

VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN

N112 W17001 MEQUON ROAD

GERMANTOWN, WI 53022

MEETING: PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

DATE AND TIME: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

**LOCATION: GERMANTOWN VILLAGE HALL VILLAGE BOARD ROOM
N112 W17001 Mequon Road**

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- I. CALL TO ORDER:** This meeting has been given public notice in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.83 and 19.84 in such form that will apprise the general public and news media of subject matter that is intended for discussion and action.
- II. ROLL CALL:**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** May 20, 2020
- IV. PUBLIC INPUT:** Please be advised per State Statute Section 19.84(2), information will be received from the public. It is the policy of this municipality that there be a three (3) minute time period, per person, with time extensions per the Chief Presiding Officer's discretion; be further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, NO ACTION will be taken under public comments.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - Communication from the Germantown Soccer Club requesting re-opening of village soccer fields.
 - Communications from community requesting to locate a geocache in village parks.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS:**
 1. Firemen's Park Phase 1 Site Improvements Project
 2. Dheinsville Park Shelter Project
 3. Weidenbach Park Play Equipment Project
 4. Park & Recreation Department Re-Open Plan Update

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Firemen's Park Shelter Design – Review & Recommendation on Preliminary Budget & Project Alternates
2. Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Update
3. Germantown Soccer Club – Review & Approval of Request to Re-Open Village Soccer Fields
4. Kinderberg Estates Subdivision – Preliminary Plat Review & Recommendation
5. Geocaching Policy – Village Parks – Review & Approval

VIII. VILLAGE BOARD:

IX. SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST:

The next Park & Recreation Commission meeting will be **July 15th @ 5:30 p.m.**

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

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**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MAY 20, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Coulthurst.

ROLL CALL: Chair Coulthurst, Commissioners Knop, Stapelman, Trustee Rep. Hudson, Leukert and Depies. Guests included Recreation Supervisors Patti Heinen and Katie Rodger, Senior Center Coordinator Mary Fiegel, Superintendent Highway, Parks and Buildings Jay Olszewski and Village Administrator Steve Kreklow. Also present were Director Schroeder and Secretary Lemke. Absent and unexcused was School Board Rep. Borden

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME: Welcome Phil Hudson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion by Depies and seconded by Leukert to approve the minutes from April 15, 2020 as presented. Motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC INPUT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Motion by Depies, seconded by Stapelman to move to New Business VIII. #3. Motion unanimously carried.

PARK & RECREATION COVID-19 PHASED-IN SERVICES: Mark stated that under the direction of the Village Board on Monday, May 18th we have been directed to follow the guidelines from the Washington/Ozaukee County blueprint for reopening services.

Program Supervisor Heinen discussed the departments Summer Programs Re-Open Plan. Heinen stated what the “Best Practices” will be regarding cleaning and disinfecting daily as well as social distancing. The School District has indicated that they will not be opening their buildings until August 1st therefore those programs scheduled in district facilities have been canceled.

Programs that we are holding in our parks/buildings are going to run with additional cleaning of equipment, physical distancing and not sharing equipment if possible. A few of our programs such as KidsSports, Parent Child Basketball and Hoopsters we are requiring the parents to stay and participate with their child to limit contact with others. We have also reduced the number of enrollees in some classes for physically distancing.

Program Supervisor Rodger stated that the Kids Klub program is to begin on Monday, June 15th. There will not be any field trips this year. Maximum numbers at all sites have been adjusted as we no longer are able to use St. Boniface this summer. New procedures will be in place and staff will be trained for proper use of PPE, handwashing/cleaning/sanitization. The parent drop-off/pick-up procedures will now be curbside. Parents are being asked to screen their children before bringing them to Kids Klub, there will also be a waiver that families need to sign for each participant regarding the risk of COVID-19. There will be small groups for physical distancing. Families will be encouraged to use disposable lunch bags.

Senior Center Coordinator Fiegel stated that rentals at the Senior Center will start June 13th with max of 50 at this time. The van program will resume on June 15th Tuesdays–Fridays 9:00a.m.–2:30p.m. with only 1 rider at a time. The rider and driver must wear masks and sanitize after each rider. The ADRC is continuing the home delivered meal program. WASC (Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers) is recommending opening in 3 phases for programming. Phase 1, programs where 1 person can attend such as County Nurse visit, Toe Nail Trimmers, exercise room and computer room. Once we get to phase 3, program size would be limited to max of 10 due to social distancing.

Director Schroeder stated that the affiliate groups are following the stated guidelines regarding their sports. Jr. Warhawks Baseball/Softball will start on June 1st. Their tournaments for July have been canceled. Soccer would like to open play July 1st. Little League will begin June 1st. Hawks Football is pending as they follow the AAYFL guidelines.

Park Facilities re-opening plan:

- Playgrounds – May 22nd
- Basketball Courts – May 22nd, no more than 10 at one time
- Tennis/Pickleball – didn't close
- Volleyball Courts – May 22nd, no more than 10 at one time
- Skate park – didn't close
- Splashpad – June 13th
- Shelters – open based on 50 people/25% capacity
- Drinking fountains – not opening
- Restrooms -May 22nd
- Archery Range – didn't close
- Community Garden – didn't close
- Disc Golf – Didn't close

OLD BUSINESS:

FIREMEN'S PARK PHASE 1 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPDATE: Miller Electric has completed all electrical work associated with Phase 1. This includes installation of conduit, wiring, light poles, bollards, and electrical service panel. The light poles and bollards were tested via generator on May 7th. The Village Inspection department has inspected the electrical system, with approval given to WE Energies for installation of the transformer, service line and meter pedestal. At this time, it is anticipated that WE Energies will complete this work in late May/early June. Additional work remaining in Phase 1 includes paving of the stone pathways, and site grading and restoration. Overall completion of Phase 1 is anticipated in early to mid-June.

DHEINSVILLE PARK SHELTER PROJECT UPDATE: The official ground-breaking ceremony for the Muehl Family Festhalle at Dheinsville Park was held on Friday, May 1st. Site work including staking, installation of the tracking pad and silt fence was completed on May 1st, with stripping of topsoil, filling, grading and compacting starting on May 4th. Installation of the stone base work was completed on May 12th. Grading and restoration of the perimeter slopes is in progress.

The Building Construction Oversight Committee approved the color selections at the April 30th meeting. Attached is a copy of the color selection sign off sheets. Project submittals have been approved for building materials and project electric/lighting. The anticipated delivery date for building materials and start of construction is June 15th. The scheduled project completion date is in August.

WEIDENBACH PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT PROJECT: Site preparation and installation of the equipment had been planned for September 2019. Following discussion with public works staff, it was decided to push back the playground installation into 2020 to allow the DPW staff to focus efforts on completion of other priority projects for the village. Weather permitting, preliminary plans are to begin park site work in June, with equipment delivery and installation in July.

NEW BUSINESS:

FIREMEN'S PARK SHELTER DESIGN UPDATE: At the last meeting, the Commission reviewed the 30% project plans (see attached). At the April 30th meeting, the Building Construction Oversight Committee reviewed and provided input on these plans.

BCOC member David Baum offered to provide additional professional guidance to Parkitecture for continued work on the project plans including material selection. The goal is to have final plans completed in June/July for public bidding and award in August for start of construction in September/October. Included in the packet are the 30% plans including floor plan and building elevations.

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Project stakeholder interview/meetings were tentatively scheduled for May 6th, but these meetings will be postponed until further notice due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

VILLAGE BOARD REPORT: Nothing to report.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Absent

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Firemen's Park Phase 1 Site Improvements Project:

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Park & Recreation COVID-19 Phased-in Services:

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, all recreation programs and special events have been cancelled since March 14th. On March 16th, the Village Board declared a local public health emergency. Since March 24th, the village has been following the State of Wisconsin's "Safer at Home" Order. On May 13th, the Wisconsin State Supreme Court overturned this order, effectively placing the decision-making authority in the hands of local governmental officials.

Staff is in the process of drafting a phased-in service plan that will include re-opening of the closed park facilities/amenities (note that parks have remained open), as well as a plan for recreation programs and special events taking into consideration the facilities that will be available for use. The plan will follow the guidelines recommended in the Blueprint for Re-Opening Washington County as prepared by the Washington Ozaukee Counties Health Department utilizing recommendation/best practices of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Park Rules Signs:

In late 2019, staff completed the design and purchase of new park rules/informational signs to replace the outdated/poor condition signs. In early May, the DPW/parks crew completed the installation of 9 signs at Spassland, Haupt Strasse, Alt Bauer, Weidenbach, Schoen Lauffen, Kinderberg, and Friedenfeld Parks. Due to construction work at Firemen's and Dheinsville Parks, these signs will be purchased and installed in 2021.

Ball Diamond Upgrades:

Monies were included in the Recreational Facility Fee Fund to complete renovations to the baseball/softball diamonds at Kinderberg, Haupt Strasse, Friedenfeld, and Firemen's Parks. Total Lawn Care completed this work the week of May 11th – 15th. Work included removal of the infield lips, adding of baseball diamond mix, re-grading of material, and re-setting of the bases/home plate ready for play.

Friedenfeld Park Irrigation System Upgrade:

Monies were included in the budget for materials and labor to make improvements to the irrigation system that serves the football fields at the park. The project was needed from a safety and functionality standpoint. The project was made possible through the combined efforts of the Public Works and Park & Recreation Department, along with funding assistance from the Germantown Hawks Football Club.

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Community Garden:

All plots at the Dheinsville Park Community Garden have been filled. The gardeners have been working in their plots since mid to late April.

Farmer's Market:

Due to the covid-19 pandemic, the Farmer's Market start date was originally pushed back till June 6th. However, based on the state guidelines that determined Farmer's Markets are essential services, the department made the decision to move the start date up to Saturday, May 16th following the guidelines established by the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: The next meeting is scheduled for June 17th at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Shannon Lemke
Park & Recreation Secretary

Mark Schroeder

From: Germantown Rec.
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 7:46 AM
To: Patti Heinen
Cc: Mark Schroeder
Subject: FW: Geocaching in Germantown Parks

From: Patricia Davidson <pattymdavidson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 11:11 AM
To: Germantown Rec. <parkrec@village.germantown.wi.us>
Subject: Geocaching in Germantown Parks

Hi,

I'm thinking about setting up a geocaching Adventure Lab that showcases five of the parks in the village. I live near Kinderberg so that would be one of them. To learn more about Adventure Labs - <https://newsroom.geocaching.com/adventure-lab>.

I have a couple of questions:

In the app, there is a description of the location. Can I copy the text from the Parks and Facilities website for each park?

Many Adventure Labs have a puzzle (physical) geocache as a bonus for completing the Adventure Lab. Can I hide a physical cache in one of the five parks that I choose?

Thanks,
Patty Davidson
W154N10309 Regency Ct N
414-916-4141

Mark Schroeder

From: Abby Lopata <abberz14@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 07, 2020 2:12 PM
To: Mark Schroeder
Subject: Geocaching

Hello,
I am looking to place a geocache in the Germantown area. I'm not sure who to contact about this, so if I need to contact someone else please let me know! I was hoping to place it in Spassland Park, and I am looking for permission to place a geocache there. If there is anything I need to fill out in order to do so let me know as well. If they are not allowed at Spassland, what other Germantown area parks are geocaches allowed to be placed?
Thank you so much,
Abby Lopata





















**GERMANTOWN PARK RECREATION DEPARTMENT
RE-OPEN PLAN**

RECREATION PROGRAMMING

Park & Recreation staff is using every precaution and guideline available to provide a safe and healthy experience for our residents and participants as we re-open. We are currently operating under the guidance of the Washington County Health Department. The following information is subject to change as new guidelines, staff, or conditions change.

Best Practices: Disinfection daily of equipment and general space. Activities should encourage physical distancing, supplies and equipment should not be shared when possible and sanitized between each use if shared. Distancing may reduce program capacity. Indoor programs instructors to wear masks.

Youth Sport Programs/Camps	Status	General Notes/Comments
Basketball Camps	cancel	School District not opening buildings until 8/1
Dodgeball	pending	Sanitize balls between games, kids sanitize hands in between games?
Fun Game Fridays	pending	Modify games that can phys. distance
Golf Lessons	run	
KidsSports	run	Session 1 cancel, Session 2 will limit attendance, parent has to help, time in between to sanitize.
Parent Child Bball/Hoopsters	pending	School District not opening buildings until 8/1, possibly going outside, all skill based
Pickleball	pending	
Poms Camp	run	
Spikers, Setters, Diggers	run	Disinfect balls in between use, skill based, hand sanitize between games
Tennis	run	Instructors only ball pick up, 1:6 ratio on ea. Ct., move to Alt Bauer cts as no use at GHS
Volleyball Camps	pending	School District not opening buildings until 8/1, following up to see if coach wants to offer specialty camp outside
Wrestling	cancel	Can't maintain phys. distancing, School District not opening buildings until 8/1
Yth Basketball Programs	pending	Instruction only, older kids program based on scrimmaging. Considered high risk sport.

Youth Sport Leagues	Status	General Notes/Comments
Tball/Baseball/Softball	run	Disinfect equip. between use, add. seats on bench to social dist., no hand slaps or fist bumps, change out balls between innings, sm. grps. for practice, force outs only
Spring Soccer	cancel	Can't physically distance during games
Flag Rugby	pending	Men. Falls makes the decision, right now they are postponed until July.
Flag Camp	run	Skill based only
Fall Little Gridders	pending	Considered contact sport
Fall Flag Football	pending	Considered contact sport

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Tot Programs	Status	General Notes/Comments
Fieldtrip to Hwy Garage	cancel	Can't clean equipment in between kids
Music Fun	run	Limit numbers, go outside when can
Oodles of Art	run	Modifying dates to start in July, limit numbers
Time for Two	pending	To hard to distance/class is about socializing, possibly start session 2
Tot Workshops	pending	Social distancing in question in regards to kids needing help with project, possibly require parents stay
Youth Programs	Status	General Notes/Comments
Archery	run	
Art Programs	run	Need to find alternative location - combo DPW and SA
Babysitters Training	run	Decrease max. to 7
Beg. Guitar/Ukulele	virtual	Want to try virtual classes, if don't go may offer dates in July/Aug.
Camp Invention	pending	Men Falls makes this decision, camp is in August
Chess Camp	run	
Gymnastics	cancel	School Dist. Not opening buildings until 8/1
Heroes Volunteer Camp	pending	We usually volunteer at senior centers/facilities
Horseback Riding	run	
Irish Dance	run	
Kids Cuisine	pending	Ensure proper hand washing
Learn Magic	run	
Mad Science	run	
Martial Arts/Tae Kwon Do	run	
Painting/Henna	run	
Princess Dance Camp	pending	Social distancing in question in regards to kids needing help with project, require parent stay with 3 yr olds
Safety Courses	pending	Fire Dept may not be doing public education as they are exposed to virus, rescheduled June to July/Aug already
Safety Town	pending	Need to find alternative location, fieldtrips cancelled, move to later in summer
Sewing/Cake	run	
Speech Therapy	run	
Stay Home Alone	run	
Tech Camps	run	
Teen Trips	pending	Noah's Ark, Great America cancelled, Trips in July/Aug. pending
Tree Climbing	run	
Wendland's Classes	run	
Youth Dance	run	Decrease max. to 10

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Yth Police Academy	cancelled	Police Dept. cancelled
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Kids Klub Programs:	Status	General Notes/Comments
Kids Klub	run	See attachment
Adventure Kids Klub	pending	See attachment
Tyke Site	run	See attachment

Fitness Programming	Status	General Notes/Comments
Barre Fitness	pending	Sess. 1 cancelled due to studio class size limitations and social distancing.
Middle Eastern Dance	run	
Pilates Mat	run	Decrease class size to max. 5
Pound in the Park	run	
Restore Your Core	cancelled	Both sessions cancelled for now, re-evaluating in July to see if we can offer Aug session
Surge Classes	run	
Tai Chi	run	

Special Events	Status	General Notes/Comments
Movies in the Park	cancel	Event over attendance limit, can't maintain phys. distancing
Drive in Movie	pending	NEW - In place of Movies in the Park
Family Camp Out	cancel	Event over attendance limit, can't maintain phys. distancing
Community Band Concerts	cancel	Can't physical distance performers on stage, may do small group performances in July/Aug
Music at the Pavilion	pending	
Amazing Race	run	
Family Fun Carnival Night	cancel	Event over attendance limit, can't maintain phys. distancing
Pop up Event	pending	

Adult Programs	Status	General Notes/Comments
Adult Salsa Dance	run	Rescheduled dates for July 9 - Aug. 13
Community Band	cancel	Can't maintain social distance on stage
Home Buy/Sell	cancel	Men Falls made decision
Painting/Henna	run	
Sewing/Cake	run	
Wellness Talks	run	
Wendland's Classes	run	

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Seniors	Status	General Notes/Comments
Senior Rentals	open 6/13	Limit capacity to 25% or max. of 50, whichever is greater. Daily cleaning & disinfecting.
Senior Van Program	open 6/15	Open Tuesdays - Fridays. Limit to 1 rider, rider & driver wear masks, clean/sanitize after each use.
Senior Programming	pending	1 at a time: County Nurse, Toe Nail Trimmers, Exercise Room, Computer room. Social distance 10 max/class. Possible programs: art classes, movies, writer's group, bocce ball with sanitizing equipment.
ADRC Meal Program	open	Home Delivered Meal Program open, ADRC considering start-up at congregate meals in July. 2 seniors/table with time only for meals.

Affiliate Programs	Status	General Notes/Comments
Jr. Warhawks Baseball/Softball	run	Practices & games start 6/1, tournaments in July cancelled, health dept. recommends cancelling due to large crowds.
Soccer Club	cancelled	Spring season cancelled, club would like inter-club open play July 1st, health dept. considers soccer high risk sport.
Little League	run	Practices & games start 6/1, inter-league play but no tournaments.
Hawks Football	pending	AAYFL follows guidelines of the WIAA, practices start in mid-August.

