

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

6:30 PM

McFarland Municipal Center
Community Room

AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.
2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.
 - a. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Parks and Recreation Committee. Please remember this is a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom online meeting platform. Zoom meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee may do so using the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform. You may state your name, address, and provide your comments to the Committee for their consideration. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the Committee should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. Members of the public may speak during public appearances or during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to public.works@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.
 - a. Discussion and action regarding the minutes from the September 6, 2022 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.
4. BUSINESS.
 - a. Discussion and action regarding a request from Aly's Honky Tonk Hustle to utilize horses at Brandt Park on October 8, 2022 pursuant to Chapter 44-20 of the Village Code of Ordinance.
 - b. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding McDaniel Park water access and quality improvements.
 - c. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the plan for the reconstruction of the Skate Park at William McFarland Park.
 - d. Discussion regarding the Park Tour that was held on September 21, 2022.
5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.
 - a. Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

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VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Trustee T.J. Jerke called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Municipal Center. The meeting was also held via Zoom webinar.

Members present: TJ Jerke, Sarah Kuba, Tanya Lancaster, Jim Lacy, Luke Fessler

Members not present: Carrie Nelson, Justin Rupert

Staff Present: Village Administrator Matt Schuenke, Parks Superintendent Sayer Larson.

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None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. Discussion and action regarding the minutes from the Parks & Recreation meeting held on August 2, 2022.*

Motion by Village Trustee TJ Jerke, second by Luke Fessler, to approve the minutes from the Parks & Recreation meeting held on August 2, 2022. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. Update and discussion regarding the Skate park plan*

Consultant Blake Theisen provided information on the proposed Skate park plan. Several village residents made appearances at the meeting to voice support for the project, including Paul Otteson, 5202 Timber Lane; Fred Bartman, 5116 N. Autumn Lane; Teagan Bartman, 5116 N. Autumn Lane; and Don Peterson, 6710 Sleepy Hollow Road. Committee members discussed lighting of the skate park, drainage, and parking.

- b. Update and discussion regarding Lewis Park Lake Access plan*

Theisen discussed with the committee two options for lake access for small watercraft in Lewis Park. One option would utilize existing pathways and construction of a boardwalk to access Upper Mud Lake near the current Lewis Park shelter, while a second option would include a parking lot, paved path and boardwalk access to Upper Mud Lake from the southeastern corner of Lewis Park near Marsh Woods Road. No cost estimates were provided, although Theisen said the second option would be more expensive than the first one closer to the shelter. Committee members discussed bathroom access, distances to carry canoes and kayaks, and parking for each option. Don Peterson, 6710 Sleepy Hollow Road, appeared before the committee and said he favored the second option.

c. Update regarding the Pickleball project.

Theisen provided an update on construction of the village pickleball courts in William McFarland Park. Pavement has been poured and fencing will be built shortly, with final construction of pathways and netting possible by the end of September. Committee members discussed signage and access to the courts from parking lots and the nearby park shelter. Don Peterson, 6710 Sleepy Hollow Rd., provided public comments on the court's shade structures, fencing and entrance walkways,

d. Discussion and action on a request from McFarland Senior Outreach to have amplified sound at William McFarland Park on September 9, 2022 pursuant to Chapter 44-20 of the Village Code of Ordinance.

Motion by Jerke, second by Lacy, to approve a request from McFarland Senior Outreach to have amplified sound at William McFarland Park on September 9, 2022 pursuant to Chapter 44-20 of the Village Code of Ordinance. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

e. Discussion regarding McDaniel Park beach improvements and goose abatement methods.

Administrator Matt Schuenke discussed with the committee a potential beach improvement project at McDaniel Park that would be jointly funded with Dane County. The project would create a sand beach at McDaniel Park, instead of the current pebble beach, and set aside a small swimming area near the beach. The project would require daily maintenance by village staff, according to Schuenke, and is part of an effort by Dane County to make lakes and waterways in the county more accessible.

Parks Superintendent Sayer Larson discussed with the committee efforts to manage and lower the goose population at McDaniel Park. While the goose population at the park declined by 2021, efforts by village parks staff to significantly reduce the goose population with a repellant applied to areas in the park where geese congregate was largely ineffective, he said. The village will consider other measures in 2023, include noise abatement efforts.

f. Discussion to schedule a park tour

The committee discussed holding a parks tour for committee members on the evening of September 21, 2022.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee TJ Jerke, second by Fessler, to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin boards in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil McDade
Utility Clerk

VILLAGE OF
McFarland
SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 4, 2022

SECTION: Business

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

CONTACT: Sayer Larson, Parks Superintendent, Aimee Irwin, Assistant to the Public Works Director

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion and action regarding a request from Aly's Honky Tonk Hustle to utilize horses at Brandt Park on October 8, 2022 pursuant to Chapter 44-20 of the Village Code of Ordinance.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

None.

ISSUE SUMMARY:

Aly's Honky Tonk Hustle is requesting the use of miniature horses at their event on October 8th at Brandt Park. Enclosed is a letter from the requestor regarding their use of miniature horses. They will be placed west of the shelter house by the basketball court with no disruption to the park grounds. The miniature horses are professionally handled by M&M Pony Rides.

Chapter 44-20(p) of our village ordinances requires the use of horses to be approved by the Parks & Recreation Committee within a park. Staff are seeking the committee recommendation regarding this request.

Staff will provide an overview and their recommendation at the meeting.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:

None.

ORDINANCE REFERENCE:

[Chapter 44-20 \(p\)](#)

BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Motion and second to approve the use of horses for the Aly's Honky Tonk Hustle event on October 8th at Brandt Park.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Request for ponies



the aly wolff foundation inc.

