



TO: Chris Mertl, Chair Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
FROM: Michele Elfers, Deputy Director Parks and Recreation
DATE: April 4, 2023
RE: Street Light for Savikko Park Sledding Hill Access Trail

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee has received a request from a citizen to add a light at the top of the access trail to the sledding hill in Savikko Park. The Douglas Advisory Board has also discussed this issue with staff and requested additional lighting. The access trail starts on St. Ann's Avenue and continues down the slope and through trees to the top of the sledding hill. There are street lights on St. Ann's on every other pole, and the light pole at the trail does not have a street light on it. This request is to provide better lighting at a popular crossing point on the street and on the trail which is often slippery and icy in the winter.

The light would be installed by AELP on pole #10758 facing Savikko Park and would be set lower than the street lights on the adjacent poles. The light would be LED and similar to the recent installation at Twin Lakes Park by AELP. Parks and Recreation staff are supportive of this request as the street already has lighting and the proposed light will provide a safer path for users of Savikko Park.

Staff recommends the following motion:

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee supports the addition of a street light on St. Ann's Avenue to light the trail access to the Savikko Park sledding hill.

Savikko Sledding Hill Access Trail Street Light



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AGAIN: On St Anne's Ave, top Savikko Park Children Sliding Hill there needs to be a LED LIGHT on an arm over facing the Hill.

This light could be lit from November to March on AEL&P pole #10758. It could be turned on at the same time as the Treadwell Arena parking lot.

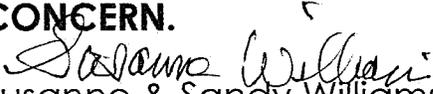
This additional light arm can be place lower on the pole facing the path and not as bright as a regular street light.

Families with preschool children come in the mornings and early afternoon play and slide on the Hill. After school the older grades arrive walking & usually without parents. Later the Hill is popular with families during early evenings before bedtimes.

The Hill top is dark in the short days. The bottom is well lit by the Treadwell Arena lights. Some parents turn their cars to the Hill and turn on their head lights. The head lights do NOT reach the Hill top. Parents cannot see what is happening up on top.

We have enjoyed watching this favorite spot for over 35 years from our Douglas home. Children and adults behave better when good lighting is in place in popular used areas. The St Annes path to the Savikko Park is safer thanks to P&R keeping to the tree trunks trimmed.

We believe keeping Savikko Park **SAFE FOR THE PUBLIC IS A FIRST CONCERN.**


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