PARK FACILITIES

Playgrounds	Status	General Notes/Comments
	open 5/22	Clean equipment as needed. Post signage listing precautions. Promote social distancing

Basketball Courts	Status	General Notes/Comments
	open	Open for general shooting use. Post signage. Limit no more than 10 at one time.

Tennis/Pickleball Courts	Status	General Notes/Comments
	open	Clean as needed.

Volleyball Courts	Status	General Notes/Comments
	open	Open for general play. Limit no more than 10 at one time.

Skatepark	Status	General Notes/Comments
	open	Clean as needed.

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Athletic Fields	Status	General Notes/Comments
soccer	pending	Spring season cancelled. Open for summer skills/drills non-contact camps in July.
football	pending	Open for throwing/receiving/non-contact use in summer. Fall league use pending.
baseball	open	Open for practices & games, tournaments do not meet county health dept. guidelines - social distancing & mass gatherings.

Splashpad	Status	General Notes/Comments
	open 6/13	Clean a needed. Limit capacity to 25% at one time (12). No group use.

Buildings/Shelters	Status	General Notes/Comments
	open	Reservable with compliance of gathering restrictions. Clean shelter pads & picnic tables once/week. Open based on Maximum of 50 people or 25% capacity whichever is greater. Potential increases in capacity starting in July.
Historic Park Buidings	open 6/1	Group Tours starting June 1, 1-4 pm Th/Fri/Sat. Limited to 10 or less.

Drinking Fountains	Status	General Notes/Comments
	closed	

Restrooms	Status	General Notes/Comments
	open 5/22	Daily cleaning and disinfecting. Post signage listing precautions. Promote social distancing.

Archery Range	Status	General Notes/Comments
	open	Practice social distancing, no sharing of equipment.

Community Garden	Status	General Notes/Comments
	open	Practice social distancing, no sharing of equipment.



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Germantown, Wisconsin 53022-0337

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Meeting Date: June 24, 2020

To: Park & Recreation Commission

From: Mark Schroeder, Park & Recreation Director

Re: Firemen's Park Shelter Project Design – Review & Recommendation on Preliminary Budget & Project Alternates

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2018, the Park & Recreation Commission completed the conceptual planning process for the future construction of a multi-purpose shelter building and related site improvements for Firemen's Park.

The conceptual planning process included public input from community officials and project stakeholders. Deliverables included site layout plans, schematic design plans, building elevations, and cost estimates/budget that were based on the approved design program for the facility. The project concept plan/summary report was completed in November 2018, with the estimated project cost of \$1,163,000 (includes site work and shelter materials/construction).

The final design was based on the information/input gathered at the public meetings. The desire for a more modern take on Germantown-style architecture was accomplished through brick-inlay patterns that compliment masonry work present on the adjacent Gehl's Performing Arts Pavilion. A standing seam metal roof was recommended to match the pavilion, and for long-term durability. The preferred design also stressed maintenance-friendly materials, and the use of glass overhead doors to maximize usability while maintaining visibility to the pavilion and nearby park amenities.

Monies were approved in the 2019 CIP Budget for Phase 1 Site Work. Phase 1 consisted of materials and labor to install sewer, water, and electrical service, pedestrian lighting, and park pathways. Phase 1 was completed in June 2020.

The Germantown Village Board approved monies in the 2020 CIP Budget for Phase 2 of the project which includes construction of the shelter building. Village staff is currently working with the consulting firm, Parkitecture, on the building design plans. In April and May, the Park & Recreation Commission and Building Construction Oversight Committee reviewed 30% plans with comments/recommendations submitted to the design team.

Included for review is an updated plan exhibit (alternate deduct plan schedule), as well as the estimated construction budget of \$930,00 for the shelter building. The estimated budget also includes alternates with estimated savings if these deductions were chosen. The commission is asked to review the budget and the list of potential alternates, and to make a recommendation for implementation by the project design team. Staff's recommendation would be to bid the project **with** the following alternates:

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| • Direct Purchase Precast | Deduct \$25,000 |
| • Roof Trusses in lieu of I-Joist Framing | Deduct \$17,131 |
| • Masonry Front Wall in lieu of Precast | Deduct \$13,620 |
| • Painted CMU in lieu of burnished block | Deduct \$12,000 |

Staff does **not** recommend bidding the project with the following alternates:

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| • Sealed concrete in lieu of Epoxy | Deduct \$10,480 |
| • Reduce 3-season area footprint by 200 sf | Deduct \$10,000 |
| • Asphalt shingle roof in lieu of metal | Deduct \$35,235 |

The available budget for the shelter building is as follows:

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| • Phase 1 carryover monies | \$150,000 |
| • Phase 2 CIP Monies | \$450,000 |
| • 2019 CIP Transfer – Friedenfeld Paving | \$ 50,000 |
| • Park Impact Fee Monies | <u>\$200,000</u> |
| | \$850,000 |

The anticipated schedule is to complete the project design in July/August, with project bidding in August/September. Pending positive bid results, and village review and approval, the project construction would start in Fall 2020 and be completed in Spring/early Summer 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

At the June 24th, 2020 Park & Recreation Commission Meeting, motion made by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, to send forth a positive recommendation to the Village Board to approve the project budget of \$850,000 to \$900,000 for the Firemen's Park Multi-Purpose Shelter Project, and to include the following items (Direct Purchase Precast, Roof trusses/framing, Painted Masonry CMU vs. Burnished block, Masonry front wall vs. Precast) as project alternates in the design plans/bid documents. Monies to come from 2020 CIP Budget Account #40-552-570-8310, 2019 CIP monies, as well as use of Park Impact Fee Monies.

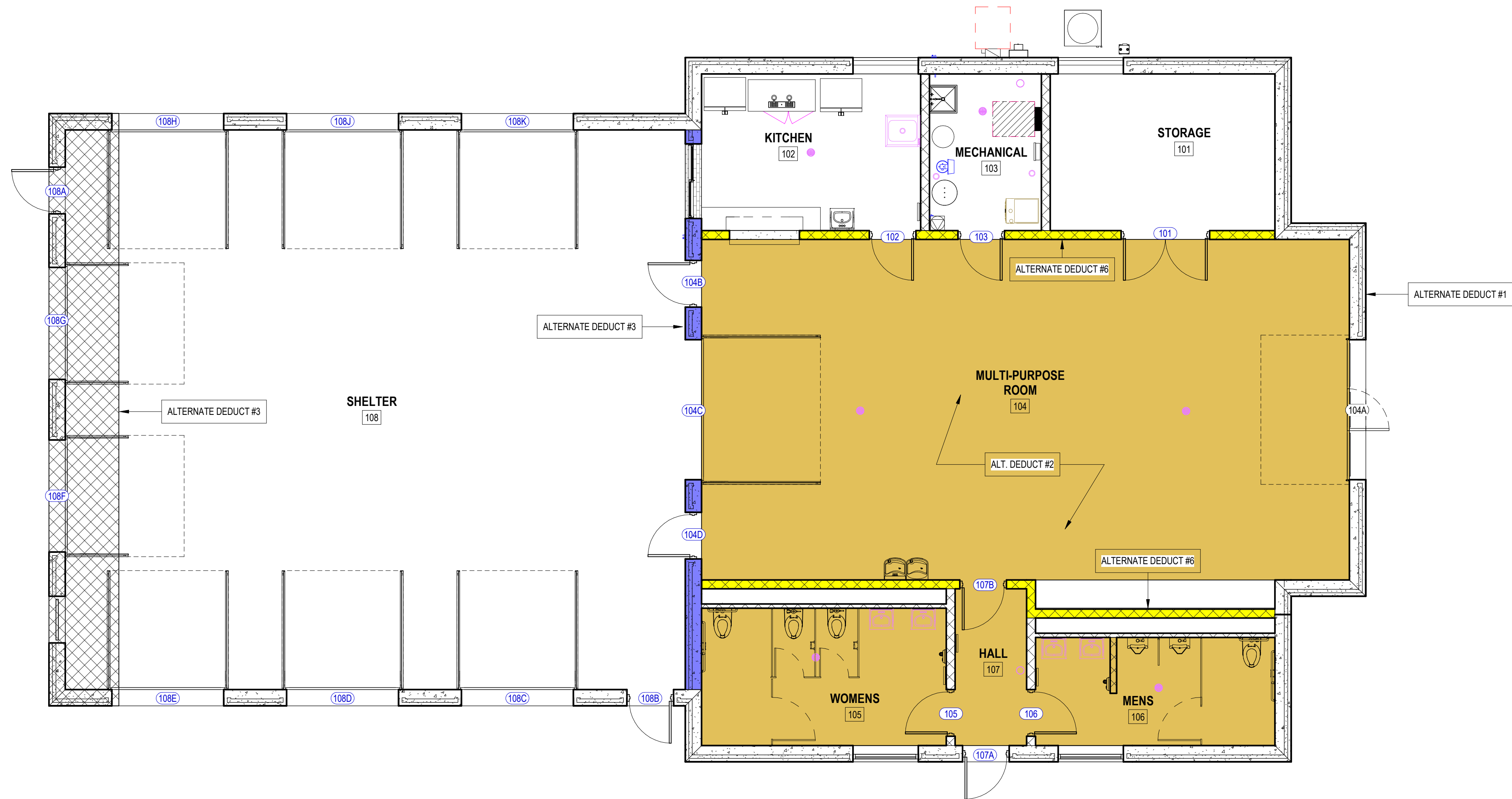
Project: 2020170 - Germantown Park SI
 Location: W162N11870 Park ave
 Germantown, WI
 Owner: Germantown
 Estimate: PD01-2 6/3/2020 4,264 SF



Category of Work	Estimate
Earthwork	\$22,513
Site Utilities	\$1,360
Pavement	\$23,135
Landscaping & Site Improvements	\$4,000
Concrete	\$55,755
Precast Concrete	\$268,307
Masonry	\$54,120
Steel	\$2,717
Carpentry Labor and Materials	\$89,711
Cabinets and Countertops	\$8,601
Roofing	\$62,829
Thermal & Moisture Protection	\$12,797
Doors, Frames, Hardware	\$6,935
Overhead Doors	\$30,609
Glass and Glazing	\$17,826
Drywall	\$2,393
Acoustical Ceilings	\$1,862
Flooring	\$12,804
Painting	\$6,576
Interior Signage & Directory	\$245
Toilet Accessories	\$11,884
Plumbing	\$39,293
HVAC	\$27,609
Electrical	\$44,030
Communications & Electronic Security (Incl Sound	\$0
General Conditions	\$56,241
Plan Review and Permit Fees	\$0
Other (Gen.Liab.Insur/Legal-Acctg Fees/Bldr.Risk	\$6,633
Construction Management	\$58,591
Architectural & Engineering	\$0
Civil & Landscape Engineering	\$0
Estimate Total	\$929,376
	\$217.96 \$/SF
Contingency	\$0
Project Total	\$929,376

Alternates:

	Estimate
1. Direct Purchase Precast	DEDUCT (\$25,000)
2. Sealed Concrete in Lieu of Epoxy (1,187 sf)	DEDUCT (\$10,480)
3. Reduce 3 season area footprint 200 sf	DEDUCT (\$10,000)
4. Roof Trusses in lieu of I-joist framing	DEDUCT (\$17,131)
5. Masonry Front Wall in Lieu of Precast	DEDUCT (\$13,620)
6. Painted CMU in lieu of burnished block	DEDUCT (\$12,000)
7. Asphalt shingle roof in lieu of metal	DEDUCT (\$35,235)
	(\$123,466)



ALTERNATE DEDUCT SCHEDULE	
#	DESCRIPTION
1	OWNER DIRECT PURCHASE OF PRECAST PANELS
2	SEALED CONCRETE IN LIEU OF EPOXY
3	REDUCE 3-SEASON ROOM FOOTPRINT BY 200 SF
4	MASONRY FRONT WALL IN LIEU OF PRECAST
5	SCISSOR TRUSSES IN STEAD OF CATHEDRAL CEILINGS
6	PAINTED CMU IN LIEU OF BURNISHED BLOCK
7	ASPHALT SHINGLES IN LIEU OF METAL ROOF

1 FLOOR PLAN
Z201 3/16" = 1'-0"



Village of Germantown

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2020-25



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Chapter One

Introduction

Germantown's first Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) was developed in 1990 and has been updated four times since then. This CORP update was developed by the Village of Germantown Staff and the Park & Recreation Commission, along with a team of consultants, alongside the Village's overall Comprehensive Planning process from 2019-2020. This plan will guide recreation management and park development for the next five years and enable the Village to apply for grant funding from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and other funding sources.

The purpose of this document is to:

- » Create an up-to-date inventory and evaluation of Germantown's existing parks, recent park improvements, and recreational trails.
- » Benchmark facilities and services against standards from the County as well as other communities around the country.
- » Identify the needs of all community members related to active and passive outdoor recreational opportunities
- » Provide a framework for the natural resource element and cultural resource element of the Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan.
- » Provides a list of recommendations to the Village to assist with its Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) efforts related to parks and open space.

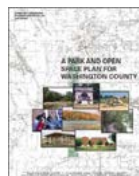
Planning Context

The Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for the Village of Germantown incorporates information from past and present planning efforts in the Village, Washington County, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), and the State of Wisconsin. This plan also uses metrics and benchmarking data aggregated by the National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA) to evaluate the Village's own facilities. Some of the key plans, studies, and reports referenced in the making of this plan include:



2019 NRPA Agency Performance Review

National Recreation & Parks Agency



2020 Park and Open Space Plan

Washington County, WI



2015-2019 Village of Germantown Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Germantown History, Location, & Population

Originally one square mile, Germantown was formed by incorporating seven separate hamlets (or towns) into the Village of Germantown as we know it today. Germantown got its start as “Town 9” Washington County, Wisconsin Territory in 1836. Germantown was officially incorporated in 1924 and remained a small farming community until 1963, when Milwaukee County annexed a small piece of land from Washington County to build a landfill.

Fearing further annexation by Milwaukee County, the surrounding unincorporated hamlets of Kuhburg, Willow Creek, Meeker Hill, Goldenthal, Rockfield, Dheinsville, and Germantown decided to merge into one incorporated village - and Germantown was born.

At the time of annexation in 1963, the village grew to about 24 square miles. Some of the unincorporated areas wanted to keep their own identity, which is why we have the Town and Village of Germantown. Since 1963, boundaries have continued to change and over time the Village of Germantown has grown to encompass over 35 square miles.

Currently, the Village has a total of 34.4 square miles and a population of approximately 20,590 people in the southeast corner of Washington County, immediately adjacent to Waukesha County on the southern boundary, Ozaukee County on the eastern boundary, and Milwaukee County to the southeast. Germantown is connected to the City of Milwaukee and other major population centers in the region by Highway 41/45 north and south and Highway 167 east and west.

Agricultural Land and Preservation

Historically, Germantown was primarily a farming community. In 1970, approximately 70% of the land in Germantown was used for agricultural purposes. However, like most communities in the Milwaukee metropolitan region, Germantown has been continually losing farmland to residential and commercial development.

Most of the remaining farmland in Germantown is located in the northern half of the Village, north of Freistadt Road (CTH F). Currently there is limited development in this area, which is primarily single family residential. The Village Zoning Code includes both A-1 and A-2 Agricultural Districts. The purpose of the A-1 District is to provide for the continuation of general farming and to protect the rural lands from urban development. The purpose of the A-2 District is to provide for, maintain, preserve and enhance lands that were historically used for crop production and are generally best suited to smaller farm units, such as truck farming, horse farming and orchards. Although the number of farms has declined since 1970, the number of nurseries and greenhouses has nearly doubled.

Water Resources

The topography of Germantown is characterized by rolling ground moraine, similar to, but more subdued than, the kettle and kame topography of the Kettle Moraine located to the north and south of Germantown. Germantown's topographic features consist of hills and ridges interspersed with broad undulating plains and poorly drained wetlands. Rivers and streams are defined as watercourses having perennial flow and intermittent streams significant enough to have been named. There are four watercourses that meet this definition.

Map of the Village

The most significant watercourse is the Menomonee River and its north and west branches within the central and south-central portion of the Village. Cedar Creek and its southern tributary cuts across the northwestern corner of Germantown and has a combined total of 1.2 miles in the Village; Goldendale Creek, a tributary of the Menomonee River which is located in the southwestern corner of the Village has a length of 2.0 miles in the Village, and Willow Creek which is located in the southeastern corner of the Village has a length of 2.3 miles. Lakes are defined as water bodies having 50 acres or more of surface area. There are no lakes within Germantown. Minor lakes and ponds have less than 50 acres of surface area. There are two water bodies in Germantown that meet this definition. Rockfield Quarry Pond, located immediately south of Rockfield Road and immediately west of CTH G, has 2.6 acres of surface area. There are also a group of man-made minor lakes located in the Lake Park Homes development just south of Main Street which constitute approximately 34 acres of surface area.

Floodplains are normally defined as the areas along rivers and streams that are subject to inundation by the 100-year recurrence interval flood event. There is a one percent chance that such an event will be reached or exceeded in severity in any given year. Approximately 30 square miles of Germantown are located within the Menomonee River watershed and the remaining 6 square miles of Germantown, located along the northern and northwestern edges of the Village, are in the Milwaukee River watershed. Comprehensive watershed plans have been completed for both of these watersheds by **South East Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC)**.- **contact SEWRPC for plan** Floodplains in Germantown are generally located in environmental corridors along the Menomonee River and its tributaries. These areas are not well-suited

to development due to flood hazards, high water tables and inadequate soils.

