

Tiger Tree Neighborhood Park

Preliminary Concept Plans Comment Summary

Comment Period: May 28-June 8, 2008

Please note that this is a summary of the verbal and written comments from the May 28, 2008 public meeting, and the written comments submitted through the project Web page May 29-June 8, 2008. This summary reflects a range of opinions, and is not intended to present a word-for-word transcript. Comments about issues outside the scope of the park project have been brought to the attention of the appropriate departments or agencies.

A proposed concept plan for the park will be developed based on neighborhood feedback, program needs, project funding and the site requirements.

Staff presented two preliminary concept plans to neighbors for input:

- [Concept A](#)
- [Concept B](#)

Safety and Security:

- Make sure people adhere to the park hours.
- Don't remove all the undergrowth in order to improve visibility. It's a nice, quiet and safe park already.
- Like how visibility into the park from the entrances will be improved.

Access:

- Make the entrance from 149th Avenue the main park entrance with name sign.
- Don't make the entrance from 85th Court look like the main park entrance.

Trail Alignments:

- Like how the dirt trail along the southeast border of the park is moved away from homes in Concept A.
- Consider using wheelchair accessible crushed rock trails instead of paved trails.
- Include a loop trail for walkers and joggers.
- Don't like the gravel paths in Concept B. Would prefer they be paved.
- Like the paved trail around the grassy area in both concepts.
- Dislike paved trail through forest in Concept A. Keep it dirt or bark.
- Like how the path through the forest isn't paved in Concept B, but would prefer the surfacing be dirt or bark instead of gravel.
- Like that the trails through the trees are still prevalent in Concept A.
- Like the new trail to the north of the 145th Avenue entrance in Concept A.
- Keep trails at least 30 feet from adjacent properties.

- Add the perimeter path from Concept A to Concept B.

Open Lawn Areas:

- Currently use the open lawn area in the park for softball practice. Please include a fenced backstop on the west side of the field instead of a basketball court.

Playground:

- Don't include a playground – keep it totally natural.
- Don't like the location of the playground in Concept B. It seems isolated from the open area and surrounded by trees and plants, which could be a safety issue.
- Would like to see a slightly larger playground space.
- Like the large boulders proposed in Concept B.
- The location of the playground in Concept B would have less impact on neighbors, but it may be too isolated.
- Like the location of the playground in Concept A the best.
- Include swings, slide and bridge in playground.
- Provide a wheelchair swing for handicapped children.
- Don't like the location of the playground in Concept B because the trees will drop needles, leaves, etc. all over the equipment and it can get cold under the trees. The best location is out in the sunshine in the open field.
- The location of the playground in Concept A is more visible and safer for the children.
- Don't like the location of the playground in Concept A because neighbors currently use this field for softball practice and the playground would get in the way.
- Don't need a playground here because the school is just up the road.
- Like the playground equipment at West Minnehaha Neighborhood Park.
- A basketball half court will only allow a few kids to play at the same time. Not sure if it's worth it.
- A shaded playground like in Concept B would be nice.

Landscaping and Trees:

- Keep as many of the trees as possible.
- Like the idea of turning fir trees with root rot into snag or forest floor habitat rather than just removing them.
- Plant new trees to replace any fir trees that need to be removed because of the root rot.
- Western gray squirrels live in this park.
- Like how both concepts preserve large areas of natural trees and plants.
- Preserve all the Trilliums in the park.
- Protect the privacy of neighbors to the north with buffer plantings, etc. Like Concept B the best in this respect.
- Maintain the natural ground cover in the forested areas (trilliums, Oregon grape, ferns and snowberry).
- Do not remove the old apple tree on the northeast side of the park.
- Plant more screening trees for neighbors along the NE 85th Circle side of the park.
- Keep the fruit trees.

Basketball Half Court:

- Any kind of noise tends to echo in this park, and a basketball court will create too much noise for adjacent neighbors.
- Don't like the basketball court in Concept A.
- Like how the small basketball court is adjacent to the paved path. This will provide good access to the basketball court for wheelchairs.

- Build a larger playground instead of the basketball court.
- Include a baseball backstop instead of a basketball court.
- A basketball court is nice, but not a necessity.
- Love the basketball court in Concept A.
- We don't need a basketball court. Most people have them at their homes or in the street already.
- Don't need a basketball court here because the school is just up the road.

Other Park Amenities:

- Like the picnic tables in both concepts.
- Like having the picnic tables near the playground.
- Include more picnic tables.
- Do not place benches, picnic tables, playground or trails near the fences of homes that border the park.

General:

- Less is better.
- Don't include a basketball court or playground.
- Like Concept A the best. It provides a play area near a picnic area and is more open than Concept B.
- Like Concept B the best.
- Thank you for keeping this a "neighborhood" park and not putting anything in it that will attract people from out of the area.
- Keep the noise concerns of neighbors on the north side of the park in mind. Concept B is the best option for neighbors concerned about additional noise and lack of privacy.
- Like the park the way it is. Accommodations for people should be minimal and the park should be used for observing wildlife only.
- Improve the trails and add a few benches and picnic tables only.
- Like Concept B better because the development impact is more minimal.
- Avoid disturbing wildlife living in the park.
- Minimize asphalt.

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