLE GAMBLING

	PRIOR YTD AMOUNT	YTD ACTUAL	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET	UNEXPENDED	PCNT
<u>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</u>						
215-41430-36210 INTEREST EARNINGS	796.92	46.17	25.00	25.00	(21.17)	184.7
TOTAL GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	796.92	46.17	25.00	25.00	(21.17)	184.7
<u>RECREATION</u>						
215-45204-36230 DONATIONS - MOVIE IN PARK	.00	.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	.0
TOTAL RECREATION	.00	.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	.0
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>						
215-49302-39201 TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUND	.00	3,000.00	.00	.00	(3,000.00)	.0
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	.00	3,000.00	.00	.00	(3,000.00)	.0
TOTAL FUND REVENUE	796.92	3,046.17	525.00	525.00	(2,521.17)	580.2

CITY OF ST JOSEPH
 EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
 FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

CHARITABLE GAMBLING

	PRIOR YTD AMOUNT	YTD ACTUAL	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET	UNEXPENDED	PCNT
<u>RECREATION</u>						
215-45204-308 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	1,561.89	1,491.89	1,850.00	1,850.00	358.11	80.6
TOTAL RECREATION	1,561.89	1,491.89	1,850.00	1,850.00	358.11	80.6
TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES	1,561.89	1,491.89	1,850.00	1,850.00	358.11	80.6
NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	(764.97)	1,554.28	(1,325.00)	(1,325.00)	(2,879.28)	117.3





MEETING DATE: January 26th, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

SUBMITTED BY: Nate Keller, Community Development Director

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION: TBD

PREVIOUS PARK BOARD ACTION: Park Board supported the first phase of River’s Bend Park development and submission of LCCMR request.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

LCCMR (Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources) opened request submittals on January 8th. The city received approximately \$700,000 during the last successful LCCMR request which allowed the city to complete the first phase of River’s Bend park this past year. Full application submittal is March 18th, 2026. If a request is granted funding projects will begin in July 2027.

Staff would like Park Board input on next phase priorities for the park to help staff prepare an LCCMR funding submittal. Attached is the original Master Plan of the Park (park was originally called East Park). The Park Board should be aware that most of the park is located within the 100-year floodplain so suggested improvements should be as flood torrent as possible.

River’s Bend was originally meant to be a passive park. Meaning the park is meant to be nature focused with amenities such as hiking, birdwatching, walking, places of rest like benches, etc. Park improvements were meant to focus on amenities that are low maintenance, and which keep with the intent of the passive nature of the park and land. *The opposite of passive park is an “active” park. An active park has structured focused activities like sports fields, playgrounds, courts, or other items that require significant infrastructure.*

Some potential ideas could include:

- Completion of paved trail within the park
- Benches and places to sit
- Lighting (dark sky compliant) of parking lot
- Boardwalk
- Rugged more “natural” like trails
- Picnic areas
- Natural playground (one that uses logs, boulders, etc.) – may be risky if land floods as it could be damaged
- Observation area (to view the prairie and waterfront area)

There is no match requirement, and no minimum or maximum grant request.

However, proposals must meet one of the identified funding priorities. The most relevant priority is shown below:

C. Education and Outdoor Recreation

Proposals that contribute to all Minnesotans, especially young people, having access to and taking advantage of opportunities to connect to the lands and waters of Minnesota, including through culturally relevant and innovative approaches.* The LCCMR seeks projects proposing to do one or more of the following:

8. Design and/or develop culturally relevant, accessible, and resilient outdoor recreation facilities and infrastructure – including recreation areas, parks, trails, fishing piers, or shelters – that create new natural resources-based experiences.
9. Expand networks of trails, parks, or natural areas to protect and connect green spaces seamlessly, improve accessibility and safety, and/or encourage all Minnesotans to recreate and engage with nature.

Evaluation Criteria

All proposals must be eligible for funding, as defined by law (see page 11) and as indicated in this RFP, and clearly articulate how the project will meet the constitutional purpose of protecting, conserving, preserving, or enhancing the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, or other natural resources. The following criteria are considered in evaluating and selecting individual proposals to recommend for funding:

Funding Priorities: The proposal responds to RFP funding priorities.