Greenseams Program

Greenseams is a flood management program that permanently protects key lands containing water absorbing soils. By storing and draining water into the ground naturally, Greenseams helps prevent future flooding while supporting and protecting Metro Milwaukee Sewer District's (MMSD) structural flood management projects - infrastructure investments worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

The program makes voluntary purchases of undeveloped, privately owned properties in areas expected to have major growth in the next 20 years as well as open space along streams, shorelines and wetlands. MMSD hired The Conservation Fund (TCF) to run Greenseams Program. TCF is a national non-profit conservation organization that forges partnerships to protect America's legacy of land and water resources. TCF performs high volume real estate transactions for local land trusts and government agencies throughout the country. All land acquired will remain undeveloped, protecting water and providing the ability to store rain and melting snow. Wetlands maintenance and restoration at these sites will provide further water storage. Greenseams also preserves wildlife habitat and creates recreational opportunities for people living in the region. Where applicable, the properties can be used for hiking, bird watching, and other passive recreation. To date the Fund has purchased twenty-eight properties in Germantown, totaling over 1,034 acres. These properties are of special interest because the majority of the properties are located around Wilderness Park and may improve access to or potentially be part of a larger park in the future.

Germantown Park and Recreation Department History

In 1971, the Germantown High School Athletic Director worked part-time as the Recreation Director. Programs were run by seasonal and part-time employees at various schools. The first full-time Recreation Director was hired in 1980. In 1984, the title of Recreation Director was changed to Park and Recreation Director. The department was a one-person department until 1994, when a Recreation Supervisor was added. In 1995 a fulltime secretary was hired. In 1999 a part-time secretary was added. A second fulltime Recreation Supervisor position was added in 2007. In 2004, the Senior Center split from the Department and then returned in 2009.

The Department Today

The Department is comprised of a Director, two Recreation Supervisors, a Senior Coordinator, two full-time Secretaries, and many seasonal part-time employees. Routine park maintenance is performed by the Public Works Department, however short and long term maintenance plans are coordinated by

the Director. The mission of the Germantown Park & Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life for all residents of the community through the development and maintenance of park lands and facilities as well as providing a variety of quality recreational programs and special events.

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Department Photo



Chapter Two

Village Profile

Communities like Germantown, with rural atmosphere and small-town character, are continuing to attract families and businesses from larger cities and other suburbs. The result has been an increase in population and a gradual change in the expectations of the community toward higher levels of park and recreation services.

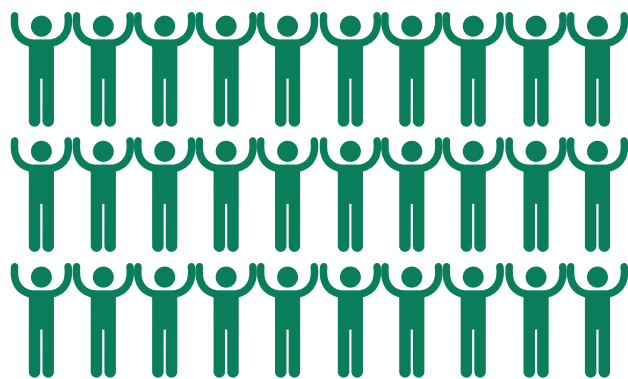
20,590

Population of the Village of Germantown (2019 DOA Estimate)



7,967

Households in the Village of Germantown (2018 ACS Estimate)



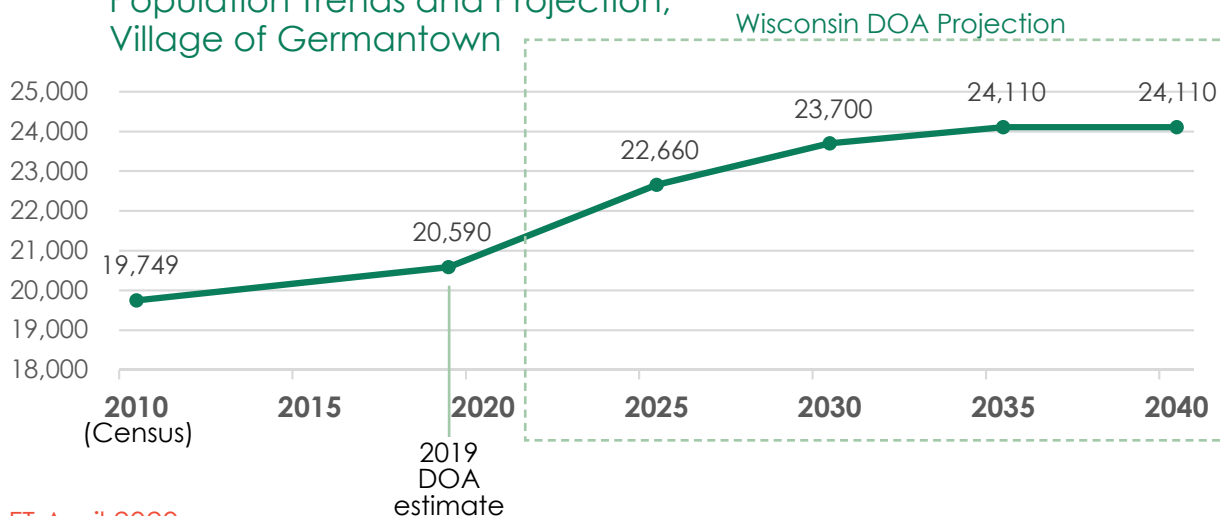
Average household size in the Village of Germantown

2.5

25%

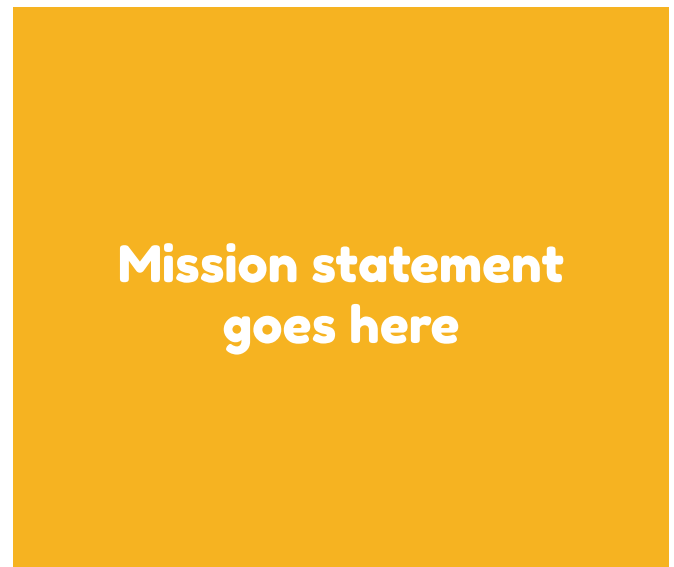
of the residents of the Village of Germantown are under 19 years old

Population Trends and Projection, Village of Germantown





Photos of Recreation Activities





Chapter Three

Parks & Open Space Inventory

Village of Germantown Parks and Open Space

Most parks receive German names to reflect the German heritage. The Village of Germantown park system consists of **ten parks and several public areas**. There is a total of 404 acres of park lands, 165 acres of which are designed for active recreation and 239 acres designated as environmental park land, more suitable for active and low-impact recreation. The active-recreation park areas are primarily concentrated in the urbanized, south central portion of the Village. The Village's environmental park areas are mostly located in the rural areas of Germantown. The Village also owns the 10-acre Little League Park, which it does not maintain and is not available to the general public. The Village of Germantown has a long-term lease agreement with Germantown Little League for their use of this park.

Homestead Hollow Park is a county-owned park located in Germantown. This 105-acre site is located in west-central Germantown, near US Highway 41/45. It was purchased by the Washington County Park System in 1977 and officially opened in 1983. The 105-acre park is an old farmstead. Evidence of this can be seen in its barns which have been converted and updated into shelters that can be reserved. Homestead Hollow Park offers county residents a variety of active and passive recreation opportunities. Facilities found at Homestead Hollow County Park include a trail system, lighted sledding hill, play equipment, basketball court, soccer fields, softball field, park shelters, fishing pond, ice skating rink, and a lighted parking lot. Soccer fields at the northwest part of the

park are used by the Germantown Kickers soccer club for games and practices. Soccer fields in Homestead Hollow County Park are not available to the general public.

Indoor Recreation Facilities

The Germantown Park & Recreation Department currently operates four indoor facilities. These facilities are the Survive Alive House, Kinderberg Park indoor shelter, the Senior Center, and the Department of Public Works multi-purpose room.

Public School Facilities

The Germantown School District owns and maintains six developed outdoor recreation areas adjacent to schools that add to the Village's recreation base. The school recreation facilities total approximately 50 acres, and are located mostly near the urbanized south central portion of the Village. The school district lands are available only on a limited basis for public use. The Germantown School District and the Village of Germantown have an intergovernmental agreement that allows the Park and Recreation Department to use its buildings for a nominal fee. The Germantown Park and Recreation Department uses these facilities for both active and passive recreation.

The School District facilities are a critical component to the Department's operation. Without the cooperative agreement many of the Department programs would not happen.

[Need up to date status of the Park and Rec v School District dynamic w/r/t facilities]

Park Sites Inventory & Analysis

The Village of Germantown park and open space inventory contain 13 properties. Each of the park sites are described in detail starting on page **18**. The name, type, size, amenities, summary, and photos of existing conditions are listed.

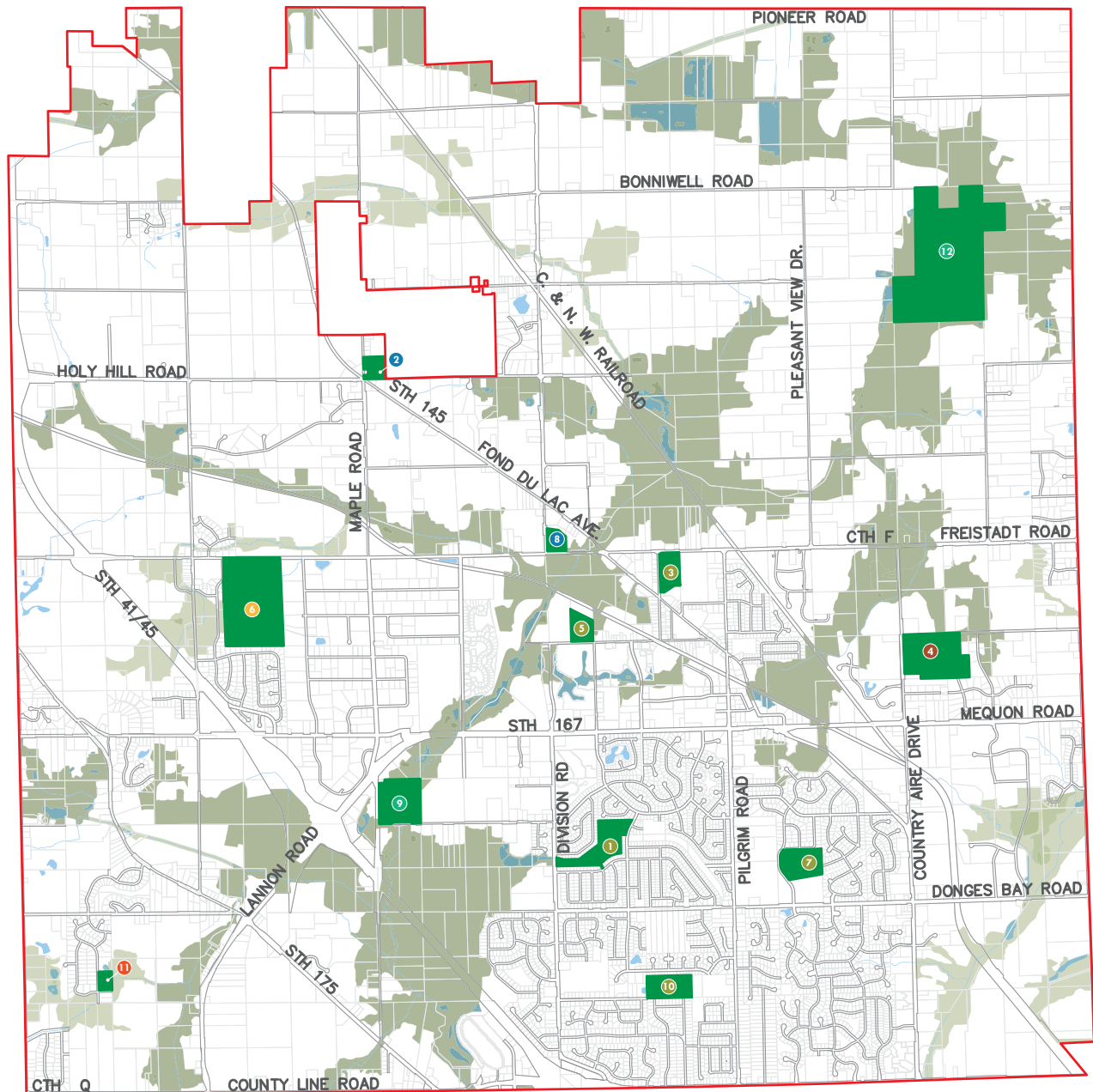
Germantown has 19.6 acres of park for every 1,000 residents, excluding Homestead Hollow County Park and Little League Park. According to the metrics and benchmarks of peer agencies reported in the NRPA's 2019 Agency Performance Review, the typical park and recreation agency has only 10.1 acres of park land for every thousand residents. Germantown also has 2,059 residents per park site, which is very close to the typical agency, which has one park per every 2,181 residents.

Although Germantown appears to be performing well in comparison with peer agencies around the country, these metrics are slightly inflated by the 200 acres of park land housed within Wilderness Park in the northeastern corner of the Village. During community engagement activities for this CORP update, it became clear that many Germantown residents did not know that Wilderness Park existed. This is unsurprising, given that there is no obvious public access point to the park. Arguably, if there is no public access of the park or awareness that it is publicly accessible land, it should not be counted as park land for the purpose of Germantown's metrics. The planning team for this CORP update recommends that the Village of Germantown determine if public access can be provided to Wilderness Park and work to bring awareness to Germantown residents of this large environmental area.

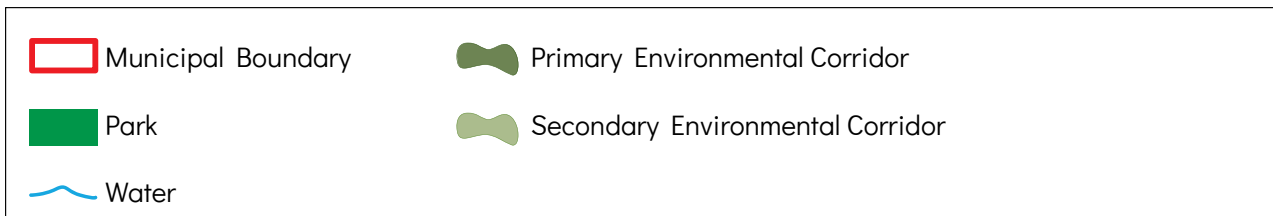
Two other types of facilities are not currently part of the Village's Park system, but are often discussed by the public as possible future additions. One is an aquatic center or pool of some type, and the other is a

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Village of Germantown Parks



EXISTING FEATURES



Germantown's Parks

By the numbers

19.6

acres of park per
1,000 residents

2,059

Germantown
residents per park

7

FTE staff in total

11

Playgrounds
in Parks and
schoolgrounds



21

Soccer fields in Parks
and schoolgrounds



6

Baseball fields and **3** softball fields
in Parks and on schoolgrounds

community center. Both of these types of facilities are costly to build, program, staff, and maintain, but can provide great benefits to residents. According to the NRPA's 2019 Agency Performance Review, 57.9% of agencies provide a community center to residents, at a rate of about 1 center per 28,750 residents per facility. About 52.3% of all agencies provide an outdoor pool, and 70% of agencies provide some sort of aquatics programming to residents.

When considering adding future facilities, the Village of Germantown Park & Recreation Department must weigh the the cost and the benefits to the community, both in terms of upfront capital investment and ongoing staffing and maintenance.

Facilities Analysis

[Add insights into the facilities in Germantown

based on survey results and Stakeholder focus groups. What is missing? What needs to be improved? What is doing well?]

A complete list of the facilities provided by the Germantown Park & Recreation Department can be found in the Appendix.

Programming Analysis

[to the Village: could the Village please provide a summary of programming and events for inclusion in the plan?]

Staffing Analysis

[to the Village: how many FTE does the department have, and is this a metric with which you would like to compare yourself to your peers?]

A note on evaluating Germantown's parks using "standards"

Prior versions of the Village of Germantown's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan evaluated parks and facilities using benchmarks based on a set of "standards" developed by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). These standards were used to determine the facilities and total park area needed in the Village within each park category. The standards were last updated in 1995, and the NRPA has since moved away from using a "one size fits all" approach to evaluating communities' parks and facilities. Instead, the NRPA publishes an annual report with metrics that allows communities to benchmark their parks and facilities against their peers. Metrics from the 2019 NRPA Agency Performance Review are used on these pages as a comparison point for the Village of Germantown's parks and facilities.

Though NRPA recommends moving away from using these standards, the updated **Park Size Standard and Acreage Classification** and **Facility Inventory & Standards** tables are included in this CORP in the Appendix for reference only.

In 2020, Washington County published its own Park and Outdoor Plan, which included an additional set of standards for general use outdoor recreation sites. These standards are meant to ensure that the public sector provides sufficient size and number of sites to meet the demands of the resident population. The standards, found in Appendix D of the report, are designed to evaluate park access at a regional and multi-community level instead of at the municipal level. However, it does appear that the Village of Germantown has enough acres of park and open space to meet the Washington County standards.

Trails and Connections

[Add text here referencing Washington County's trail plan and the Village priorities]

Trail Standards

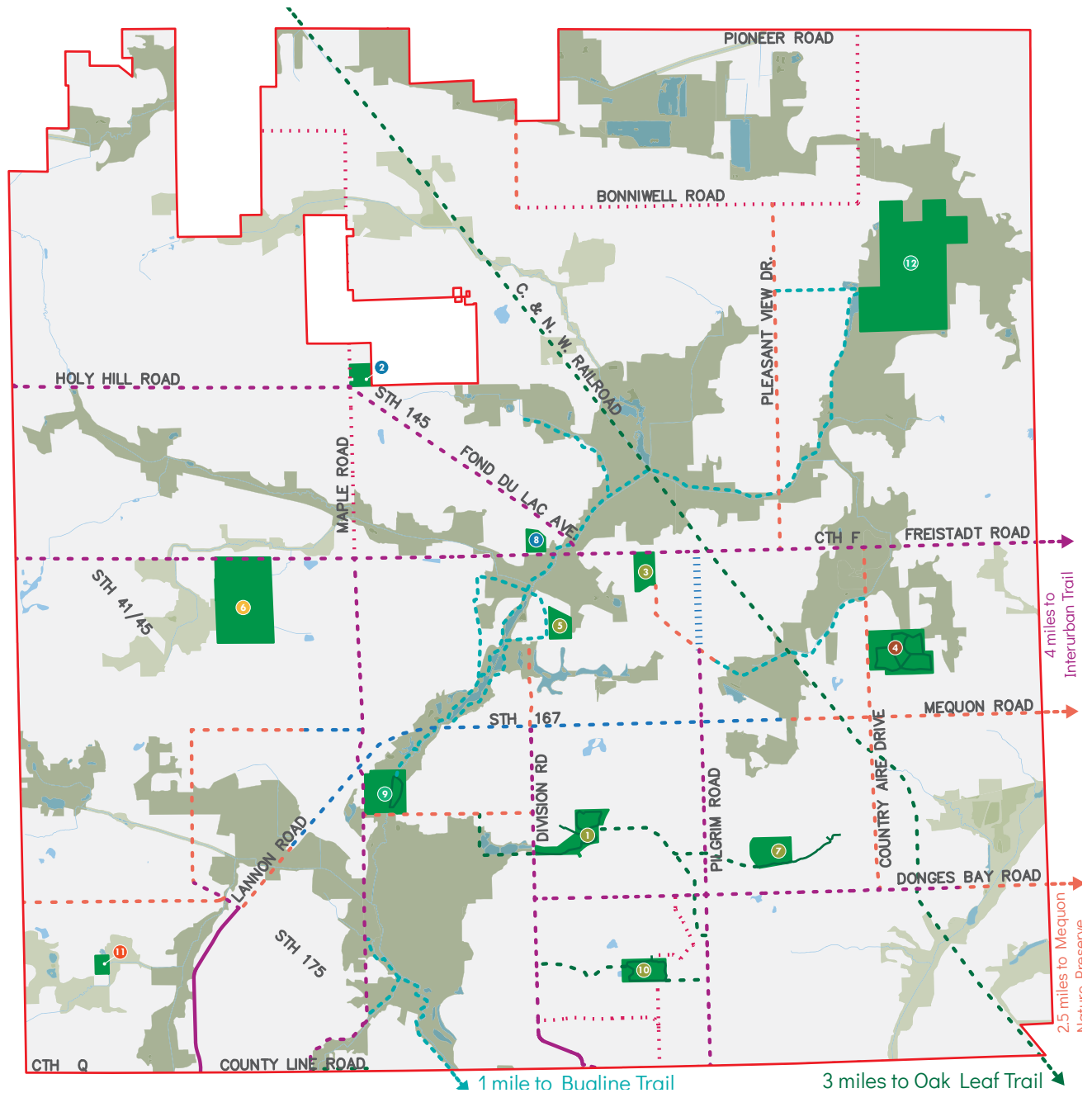
Another standard listed by SEWRPC is for open space lands to accommodate recreation corridors for trail systems on a regional basis. They suggest .16 mile per 1,000 people in the region. The Bugline Trail in Waukesha County is the nearest regional trail. While neighborhood parks and residential subdivisions currently have trails, they are small and serve only nearby residents. Areas considered to be trails in Germantown are Alt Bauer Park (1.28 miles), Friedenfeld Park (1.59 miles), Kinderberg Park (1.05 miles), Schoen Laufen Park (___), Spassland Park (.68 miles) and Homestead Hollow County Park (___). These are not regionally scaled trails, however they fill some of the void for residents. A community trail system would link parks, promote greater accessibility and connectivity within the Village and potentially become a regional amenity.

[Verify trail lengths through the Village]

“Expanding and improving the trail system” was the park initiative that received the most votes at the October 2019 public meeting!

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Bicycle & Pedestrian Connections



BIKEWAY + TRAIL NETWORK

Existing Shared Use Path	Potential Shared Use Path	Potential Bike Lane
Existing Sidepath	Potential Sidepath	Potential Minor Enhancements
Potential River Trail	Potential Paved Shoulder	Potential Traffic Calming

Service Area Analysis

[Service area analysis here. Where should new parks be located, and where is there a lack of access to park facilities in Germantown? When planning for new growth, where should parks be added? Note: prior versions of this plan do not appear to have included a service area diagram. Discussion is needed to determine whether this is necessary]

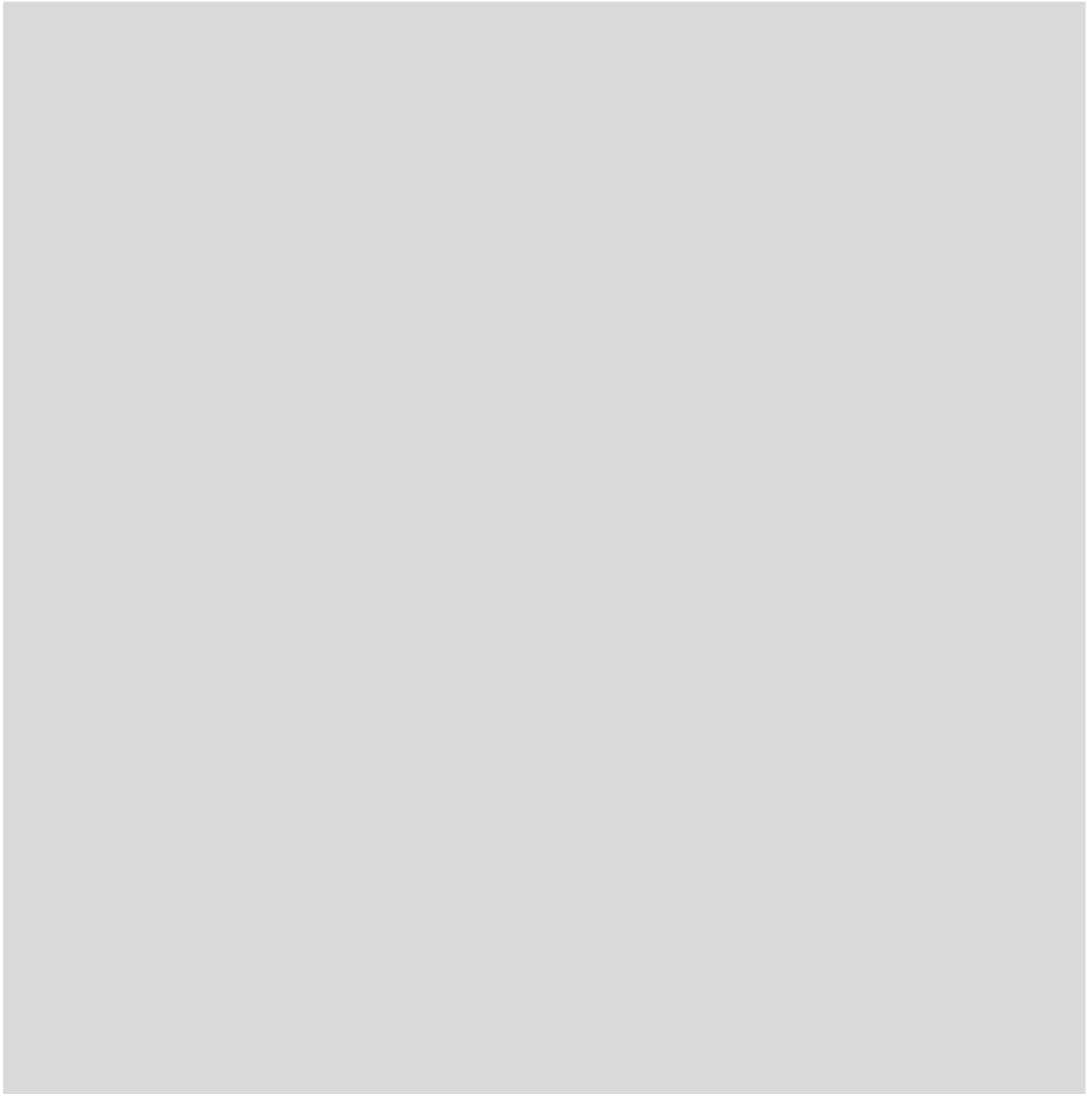
A park's service area – the radius of area it provides service to without significant barriers – is an important element in the evaluation of the Village's Park and Open Space system. This analysis depicts which residential areas are and are not served by the different park categories. Neighborhood parks are the backbone of the system so nearly all residential areas should have direct access to a neighborhood park. Some areas may be too small or have too few people to require a neighborhood park. These areas should at least be serviced by a playlot park for young children.

The concentrations of active-recreation park sites are within the south central portion of the Village. The older residential neighborhoods around Main Street and land south of Mequon Road are well-served by outdoor recreation facilities. While the existing parks may require upgrades or improvements, the purchase or dedication of additional lands in the south central portion of the Village is not a short-term priority for the Village.

Future residential growth in the Village is expected in the north western part of the Village. The Village should consider adding park and recreation facilities in this area to accommodate the needs of new residents, and ensure that they too have access to neighborhood parks.

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Service Area Diagram

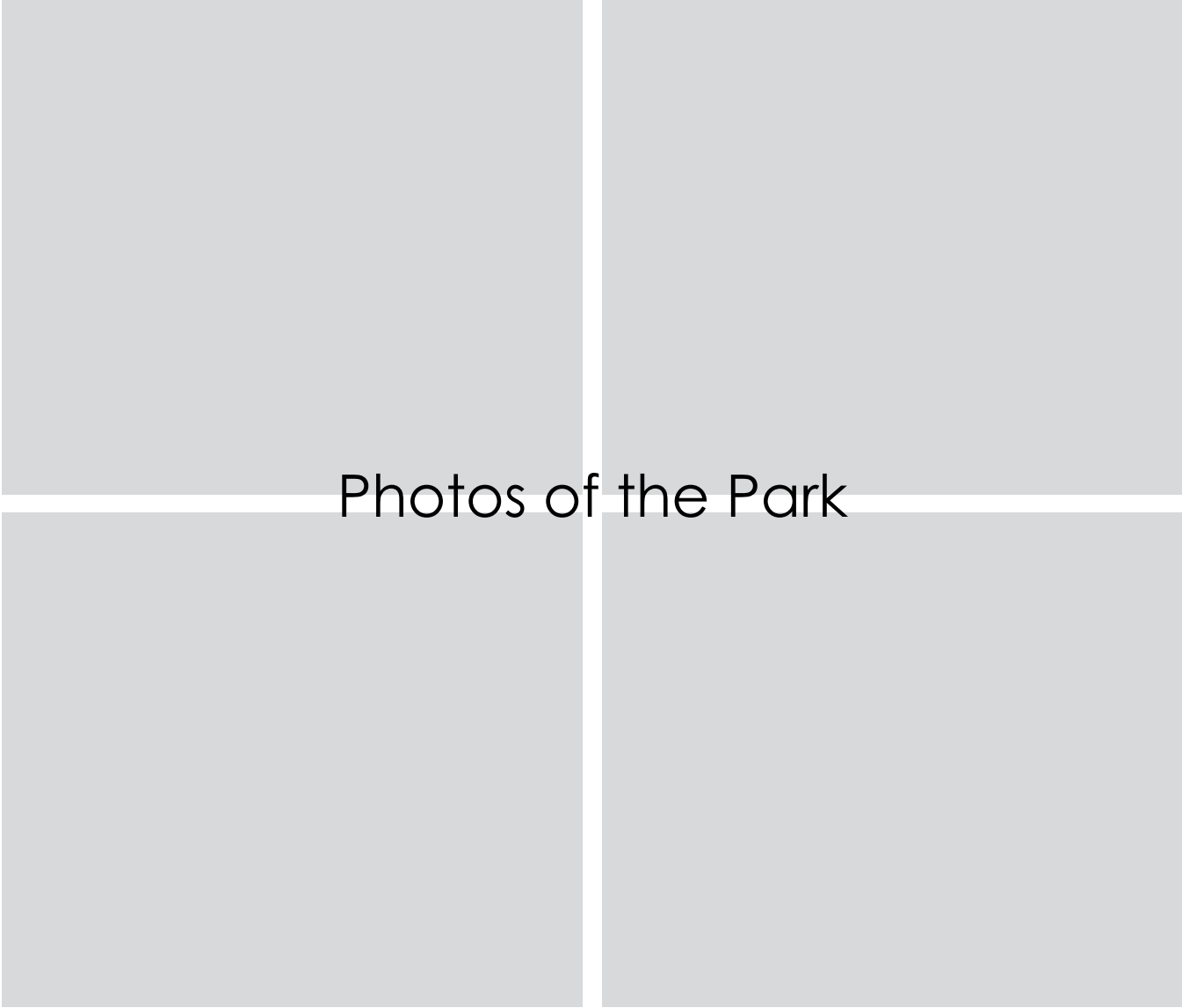




Alt Bauer (Old Farmer) Park is a 21-acre neighborhood park located near the center of the urbanized area in south central Germantown. This park is noted for its large natural woodland and grassland area. A storm drainage ditch (Jefferson Ditch) way runs through the park dividing it into two areas. A trail system links many of the park facilities, and provides access points from surrounding subdivisions.

What's in the Park?

- » Basketball Court (2015)
- » Paved & Gravel Pathways
- » Tennis Courts (3) (2017)
- » Picnic Tables
- » Playground Structure (2016)
- » Drinking Fountain
- » Small Parking Lot
- » Bridge (1999)



Photos of the Park

Voices from the community

What does this park need?

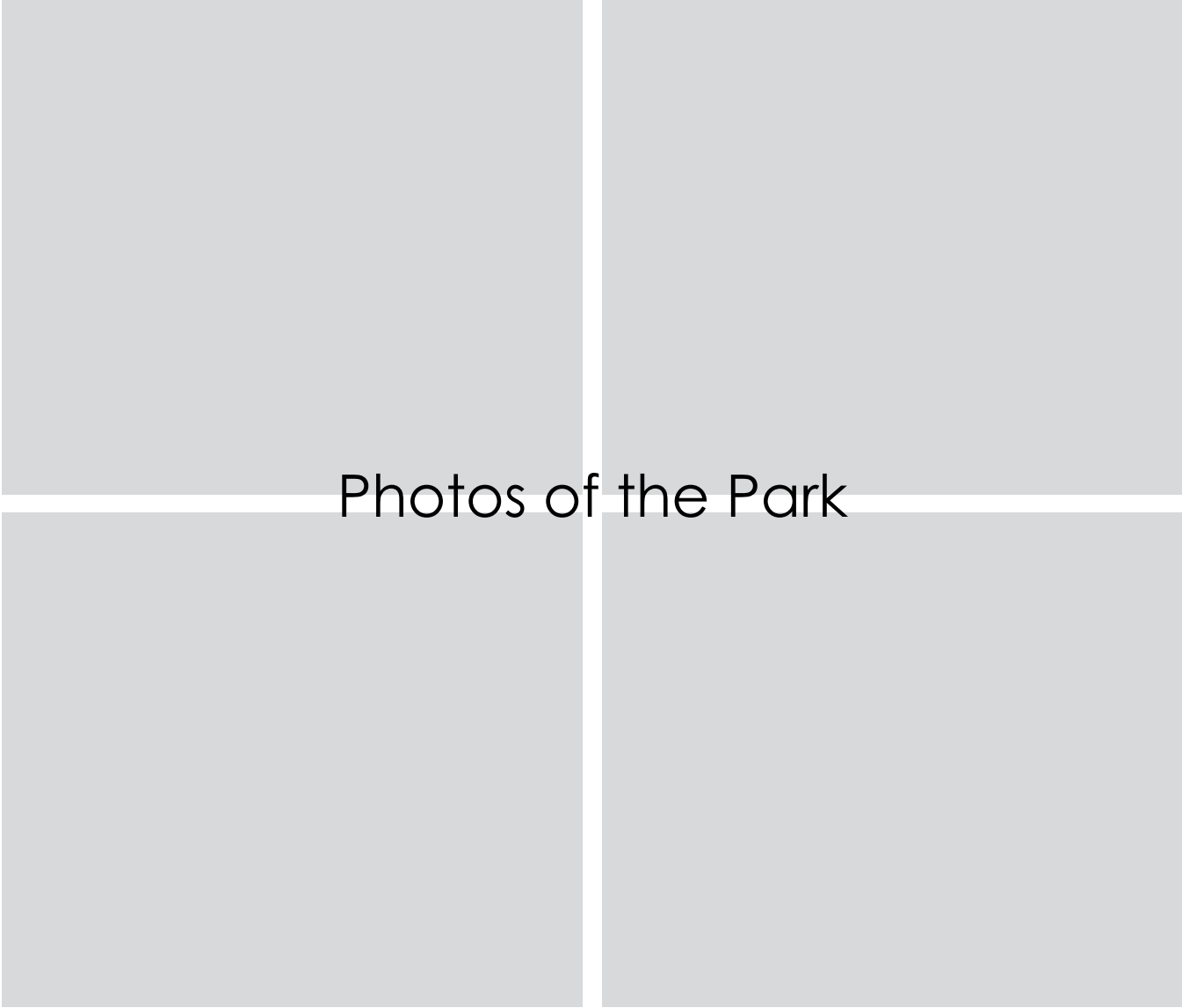
- ▷ Connect to Kinderberg Park through a path along the drainage way
- ▷ Remove the buckthorn, especially on the corner of the Basketball court, and create better visibility going around that corner
- ▷ Covered pavillion/shaded area



Dheinsville Park, also known as the Historic Dheinsville Settlement, is a historical park located in the northwest part of Germantown. The land was purchased in 1994 with monies from the Village of Germantown and the Germantown Historical Society (GHS), with improvement funded by the Jeffris Family Foundation. The GHS constructed a parking lot and pathways in 2000 and refurbished several buildings on the property.