2022 UPHOFF ROAD • COTTAGE GROVE, WI 53527-9319

**ALY'S
HONKY TONK
HUSTLE**

September 26, 2022

Sayer Larson, Parks Superintendent
Village of McFarland
5115 Terminal Drive
McFarland, WI 53558

Dear Mr. Larson:

This letter follows our discussion relating to Aly's Honky Tonk Hustle run/walk on October 8, 2022 at Brandt Park in the Village of McFarland. Our organization has conducted this event for several years starting in 2013. Due to COVID-19 we have not had an event since May of 2019.

Our run/walk is entirely family focused. Activities for the children are a big part of event. One activity is giving Pony rides to the kids. This is not a new activity as we have had the Ponies for a few years as part of prior events.

The Pony rides are conducted west of the shelter house by the basketball court. The Ponies are professionally handled by M&M Pony Rides. There will be no disruption to the park grounds. All waste, including horse feces, will be cleaned up by M&M Pony Rides and our staff. In the event of rain or inclement weather the Pony rides will be cancelled.

We are asking for an exemption to the ordinance relating to horses and horse drawn carriages in parks. The portion of the park used by this activity is small and I can assure you we will make certain no park grounds are disrupted by this fun activity. If you need additional information please contact me at 608-576-5440.

Thank you,

Russell Wolff
President
The Aly Wolff Foundation, Inc.

Aly's Honky Tonk Hustle
www.alyshonkytonkhustle.com
#LiveForAly

McFarland
SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 4, 2022

SECTION: Business

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

CONTACT: Sayer Larson, Parks Superintendent, Matt Schuenke, Village Administrator

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding McDaniel Park water access and quality improvements.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

The former Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Committee reviewed a presentation on this project at its meeting on February 24, 2022.

[Please click on this link to review the packet materials from that meeting.](#)

[Please click on this link to watch the presentation from that meeting.](#)

The Parks and Recreation Committee reviewed the project again at its meeting on September 6, 2022.

The Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee reviewed the project at its meeting on September 12, 2022.

ISSUE SUMMARY:

Beach Improvements

The 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan included funds to improve the beach at McDaniel Park in 2023. These funds are scheduled to be included for consideration within the budget process to begin this Fall. The project is in partnership with Dane County and requires planning, discussion ahead of time on its parameters before we can proceed. Dane County also needs an indication late this Fall if we are proceeding with this work or not so they can align their elements as well. The goal of the project is to be operational on or around June 1, 2023.

The project was reintroduced to the Committee at the meeting in September following a presentation on the project from February of this year. The objective of the next meeting is to consider action on the project and whether or not we wish to further pursue this project.

Responsibilities for the project are generally laid out as follows:

Dane County

Permitting - 3-6 month process, targeting a January application.

Pump/Filer - They will design and build the pump/filter mechanicals to be used to screen the water within the barrier.

Barrier - They will purchase and set in the first year the booms with curtain that acts as a



shield within the water to keep debris and other harmful things out of the swimming area. Future years we will need to contract with them for the annual placement and removal of the barrier.

Agreement - We will need to establish an agreement on operation of the filter/pump and maintenance of the swimming area including the beach. There are responsibilities likely daily on maintaining the beach, mechanicals, and other elements to keep the swimming area usable. The County will provide funds and support for these elements, but we have to agree to the operational commitments to make sure the improvement can be accessed by the public. The operational component and its costs would be new responsibilities that have to be factored into our consideration.

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Structure - The filter/pump has to go inside of a structure. The Engineer is reviewing a prefabricated concrete model for installation. We will also need to create an area for discharge from the structure that works the water back to the lake.

Underground Piping - We would need to install pipes that connect the lake to the filter pump to bring water in for screening, and then pipes that bring the clean water back to the lake.

Beach Improvement - There will be general excavation requirements associated with all of this work including the replacement of the gravel material used on the beach in favor of sand.

Agreement - We will need to consider the agreement with Dane County for the project.

All of the above responsibilities are capital expenditures that are one time actions. There are operational components and the costs for which will be recurring year to year that have to be factored in to our review of the project.

Some pros and cons to consider with this project:

Pros

- Improved Water Quality
- Better Lake Access
- Recreational Opportunity
- Beach Transition to Sand

Cons

- Increased Operational Costs
- Ongoing Maintenance
- Limited Water Depth
- Geese Management

Meeting plan is to further discuss the project in order to formulate a recommendation to the Village Board. If accepted by the Village Board, the project will begin its process for



implementation with Dane County as listed above.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

The cost projections for the project are including the CIP at \$250,000 for the Village. Dane County's included costs are between \$75,000-\$100,000 for their responsible items. The project for the Village will be paid for with borrowed money if approved as presented.

VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:

None.

ORDINANCE REFERENCE:

None.

BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The 2023 Budget and 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan includes capital costs to advance the project as listed within the packet. Strictly from that perspective, we are prepared financially to move the project forward for construction and would be recommended to proceed on that basis.

The operational costs should be considered also though as the 2023 Budget is presently proposed to address existing responsibilities within the park system without regard for this work...presently. If it is desired to move forward, then the recommendation to the Village Board could include that they further consider the operational aspects of this with their review of the 2023 Budget which will conclude in November.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. MCDANIEL PARK BEACH- option 2-PLAN

PRELIMINARY

NEW 15'X15'
CONC. PAD
NEW 10'X10'
PREFABRICATED BUILDING

90 L.F. NEW
ELECTRIC SUPPLY

65 L.F. NEW 2" PVC
RETURN LINE

150 L.F. NEW 2" PVC
RETURN LINE

100 L.F. NEW 2" PVC
SUPPLY LINE

NEW BARRIER

APPROX. 9500 SQ. FT.
SWIMMING AREA

EX. BEACH
AREA

EX. BEACH
AREA

EX. BLOCK
WALL (TYP.)