Environmental or Natural Resource Benefits: The extent to which the project will benefit Minnesota's environment, natural resources, or how Minnesotans experience them relative to the amount requested.

Outcomes/Results: The proposal clearly identifies the work that will be done, and the specific outputs, results, and likely outcomes that will benefit the environment and natural resources, or how Minnesotans experience them.

Capacity: The proposal and past performance demonstrate the applicant's administrative, financial, professional, scientific, and/or technical capacity to manage the project and deliver on proposed outputs and results in a timely, accountable, and effective manner.

Completeness and Clarity: The proposal is clear, sufficiently detailed, and includes all required information and attachments needed to fully evaluate the proposal.

Additional factors may also be considered, as applicable, in evaluating and selecting proposals, including but not limited to:

Information and Dissemination: The project will contribute to the knowledge base *and* disseminate that information so that it can be used to benefit efforts to protect, conserve, restore, enhance, or manage the environment and natural resources.

Innovation: The project will employ or demonstrate innovative approaches to more effectively and efficiently solve specific environmental and natural resource issues.

Timeliness and Readiness: The proposal includes work that is urgent or would significantly benefit from funding in the current cycle *and* demonstrates readiness for that work to begin as soon as funds are available.

Leverage: The project will leverage additional efforts, resources, or non-state funds.

Collaboration/Coordination: The project will use a collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach with project partners from a diversity of agencies, organizations, or communities *and/or* will include meaningful engagement with those entities in completing the proposed work.

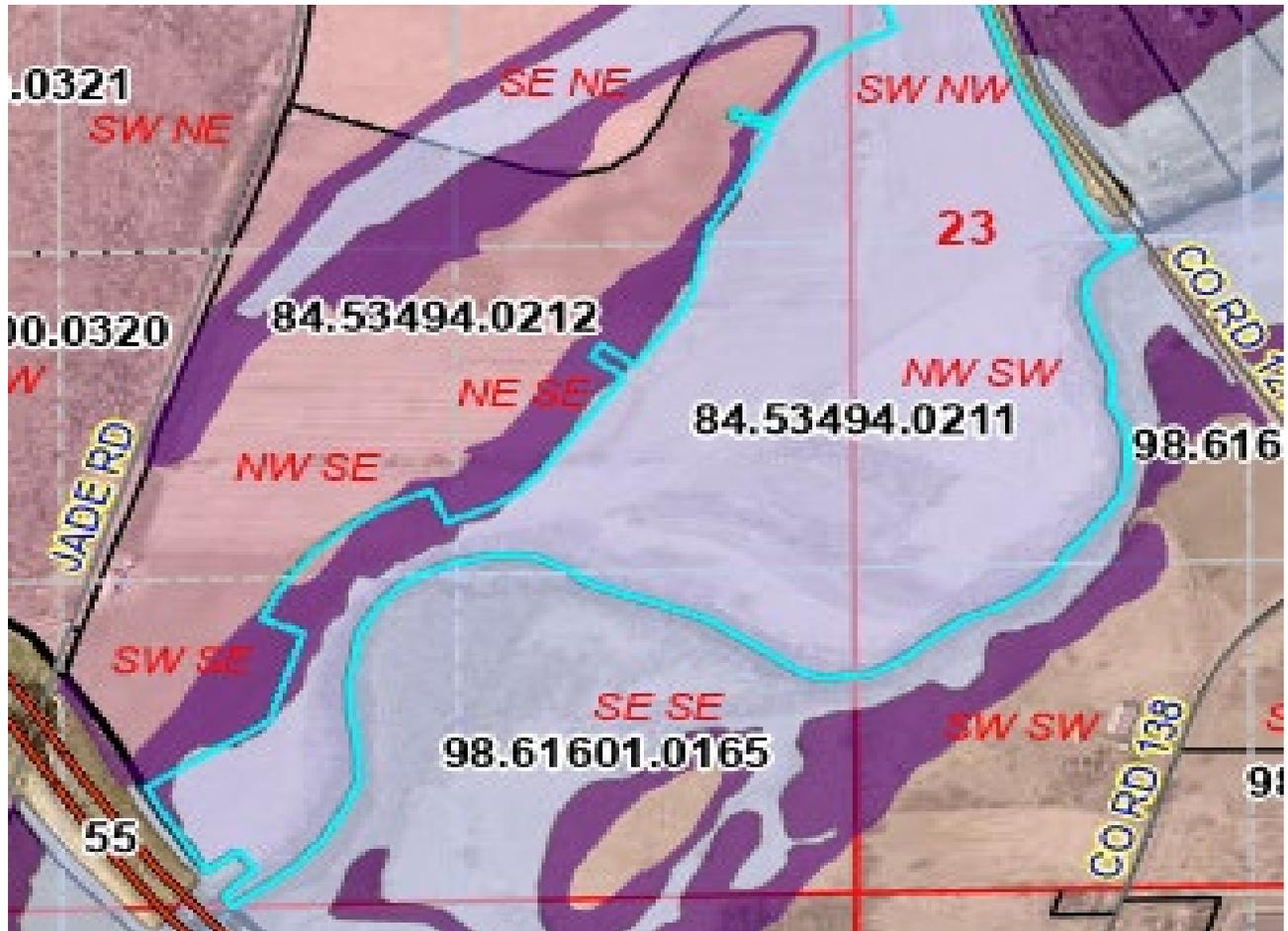
Finally, the commission may consider how the selected proposals as a whole provide benefits to and address needs in all areas and communities of the state.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: LCCMR does not require a match. However, the money is upfronted and then paid back through reimbursement requests.