What's in the Park?

- » Bast Bell Museum
- » Permanent Restrooms
- » Wolf Haus
- » Picnic Tables
- » Historical Society Office
- » Soccer Field (1999)
- » Gazebo Shelter
- » Paved Pathways (2000)
- » Community Garden (2013)
- » Gravel Parking Lot (2000)
- » Archery Range (2012)



Photos of the Park

Voices from the community

What does this park need?

- ▷ Heirloom farm and plants - history integrated with a community garden
- ▷ More parking for Oktoberfest
- ▷ Pave the parking lot
- ▷ Digital access/archive historical records
- ▷ Scout badge program
- ▷ Historic scavenger hunt/engagement activity



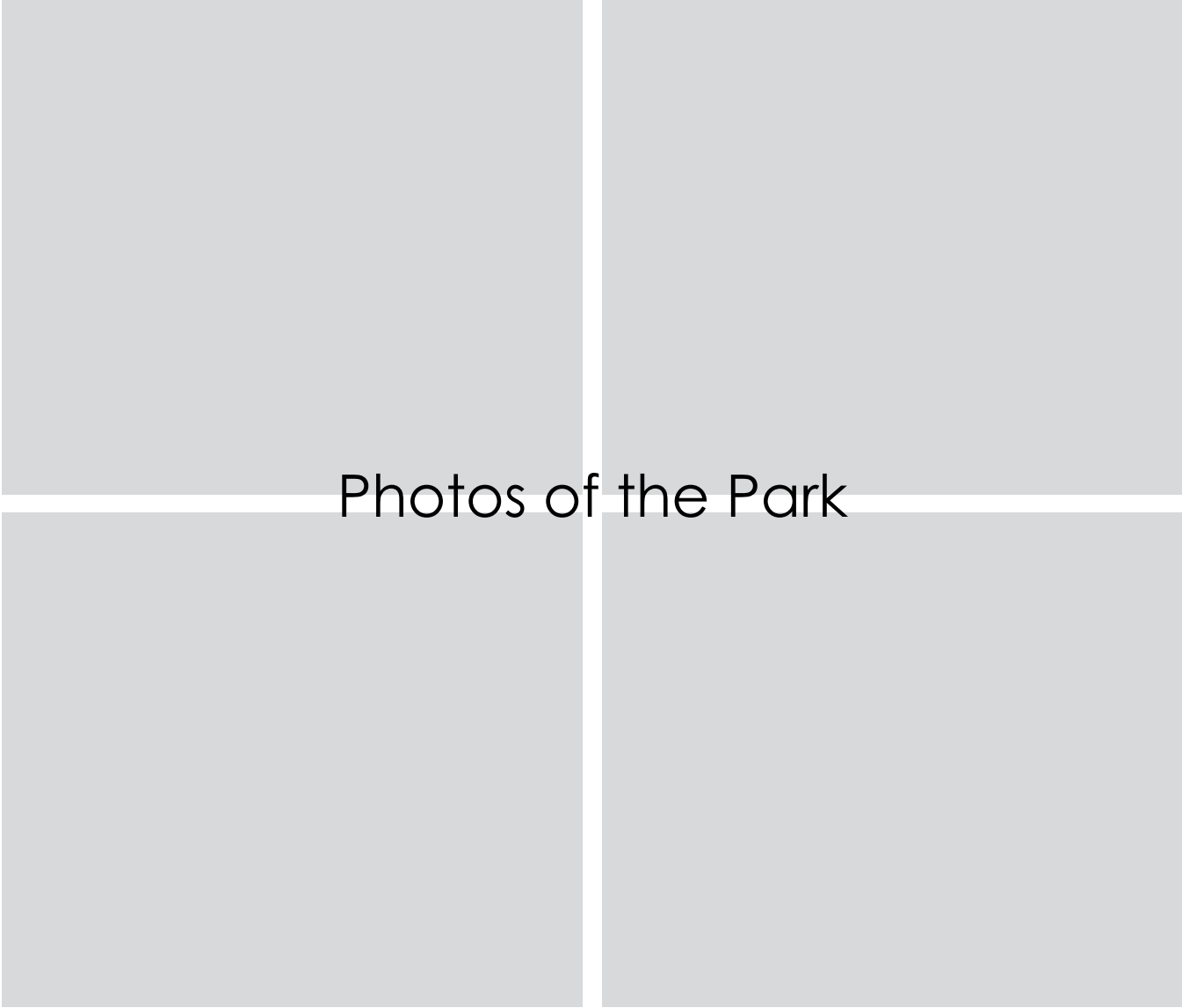
Firemen's Park is a 17-acre neighborhood park located near the northernmost edge of the urbanized area in central Germantown. The park is located west of and adjacent to Kennedy Middle School. The park was originally purchased and developed by the Germantown Volunteer Fire Company, and in 1991 the Village of Germantown purchased the park. The Germantown Senior Center is located on the northwest corner of the Park.

Fireman's Park is heavily used by community residents and serves as a community park. However, the park was not intended to be used so widely, and lacks many of the amenities recommended for a community park.

There is an open air shelter located in the center of the park, which was expanded in 1992. The park's facilities are connected by paved pathways. The ball field on Crusader Court is owned by the Germantown Little

What's in the Park?

- » Two Baseball Diamonds
- » Playground (2013)
- » Gehl's Performing Arts Pavilion (2018)
- » Soccer Fields
- » Basketball Court
- » Permanent Restrooms (2)
- » Bleachers
- » Drinking Fountain
- » Off Street Parking
- » Paved Pathways
- » Veterans Memorial
- » Outdoor Shelter
- » Picnic Tables
- » Senior Center



Photos of the Park

League. One permanent restroom facility is located within the Germantown Little League concession/restroom building, and one is located between the picnic area and firehouse. The playground structure was replaced in 2013 and the basketball court was replaced in 2009.

Voices from the community

What does this park need?

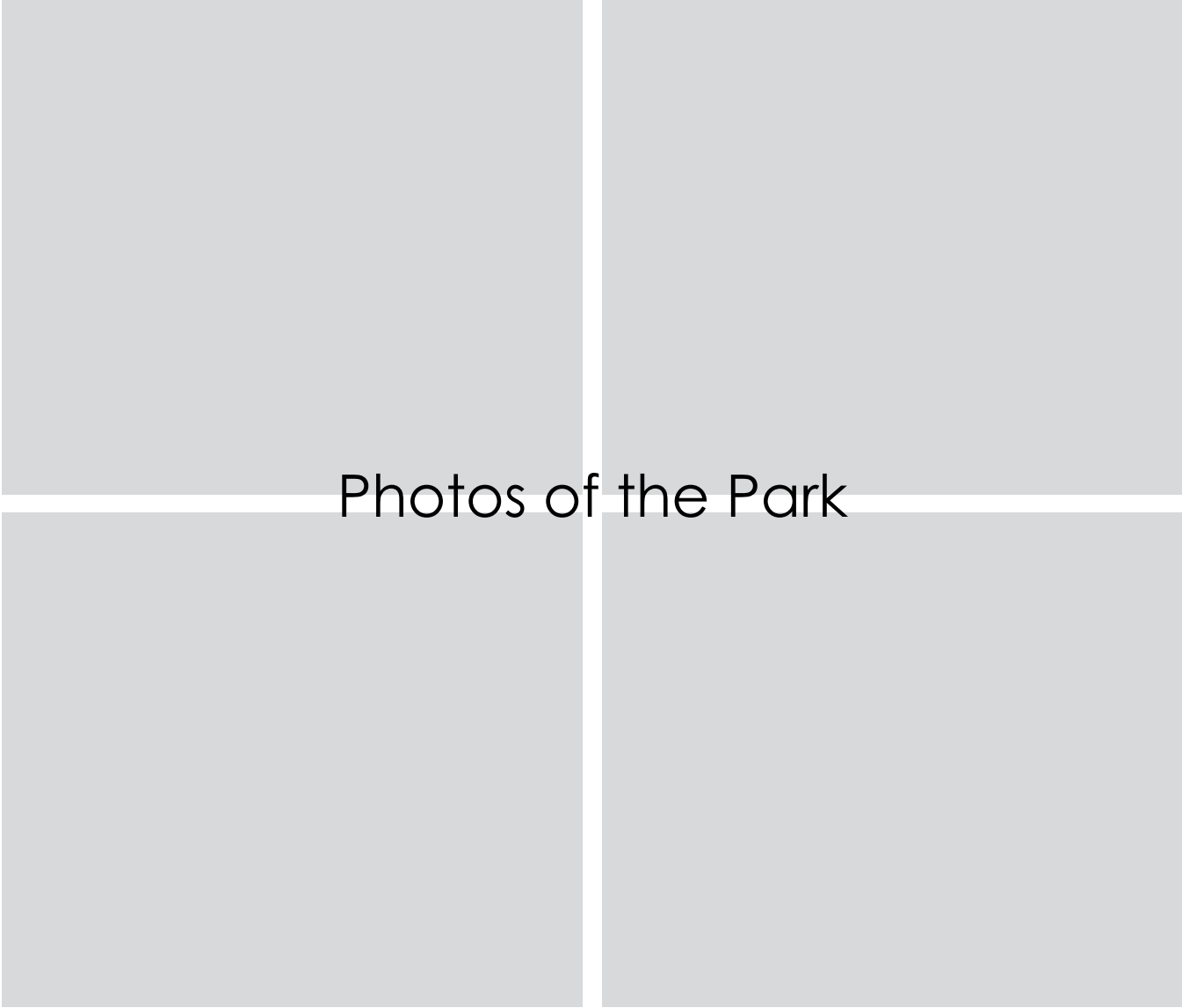
- ▷ ADA friendly seating closer to the stage
- ▷ Updated ball diamonds
- ▷ Signage or landscaping to distinguish private property at the southern edge of the park
- ▷ Flat space for a “Mai Fest” tent



Friedenfeld Park (Peaceful Walk) is 53 acre community park/sports complex located in the west central part of the Village. The Park's primary focus is youth athletics including: the Germantown Soccer Club, Germantown Hawks Football Club, Germantown Junior Warhawks, and the Department's flag football program. Playground was installed in 2010. Parking lot and pathways were paved in 2007 using park impact fees and private funds.

What's in the Park?

- » Flag Football Fields (2)
- » Concession Stand/Press Box
- » Baseball Diamond
- » Paved and Gravel Pathways
- » Regulation Football Field
- » Retention Ponds
- » Practice Football Fields (3)
- » Parking Lots
- » Soccer Fields (6)
- » Bleachers
- » Playground
- » Storage Shed



Photos of the Park

Voices from the community

What does this park need?

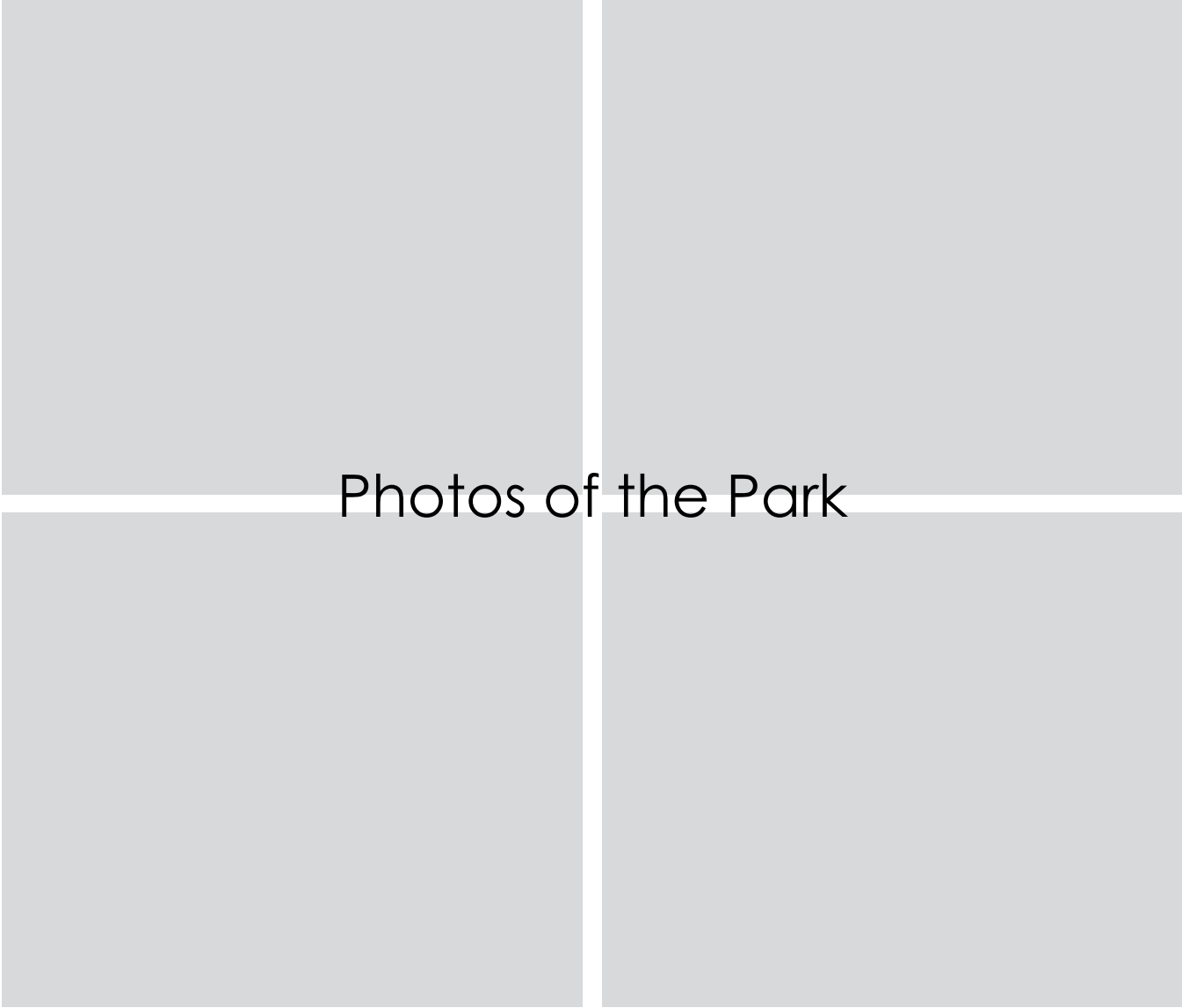
- ▷ More parking (3 comments)
- ▷ Drainage on side football fields needs improvement - there is standing water on the fields often
- ▷ Add softball fields
- ▷ Central baseball/softball complex with lights
- ▷ Bathrooms (4 comments)
- ▷ Community center



Haupt Strasse (Main Street) Park is a 13-acre neighborhood park located about one quarter mile west of Firemen's Park in central Germantown. Haupt Strasse Park's main features are a single lighted softball diamond and skate park. The skate park was installed in 2003, replacing one of the tennis courts. The park shelter was constructed in 1997. There is a paved pathway to the playground structure.

What's in the Park?

- » Lighted Softball Field
- » Skate Park
- » Pickleball Courts (4) (2017)
- » Playground Structure (2018)
- » Soccer Fields (2)
- » Parking Lot
- » Shelter
- » Bleachers
- » Port-a-John
- » Sand Volleyball Court

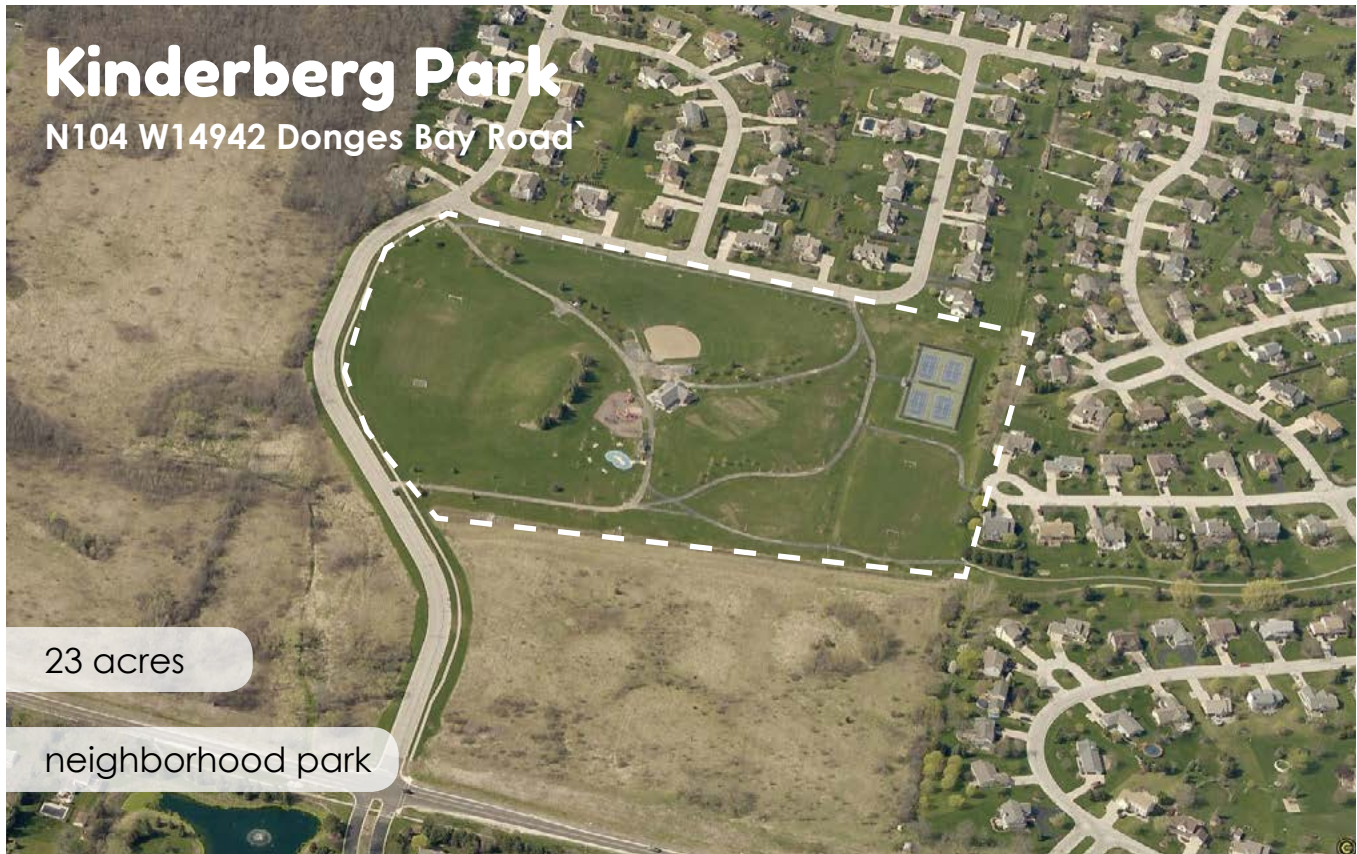


Photos of the Park

Voices from the community

What does this park need?