N

EX. PAVILLION

CURRENT LAKE LEVEL= 844.5
SUMMER MAX= 845.00
SUMMER MIN= 844.50

WATER LINE AT
ELEV= 844.80

TOWN & COUNTRY
ENGINEERING, INC.
5225 Verona Rd. Bldg. 3, P.O. Box 44451
Madison, WI 53744-4451
(608) 273-3350 (Fax) 273-3391

MCDANIEL PARK
BEACH FILTRATION SYSTEM

MCDANIEL PARK IMPROVEMENTS
Village of McFarland, Wisconsin

PROJECT NO.:
MCDANIEL PARK
BEACH FILTRATION
2.DWG
DRAWN BY:
T.J.S.
CHECKED BY:
B.R.B.
DATE:
9-1-22
REVISIONS:
SCALE:
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McFarland
SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 4, 2022

SECTION: Business

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

CONTACT: Matt Schuenke, Village Administrator, Sayer Larson, Parks Superintendent

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the plan for the reconstruction of the Skate Park at William McFarland Park.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

The Parks & Recreation Committee reviewed and discussed the Skate Park plan at their September 6, 2022 meeting.

ISSUE SUMMARY:

Please find enclosed the final draft report for the Skate Park improvement within McFarland Park. This includes the site plan, renderings, and opinion of probable construction costs. The plan was prepared through the gathering of input from the public and key stakeholders to help shape what is desired in the future at this location. The consultant held two public input meetings and an online survey. The first public meeting (6/30) and the online survey (6/18-7/8) solicited preliminary design input. The second public input meeting presented a conceptual design and solicited final feedback. The draft plan was presented to the Committee last month with additional feedback provided as well. The project is proposed for construction in 2023 and has been accepted within the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan as well as proposed within the 2023 Budget. The remaining schedule for the project is proposed as follows:

- October 11, 2022 - Village Board: Consider recommendation from Committee on final report.
- November 1, 2022 - Parks and Recreation Committee: Recommendation to Village Board on design contract.
- November 10, 2022 - Village Board: Consider recommendation from Committee on design contract.
- November 11, 2022 - Begin Design Process
- February 2, 2023 - End Design Process
- February 7, 2023 - Parks and Recreation Committee: Recommendation to the Village Board to accept final design and authorize project for bidding.
- February 14, 2023 - Village Board: Consider recommendation from Committee on final design and authorize project from bidding.
- March 7, 2023 - Bid Opening at 10:00 am.
- March 7, 2023 - Parks and Recreation Committee: Recommendation to the Village



Board on project award.

- March 14, 2023 - Village Board: Consider recommendation from Committee on project award.
- June 1, 2023 - Begin Construction
- August 30, 2023 - End Construction

This is a loose schedule to provide perspective on next steps in the project should the plan be accepted, budget adopted, and project proceeds through necessary approvals.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

The budget for this item is \$15,000 and funded through the Parks Budget in the Capital Projects Fund. Costs associated with this first steps of the project are included within the project proposal cost of \$14,480.

The 2023 Budget was proposed for spending \$375,000. The Parks Fund will contribute \$100,000 towards the project and \$50,000 is projected from fundraising with the remaining \$225,000 coming from borrowing. The CIP was projected at \$100,000 in fundraising and the budget is proposed to lower this projection based on current progress.

VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:

[McFarland Parks Master Plan](#)

ORDINANCE REFERENCE:

None.

BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Recommended Action:

Motion, second to recommend to the Village Board acceptance of the plan for the reconstruction of the Skate Park at William McFarland Park.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 22_0929 McFarland Skatepark Study

McFarland Skatepark Study

**William McFarland Park
4802 Marsh Road
McFarland WI, 53558**

September 2022



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Executive Summary

The Village of McFarland completed a Master Plan process for William McFarland Park in 2021 with several phases of development implementation identified. The initial phase included a new pickleball complex which was constructed in 2022. Phase 1B of the plan focused on the renovation or replacement of the existing skate park (approximately 4,600 sf). The Village engaged the design team of Parkitecture + Planning and Spohn Ranch during the spring/summer of 2022 to provide a conceptual planning effort for a new facility. A public input process and review meetings with Village staff and the Parks and Recreation Committee helped to inform the final design and recommendations for implementation. The existing skatepark has outlived its useful lifespan and is no longer in keeping with current styles and materials. The equipment is all modular on a concrete slab and in poor condition. Modern facilities are constructed of integral concrete, steel copings, and steel railings with a mixture of street, transition, and open bowl skate styles. The usage of modern facilities has also expanded beyond just skateboards and should now attempt to include razor scooters, bmx, wheelchairs, etc. The term “Wheels Park” is now commonly adopted in lieu of “Skatepark”.

Planning Process

As part of the conceptual planning process, two public input sessions (PIM) were conducted in addition to the monthly Parks and Recreation Committee meetings.

- PIM #1 was held on the evening of June 30 via zoom with an attendance of 40+ people. Meeting attendees were given an overview of the planning process and then participated in a visual preference voting exercise. Through a live voting application, attendees expressed opinions and preferences on various aspects of skatepark facilities.
- The input received from PIM #1 was presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee on July 5. The design team presented the information the public was shown and summarized the results.
- PIM #2 was held on the evening of August 1 via zoom with 5 attendees. The design team presented the conceptual layout plan and 3-D renderings of the proposed new facility. General feedback received was very positive and affirmed the design direction.
- The design team attended the September 6th Parks and Recreation Committee meeting to review the preliminary concept plans and renderings. A summary of the PIM #2 feedback was also given to the members. Several members of the public were in attendance at the PRC meeting and voiced support of the project and impact for the youth of the community. A representative from the Bocce Association also offered suggestions related to additional screening and landscaping improvements.
- The final plans and summary report were presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee on October 4th for approval and referral to the Village Board.