ATTACHMENTS: Original Master Park Plan (Park was originally called East Park)
Floodplain map

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:
Suggestions from Park Board on amenities to target for the LCCMR request and Phase two of the park development.

Floodplain map





Preliminary Design Plan for East Park 10-3-18

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INTRODUCTION

The concept for East Park in St. Joseph, MN was described in the 2008 Park and Trail System Plan as a regional-scale park with a parkway, trails and active and passive recreational facilities ranging from a dog park to a boat launch and nature center. The 95-acre park was intended to serve the greater St. Joseph community as well as a new residential neighborhood planned for development in the coming years. While St. Joseph has continued to evolve over the past ten years, the East Park area has remained unchanged.

This preliminary design plan was commissioned by the City to conduct a planning process for updating and refining the park's conceptual design to be more responsive to current park and recreational interests and needs. Working with the City's Park Board, SEH landscape architects examined specific park conditions, conducted community outreach activities, and refined the vision, program and design for East Park. This plan documents that process and is intended to be incorporated into the City's Park and Trail System Plan.

The park planning process included the following steps or activities:

1. Participation in meetings with St. Joseph Park Board to review and validate the 2008 park concept plan and program and refine a process for seeking community input.
2. Development and administration of a community open house and community survey regarding park vision, program elements and naming.
3. Preparation of detailed site maps and analysis of park environs such as topography, flood plain, land cover / vegetation, and surrounding land uses.
4. Development of a park vision statement, refined program and preliminary design based on community and Park Board input.
5. Development of a preliminary-level park development cost estimate.

Visual exhibits in this plan have been organized in sequential order beginning with the 2008 concept plan and precedent images of program elements.

The St. Joseph Park Board drafted a resolution recommending the City Council approve the preliminary design plan for the park at their August 27th, 2018 meeting.