- ▷ Back stop needs to be updated
- ▷ Covered dugouts
- ▷ Address drainage issues



Kinderberg (Children's Hill) Park is a 23 acre neighborhood park purchased in 1992 by the Village. The property is off of Donges Bay Road west of Heritage Hills Subdivision. In spring of 1995 the Village completed negotiations with the Germantown School District for a land swap with Spassland Park. The sprayground was completed in 2005 and the only public aquatic amenity in the community.

What's in the Park?

- » Baseball Field
- » Sprayground
- » Soccer Fields (2)
- » Multi-purpose Indoor/Outdoor Shelter
- » Tennis Courts (4)
- » Basketball Court (2017)
- » Permanent Restrooms
- » Ice Rink
- » Sledding Hill
- » Playground Structure (1999)
- » Paved Pathways
- » Bleachers

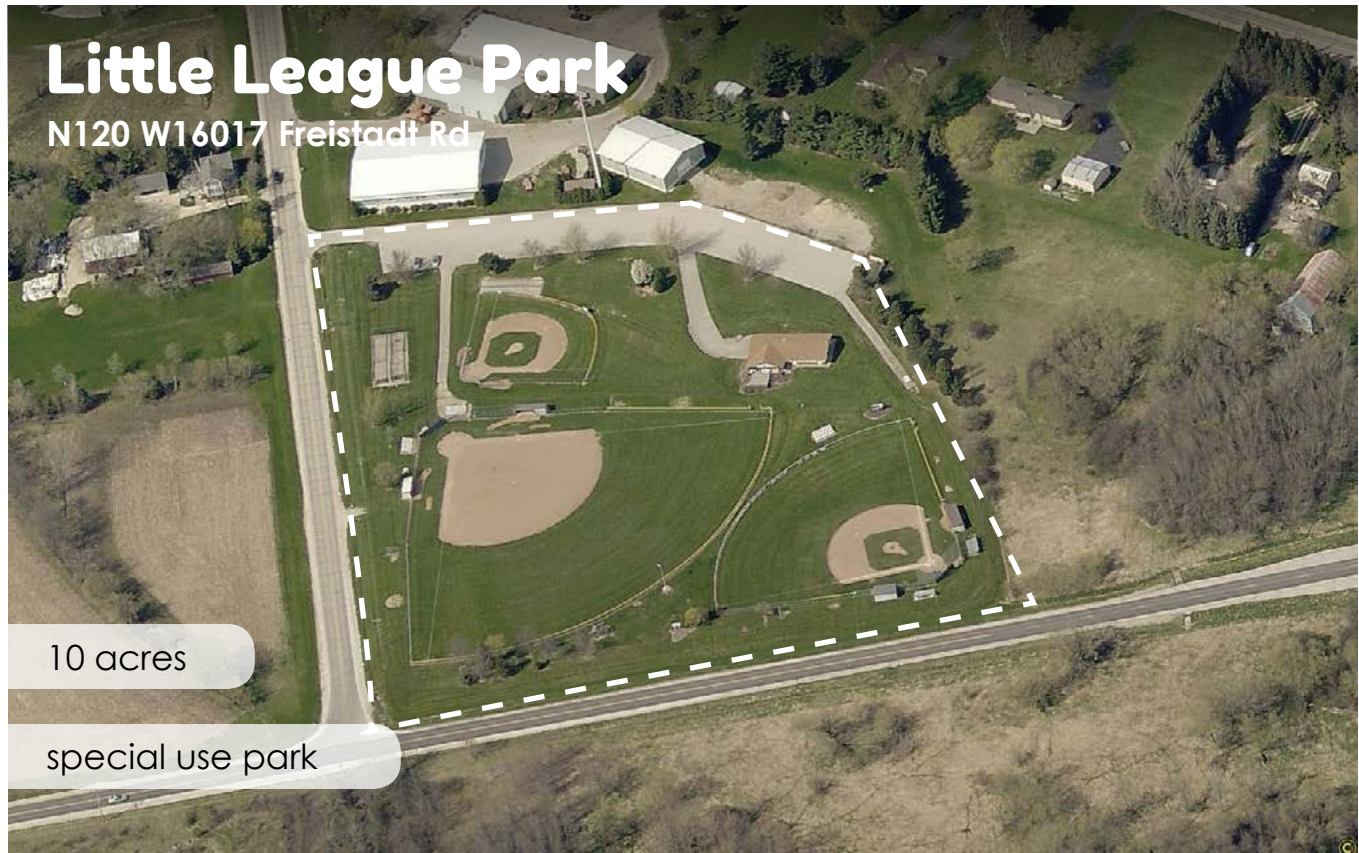


Photos of the Park

Voices from the community

What does this park need?

- ▷ Building to warm participants on the sledding hill
- ▷ Bring back and maintain an iceskating rink
- ▷ Handicap parking
- ▷ Outbuilding needs to be larger to store more equipment
- ▷ Lights on the sledding hill
- ▷ Fenced in dog park/off leash area
- ▷ Bocce



Little League Park is a 10-acre baseball complex. The land is leased to the Germantown Little League by the village. All facilities have been developed and maintained by the Germantown Little League.

What's in the Park?

- » 3 baseball fields
- » Concessions building

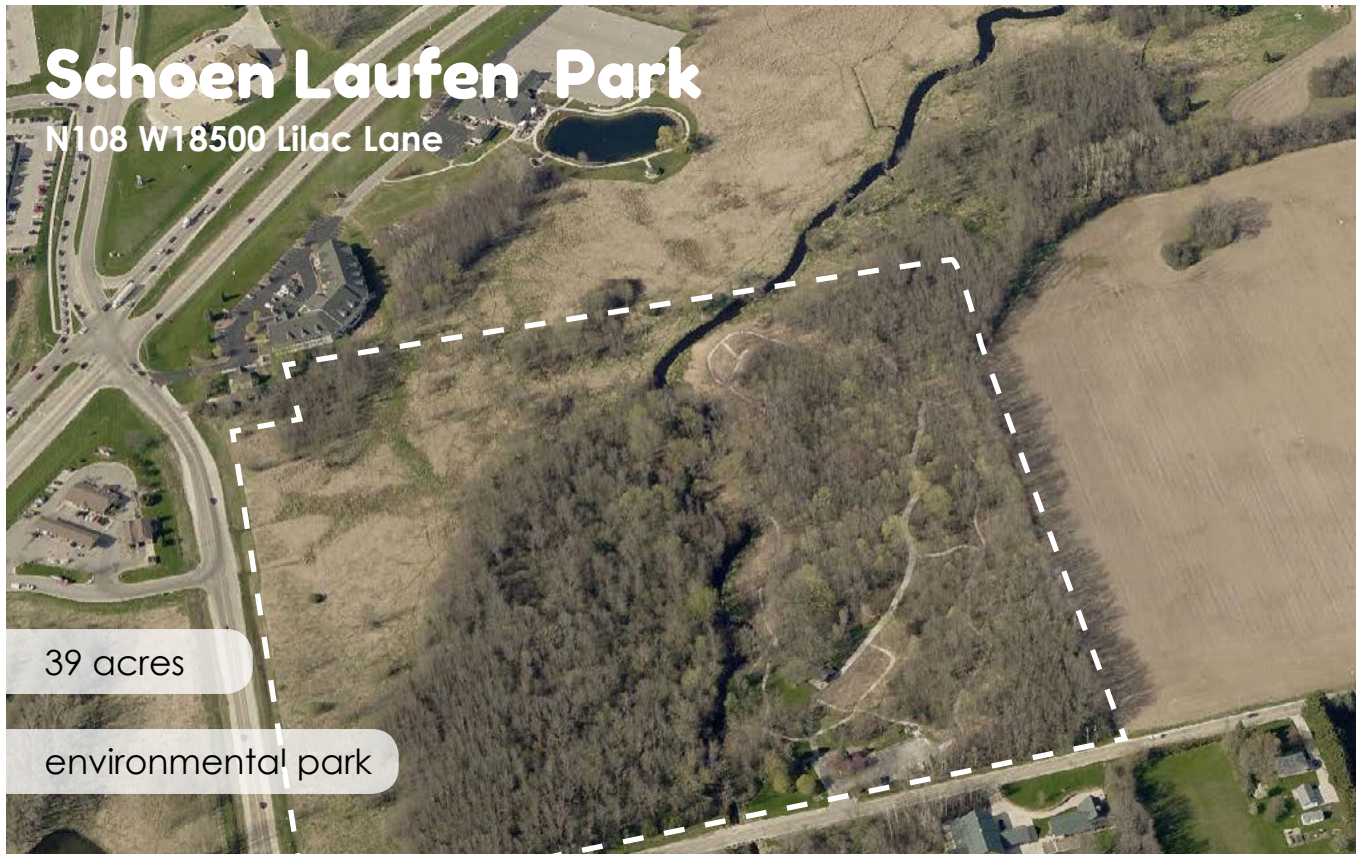


Photos of the Park

Voices from the community

What does this park need?

- ▷ Drainage
- ▷ Weed control
- ▷ More Diamond Mix



Schoen Laufen Park

N108 W18500 Lilac Lane

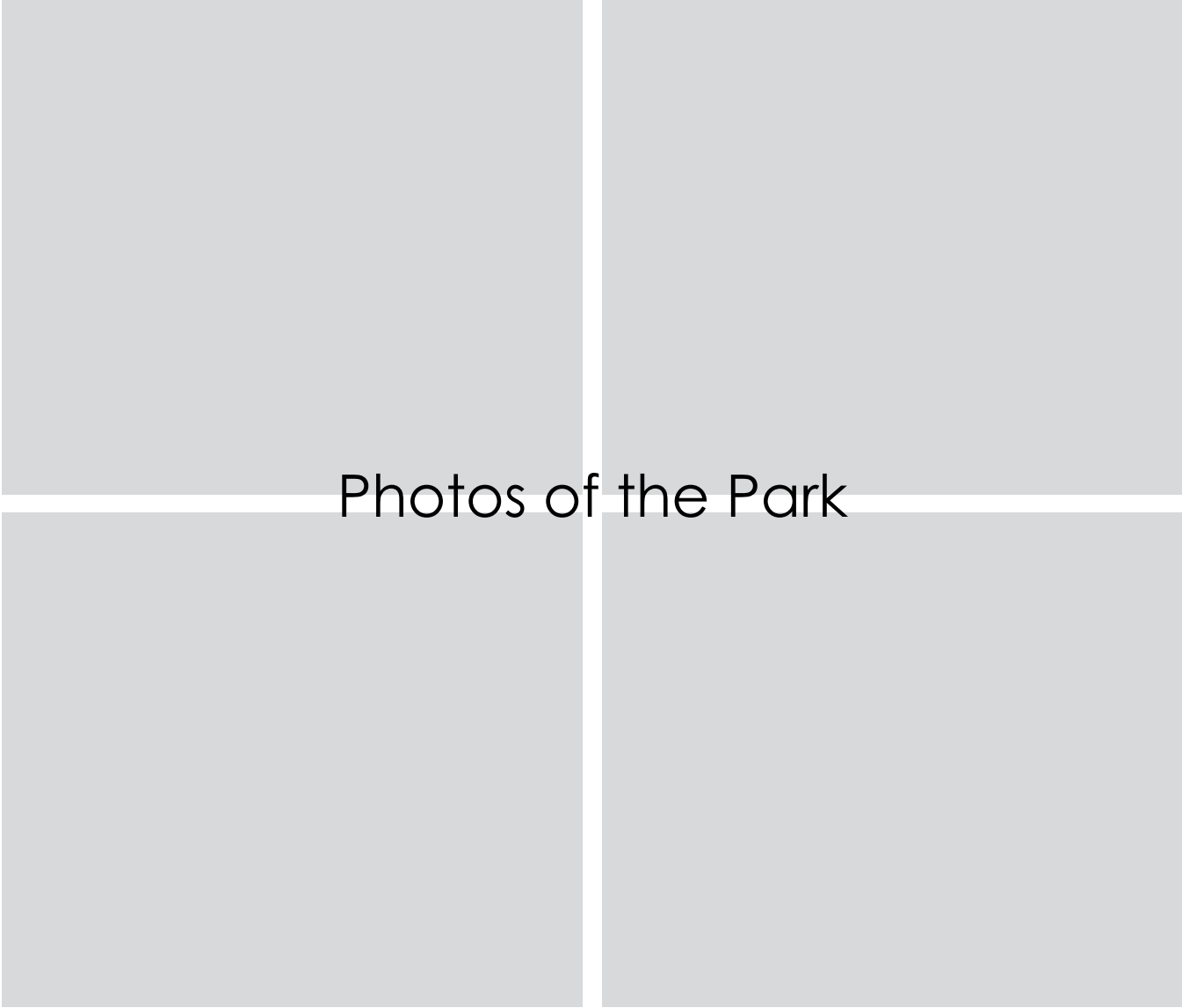
39 acres

environmental park

Schoen Laufen (Beautiful Walk) Park is located along the Menomonee River at the corner of Maple Road and Lilac Lane. The park is divided into two by the Menomonee River. The acquisition of this park site was initiated in response to the Village's 1990 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Schoen Laufen Park gives residents access to the Menomonee River, a wooded area with nature trails and spring ephemerals and begins implementation of a multi-purpose trail development along the river corridor.

What's in the Park?

- » Shelter
- » Gravel Pathways
- » Parking Lot
- » Port-A-John



Photos of the Park

Voices from the community

What does this park need?

- ▷ Loved the growth of the native plants which were allowed to flourish this summer. Please continue!
- ▷ Dog waste on trail is an issue
- ▷ Additional native plantings
- ▷ Kayak launch
- ▷ Outdoor education area
- ▷ Security camera in parking lot



Spassland (Play Land) Park is located in southern Germantown, north of and adjacent to County Line School. County Line School's 10-acre outside recreation area adds to Spassland Park's effectiveness as a neighborhood park. This park was leased from the Germantown School District until the Village acquired the park in 1995 via a land swap for a 15 acre parcel adjacent to Kinderberg Park. The park is served by two parking lots. Most facilities are connected with an accessible paved pathway.

What's in the Park?

- » Disc Golf Course (9 holes)
- » Paved Pathways
- » Shelter
- » Tennis Courts (2) (2019)
- » Playground Structure (2018)
- » Parking Lots (2)
- » Basketball Courts (2)
- » Permanent Restrooms
- » Sand Volleyball Courts (2)
- » Fitness Equipment



Photos of the Park

Voices from the community

What does this park need?

- ▷ Drainage is needed along the trail and in the grass
- ▷ The disc golf course is unusable because drainage is so poor
- ▷ Rain Gardens
- ▷ Redo/refinish the basketball courts



Weidenbach Park (Meadow by the Brook) is a four-acre play lot serving a small residential neighborhood in the southwest corner of the Village. The park is devoted as both an active and passive recreation area and features a one acre pond. The pond provides fishing but swimming and ice skating are not allowed. There is a small lighted paved parking lot and a paved pathway connecting the facilities.

What's in the Park?

- » Fishing Pond
- » Basketball Court
- » Fishing Pier
- » Baseball Backstop
- » Playground Structure
- » Parking Lot
- » Paved Pathways
- » Port-a-John



Photos of the Park

Voices from the community

What does this park need?

