



## ST. CHARLES PARK DISTRICT

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### **Timber Trails Update**

The St. Charles Park District conducted a Community meeting as well as received numerous comments and suggestions regarding the proposed Timber Trails Redevelopment Plan. The results of the survey conducted at the October 29<sup>th</sup> community engagement meeting can be found on the next page.

The Park District appreciates receiving input from the community. Based on this engagement, the Park District has withdrawn its OSLAD Grant application and is in process of revising a plan for Timbers Trails. We will share the revised plan with the community on our website, via email and during a future community engagement meeting.

Additionally, the Park District will begin to evaluate Park District sites that can host the amenities that have been withdrawn from the Timber Trails Park Plan including Disc Golf and Pickleball Courts.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this process.



## Timber Trails Park Proposed Development Plan Public Meeting 10-29-19 Survey Results

### Overview:

- Of the **110 surveyed**, 99 people ranked proposed/current amenities in Question 1.
- All written responses/comments were recorded and categorized by theme.

### Responses to Questions:

**Question 1: Rank the following items identified in the survey as high priorities ranking #1 as most important to #11 as least important.**

| Rank | Current/proposed amenity                             | Common themes from responses to Q 2 & Q 3   |
|------|--|---|
| 1    | Trail Renovation—existing trails                     | Repave the existing bike trails, enhance the trails through the wooded area, improve signage for paths (incl. interpretive signage), benches and garbage cans, extend the bike trail to the Great Western Trail                                       |
| 2    | Enhance Natural Areas                                | Keep natural areas as they are, create signage for self-guided walks, remove invasive species in both prairie and woods, clean out pond, do not remove trees that block industrial area   |
| 3    | Playground Renovation                                | Option B received 76 votes, 54 people wanted swings for all ages, 24 want restrooms near playground, varied equipment for ages 2-10, natural looking, no sand or woodchips, paved path from trail to playground                                       |
| 4    | Restroom   | Restroom desired near playground or on each side of the park near the picnic shelters   |
| 5    | Picnic Shelter & Terrace                             | Restroom near shelter; grill on east side   |
| 6    | Picnic Shelter w/grill West Side                     |   |
| 7    | Outdoor Fitness Area                                 | One comment asking what this is   |
| 8    | Permanent Baggos                                     | One comment asserting that Baggos are an unused amenity at another park (not in STC) and would be wasteful  |
| 9    | Pickleball Courts<br>(16 people wrote no pickleball) | Overwhelming concern for noise & lights, destruction of tree barrier between the industrial park and the park; and overall interference with natural area; those who support it want pb courts somewhere else in the Park District if can't be at TT. |
| 10   | Proposed Parking Lots (C)                            | Strong opposition to Parking Lot C due to concern of increased traffic in and out of Timbers on Manley Road. Suggestion is to build out other parking lots.   |
| 11   | 18-Hole Disc Golf Course<br>(31 wrote no disc golf)  | Strong opposition due to concerns for safety of other park patrons being hit by errant discs, sledders running into the poles (holes), destruction of prairie and natural areas, belief that it is not a wanted amenity.                              |

**Question 2: What other amenities or improvements do you want the St. Charles Park District to implement at Timber Trails Park?** (Number in parentheses indicates number of respondents)

- Maintain, restore, enhance and/or save prairie: (28)
- Improve/repave/expand bike & walking trails, including wooded trails (18)
  - Bike path extension to Great Western Trail (5)
- Clean up waterways

- Pond clean-up, including removing cattails (13)
- Clean up wetlands (8)
- Repair, update or replace basketball courts and ice skating area (9)
- Park benches (5)
- Water fountains (4)
- Off-leash dog park (3)

**Other desired amenities mentioned only once were:**

- Golf practice facility
- Tennis court
- Ice rink for hockey
- Horseshoes
- Cricket pitch
- Skateboard park

**Question 3: Are there any existing park conditions that you would like the Park District to be aware of?**

- Concern for wildlife and pollinators (7)
- Asphalt trails are in poor condition (7)
- Woods need to be cleaned up (4)
- Garbage pick-up and/or more trash cans (3)
- The safety of woods because of drug/alcohol use (3)
- Increase patrols of park for safety and security (3)
- Homeless people (2)
- Memorial trees need to be respected (1)
- Add a crosswalk coming out of park on Indian Mound Rd (1)
- Path to Ferson Creek Road always wet/icy (1)

**Question 4: Do you want to see the proposed Parking lot C included in the park improvements?**

- YES 25
- NO 76
- No Answer 9

**Question 5: Which playground look do you like best for Timber Trails Park?**

- A: 11
- B: 56
- C: 1
- D: 32
- No answer: 10

**Question #6: What specific elements would like to see in the renovated playground?**

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| <b>Swings</b>            | 54 | <b>Restroom near playground</b> | 30 | <b>Slides</b>           | 7 | <b>Monkey bars</b>        | 3 | <b>Baby swings</b>                | 3 |
| <b>Zipline</b>           | 3  | <b>Benches</b>                  | 2  | <b>Teeter-totters</b>   | 2 | <b>Climbing equipment</b> | 2 | <b>Rope bridge &amp; cat walk</b> | 1 |
| <b>Rubber floor base</b> | 2  | <b>Toddler play area</b>        | 1  | <b>Sensory friendly</b> | 1 | <b>Picnic tables</b>      | 1 | <b>Sand pit</b>                   | 1 |
| <b>Splash pad</b>        | 1  | <b>Music elements</b>           | 1  | <b>Climbing wall</b>    | 2 | <b>Tree-house style</b>   | 1 | <b>Drinking fountain</b>          | 1 |