Design Recommendations

The final concept plans for the McFarland Wheels Park were derived from feedback gathered from the public, integration of national trends in similar facilities, and the professional expertise of the design team. The reimagined 6,800 sf footprint replaces an outdated square layout with a modern organic flow that presents an infinite number of possibilities. The facility features a mix of street and bowl-inspired elements, including skatepark staples as well as unique obstacles that will challenge a rider's creativity. Site improvements include a seating/gathering area with shade structure, bicycle parking, and enhanced landscaping to frame the area. No matter the individual skill level, riding style or wheel type, this wheels park will be an engaging and fun space that will keep people interested and challenged.

Construction Costs & Timelines

A budget estimate was compiled based on the final concept plans. These costs were derived from recent construction projects of similar nature, quantity take offs from the proposed plan layout, and a review with a contractor. The budget breakdown below is presented in major categories of work.

Proposed Facility Elements:

- Mobilization and General Construction - \$40,000
- Earthwork - \$50,000
- Concrete Skate Elements - \$130,000
- Concrete Flatwork - \$60,000
- Steel Coping, Edge Protection, and Grind Rails - \$65,000
- Bonding - \$5,000
- Landscaping and Restoration - \$10,000
- Site Amenities - \$15,000
- Security Cameras - \$5,000
- Total Budget - \$380,000**

Conclusion

The Village of McFarland has an excellent park and outdoor recreation system with a wide variety of amenities for community residents. The proposed replacement of the skatepark with a new and modern Wheels Park at William McFarland is an important element in the park system. Offering non-“active” recreational amenities such as this provides opportunities to include community members who do not regularly participate in traditional sports such as baseball, soccer, and football. Wheels parks provide more than just an opportunity for exercise, and often become an outlet for socialization and provide a sense of belonging for all ages within the community. Implementation of this project will continue to fulfill the vision of the adopted Master Plan and further bolster the McFarland park and recreation system.

- Exhibit 1 – Rendering View 1**
- Exhibit 2 – Rendering View 2**
- Exhibit 3 – Rendering View 3**
- Exhibit 4 – Rendering View 4**
- Exhibit 5 – Rendering View 5**
- Exhibit 6 – Conceptual Site Plan**
- Exhibit 7 – Public Comments Received**
- Exhibit 8 – Skatepark Design Workshop Presentation**

Diagram illustrating a skate park layout with various features labeled:

- OPEN BOWL
- SLAPPY CURB
- MANUAL PAD
- SLANTED GRIND RAIL
- FUN BOX
- HIPPED BANK
- SLAPPY CURB
- QUARTER PIPE
- FLAT GRIND RAIL
- MANUAL PAD
- HIPPED BANK

VIEW LOOKING WEST



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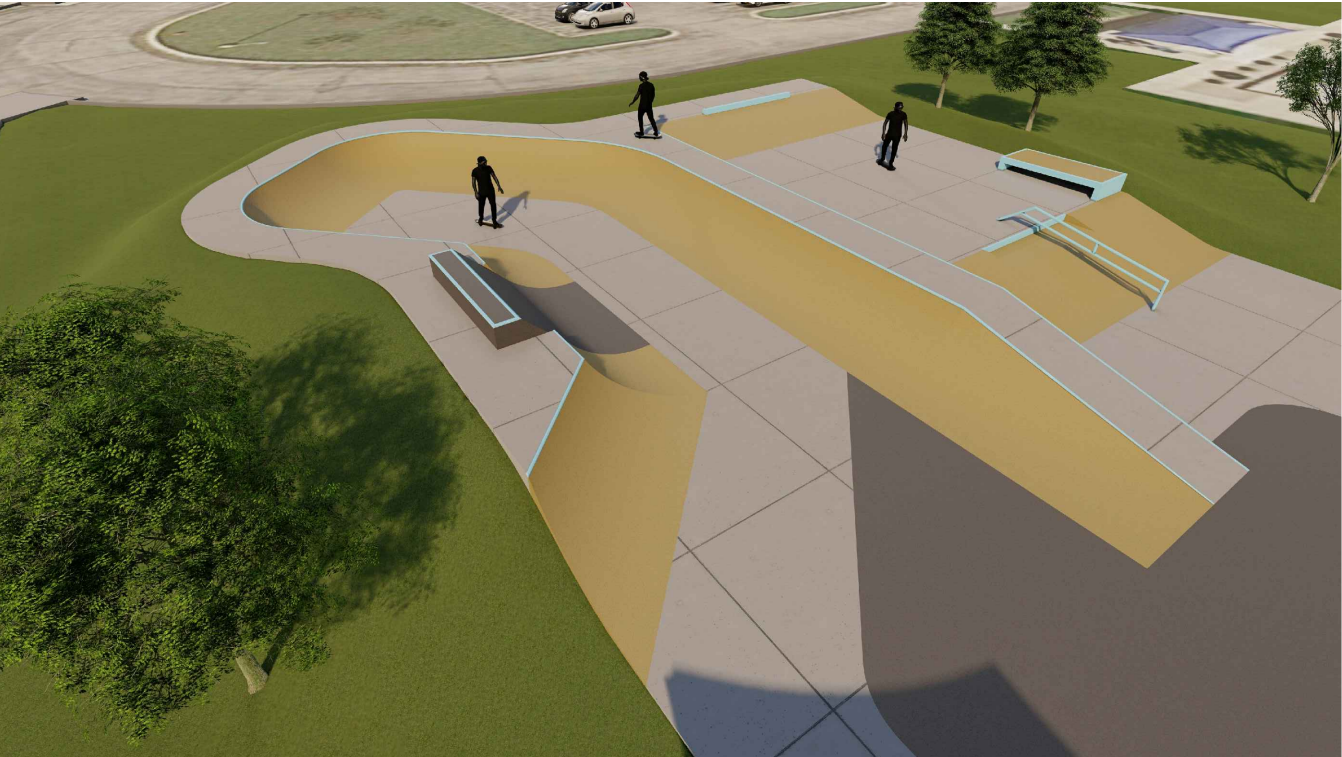
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OVERALL CONTEXTUAL PLAN