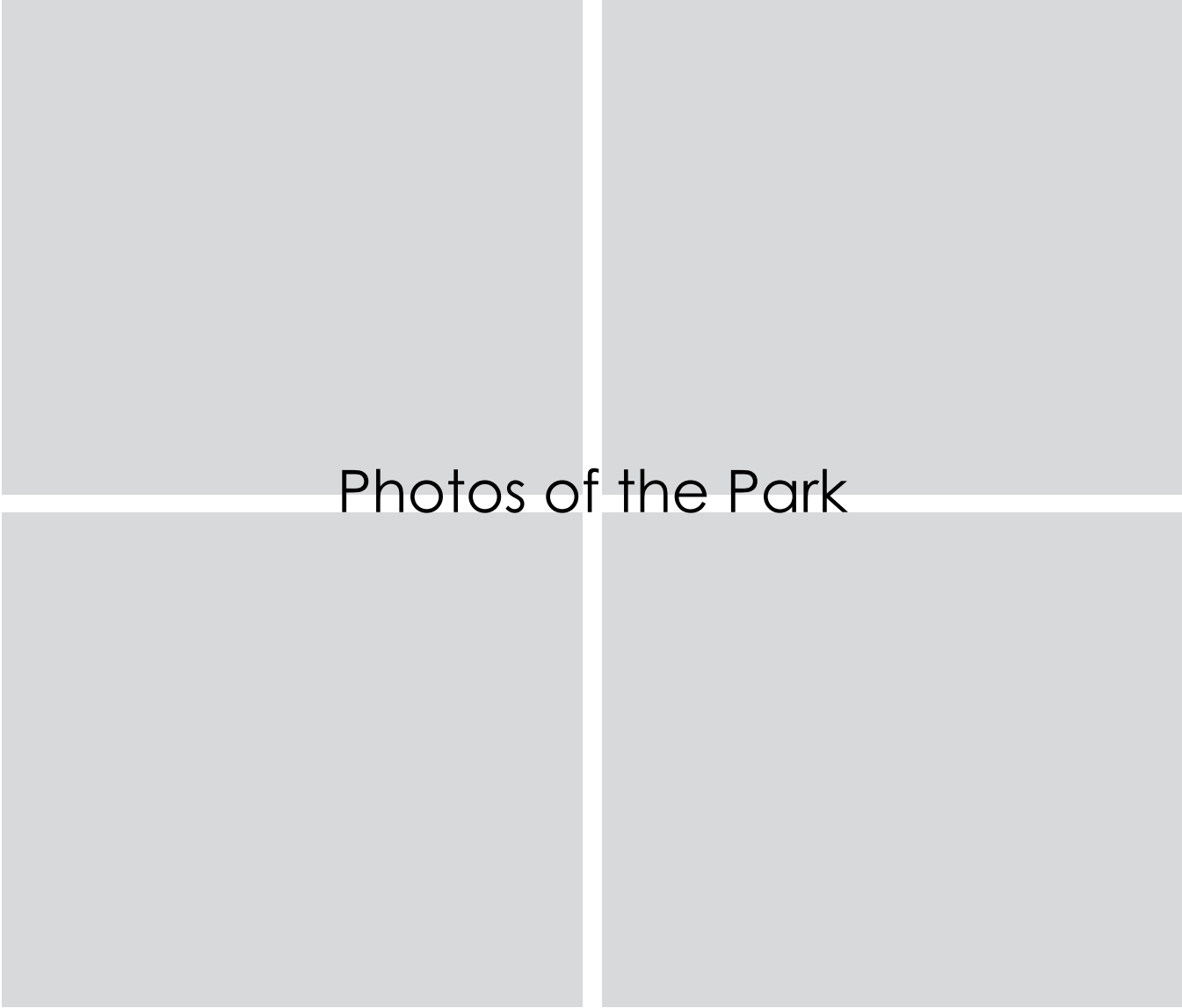
- ▷ Do not cut down the plants surrounding the lagoon – expect to find cattails and swamp milkweed around a pond. It also acts as a natural fence
- ▷ More picnic tables
- ▷ Another bench
- ▷ Awareness that this park exists!



The open wilderness area is located in the north eastern corner of Germantown, in the headwaters of the Little Menomonee River. The Conservation Fund on behalf of the MMSD has been purchasing land around the property as part of the Greenseams Program (see page 4).

What's in the Park?

The wilderness area does not have any facilities, amenities, trails, nor does it have a public access point.



Photos of the Park

Voices from the community

What does this park need?

- ▷ Nature/walking trail similar to trails @ Homestead Hollow (4 comments)
- ▷ X-country ski trails with planned activities
- ▷ Mountain biking trails
- ▷ Allow dog walking
- ▷ Parking lot
- ▷ Ecopark/education
- ▷ Geocaching
- ▷ Birding/Bird banding
- ▷ Beekeeping (partner w/ Mequon Nature Preserve)

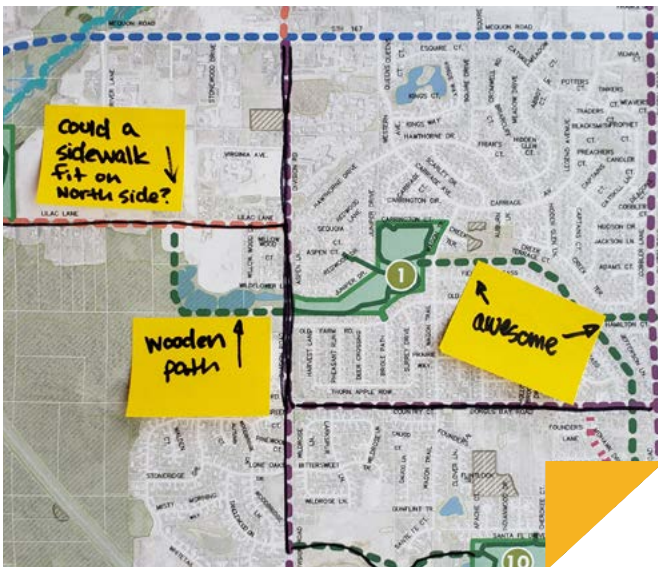


Chapter Four

Community Needs Assessment

[To be completed once the stakeholder focus groups are completed and the survey results are tabulated. This section will include a summary of survey data, the information and comments collected at the open house on the posters and through Poll Everywhere, and the stakeholder group feedback. This section will also include guidance from the Steering Committee.]

[Community Needs Assessment - continued]



including: the Germantown Soccer Club, Germantown Warhawks Football Club, Germantown Junior Warhawks, and the Department's flag football program. Playground was installed in 2010. Parking lot and pathways were paved in 2007 using park impact fees and private funds.

- Baseball Diamond
- Paved and Gravel Pathways
- Regulation Football Field
- Soccer Fields (1)
- Bleachers
- Playground
- Storage Shed

What does this park need?

leave comments about area below:

Landscape & Design	General Maintenance	New Equipment / Facilities	Program Activities
more parking definitely more parking Drainage on side football fields is horrible. Always standing water on the fields	more paved parking	add a central baseball/softball complex of lights & concessions. provide a central location for all games instead of spread out Lower fence to ground. Add dirt base different would be a Plus " " GREAT! Definitely Bathrooms!! (connecting bases of softball to parking, concessions, etc)	



Chapter Five

Goals & Objectives

The Goals set forth for the next five years reflect the Village's past five years of experience working with their comprehensive park plan. The goals are program and policy-oriented, not specific to any one park or facility. This allows for the objectives to be implemented by the Park and Recreation Commission throughout the community, with specific park projects listed under the capital projects as implementation steps to meet the specific goals.

The goals and objectives are not listed in any specific order, nor do they highlight any specific timing unless stated. All of these goals are important. They interact to form the basis of the Village of Germantown's policy toward park and recreation planning, facility usage, and inter-governmental cooperation. Together, these statements provide the foundation for the priorities, recommendations and capital plans recommended later in the Plan. These statements are the focus of the Plan and represent the best intentions of the Commission members and citizens of Germantown based on the community feedback received.

The long-range vision of the Germantown Park and Recreation Department considers neighborhood parks as the back bone of the system. These parks are the social and daily recreation centers for residents.

In prior plans, the Goals and Objectives section noted that:

- » the purchase of a community park would serve a very important role for the Village for large group gatherings and organized athletics complexes.
- » preservation and acquisition of environmentally sensitive areas is significant as land becomes more flood-prone and water filtration becomes more difficult.
- » The development of a community pathway system will tie the park and open space system together as well as residential neighborhoods, schools and businesses. Extensions of this pathway system will connect the village with regional trails.

These primary goals from previous plan version - new community parks, preservation of environmentally sensitive areas, and the development of a community pathway system – remain goals of the Village and Department today. However, new priorities have joined their ranks as well. [Add thoughts/ideas here about prioritizing the goals and objectives].

Village of Germantown Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Goals & Objectives

1

Establish a Village-wide system of open spaces, parks and recreational facilities that will economically provide Germantown residents of all ages with adequate, convenient, varied and high-quality recreational opportunities on a year-round basis.

- 1.1 Expand recreational programming to meet the needs and interests of pre-school, teens, older adults, and special needs populations.
 - 1.2 Explore the feasibility of developing an indoor recreational facility, where sport courts and space for classroom type activities are housed.
 - 1.3 Explore the feasibility of developing an outdoor aquatic experience (i.e. aquatic center and/or community splashpad).
 - 1.4 Continue collecting public input on park issues at public informational meetings.
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2

Acquire and maintain an adequate amount of active and passive recreational lands to meet future recreational needs.

- 2.1 Identify and acquire 100+ acres for an active use, such as a new Community Park
 - 2.2 Cooperate with other public and private agencies to identify and acquire recreational lands.
 - 2.3 Identify additional land needs and priorities using feedback from residents and benchmark metrics from peer agencies and Washington County.
 - 2.4 Seek public/private grant monies for land acquisition.
 - 2.5 Establish criteria for acceptance of property in lieu of Impact Fee Assessments.
 - 2.6 Develop park master plans for each park based on community needs, as well as accepted Park & Recreation standards.
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3

Provide adequate facilities at all parks within the Village's park system to meet the diverse needs and interests of Germantown's residents.

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- 3.1 Identify facility and programming needs in the Village through resident feedback and surveys, and by referencing metrics and standards from Washington County and peer agencies nationally.
 - 3.2 Monitor park facility and recreational program usage and condition on an ongoing basis.
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4

Coordinate development efforts and the use of recreational facilities between the Village of Germantown, local schools, places of worship, and Washington County.

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- 4.1 Work with community groups and organizations on collaborative programming.
 - 4.2 Continue to work with the Germantown School District to utilize facilities (indoor and outdoor) for park and recreation activities.
 - 4.3 Continue to partner with local churches as potential locations for community recreation programs and events.
 - 4.4 Continue to partner with Washington County for use of Homestead Hollow Park for community recreation programs and events.
 - 4.5 Continue to facilitate community use of the Senior Center, Firemen's Park Community Building (former fire station), and park shelters.
 - 4.6 Continue to explore private facilities in the community as potential spaces for recreation program use.
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5

Encourage the preservation and acquisition of environmentally sensitive and historically significant areas.

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- 5.1 Work with public and private agencies to obtain access to the Menomonee River throughout Germantown.
 - 5.2 Encourage the preservation of prime environmental corridors throughout the Village and development of linear park and trail systems, and acquire land on a case-by-base basis to maintain these corridors.
 - 5.3 Assist the Germantown Historical Society in the continued development of Dheinsville Park.
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6 Provide residents with safe and accessible facilities and recreation equipment throughout the Village's park system.

- 6.1 Conduct an annual inspection tour of parks to identify safety and ADA accessibility issues and work to correct all issues in a timely manner.
 - 6.2 Ensure that new park facilities and play equipment are designed and installed to meet ADA accessibility guidelines and standards.
 - 6.3 Explore the planning and construction of an inclusive and fully-accessible playground facility to meet the needs of the entire community.
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7 Use all available financial tools to further enhance the quality of the Village park system.

- 7.1 Update the Impact Fee Ordinance on a continual basis.
 - 7.2 Monitor park land dedication ordinances to provide quality recreation lands.
 - 7.3 Explore funding park facilities and programming through community donations and "Friends of the Parks" groups.
 - 7.4 Develop a gift catalog as a fundraising tool.
 - 7.5 Apply for funds with State and Federal grant programs whenever possible.
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8 Coordinate subdivision review with all departments responsible for providing or maintaining adequate park facilities to ensure that adequate park facilities are provided to future Village residents.

- 8.1 Update Capital Improvements Program based on recommendations of the updated (and adopted by the Village Board) Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.
 - 8.2 Review preliminary plans when Plan Commission applications are presented to identify land for public recreation, as well as opportunities for trail/pathway linkages.
 - 8.3 Coordinate potential park land dedication with Public Works Departmentso that utility systems are adequately considered.
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9

Continue a village-wide urban forestry program which replaces unsafe or diseased trees and improves the aesthetic nature of existing public lands.

- 9.1 Complete the Village-wide tree inventory and work to keep it up-to-date in the future.
 - 9.2 Recommend budget allocations to help minimize the the impact of the emerald ash borer and loss of ash trees using the best scientific advice and lowest cost to the community.
 - 9.3 Recommend a budget allocation of \$2 per capita for Forestry maintenance, and planting
 - 9.4 Continue to utilize the services of a certified arborist.
 - 9.5 Continually review the Urban Tree Ordinance and Street Tree Plan.
 - 9.6 Continue to organize an annual Arbor Day proclamation and ceremony.
 - 9.7 Work with the Public Works Committee to identify future street tree locations in coordination with trail systems, sidewalk system and drainage ways.
 - 9.8 Apply for DNR Urban Forestry Grants to assist in the management of the Village Urban Forest.
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10

Provide residents with a trail system using the main arterial streets, drainageways, and environmental corridors.

- 10.1 Identify and develop a system of trails that provides links between current and future recreation lands and provides opportunities for pedestrians, bicycles, snowmobiles, horseback or cross country skiing activities in the Village.
 - 10.2 As the trail system is developed, purchase lands or secure easements so that the trail network is publicly controlled.
 - 10.3 Ensure that all or part of the trail system in the Village of Germantown is ADA accessible.
 - 10.4 Pursue funding opportunities through State & Federal grant programs
 - 10.5 Reference the recommendations in the Washington County Bikeway and Trail Network Plan when developing a Village-wide trail system.
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- 11** Ensure that operations and maintenance of the park, open space and trail system is supported through appropriate levels of staffing and funding.
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- 11.1 Recognize the resources required for long term, quality management and maintenance of the park and open space system and ensure that the system is realistic and affordable for the Village.
 - 11.2 Ensure that the parks, open space, and trails are managed and maintained in an environmentally responsible and cost-effective manner to limit operating costs where feasible.
 - 11.3 Evaluate maintenance staffing levels and recommend increases as required to ensure the proper care of new and existing park facilities.
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- 12** Transform Village of Germantown parks into sustainable public spaces using environmental design and management practices.
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- 12.1 Where feasible, reduce adverse impacts associated with site pollutants by incorporating features such as bioswales, rain gardens, infiltration strips, and associated storm water management facilities.
 - 12.2 Utilize recycled materials where feasible and cost effective in the design and construction of park landscape features.
 - 12.3 Make use of water-wise landscape maintenance principles, such as using low water demand vegetation, and installing efficient irrigation systems.
 - 12.4 Explore the possibility of converting open grass areas into native landscaping and/or “no-mow” areas.
 - 12.5 Where practical, minimize night light pollution related to park lighting by selecting appropriate fixtures and timing systems.
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Chapter Six

Capital Improvement Recommendations

Overall the existing park facilities are in good condition. However, maintenance of the parks is an ongoing process, and capital improvements are required to bring the parks up to standards proposed in this plan. Maintenance projects are completed by the Village DPW staff or contracted out with money from the parks and recreation operation budget. Capital improvement projects go through the Village budgeting process and are subject to review by the Village Board each year.

This section of the plan is intended to be used by the staff, Park and Recreation Commission and Village Board for the planning and maintenance of park and facility improvements. All future improvement projects and decisions should be guided by these recommendations to ensure that the parks system reaches its full potential.

The following projects are recommended for possible inclusion in the 2020 – 2024 CIP Budget.

- » Kinderberg Park playground & Splashpad replacement \$250-\$500,000?? A feasibility study would help in determining the probable construction costs.
- » Kinderberg Park resurface tennis courts \$50-\$75,000
- » Dheinsville Park parking lot paving, playground equipment \$125,000
- » Haupt Strasse Park basketball court(s) to replace the Firemen's Park court \$75,000

Other capital improvement recommendations that were included as part of the previous CORP update include the following items, which should also be considered for upcoming budget years:

- » Multi-use pathways connecting neighborhoods, parks, schools, and businesses within the stormwater drainage areas
- » Acquire new land for a new community park in an area of need or in strategic growth areas
- » Fundraise and plan for a new community center and aquatic facility
- » Find a location and design a new dog exercise area

Other items for consideration and possible inclusion in this section:

- » What new parkland might be recommended for acquisition? Blackstone Creek Golf Course? Youth Sports Complex? Any expansion to existing park sites?
- » What is the future of Little League Park? Who will be responsible for operation and maintenance?
- » Will use of the Dheinsville Park shelter warrant an upgrade with the addition of permanent restrooms?
- » With sewer/water along Country Aire Drive, what future improvements will be needed to Friedenfeld Park? i.e. restroom/shelter building

	Maintenance	Capital Improvements
Alt Baur Park	▷ Cut back tree canopy on west end of tennis courts ▷ Add crushed aggregate around tennis courts ▷ Improve tree and planting beds ▷ Add more picnic tables to park ▷ Evaluate park signage consistency	▷ Replace playground equipment ▷ Install sign entrance at Old Farm Road & Division Road ▷ Remove and install new benches on concrete pads around playground area ▷ Resurface basketball courts ▷ Resurface parking lot ▷ Establish prairies in suitable areas to reduce turf maintenance ▷ Resurfaced gravel pathways with asphalt
Dheinsville Historic Park	▷ Install tree screening on north end of the property ▷ Improve tree and planting beds	▷ Pave parking lot ▷ Resurfaced gravel pathways with asphalt ▷ Replace gravel pathways nears buildings with pervious pavers ▷ Install playground equipment ▷ Establish prairies in suitable areas to reduce turf maintenance ▷ Historical Society to continue buildings renovations
Fireman's Park	▷ Maintain and improve tree and planting beds ▷ Reseal basketball court	
Friedenfeld Park	▷ Improve tree and planting beds ▷ Repair and install playground curbing ▷ Establish prairies in areas to reduce turf maintenance ▷ Remove or install benches on concrete pads	▷ Install permanent restrooms and shelter ▷ Install irrigation system in practice football fields and soccer fields ▷ Replace gravel pathways with asphalt ▷ Install drainage system for tackle football practice field ▷ Install split rail fence or ballads & gates to eliminate vehicle traffic on turf ▷ Install overflow parking lot for heavy usage days ▷ Develop north east portion of park for athletic usage
Haupt Strasse Park	▷ Install tennis court poles and nets ▷ Remove benches and replace with picnic tables around skate park ▷ Improve tree and planting beds	▷ Move skate park entrance from park side (north) to street side (south) ▷ Add permanent restrooms ▷ Add a cross walk in the vicinity of the play equipment ▷ Add an ADA accessible pathway from playground equipment to parking lot ▷ Establish prairies in suitable areas to reduce turf maintenance ▷ Add a basketball court ▷ Resurface existing parking lot ▷ Replace existing shelter ▷ Expand or renovate skate park

