



# Planning and Development Update

Presentation to the Board of Park Commissioners  
February 8, 2023



### Bowman Field's New Fencing



Phase 2 of fencing repairs has been completed at Bowman Park. This project, costing approximately \$125,000, and was awarded to Patriot Fence. The work included rehangng access gates, replacement of the foul line fencing on the softball fields 1, 2, & 3, complete replacement of the bullpens on the baseball field, and installation of a weed/grass barrier product under the sections of new fence. This product was first tested in 2022 and received good reviews from staff. It prevents weeds and turf from growing up into the fencing, minimizing the need for string trimming and potential damage to the fence.



Bowman Field's New Fencing



Example of mound



Example of padding (we ordered in green)

The bullpens on the baseball field were completely rebuilt and now more closely match industry standards. Parks also purchased new, portable bullpen mounds and padding for the receiving end to help protect the fencing.



### Rennebohm All-Inclusive Playground



This project is going to Common Council on February 7<sup>th</sup> for approval of plans/specifications and is anticipated to be bid beginning February 9<sup>th</sup> (second ad will be February 16<sup>th</sup> ). Bids will be opened on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Provided we have a successful bid opening, construction on the contract will begin in early May 2023 and completed by the end of July 2023. The neighborhood had a robust turn-out at our meetings with many kids on the Zoom call – who were instrumental in the selection of the colors: a combo of purple, red and aqua that they called the “spicy mix” due to the manufacturer’s use of the word, “paprika” for the red color. Estimated contract for installation cost is \$312,000, project estimate (including cost of equipment purchased by Parks) is \$475,000.00.



Rennebohm All-Inclusive Playground



Another view of the All-Inclusive Playground planned for Rennebohm. Ann will report the bid outcome at the March BPC meeting.

### Penn Park Court Complex



This graphic depicts the layout for the new court complex at Penn Park. Adam has worked closely with the community surrounding Penn Park as he has developed this plan to reconstruct the existing two basketball courts and replace an existing tennis court with the mini-pitch.

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Penn Park Court Complex



The mini pitch is a small soccer field, suitable for either soccer or futsal. We propose to use this Musco product, shown above, to create a fun and active place for local youth and families to come together in the spirit of teamwork, empowerment, and fitness. The mini-pitch system comes complete with fencing, goals, benches, and lockable storage. Futsal is a sport similar to soccer, but the ball is smaller and heavier, it is played on a small court and favors ball handling skills over running ability. Futsal is faster and more intense, with continuous shots that demand players' higher mental and physical energy.



Shred to School at Aldo Leopold



The Shred to School trail, running parallel to the Cannonball Trail was completed late last fall. Here are some pics of the trail, it is open for use.



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A mountain biker enjoys the Shred to School trail late in the fall of 2022.

Zane Brolin,  
Eagle Scout



Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank.

With help from Parks, Zane is one of them.

Zane Brolin, the scout who built the orienteering course at Door Creek last summer, earned his Eagle Scout badge on January 22, 2023. He kindly invited Ann Freiwald to his Court of Honor where he received his badge. And no, Zane is not standing on a box!