EXISTING PARK CONCEPT PLAN - 2008

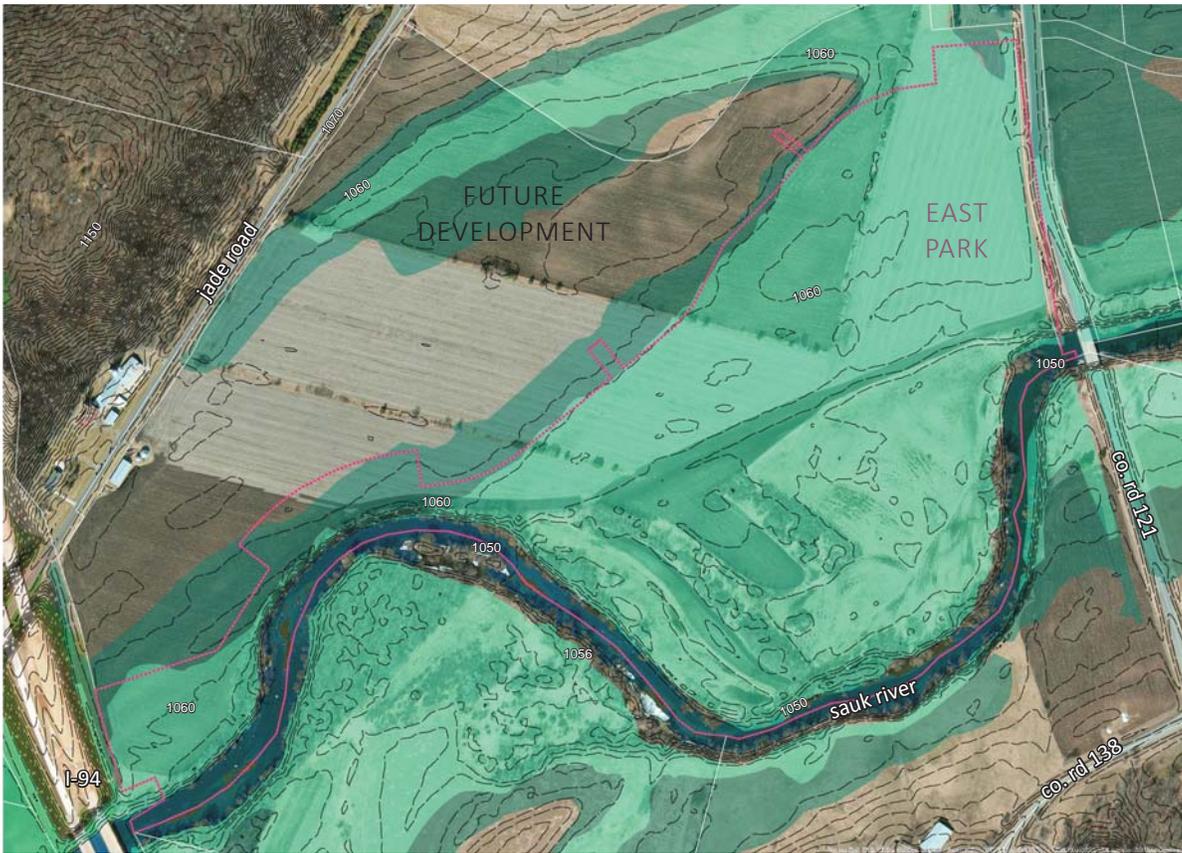


EAST PARK CONCEPT DESIGN

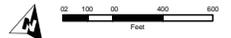
EXISTING CONDITIONS 2018



- east park legend + details
- 95.3 acre park site
 - contours ———
 - parcels ———
 - east park site boundary - - - - -
 - site boundary ·····



- east park legend + details
- 95.3 acre park site
 - contours ———
 - parcels ———
 - east park site boundary - - - - -
 - site boundary ·····
 - 100 year floodplain (light green)
 - 500 year floodplain (dark green)



EAST PARK PRELIMINARY DESIGN

EAST PARK: PROGRAM CONSIDERATIONS

A REGIONAL SCALE PARK FOR EXPERIENCING NATURE, GATHERING, SOCIALIZING & RECREATING!

The City of St. Joseph is refining the design for East Park to meet the community's growing needs.

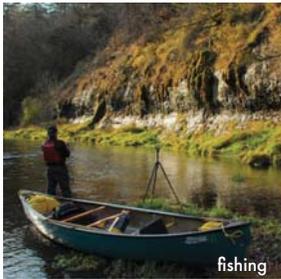
MEADOW RESTORATION



REFORESTATION



PASSIVE RECREATION



ACTIVE RECREATION



PHASE 1 INITIAL DEVELOPMENT:

These program elements were mentioned in the public open house, scored highest in the community survey, and meet criteria described in the 2008 Master Parks Plan.

Phase 1 naturalization projects should be started at the soonest possible time as funding allows; tree and meadow establishment will be most cost beneficial if started from younger plants which have more time to root before the park is opened.

