



## Executive Summary

### City Council Workshop

<b>AGENDA ITEM: Park Improvement</b>	
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<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion &amp; Direction</b>	

#### Summary:

##### Scope and Perspective of the Citizens Advisory Panel on Public Spaces History

The advisory panel was composed of two residents, Nicole Kumerow and Kenzie Ervin, as well as Councilmember Mike DeLuca and Assistant City Administrator Kevin Larson. The group conducted site visits to each park, walking through the areas and discussing potential improvements.

The purpose of the advisory panel was to identify opportunities for enhancement and present them to the City Council for consideration. The Council is responsible for evaluating these recommendations, making final decisions, and directing staff to implement the selected initiatives. Once the Council provides direction, the advisory panel's role is considered complete.

They organized their ideas into two categories:

1. Maintenance: These are smaller projects that are already in this year's budget or are easy to complete with available materials and labor.
2. Key priority items: These are bigger, long-term ideas that would need more planning and careful use of the city's park improvement funds.

Regarding the improvements in Veterans Memorial Park, the goal is to complete all remaining improvements during the next phase of development.

## Summary of the park improvement fund

Here is a Snapshot of where we are at with the Park Improvement Fund

Park Improvement Fund Beginning Balance	\$	64,435.24	
We need to Add to the Fund the following	\$	23,823.00	Park Dedication Fees for Baker Park Villas
	\$	1,250.00	Rotary Donation for Pollinator Garden
	\$	4,099.00	Remains from Donation from Rotary for VMP Shelter Lights
	\$	4,400.00	Remains from Replacing Damaged Swingset in Rainbow Park
	\$	98,007.24	
These Amounts are dedicated for Specific Use	\$	1,250.00	Pollinator Garden- Donation From Rotary
	\$	4,099.00	VMP Shelter Lights- Donation From Rotary
	\$	21,000.00	VMP Improvements- Donation From Rotary
	\$	10,000.00	Scoreboard Don Timpe Field- Donated From Westonka Jaycees
Park Improvement Fund Balance Minus- Committed Funds	\$	61,658.24	
Upcoming Park Dedication Fees	\$	63,080.20	Kwik Trip Park Dedication Fee
Total non-committed Funds	\$	124,738.44	Can be used for any Park Improvement

## Community Support

In addition to utilizing park capital improvement funds, there are several key priority items within the park that are well-suited for Eagle Scout projects. These initiatives benefit the community while also providing Scouts with meaningful opportunities to fulfill rank advancement requirements.

## Direction needed

The maintenance items can be addressed this year in coordination with the Public Works Department. PeopleService is aware of the list and is actively working to resolve the identified issues.

Regarding the key priority items on the wish list, the advisory group is seeking the City Council's guidance on prioritization and the potential allocation of City funds to support park improvements.

## Key Attachments:

- Exhibit A – Maintenance List
- Exhibit B – Key Priority Items with directional estimated costs
- Exhibit C – Map of Veterans Memorial Park
- Exhibit D – Map of Rainbow Park
- Exhibit E – Map of Bryantwood Park
- Exhibit F – Map of Pioneer Park
- Exhibit G – Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan