

# Warner Park – Southeast Recreation Area Development

## *Wild Warner Comments*

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**We generally agree with and like the proposal. Now to suggest improvements.**

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### **Five rectangular fields**

- Appreciate that Field #5 will not be lit.
- Lights need to be Dark Sky compliant.
  - No lighting later after 10:00 pm.
  - Should only be on when in use.
  - Need shielding.
- Field #1 should be the last one reserved for night time use.
- Drainage from the fields will be faster. Plans need to mitigate runoff into Castle Creek.

### **Pickleball Courts in NW corner near woods.**

- Lights Need to be Dark Sky compliant.
  - No lighting later than 10:00 pm.
  - Should only be on when in use.
  - Need Shielding.
- Pickleball is noisy. Need noise attenuation between the courts and Warner Woods (west and southwest sides.) Earth berms and/or solid screening?

### **Lighting Poles**

- Look at shorter poles, especially for the pickleball court.
- May mean a few more lights, but will reduce overall light trespass.

### **New paths**

- The main path(s) connecting the Trailway Path and three bridge crossings (two from Trailway and one from North Sherman) to the northwest part of Warner Park should be 8 feet wide. And should be plowed in winter.
- Running loop around Field #5 should have about a 2-foot width of limestone screenings on the inside of the assumed 8-foot paved path (along north side of Castle Creek) and remainder assumed 6-foot wide paved path.
- Smooth out the southwest corner of the running loop for runners.
- Improve main path intersections in Playground area for plowing purposes.
- Do not pave the path spur going into the woods. Use wood chips.
- The size of the vehicles on paths and careless plowing is a concern (sod damage, etc.)

### **Large Cottonwood Removal in Middle of Fields**

- Concern. Make all attempts not to remove. It is an open field icon. For starters show its location in relation the proposed fields. It appears that Field #1 is the problem. Can Field #1 field be moved a little to the east and then move the Cricket Pitch?

### **Single Track Somewhat into woods**

- That part of the woods is wet!
- Research shows that up to 20% of the bicyclists may deviate from the track. Concern that bikes will likely go farther into the woods off the track. **Unacceptable.**
- Need to find another location in the park or within this development for the Single track. Perhaps roughly parallelling Castle Creek?

### **Basketball Court Relocation**

- Excellent. Away from the woods and more convenient for the users.
- Will the court be lit?
  - If so Dark Sky Compliant and lights off at 10 p.m.

### **Managed Meadow and Tree Plantings**

- Yes! Can Wild Warner help?
- Like the proposed width of the buffer along Warner Woods

### **Castle Creek**

- Extend the proposed managed meadow/buffer along Castle Creek.
- Some trees along the east-west segment of the creek would help screen the view of the fields from the neighborhood.
- Can Wild Warner help?

### **Tennis Courts will be removed**

- Excellent.
- What is the restoration proposal. Native tree and shrub plantings should be part of it.
- Can Wild Warner help?

### **Bicycle Parking**

- Need city approved bicycle parking convenient to the Play Area and proposed Basketball Court and Sun Shelter.
- Need city approved bicycle parking convenient to the existing Shelter, and proposed Sun Shelter and Pickleball Court.

**Let's begin an early dialogue with you and staff so we can help make your plans better.**

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