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TRAILS



BOARDWALKS



FURNISHINGS



ACCESS AND PARKING



SHELTERS



RESTROOM FACILITIES - Temporary



EAST PARK: PROGRAM CONSIDERATIONS

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ACTIVE RECREATION



ACTIVE PLAY



DOG PARK



RESTROOM FACILITIES- Permanent



PHASE 2 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT:

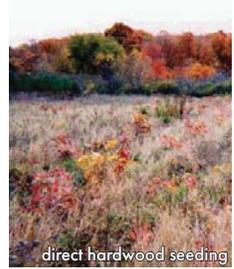
These program ideas / facilities were either mentioned in the community survey, public open house, or in the concept plan. They can be held for future development when, and if residential development to the north of the park occurs and warrants additional facilities to meet community needs.

EAST PARK: PROPOSED FEATURES

VISION STATEMENT:

East Park will be a welcoming and wild place that is actively managed and mindfully stewarded to restore and protect its unique natural resources and recreational amenities for the enrichment and enjoyment of all park visitors.

HABITAT ESTABLISHMENT & RESTORATION



TRAILS/ CIRCULATION



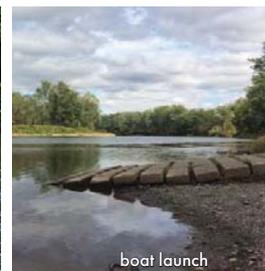
INTERPRETATION/ WAYFINDING



GATHERING AREAS



PASSIVE RECREATION



ACTIVE AREAS



EAST PARK: PRELIMINARY PLAN



NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS



EXISTING AGRICULTURAL LAND

RETAIN EXISTING WINDBREAKS

PARKING & TURNAROUND

FUTURE PARK DEVELOPMENT AREA
-PLAYGROUND
-PICNIC SHELTER
-OPEN LAWN

POTENTIAL FUTURE RESIDENTIAL PARCELS

HARD TRAILS

RIVER TOUCH POINT/ACCESS

FUTURE DOG PARK

RIVER TOUCH POINT/ACCESS

HARDWOOD FOREST ESTABLISHMENT

PRAIRIE POTHOLE

PRAIRIE CLASSROOM

PARKING

BOARDWALK

DNR-APPROVED BOAT LAUNCH
FISHING PIER/OVERLOOK



VIEW UPRIVER FROM PROPOSED FISHING PIER BIRD BLIND



EXISTING WETLANDS

FLOODPLAIN FOREST CLASSROOM

FISHING PIER/OVERLOOK

BOARDWALK





East Park Preliminary Master Plan Estimate of Probable Costs 9/05/2018

Item	Estimated Cost	Unit costs and calcs.
Earthwork (excavation & grading)	\$ 315,000.00	30 acres, 48,700 CY (1 ft of exc) @ \$6.50/CY
Reforestation (seeding method)	\$ 7,500.00	10 acres @\$750/ac
Prairie establishment	\$ 170,000.00	20 acres @ \$8.5k/ac
Wetland restroation / enhancement	\$36,000	6 acres @ \$6k/ac
Turf establishment	\$ 18,000.00	3 acres @\$6k/ac
Trees	\$ 12,000.00	24 @ \$500/ea
Parkway	\$ 400,000.00	5,650 SY @\$70/sy
Parking areas	\$ 75,000.00	1,077 SY @ \$70/sy
Boardwalk and bird blind	\$ 104,550.00	850 lf, 1 bb, @\$123/lf (8ft wide)
Soft surface trail	93000	3,100 lf @ \$30/lf (8 ft wide)
Hard surface trail	\$ 511,000.00	7,300 lf @ \$70/lf (10ft wide)
Outdoor classroom / gathering areas	\$ 100,000.00	2 - \$50k each wood deck
Paddle Craft Launch	\$28,000	1 - lump sum
Fishing pier	\$ 25,000.00	1 - lump sum
River access / stone blocks	\$ 10,000.00	20 tons
Furnishings (bike racks, benches, picnic tables, litter and	\$ 28,500.00	6 tables, 4 benches, 8 litter and recycle, 10
Signs and wayfinding	\$ 32,000.00	1 major and 1 minor park entry, 3 parking, 8 wayfinding, 2 park rules
Dog park fencing	\$ 28,000.00	700 lf @ \$40/lf
Nature play ground	\$ 150,000.00	1 - lump sum
Picnic shelters (10 x 20)	\$ 60,000.00	2 @ \$30k
Sub total	\$ 2,203,550.00	
Contingency: 15% (mobilization & construction)	\$ 330,531.00	
Inflation: 3.5 per year for 5 years	\$ 443,465.00	5yrs w/ contingency @\$88,693
Final design and engineering: 16%	\$ 352,568.00	
Grand total	\$ 3,330,114.00	

NEXT STEPS

From the technical aspects of implementation, the preliminary park design serves as the basis for further design and engineering set of technical construction plans and technical specifications. These documents are also needed to obtain a variety of permits from City and State agencies as well as in obtaining competitive contractor bids.

