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RE: Master Plan Updates: Workshop 2
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Summary

During the Committee's second Workshop on the Parks & Recreation Master Plan held on Thursday, August 10, staff were directed to redraft Section 2 ahead of the next Regular Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting. Those changes to the Master Plan are included in the redrafted document attached below.

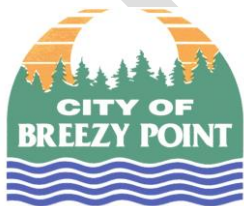
Committee Action

Staff is seeking Committee approval of the redrafted second section, or Parks section, of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.



City of Breezy Point

PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN



July 24, 2023

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Section 1: Plan Elements

Mission Statement of the Parks and Recreation Committee

The City of Breezy Point Parks and Recreation Committee seeks to acquire and preserve natural environmental areas with green spaces and provide recreational services that positively impact the health of our citizens, the broader City economy, and quality of life.

The Objective of the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan

The City of Breezy Point Parks and Recreation Committee seeks to ensure existing park and recreational opportunities serve the residents of Breezy Point today and in the future. As such, this plan will create a framework to achieve this goal and ensure the community secures sufficient and appropriate land to:

- Develop high quality parkland with varying recreational opportunities.
- Create Open spaces and trails that meet the needs of all members of the community.
- Continue developing park and community areas with amenities for residents and visitors alike.
- Communicate and promote the use of parkland to enhance its use as a community building tool.

This document refines and implements general direction established throughout the Breezy Point Comprehensive Plan to guide park and recreation development moving forward. As the City grows the Committee will strive to make budgetary recommendations that responsibly reflect this growth. Members believe these goals will allow future Committees and residents to continue:

“Increasing the amount of land devoted to parks and public open space whether for recreation or environmental protection. Extending and improving the trail corridor system. Improving public access to the lakes.”

The City of Breezy Point Parks and Recreation Committee believes the citizens of Breezy Point desire a community that protects and preserves its natural asset features, recreation, and water quality. The development of parks, trails, and open spaces is an expenditure that can serve as an investment in the future well-being of individuals and groups when handled responsibly. As such, the committee will strive to contribute to the attractiveness and viability of the City while recommending the City use its monetary resources in a responsible and cohesive manner for the long term.

This Master Plan is a living document which the Committee intends to review every 5 years to evaluate and refine demographic, recreational, or financial trends that evolve over time. The Parks and Recreation Committee can alter this plan at any time to reflect changes in the City’s Comprehensive Plan accordingly.

History and Development of the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan

In 2011 the City of Breezy Point Parks and Recreation Committee drafted the City’s original Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan utilizing information gathered throughout the 2010 Comprehensive Planning process. This process included:

- A review of planned future land use development in long term planning.
- A review of the 2010 community survey and presentation of relevant data.
- A review of all currently owned parkland, trails, and open spaces within the City.
- A review of the standing parkland dedication formulas and their associated financial costs.
- A review of all associated goals, strategies, and policies associated with parkland development.

Core considerations of the original plan were developed throughout several Citizen Brainstorming Sessions. From these sessions the Parks and Recreation Committee learned people chose to live in Breezy Point primarily for its location, natural features, and quiet community. Following from this the Committee tasked itself with sustaining these features by:

- To Preserve the City’s feel of clean lakes, trees, wildlife, and general green space or nature as a draw for tourism in recreational activities. Previous land use planning and development has focused on this broad goal.
- To Improve said spaces with green and/or nature focused amenities, such as trails and paths, while maintaining open water access through the City beach. Previous improvements have focused on maintaining access opportunities for community members regardless of age or location.
- To allow for the unique character of Breezy Point to thrive by further developing the City’s recreational facilities and opportunities. Previously discussed improvements included a community center, Community Garden, public swimming pool, fitness center, and trail system expansions.

Timeline of Regular Events

A timeline of events relevant to the Parks and Recreation Committee is included below. While not all items on this list require committee action some may be of general interest to members.

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Tax Forfeiture Lot County Announcement</i>	January, 1
<i>Budget Calendar Approval</i>	February, 2
<i>Parks and Recreation budget Approval</i>	March, 3
<i>Tax Forfeiture Lot Auction</i>	April, 4
<i>Budget Workshop</i>	May, 5
<i>Final Budget Approval</i>	June, 6

Section 2: Parks and Recreational Spaces

The below section of the City of Breezy Point Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan provides a description, inventory, and future plan for all parks, trails, and open spaces currently owned by the City. Proposed improvements and use recommendations were developed by the City of Breezy Point Parks and Recreation Committee throughout several Workshops held in 2023.

Additionally, a park assessment was completed by members of the Parks and Recreation Committee in the 2011 Master Plan. The criteria for those assessments, and their impact on current recommendations, are identified in **Appendix C**.