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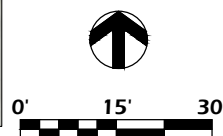
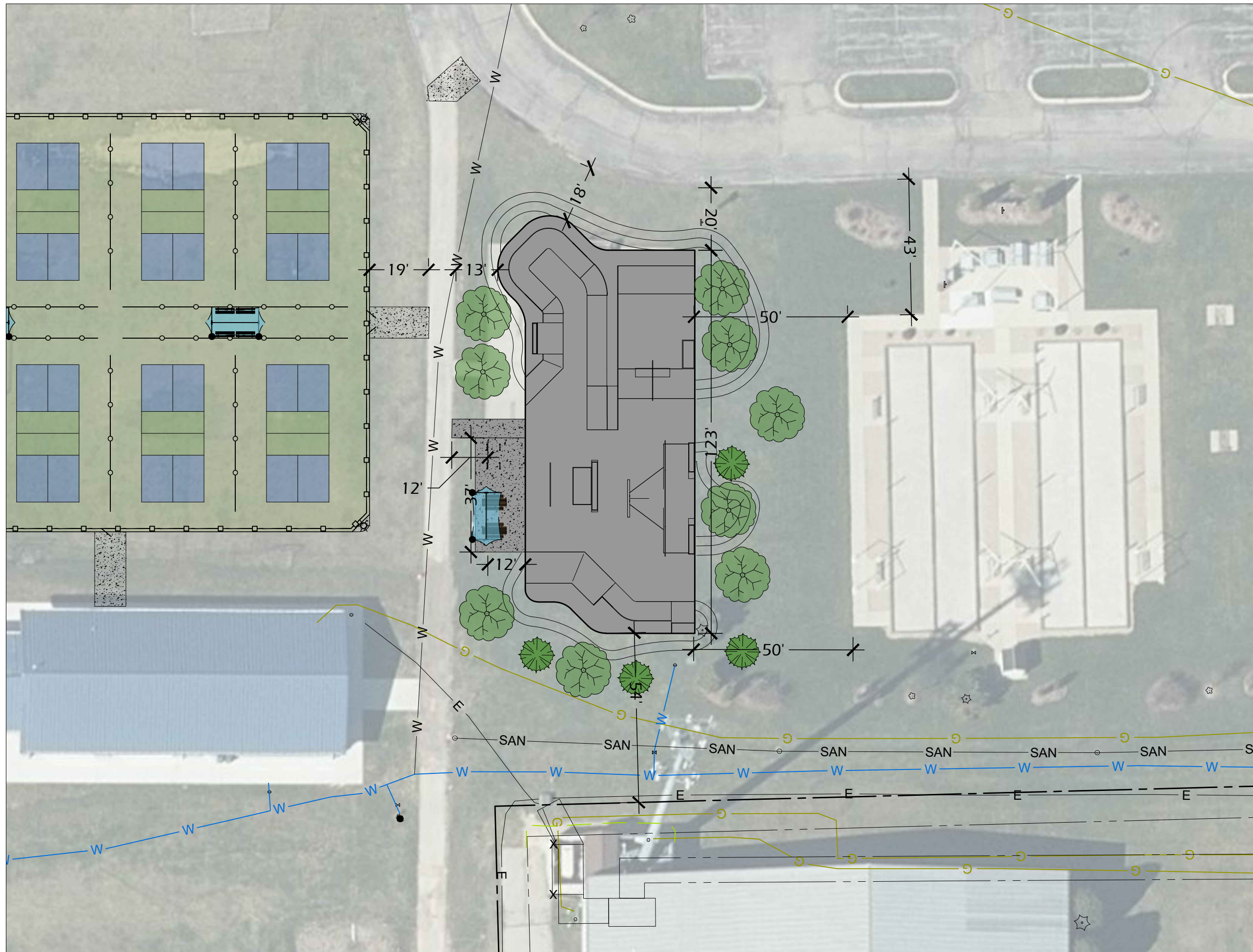
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PHASE 1B: SKATEPARK**
4802 Marsh Road
McFarland, WI 53558

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EXHIBIT 6

Hello McFarland Community Park and Rec Leaders,

I'm writing this letter as a community member, local educator and parent to express support for a new skatepark in McFarland. It is clear to see that our current skatepark is in dire conditions. The rusty, metal ramps are dented and have been patched in various. Using the skatepark in the summer months is a risk, as the heat can be seen radiating up from the metal ramps. Not only does the heat make using the skatepark unbearable at times, you also risk burning your skin should you happen to fall. My son settles for skateboarding at the current McFarland skatepark when I won't give in to his incessant begging to drive him to skateparks in surrounding communities, most often Monona or Sun Prairie. Sadly, the current McFarland skatepark is never his first choice, despite being his "home" skatepark.

I wouldn't feel so passionately about the need for a new skatepark in our community if I didn't see first hand the benefits the sport brings. I have two middle-school-aged sons who have outgrown the typical playgrounds filled with slides and monkey bars. They are at an age where they are working to build so many important life-skills, while navigating insecurities and self-discovery. Providing outlets for our youth who are at this vulnerable stage in their life is both a positive and proactive investment. As a school counselor I often work with our youth on building confidence, self-esteem and coping skills. We work to proactively teach students healthy outlets to manage stress, as well as push through insecurities and develop healthy risk taking. A skatepark is a unique atmosphere to practice all the previously stated skills, whether it is by skateboarding, using a scooter or BMX biking.

My youngest son is eleven and has already learned to navigate many challenges in his life being diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, anxiety and ADHD. Discovering skateboarding has done wonders for both his physical and mental health. I've watched his confidence and self-esteem soar as he's learned to skate. Early on becoming more confident with his balance, setting goals to learn new tricks, working with determination to meet those goals and beaming with pride at his accomplishments. He continues to push himself by tackling new obstacles while skating and I've seen first hand how the social-emotional skills he's developed have transferred themselves to other areas of his life. He even recognizes that skateboarding helps him "blow off steam" and lowers his anxiety.