The preliminary park plan has been designed to accommodate a phased approach to implementation. For example the parkway includes three parking areas which can serve as interim destinations should it need to be constructed over time, in phase. Similarly, the paved and natural surface trails, boardwalks, outdoor class room / council rings and river access points can all be developed as a series of loops and connected over time. This preliminary park design report can serve to support formal funding requests from a host of agencies and potential partners at the County, State and Federal level.

Ideally, a significant enough initial phase of implementation would be undertaken to allow adequate use of the park by St. Joseph residents of varying ages, interests and capabilities. This would also serve to establish the level of quality, look and feel of this unique facility.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Naming Suggestions for EAST PARK

St. Joseph, MN

1. Blazing Star Park
2. Prairie Bend Park
3. L'Etoile du Nord Park (the star of the north)
4. Meadowbrook Park
5. Riverview Park
6. Riverbend Park
7. Prairie Run Park
8. Sauk Bend Park
9. Streamwood Park
10. Foxglove Park

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Park Board Public Input Meeting- East Park

March 21, 2018

Summary comments

Comment 1:

East Park looks like it has potential to be a beautiful addition to St. Joseph, if the amenities are placed correctly. I strongly discourage any type of camping facilities. Walking and or jogging trails would be a positive amenity. Any type of natural preservation areas would be welcome. Active recreation fields are unnecessary because of similar facilities located nearby. Sheltered picnic area would be helpful.

Comment 2:

Welcome nature trails, meadow, trees. Preservation is a good focus

Unwelcome: no camping, buildings or skate park. Music and noise levels should be kept at minimum.

Comment 3:

Welcome: nature preserve, Natural education and fostering love and appreciation for nature. Walking trails, etc...

Unwelcome: no camping, no skate park, no water park or similar facility.

Comment 4:

Add a pickle ball court

Comment 5:

No camping.

CITY OF
ST Joseph
EAST PARK
OPEN HOUSE

SLOW-IN

Andrew Decker -

DAVE CHRISTMAN

Jodi Keener

Peggy Fogarty

Don Barthel

~~Tony Thorne~~

~~John Schuch~~

Alycia Mick

Trouis Mick

Nate Gove

Amie Gove

Ryan Nishnago

Amy Braig-Hindstrom

Joe Beckwith

Matt Coe

Troy Horne

Carmie Mick

Comment Card

OPTIONAL

Name _____

Address _____

Phone/Email _____

**Please
Check
One**

- Private Citizen
- Public Agency Rep.
- Citizen Group Rep.
- Elected Official

Comments: NO CAMPGROUND !! The City of St. Joseph already had one fail.

Comment Card

OPTIONAL

Name Jack Schug

Address 31 5th Ave NW

Phone/Email 363 7910

**Please
Check
One**

- Private Citizen
- Public Agency Rep.
- Citizen Group Rep.
- Elected Official

Comments: ADD A PICKLE BALL COURT

Comment Card



OPTIONAL

Name _____

Address _____

Phone/Email _____

**Please
Check
One**

- Private Citizen
- Public Agency Rep.
- Citizen Group Rep.
- Elected Official

Comments: Absolutely no camping!! Why muck up a beautiful area and potentially attract unwanted individuals to inhabit it.

no skate park, water park etc.

Please preserve NATURE. Encourage love of natural scenery, walking, etc.

Comment Card

OPTIONAL

Name _____

Address _____

Phone/Email _____

**Please
Check
One**

- Private Citizen
- Public Agency Rep.
- Citizen Group Rep.
- Elected Official

Comments: _____

Would welcome nature trail, meadow, trees. Preserve the nature.

ABSOLUTELY NO CAMPING, BUILDINGS, SKATEPARK, CAMPGROUNDS get trashed as do skateparks.