City Parkland

Park 1: Breezy Point Drive Park

Property Assessment:

The Breezy Point Drive Park is a small play area located in the southeast section of the City between Breezy Point Drive and Breezy Point Blvd. The park currently includes a jungle gym, swing set, slide, porch swing, bouncy ride, and two picnic tables. The grounds are covered in sand with a grass rim with little to no tree coverage. This park is a walkable location with limited parking only available on the adjacent streets.

Proposed Improvements:

- Add garbage can to location if necessary.
- Add 1 to 2 additional pieces of simple play equipment.
- Maintain property in good condition and maintenance regularly.
- Add additional tree or foliage coverage to improve available shade.
- Update signage to better reflect City naming conventions and property usage.

Park 2: Breezy Point City Hall Park**Property Assessment:**

The Breezy Point City Hall Park is located adjacent to City Hall. The park currently includes a well-equipped playground, basketball court, one-third mile walking path, two pavilions with picnic tables, and a ball field. Benches are placed throughout the area alongside a restroom facility, two parking lots, a flower garden, and ample tree coverage. The playground is covered with an engineered wood fiber surface and most of the turf is irrigated.

The City owns approximately 15 acres of land surrounding the park which could provide sufficient room for planned expansions.

Proposed Improvements:

- Extend the current walking trail.
- Construct a bike rack next to City Hall.
- Maintain and add additional harmony park instruments.
- Construct a recreational skating rink and warming house.
- Update signage to better reflect City naming conventions and property usage.
- Further consider the construction of a Community Center to complement City Hall. Amenities under consideration include a fitness center, recreation room, gymnasium, library, kitchen area, Community Garden, and aquatic center/swimming pool.

Park 3: Breezy Point City Beach**Property Assessment:**

The Breezy Point City Beach is a roughly 7,000 square foot space consisting mostly of sand and loose rock along Pelican Lake. The Beach is located on Sand Beach Drive and contains roughly 215 feet of lake frontage. Public benches and a portable toilet are provided on site. Buoys are utilized in the water to designate the safe swimming area as no on duty lifeguard is provided by the City. Tree coverage is limited off the beach, and parking is provided solely on the adjacent street.

Proposed Improvements:

- Update signage to better reflect City naming conventions and property usage.
- Consider construction of staircases or access points within the park where needed.

- Preserve existing beach area and construct a riprap along the shoreline where needed.
- Consider construction of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant access ramp.

Park 4: Breezy Point Boat Launch

Property Assessment:

The Breezy Point Boat Launch is a small area located by the intersection of North Lakeview Drive and North Drive containing roughly 66 feet of frontage along Pelican Lake. This facility provides the only City owned boat access to the lake and consists of a slanted boat launch with a dock along the side.

Parking is limited to one side of the roadway leading up to the launch area. Overflow parking is provided in a half-acre parking area located at Breezy Point City Hall Park adjacent to the ball field.

Proposed Improvements:

- Consider the addition of a portable toilet to the facility.
- Maintain and preserve the current boat launch and associated dock.
- Update signage to better reflect City naming conventions and property usage.

Park 5: Breezy Point Fishing Dock

Property Assessment:

The Breezy Point Fishing Dock is a small area located at 8982 Breezy Point Drive containing roughly 515 feet of frontage along the Waldenheim Channel. The facility consists of the dock itself, two available benches, and a trash can for public use. Parking is available on street along the shoulder of Breezy Point Drive directly south of the dock.

Proposed Improvements:

- Maintain and preserve current dock area and park.
- Consider the addition of picnic table and/or seating area.
- Continue to spray for aquatic weeds as needed in front of dock.
- Update signage to better reflect City naming conventions and property usage.

Park 6: Breezy Point Recreation Area

Property Assessment:

The Breezy Point Recreation Area is a recently developed multi-use outdoor facility located between White Overlook Drive and Green Scene Drive. The area can support a variety of year-round activities including skiing, snowshoeing, running/walking, biking, and contains two Disc Golf Courses. Useable pathways are cleared and marked, and ample tree coverage is available as the area is heavily wooded.

Ten small garbage cans are spread throughout the facility placed at individual Disc Golf tee boxes with one portable toilet available during summer months. Roughly 10 – 15 off street parking spaces are available in a lot located at 31559 Green Scene Drive with another 40 – 45 spaces available in a similar lot located on 7803 White Overlook Drive.

Proposed Improvements:

- Add additional garbage cans throughout the area if necessary.
- Update signage to better reflect City naming conventions and property usage.
- Consider additional amenities such as a playground, shelter/pavilion, or permanent restroom.

City Trails

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