Lastly, as we've made our way around to surrounding communities to enjoy their skateparks I've been blown away with the positive and supportive culture of the skating community. Often my son is on the younger end of his fellow skateboarders at the parks. Initially, I watched with hesitation as he began skating among some older peers, however I quickly learned that the skateboarding community is incredibly supportive of one another. Strangers quickly became comrades providing tips and strategies, cheering and pounding their boards as new moves were mastered. This boy who was once terrified to speak to a stranger has suddenly begun approaching other skaters to swap stories and wisdom.

As we work to make our community more equitable, let's not forget that playing club sports isn't an option for all of our youth. Navigating the costs, practice schedules and commutes to games isn't something that every family has the capacity to do. Providing another, more accessible opportunity for our youth sends a message of support from the community.

I can only imagine that with a new skatepark, our town will be the one that kids are begging their grown-ups to take them to. Please consider the benefits a new skatepark could provide for our community and move forward with the plans to improve our McFarland skate park. I know there are youth here who would benefit.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. I would be happy to be involved in fundraising efforts should this be a next step.

Sincerely,
Kate Hipenbecker

Dear McFarland park and rec leaders,

My name is Brixton, I'm 11 years old and I think that a new skatepark would be great. The current skatepark is totally beat up and clearly wasn't designed by actual skateboarders. It wastes fuel to drive way out to Stoughton, Monona or Sun prairie, so it would be great to have a new skatepark here in town.

First of all, If we had a new skatepark, I would ride my bike to it every day. I would bring my friends with me and have fun at the new skatepark.

Second of all, If we had a new skatepark, we could start a skate club at the middle school. If we started one at the state park as it is now, it wouldn't be big enough, and it wouldn't attract anybody. It just isn't a great place to skate.

Lastly, it costs money to play sports like soccer and basketball, but to skateboard, all you need is a board. Not a whole team. Skateboarding pushes me to new extremes, and I could get really good if we had a new skatepark.

All in all, a skatepark would benefit McFarland, and help out me, and the community of skaters. I will be very disappointed and devastated if McFarland doesn't make a new skatepark.

Thanks for listening to me.

Sincerely,
Brixton Hipenbecker

Hello Members,

I am writing to you in regards to the McFarland skatepark. As a teacher, and community member, I **fully support** this project. Skateparks are a place where kids can practice athleticism, emotional regulation, perseverance, and long-term exercise habits without league costs, practice schedules, or other barriers to entry, which is especially pertinent for at-risk youth in the community. All kids, across race, gender, ethnicity, language, ability, sexual orientation, family background, and/or family income would be able to benefit from having access to a new park.

Thank you,

Sierra Leek

SKATEPARK DESIGN WORKSHOP





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- **SPOHN RANCH CO-OWNER + HEAD OF DESIGN**
- **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**
- **25+ YEARS SKATEBOARDING**
- **150+ MUNICIPAL SKATEPARK PROJECTS**



SITE

OVERVIEW

McFARLAND SKATEPARK









COMMUNITY

INPUT

McFARLAND SKATEPARK



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McFarland Skatepark - Design Input Survey

Current run (last updated Jun 30, 2022 10:43am)

17

Activities

45

Participants

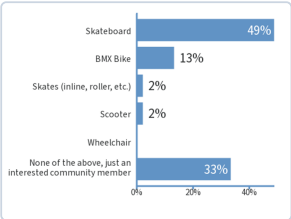
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Average responses

72%

Average engagement

What are your wheels of choice?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Skateboard	22	49%
BMX Bike	6	13%
Skates (inline, roller, etc.)	1	2%
Scooter	1	2%
Wheelchair	0	0%
None of the above, just an interested community member	15	33%

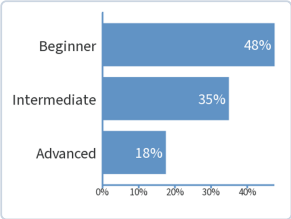
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Engagement

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Responses

How would you rate your skill level?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Beginner	19	48%
Intermediate	14	35%
Advanced	7	18%

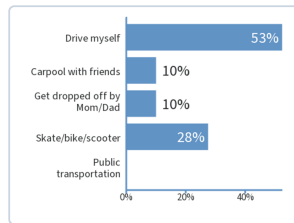
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Engagement

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Responses

How would you primarily access the new skatepark?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Drive myself	21	53%
Carpool with friends	4	10%
Get dropped off by Mom/Dad	4	10%
Skate/bike/scooter	11	28%
Public transportation	0	0%

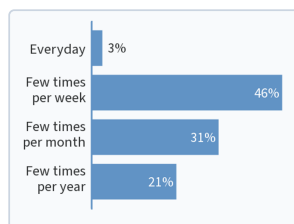


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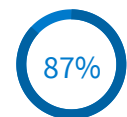
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Responses

How often would you use the new skatepark?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Everyday	1	3%
Few times per week	18	46%
Few times per month	12	31%
Few times per year	8	21%

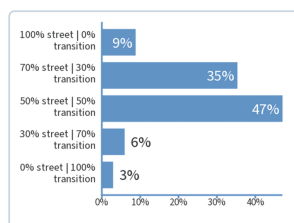


Engagement

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Responses

What is your preferred ratio of street to transition terrain? (street = linear elements like steps, walls, rails, etc. | transition = curvilinear elements like ramps, bowls, etc.)



Response options	Count	Percentage
100% street 0% transition	3	9%
70% street 30% transition	12	35%
50% street 50% transition	16	47%
30% street 70% transition	2	6%
0% street 100% transition	1	3%

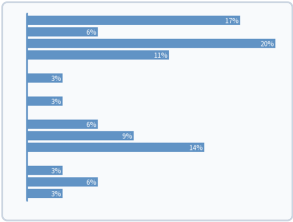


Engagement

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Responses

What is your favorite feature in the "embankments" category?



