

Central Park Improvements Public Meeting Synopsis

A public meeting was held on August 10 regarding proposed improvements at Central Park located at 9350 Central Park Avenue.

The Skokie Park District is submitting an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for a \$400,000 matching grant. There are two proposed development plans for the park, one if the park district receives the OSLAD grant (Plan A) and one if a grant is not awarded (Plan B).

The proposed improvements for Plan A include the following:

- Replace the playground
- Install a small splash pad
- Repave and the paths and widen them to 8 feet
- Expand the rain garden area
- Install several workout stations along the path, near the basketball courts
- Repave the basketball courts
- Replace benches, garbage cans, and two water fountains

The proposed improvements for Plan B include the following:

- Replace the playground
- Repave the paths and widen them to 8 feet
- Repave the basketball courts
- Replace benches, garbage cans, and two water fountains

These plans are initial concepts and may be tweaked or changed. If any major additions or changes are required, another public hearing will be held to provide an update to residents.

When viewing the plans, disregard any playground, play surfacing, or amenities colors depicted. These initial concepts are not the final color selections.

Timelines

For both Plan A and Plan B the expected timeline for work to begin is late winter 2022/early spring 2023.

Help the Park District's Grant Application!

The grant application process asks for letters of support from the public. These can be as simple as writing several sentences expressing your support for the project. If you support the project please email Corrie Guynn, Superintendent of Parks at cguynn@skokieparks.org or send by mail to Park Services, 7500 Frontage Road, Skokie IL 60077.

The grant is due on September 1, so please submit any letters by August 20. It is anticipated that grant recipients will be notified in the spring of 2022.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Corrie Guynn using the email address above or by calling 847 929-7802.

Thank you.