

September 13, 2024

Mayor Jacque and City Council Members
City of Dyersville
Memorial Building
340 1st Avenue East
Dyersville, IA 52040

Subject: Discussion and Possible Action for Accessibility Improvements at Westside Park

Dear Honorable Mayor Jacque and Council Members:

I am writing to propose a project aimed at improving mobility and accessibility for participants and guests visiting our community, particularly during the Field of Dreams tournaments. Over the past few years, visitors with mobility issues have encountered challenges moving between Field 1 and Field 2 due to the existing limestone sidewalk.

The proposed project involves converting and widening the current limestone sidewalk between the big field (Field 1) and Field 2 into a concrete sidewalk. Furthermore, we plan to install a drinking fountain and a concrete pad area. These enhancements will ensure that all visitors can easily move between the fields, regardless of their mobility.

The City Council has already allocated \$30,000 for the Fiscal Year 25 budget to be used for dugout improvements scheduled for late October or early November 2024. However, after evaluating current conditions with the Public Works Director/City Engineer and the Park and Recreation Manager and obtaining two quotes for the improvements, I request the City Council to adjust the FY24 budget by adding \$45,000 to complete this project by early November or April, before next year's Field of Dreams tournaments. This project will enhance Westside parks, improving mobility and accessibility for all visitors. I believe it is necessary to ensure that our community remains inclusive and welcoming to everyone.

Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to your support in making this improvement project a reality.

Sincerely,



Mick J. Michel,
City Administrator