Response options

Count Percentage



6 17%



2 6%



7 20%



4 11%



0 0%



Engagement

35

Responses

Response options

Count

Percentage



1

3%



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0%



1

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2

6%

Response options

Count

Percentage



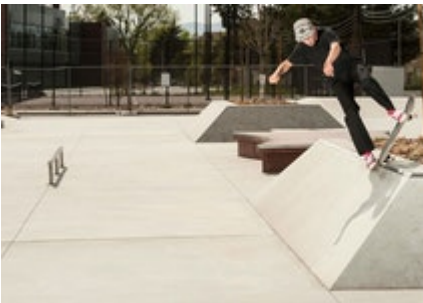
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Response options

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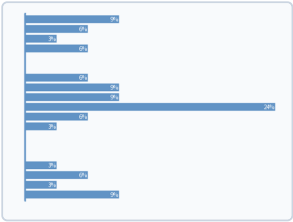
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What is your favorite feature in the "ledges & pads" category?



Response options

Count

Percentage



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Engagement

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Responses

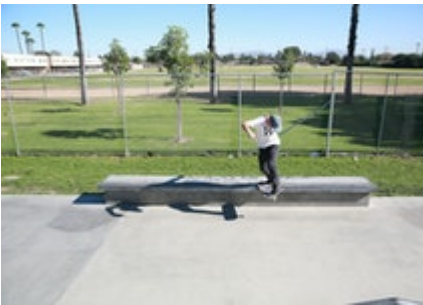
Response options Count Percentage



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Response options

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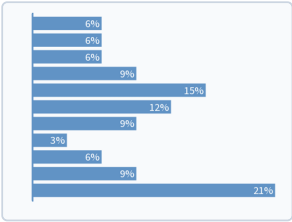
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What is your favorite feature in the "rails" category?



Response options

Count Percentage



2 6%



2 6%



2 6%



3 9%



5 15%



Engagement

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Responses

Response options

Count

Percentage



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12%



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Response options

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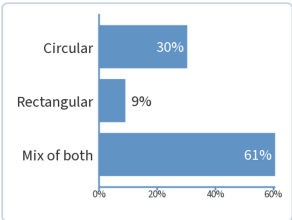
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21%

What is your preferred grind rail style - circular or rectangular?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Circular	10	30%
Rectangular	3	9%
Mix of both	20	61%

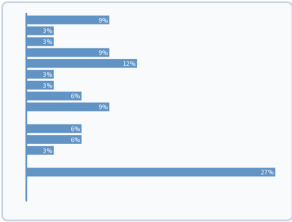
73%

Engagement

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Responses

What is your favorite feature in the "transition" category?



Response options

Count Percentage



3 9%



1 3%



1 3%



3 9%



4 12%



Engagement

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Responses

Response options Count Percentage



1 3%



1 3%



2 6%



3 9%



0 0%

Response options

Count

Percentage



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9

27%

Response options

Count

Percentage



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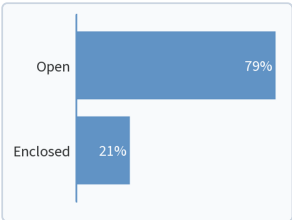
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What is your preferred bowl style - open or enclosed?



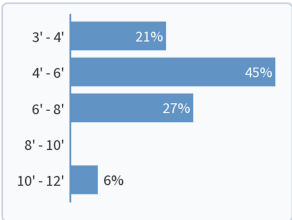
Response options	Count	Percentage
Open	26	79%
Enclosed	7	21%



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Responses

What is your preferred bowl depth?



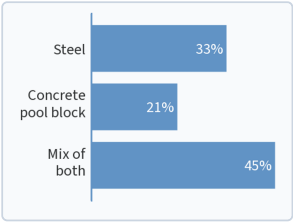
Response options	Count	Percentage
3' - 4'	7	21%
4' - 6'	15	45%
6' - 8'	9	27%
8' - 10'	0	0%
10' - 12'	2	6%



33

Responses

What is your preferred bowl coping - steel or concrete pool block?



Response options	Count	Percentage
Steel	11	33%
Concrete pool block	7	21%
Mix of both	15	45%

73%

Engagement

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Responses

What do you like about the existing skatepark?

" accessible "

" open for other uses too "

" It exists, but nothing there is good. Bikes not allowed is what I do not like!! "

" The small rails are good for

Responses

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The small rails are good for learning and the fact that there's a round rail and a flat rail

where it's located

Not much, it's pretty lackluster compared to Madison's

The rails

The height of the ramp on the end. It's great for gathering speed. Major problem is there's isn't much to do with said speed in the rest of the park.

It is never busy

the circular rail, other than that I've not wanted to skate at the park for years. This is a much needed upgrade.

That there is one, and that the teens there are always super helpful to my younger kids trying to learn

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Location

Location

Easy to access

Nothing, it sucks

The durability of the equipment. They have lasted for years. The previous skatepark in my hometown of Wautoma was amazing for about 5 years in the early 2000s, but was torn down due to the wood structures and lack of upkeep. I enjoy the current ramps, but would really like some sort of half pipe.

Leave it as is. Nothing more needed. Are you going to buy squat racks and treadmill for all residents as well. Shaking my head....



Engagement

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Responses

Responses

We don't need a stupid skate park. Going to vote you out of office spending other peoples money like this.

Block and small drop in ramp

Please allow bikes

Please allow bikes I beg of you

It is really old

Ledges

The ledges

There's not much to say. It's outdated.

Nothing

Very Chill

What do you dislike about the existing skatepark?

" could be more pleasing to the eye "

" Back when the park was created in the early 2000s it was one of a few parks in the Madison area. Park has now become outdated over time. Size is small, area is not fenced in like most parks are now.

Responses

could be more pleasing to the eye

Back when the park was created in the early 2000s it was one of a few parks in the Madison area. Park has now become outdated over time. Size is small, area is not fenced in like most parks are now. Not very aesthetically pleasing and a lack of variety of terrain. Welds have broken on certain parts of the park as well.