NO MUSIC

Comment Card

OPTIONAL

Name Alysia Mick
Address 9067 Cayley Court
St. Cloud, MN 56301
Phone/Email alysiamick@gmail.com

**Please
Check
One**

- Private Citizen
- Public Agency Rep.
- Citizen Group Rep.
- Elected Official

Comments: East Park looks like it has potential to be a beautiful addition to St. Joseph, if the amenities are placed correctly. I strongly discourage any type of camping facility as it is too close to Kennedy School & the neighborhood directly across the street. Campgrounds tend to get very loud if the wrong "type" of people utilize the grounds. Walking and/or jogging trails would be fantastic any type of natural/preservation areas. Ball or activity fields are unnecessary as SJU/SBU just put in such a large facility, not to mention the fields at Kenned as well. A sheltered picnic area would benefit the area, if on the opposite end of the entrance. Dog park - not a benefit as there is already one in St. Joseph. No need for another.

Survey Report for St. Joseph East Park

1. Please rate your preference for the following park features or facilities:

	High	Medium	Low	Responses
Canoe/Kayak Launch Count Row %	41 39.4%	33 31.7%	30 28.8%	104
Motor Vehicle Parking Count Row %	47 46.1%	39 38.2%	16 15.7%	102
Boardwalks Through Wetlands and Meadows Count Row %	39 38.2%	45 44.1%	18 17.6%	102
Covered Shelter/Pavilion for Social and Educational Gatherings Count Row %	36 35.3%	46 45.1%	20 19.6%	102
Paved Trails for Walking and Biking Count Row %	43 42.2%	31 30.4%	28 27.5%	102
Soft (gravel or mowed) Trails Count Row %	33 31.7%	48 46.2%	23 22.1%	104
Nature-Play Environment Count Row %	45 44.6%	42 41.6%	14 13.9%	101
Covered Picnic Pavilions with Tables, Seating and BBQ Grills Count Row %	34 33.0%	37 35.9%	32 31.1%	103

	High	Medium	Low	Responses
Off-Leash Dog Park/Dog Run Area Count Row %	24 23.5%	20 19.6%	58 56.9%	102
Permanent Restrooms Count Row %	59 56.7%	33 31.7%	12 11.5%	104
Seasonal Warming House Count Row %	11 10.8%	36 35.3%	55 53.9%	102
Nature Observation Area/Platform Count Row %	32 31.7%	32 31.7%	37 36.6%	101
Disc Golf Course Count Row %	59 57.3%	8 7.8%	36 35.0%	103
27 hole disc golf course Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
A platform to fish from Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Allow pets/dogs on trails Count Row %	1 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1
Camping Count Row %	2 100.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	2

	High	Medium	Low	Responses
Canoe camping				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Canoe camping site				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Championship level disc golf course				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Concrete tee pads and pins for Disc golf				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Cross Country Ski Trails				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
DISC GOLF COURSE				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Disc Golf				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Disc Golf Coarse				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Disc Golf Course				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Disc golf				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Disc golf course				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

	High	Medium	Low	Responses
Disc golf course				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Disc golf course!				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Fish platform				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Fishing dock				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
I know there was already a disc golf one but really badly want another disc golf course				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Keep it the way it is				
Count	0	0	1	1
Row %	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	
Petting zoo				
Count	0	1	0	1
Row %	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	
Playground				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Playground				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Shooting Range/Clay Pidgeons				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

	High	Medium	Low	Responses
Splash pad				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Splash-pad for young children				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Sunny weather ALL the time, please!				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Trees				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
canoe-access camp sites				
Count	1	0	0	1
Row %	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Totals				
Total Responses				104

2. Please complete the following sentence: I would visit East Park to...

Count	Response
1	Disc golf!
1	Discgolf
1	Discgolf dog
1	Enjoy nature
1	Exercise
1	Explore
1	Family
1	Frisbee golf
1	Go discing
1	Go for walks
1	Go hiking
1	Hike outside
1	Hike w/kids
1	Hike.
1	I would not use just like all the other parks in town
1	I wouldnt
1	Nature
1	Play Disc golf
1	Play disc
1	Play disc golf and walk in the park
1	Playdiscgolf