Kinderberg Park	▷ Repair or replace broken playground curbing ▷ Improve tree and planting beds ▷ Flatten & shrink ice rink ▷ Repair damage in pathways ▷ Remove wind screens between tennis courts ▷ Have contractor evaluate leaning poles between tennis courts ▷ Remove plants & shrubs south of tennis courts ▷ Remove plants and shrubs at the Lincoln Court entrance ▷ Remove benches & add picnic tables ▷ Remove turf and replace with asphalt by ball field backstop ▷ Establish prairies in areas to reduce turf maintenance	▷ Replace playground equipment ▷ Install shade structure over sprayground
Schoen Laufen Park	▷ Open up views to the river ▷ Repair fire ring ▷ Remove down trees in river ▷ Improve tree and planting beds	▷ Add a pedestrian bridge and trail system on the west side of the river
Spassland Park	▷ Improve tree and planting beds ▷ Crack fill tennis & basketball courts ▷ Secure tennis court chain link fence to poles ▷ Remove playground timbers and edge around playground mulched area ▷ Establish turf in areas where trees and shrubs were removed ▷ Remove benches and replace with picnic tables ▷ Edge volleyball courts and add picnic tables ▷ Seal coat pathways and parking lot ▷ Build dumpster enclosure ▷ Remove Port-a-John enclosure	▷ Replace basketball hoops, backboards and structure ▷ Correct drainage by creating a swale across the site that ends in the wetland ▷ Resurface parking lots ▷ Add storage garage for recreation supplies in west parking lot ▷ Install outdoor fitness equipment ▷ Establish prairies in suitable areas to reduce turf maintenance
Weidenbach Park	▷ Repair fishing pier ▷ Work with DNR to declare fishing pond as an urban fishery ▷ Improve tree and planting beds ▷ Develop an aquatic management plan for water quality and eliminate nuisance plants	▷ Replace playground equipment ▷ Resurface parking lot ▷ Resurface basketball court
Wilderness Park		▷ Add a trail network and public access point



Table A1: Park Size Standard and Acreage Classification, 2020

Park	Acres per Park	Current Acres in Germantown's Park system (2020) per park category	2020 Recommended Acres per park category*	2025 Projected Recommended Acres per park category **
Playlot (standard size: 1-2 acres; standard acres: .5/1,000 residents)				
Weidenbach	4	4	10.3	11.3
Neighborhood (standard size: 10-25 acres; standard acres: 3/1,000 residents)				
Alt Baur	25.6	98.6	61.8	67.9
Firemen's	17			
Haupt Strasse	13			
Kinderberg	23			
Spassland	20			
Community (standard size: 25-150 acres; standard acres: 8/1,000 residents)				
Friedenfeld	53	53	164.7	181.3
Regional (standard size: 100+ acres; standard acres: 10/1,000 residents)				
Homestead Hollow	105	105	206	227
Special Use (variable size and amount)				
Dheinsville	9.5	19.5	–	–
Little League	10			
Environmental (variable size and amount)				
Schoen Laufen	39	239	–	–
Wilderness	200			
TOTAL Acres	519			

*2020 Recommended Acres based on an estimated population of 20,590

**2025 Projected Recommended Acres based on a projected population of 22,660

- ▲ Recommended acres are based on the 1995 NRPA park standards, as interpreted in the Village of Germantown's 1997 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. As these standards are widely considered outdated, this table is included for reference only, but should **not** be used to evaluate Germantown's level of service.

[Existing Facilities numbers need review by Village Staff.]

Table A2: Facility Inventory & Standards

	"Standard" facilities (Based on 1997 Plan / NRPA 1995 standards)	Existing Facilities in Parks	Existing Facilities on Schoolgrounds	Total Existing Facilities	2020 Facility Needs*	2025 Projected Facility Needs**
Baseball						
Official	1/5,000	4	2	6	4	5
Little League	1/2,250	5	0	5	9	10
Softball	1/5,000	1	2	3	4	5
Practice ballfield (backstop)	1/1,400	3	3	6	15	16
Soccer	1/1,000	13	8	21	21	23
Football						
Tackle	1/15,750	1	1	2	1	1
Practice area	1/2,250	5	2	7	9	10
Sand Volleyball	1/4,000	3	0	3	5	6
Basketball	1/2,250	6	0	6	9	10
Tennis	1/1,750	9	8	17	12	13
Ice Skating	1/5,250	1	0	1	4	4
Sledding	1/8,000	1	0	1	3	3
Bank Fishing	1/5,250	2	0	2	4	4
Modular Play Equipment	1/1,750	7	4	11	12	12
Picnic Shelter	1/1,750	5	0	5	12	13
Trails (miles)	.16/1,000		0	0	3.29	3.63
Horseshoe Pit	1/5,225	0	0	0	4	4

*2020 Recommended Acres based on an estimated population of 20,590

**2025 Projected Recommended Acres based on a projected population of 22,660



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Date: June 24, 2020

To: Park and Recreation Commission

From: Mark Schroeder, Park & Recreation Director

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The staff recommendation is to approve re-opening the village soccer fields for use by the Germantown Soccer Club per the WYSA Phase 1 of the Return to Play Plan.

Attachment: Communication from Justin Latham, President & Club Director, Germantown Soccer Club



Germantown Soccer Club
Germantown, WI
www.germantownsoccer.org

June 9th, 2020

Subject: Germantown Soccer Club (GSC) return to play request

Mr. Schroeder,

On behalf of our GSC families, I would like to inform you that WYSA (Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association) has approved an RTP plan effective June 1st for its sanctioned clubs, which includes GSC, as a member of Kickers Soccer Club. The plan follows U.S. Soccer guidelines.

WYSA announcement:

https://www.wiyouthsoccer.com/assets/75/6/wysa_response_to_covid-19_-_06.01.20_update.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0jAzVE9p1HLslujKjSS9spQ4zUI9SktR05OZ70YRUaiuaXwSCE2iJno04

While league play, tournaments, and all club vs club activities remain on hold, Phase 1 of the RTP allows small group training and scrimmage activities. GSC has designated a club Board Member to manage our implementation based on the WYSA guidelines to ensure the safety and health of all GSC participant families.

We ask that consideration be given to allow GSC to resume activities effective June 15th at Friedenfeld and other designated fields. Per Washington and Ozaukee County health department guidelines, we are aware that organized soccer was not allowed on Village property until July 1st. Based on the new news and Phase 1 adoption by peer clubs such as North Shore United (playing at Mequon Rotary Park), we are excited to get back on the pitch.

We appreciate the timing of an upcoming commission meeting later this month. While an exception to process, we would like to resume play starting Monday 15th, which may be in advance of the commission meeting. Please contact me directly to discuss how we can attain approval to play sooner than the commission meeting.

Thank you from all of our 360 youth players,

Justin T. Latham
President & Club Director
262-527-2109

cc: P. Hammond

Village of



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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May 28, 2020

Park & Recreation Commission
N112 W17001 Mequon Road
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Attn: Mark Schroeder

Enclosed please find the Preliminary Plat for the Kinderberg Estates Subdivision located in Section 26 in the Village of Germantown, Washington County, Wisconsin as filed by Veridian Homes LLC and Excel Engineering under the seal of Ryan J. Wilgreen, Professional Land Surveyor with Excel Engineering Inc. on May 21, 2020.

Please submit any comments to this office within 20 days. Please let me know if you would prefer to receive this request by email.

Thank you,

Lori Johnson
Planning Assistant
Email: ljohnson@village.germantown.wi.us

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May 22, 2020



Kinderberg Estates Subdivision
Cover Letter



Project: Veridian Homes – Kinderberg Estates
N104 W14942 Donges Bay Road
Germantown, WI 53022

Re: Preliminary Plat, Construction Document Plan Set, & Stormwater Management
Plan Submittal

Veridian Homes as applicant and developer, is pleased to submit the Preliminary Plat, Construction Document Plan Set, and Stormwater Management Plan for the proposed Kinderberg Estates subdivision. The property is described as Parcel ID GTNV_263988, located at N104 W14942 Donges Bay Road, currently owned by VHKE LLC and has recently been rezoned from A-2 to Rs-4. The signed applications, application fees, and supporting documents are attached to complete the submittal.

The proposed subdivision neighborhood includes 16 single-family residential lots on a vacant in-fill development site of 14.70 acres. The surrounding properties to the east and south are also existing single-family residential neighborhoods, the adjoining property to the north is a Village Park and the property to the west across Preserve Parkway is a vacant parcel containing a large wetland complex owned by the Village adjacent to another vacant 38-acre parcel shown on the Village's 2020 Land Use Plan as a future residential area.

In addition to Village submittal, the preliminary plat will be submitted the State of Wisconsin DOA and Washington County for their review. Appropriate approvals from SEWRPC, MMSD, and WI DNR will be obtained concurrently with Village review for the development and construction of public utility infrastructure.

Veridian Homes is family owned and family driven and has been helping families experience the joy, beauty and fulfillment of home ownership for over 60 years. Rooted in Wisconsin, Veridian wears their local heritage with pride and continues their commitment to building award-winning homes that are good for the land and people. Veridian started their first neighborhood in the Milwaukee area in 2015 at Silver Spring Estates in Menomonee Falls across from Hamilton High School. Mequon and Franklin are also home to Veridian neighborhoods (please visit www.veridianhomes.com for additional information). This proposed single-family residential neighborhood will help meet local demand for residential housing in and around the Village of Germantown. The site is located near I-41 providing access to desired destinations in and around the Milwaukee Metropolitan Area. The proposed neighborhood will complement the surrounding land uses.



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Meeting Date: June 24, 2020

To: Park & Recreation Commission

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Re: Geocaching Policy – Village Parks – Review & Approval

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Staff is requesting review and approval of the attached Geocaching Policy and Placement Request & Notification Form for implementation by department staff.

Attachments: Geocaching Policy & Placement Request and Notification Form

GEOCACHING REGULATIONS – GERMANTOWN PARK SYSTEM

GEOCACHING IN THE GERMANTOWN PARK SYSTEM

Find a cache in the Village of Germantown Parks! Geocaching is a popular outdoors "scavenger hunt" that uses a global positioning system (GPS) device and internet-published coordinates to locate a virtual or physical cache. A virtual cache may be an amazing view; a physical cache may be a trinket or logbook in a plastic container hidden under some leaves. Geocaching is an acceptable activity in the Village of Germantown Park System when all the park guidelines and policies are followed – including parking in the appropriate designated areas.

TYPES OF GEOCACHING ALLOWED IN THE GERMANTOWN PARK SYSTEM

- **Virtual Caching:** (Preferred methods)
Coordinates of stationary landmarks guide participants to the virtual cache. Virtual caches are verified only by e-mailed photos of the cache site. The Geocaching Adventure Lab is one new app and platform that allows for virtual caching <https://newsroom.geocaching.com/adventure-lab>.
- **Physical Geocaching:** Participants seek a hidden - **not buried/do not break ground** - physical cache. A waterproof container stores the trade item or logbook. For a letterbox cache, there is usually a logbook and rubber stamp. Participants mark their personal logbooks with the stamp from the letterbox, using their own personal stamp to mark the letterbox's logbook. For a micro-cache, a small container such as a film canister is used.

BASIC GUIDELINES FOR GEOCACHING (for all participants)

- You must abide by all **Village of Germantown Ordinances**.
- You must conform to the "Leave No Trace" outdoor ethics guidelines, that is, take nothing but photographs, leave nothing but footprints. For more information on the principles of "Leave No Trace," visit the **Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics website**
- If you discover any illegal or hazardous materials in the cache, you must contact the Village of Germantown Park & Recreation Department Office immediately at (262) 250-4710.

PLACEMENT OF A CACHE

- To place a physical or virtual cache, you **must have prior written permission** from the Germantown Park & Recreation Department. For each cache location, complete a separate **Permit Request Form** and **provide a map (ex. Google Earth or similar map) with each permit request.**
- Geocaching is **not allowed** in
 - Sensitive Areas: Those areas the Germantown Park & Recreation Department staff determine cannot tolerate human traffic or disturbance which includes portions of the park & village open spaces.
 - Homestead Hollow County Park – Participants must contact Washington County Parks System Office.
- Cache may not physically change the character of the site. This includes but is not limited to disturbing/excavating soil, cutting vegetation, moving logs, etc. You must use the natural terrain and site conditions to hide the cache.
- Caches will not be allowed within the normal field of play at recreational facilities (i.e. ball diamonds, soccer fields, playgrounds, or multi-purpose sports fields).
- Caches may not be placed adjacent to birdhouses or bird nests. Federal law protects nesting birds and disturbing their nest is a federal crime.
- Caches will not be allowed on slopes greater than 5%. However, caches may be allowed on the area above the slope or the foot of the slope.

PHYSICAL CACHE CONTENT

- The following items are **not** permitted in a physical geocache:
 - Food of any kind
 - Pocket knives or weapons of any kind
 - Illegal items such as drugs
 - Materials restricted from minors, such as, but not limited to, tobacco and alcohol
- The maximum capacity of any single physical geocache must not exceed one gallon
- All cache containers must be clearly labeled in large lettering with the word "Geocache" on the outside of the container. **Metal ammo cans** are not permitted, plastic containers only.
- All caches must contain your permit number inside the container.

MONITORING THE CACHE

You are responsible for monitoring the cache regularly - four times per year recommended - and reporting any vandalism or deterioration of property. If you discover any illegal or hazardous materials in the cache, you must contact the Germantown Park & Recreation Department at (262) 250-4710.

MOVING OR REMOVING A CACHE

- You will not need to fill out a second permit form to remove a cache, but you will need to email the department at parkrec@village.germantown.wi.us, notifying the Germantown Park & Recreation Department of the removal and provide the permit number if applicable.
- Geocache permits are valid for two years. If you wish to maintain your cache longer than two years, you will need to request an extension from the department. If you do next extend your permit, you will need to remove and archive your cache once the permit is expired.
- A cache may be required to be moved if the department staff deems that the cache area is being over-used, or that volunteer trails are developing, or the site is being developed.
- A cache will be removed if the department staff determines that there is an unacceptable hazard to humans, an unacceptable level of damage to the environment, or it is not in compliance with policy. The department shall make a reasonable effort to notify you of a removed cache. A removed physical cache will be stored for up to one week. If not claimed, it shall be disposed of as surplus property.

June 24, 2020 - Policy approved by the Germantown Park & Recreation Commission

Geocache Placement Notification Form

Permit #

(Leave blank)

Notice: Provide all information requested on this form. Personally identifiable information collected will be used for program administration and may be provided to requesters as required by Wisconsin's Open Records law [ss. 19.31-19.39, Wis. Stats.]

Applicant Information

Last Name	First Name	MI	Daytime Phone Number
Street Address			Evening Phone Number
City	State	ZIP Code	Email Address
Placement Action None	Cache Datum	Location Map Required	
Property Name	Cache Coordinates	Latitude	Longitude

Detailed physical location description:

Container Name and Description:	Container contents:
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Conditions for Geocache Placement

- Geocaching is considered an acceptable outdoor recreational activity for most Germantown Park System properties. **Geocache placement restrictions can be found in the document "GEOCACHING REGULATIONS ON VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN PARK SYSTEM PROPERTY," which can be found at (www.village.germantown.wi.us).** As always, the placement of a geocache shall conform to all applicable Village of Germantown ordinances. **An approved permit is required from the Germantown Park & Recreation Department before a cache can be placed on Village of Germantown Park System property.**
- Germantown Park & Recreation Department reserves the right to terminate this authorization for placement of a geocache container on Germantown Park System land for any reason at any time. Germantown Park & Recreation Department agrees to make a reasonable effort to contact the geocache placer prior to termination of this approval to allow the placer to remove the geocache or move it to a new location. If the Germantown Park & Recreation Department is unable to contact the geocache owner/placer after a reasonable effort, Germantown Park System staff may remove the geocache.
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- Cache Placement must be approved by the Village of Germantown Park & Recreation Staff.

Applicant Certification

By signing this document I agree to the above rules, as well as all of the regulations as described in the document "GEOCACHING REGULATIONS ON VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN PARK SYSTEM PROPERTY")

Signature of Authorized Representative	Date Signed:
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Additional Information

Approval & Authorization

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Germantown Park & Recreation Staff Designee Signature	Date Approved	Office Phone Number
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June 24, 2020

Director's Report

Firemen's Park Phase 1 Site Improvements Project –

Miller Electric completed all electrical, with testing of the light poles and bollards on May 7th. Soper Grading & Excavating added stone to the park drive and pathways, with Payne & Dolan finishing the paving work on June 1st. Soper completed all site grading and restoration work on June 4th. WE Energies completed the installation of the electrical service 6/10-6/12 with the system energized on June 12th. The only item to remain in Phase 1 is clean up and restoration of the WE site work.

Dheinsville Park Shelter Project –

Installation of the stone base work was completed on May 12th. Grading and restoration of the perimeter slopes has also been completed. Project submittals have been approved for building materials and electrical/lighting. The anticipated delivery date for building materials is June 15th. The digging and setting of the building columns are scheduled for the week of June 15th, with the framing and construction of the wood building the week of June 22nd. The scheduled project completion date is in August.

Weidenbach Park Playground Project Update –

Following discussion with public works staff, it was decided to follow what has become the typical playground installation schedule. Site work will start in August with removal of the existing equipment and site excavation. The playground contractor will install the equipment the week of August 17th followed by DPW installation of the concrete walkway, wood fiber safety surfacing, and final site restoration. The project will be completed by mid-September.

Park & Recreation Department Re-Open Plan –

At the May meeting, the commission approved the Park & Recreation Re-Open Plan. The plan outlines a phased-in service plan that included re-opening of the closed park facilities/amenities, as well as a plan for recreation programs and special events taking into consideration the facilities that will be available for use. The plan follows the guidelines recommended in the Blueprint for Re-Opening Washington County as prepared by the Washington Ozaukee Counties Health Department utilizing recommendation/best practices of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Staff will provide a plan update covering park and recreation programs and services over the last month.

Firemen's Park Shelter Design – Review & Recommendation on Preliminary Budget & Project Alternates

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exhibit (alternate deduct plan sheet), as well as a preliminary budget. The commission is asked to review the budget and the list of potential alternates so a recommendation can be made and work continued on the project design. The goal is to send the project forth for public bidding later this year.

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