No bikes allowed. Small and not many features. Needs improvement!

The amount of space, Quality of ramps, used more as a playground than a skatepark

the size and variety of things to skate

Small, Worn, Damaged

The ramp style/structure

Lack of transition. All you can really do as far as transition goes is roll between the ramps, unless you can get up to the coping on the top of the large ramp. Nobody does transition at McF for that reason. I think a bowl or even just a half pipe would do wonders

The equipment is old and gets VERY hot.

there isn't very much to do, only a couple ramps and a couple ledges and rails.

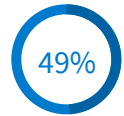
Not enough variation

It's on the outskirts of town. There's no sidewalk to get to it. It's small.

Metal ramps get hot in sun and small

Metal

Everything



Engagement

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Responses

Responses

The size is pretty small, it would be great to have a slightly larger park to accommodate more people.

That it exists

Bikes aren't allowed

Bikes aren't allowed

No bikes allowed

Metal and no shade

Ground

Not much to work with

Not much to work with

Rough ground, materials, lack of skate-able obstacles

What are your favorite skateparks in the region? And why are they your favorite?

"Many new parks in Wisconsin are being built with a more street plaza style in mind. Madison is a great example."

"Madison because of the size and amount of things. Sun Prairie because of recent expansion, Monona quality of ramps and space."

"Madison and monona"

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Responses

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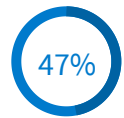
Monona-

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Madison, portage, sun prairie, Des moines. These places all have a good mix of transition and street and have great flow around the park

My kids like Middleton's but honestly we haven't gone to many others

The only other one I've seen is the Bradenton Florida Riverwalk Skatepark:
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Engagement

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Responses

Responses

Like the one in Oregon

Madison, large, lots of different features to ride, accomodates everything and everyone.

I like the half pipe in Monona and the park in Marshall is very nice. I'm an occasional skater and getting up in age, so I haven't really used the concrete one in Madison much, but it is nice.

One that is not subsidized by big government bureaucrats that believe they are the be all end all while we all pay insane property taxes

Sun prairie and Milwaukee

None allow bikes 🙄

I haven't been able to ride many since non of them allow bikes

Madison skatepark, because it has a lot of ledges to skate

Madison skatepark has variety and good transitions.

Madison, grant, anything hunger skateparks builds

Not in the region, but Stoner Park in Los Angeles has the perfect "bump-to-bump" gap that can be enjoyed by skaters of all skill levels. The Madison skatepark has some good bump-to-ledge options, and a good flat-bar. The "bump-to-bump" gap and A-frame rail at the Madison skatepark are underutilized because of the size (a bit too big for all skaters to enjoy). A smaller scale, but similar obstacle, would keep skaters of all skill levels engaged.

Any additional comments or questions?



Responses

McFarland really needs a quality skate park!!!

I used to skateboard in my younger days and still have an interest in the sport. I no longer skate but I just wanted to offer some input. My community built us a skatepark when I was in high school. As neat as that was, they failed to build a diverse set of obstacles for varying skill levels. Everything was intermediate to high skill. The stairs and stair rail were way too high. The pool was super deep. Most obstacles required speed. I think a good park has something for everyone. Ground mounted street obstacles like boxes and rails are good for skaters of all skill levels. I should mention I'm a little biased toward street skateboarding ;)

Not at this time

I know plenty of skaters from McFarland who all just go to Monona and Madison. Me and my friends only started skating after we had cars, because McFarland park is just hard to learn anything on. A better skatepark in McFarland would be great for so many young people and older people alike

Having an A frame to skate would be sick. There isn't many around here and you can do tricks beginner through intermediate on them.

Super excited to have a better skate park in the future!

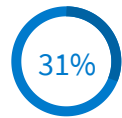
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Large and a variety of different features please.

Looking forward to this! It's great that McFarland is interested in improving the park!

Resign

Allow bikes please!! 😊



Engagement

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Responses

Responses

Please, please, pleeeeeeeeeease allow bikes.
Extreme sports are community building and
discriminating against a certain branch of sports
goes against everything facilities like this stand for.

No

1. A double-sided curb with a very slight incline on each side (for slappys) would be used by all skaters. Beginners can learn boardslides, ect. and experienced skaters can enjoy low-impact slappy grinds and other combos. 2.) A long, flat, right below knee-height ledge is an essential element for skaters to learn new tricks. 3.) A bump-to-bump gap or a bump over a decorative obstacle would be good additions that no other parks in the region have executed. 4.) If it can be incorporated properly into the flow of the park, a mellow hip is fun for skaters off all skill levels. 5.) Basic obstacles that will actually get used are preferable to something that might look interesting or unique, but rarely get utilized.



STREET



TRANSITION



CIRCULAR



RECTANGULAR



OPEN



ENCLOSED





STEEL



CONCRETE POOL BLOCK

NEXT

STEPS

McFARLAND SKATEPARK

- DESIGN WORKSHOP
- CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
- DESIGN WORKSHOP #2 (8/1)
- FINALIZE DESIGN
- CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS
- BIDDING
- CONSTRUCTION
- GRAND OPENING



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QUESTIONS?

**VILLAGE OF
McFarland
SUMMARY SHEET**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 4, 2022

SECTION: Business

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

CONTACT: Aimee Irwin, Assistant to the Public Works Director

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion regarding the Park Tour that was held on September 21, 2022.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

None.

ISSUE SUMMARY:

A park tour was held on Wednesday September 21st. Committee members and village board trustees were invited to attend this tour to hear operational information regarding some of the parks within the village.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

VILLAGE PLAN REFERENCE:

None.

ORDINANCE REFERENCE:

None.

BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

No action on the item. Discussion only.

ATTACHMENTS:

None