Count	Response
1	See sunset
1	To disc golf
1	Walk my dog
1	Walk or bike
1	Walk w/ kid
1	Walk/Bike
1	Walk/fish
1	be active
1	boardwalk
1	camping
1	canoe, hike
1	canoe/kayak
1	canoe/picnic
1	disc golf!
1	fish
1	hike
1	launch kayak
1	picnic
1	play discs
1	splash pad
1	too few char

Count	Response
1	use trails
1	visit nature
1	walk my dog

3. Please rate your preference of activities or park programs that may be provided at East Park:

	High	Medium	Low	Responses
Yoga Count Row %	10 10.0%	17 17.0%	73 73.0%	100
Bee Keeping Count Row %	15 15.0%	29 29.0%	56 56.0%	100
Birding Count Row %	29 29.3%	30 30.3%	40 40.4%	99
Canoeing/Kayaking Count Row %	34 34.3%	37 37.4%	28 28.3%	99
Exercise Class Count Row %	10 10.0%	18 18.0%	72 72.0%	100
Nature/Ecology Education Count Row %	29 29.0%	36 36.0%	35 35.0%	100

	High	Medium	Low	Responses
Hiking Count Row %	53 53.0%	30 30.0%	17 17.0%	100
Disc Golf Count Row %	57 56.4%	9 8.9%	35 34.7%	101
Biking Count Row %	34 34.0%	31 31.0%	35 35.0%	100
Cooking Count Row %	13 13.1%	30 30.3%	56 56.6%	99
Picnicking Count Row %	29 29.0%	44 44.0%	27 27.0%	100
Dog Walking Count Row %	27 27.0%	31 31.0%	42 42.0%	100
Snow Shoeing Count Row %	19 19.0%	32 32.0%	49 49.0%	100
X-Country Skiing Count Row %	23 23.0%	28 28.0%	49 49.0%	100
Small Recreation Space for Various Program Activities Count Row %	17 17.2%	46 46.5%	36 36.4%	99
Totals Total Responses				101

4. Please indicate if there is a specific feature or facility you think should be included at East Park:



Count	Response
16	Disc golf
6	Disc Golf
1	18+disc hole
1	A Splash Pad
1	Bathroom
1	Camping Spot
1	Climbing
1	DG pro shop
1	DISC GOLF!
1	Disc Golf :)
1	Disc golf,
1	Disc golf?? Yes disc golf

Count	Response
1	Disc shop
1	Dog Park
1	Dog friendly
1	Dog park
1	Drinking H2O
1	FishPlatform
1	Fishing pier
1	Foot golf
1	Horseshoes
1	It will be another park nobody uses and costs tax payers to keep up
1	Native lands
1	Natural
1	No changes
1	Nothing
1	Parking lot
1	Picnic area
1	Playground
1	Portable H2o
1	Porto johns.
1	Pro shop

Count	Response
1	Restrooms
1	Safety.
1	Shaded area
1	Shelter
1	Splash pad
1	Walking path
1	Water drink
1	Waterfeature
1	Wildlife obs
1	boardwalk
1	camping spot
1	canoe launch
1	kids area
1	path variety
1	wetland walk

5. Do you have a name suggestion suitable to replace “East” Park?

Count	Response
7	No

Count	Response
2	Nope
2	Obama Park
2	Sauk River Park
2	Wetterling Park
1	Adventure park
1	Cody Park
1	Countryside Park
1	East park
1	East river park
1	Hope Park
1	Hyzer
1	Jacob Wetterling NPark
1	Jacob Wetterling Park
1	Joe Town Grounds
1	L'Etoile du Nord
1	Leave alone
1	Little river park
1	Mary Ellenbecker park
1	Mission Park
1	Natures Edge
1	River Park

Count	Response
1	River Song Park
1	River View Park
1	River bend
1	River bend park
1	River park
1	Riverbend Park
1	Riverside Park
1	Riverview Park
1	Roosevelt park
1	Saint Park
1	Sauk River Community Par
1	Sauk River Rec Park
1	Sauk River Regional Park
1	Sauk River canoe launch
1	Sauk's Crossing
1	Shady Dogwater
1	St Joseph Nature Park
1	St. Joseph Nature Park
1	Wildlife park
1	Zen Park
1	Zervas Park