



Date: November 7, 2022
To: Board of Directors
From: Eileen Nottoli and Rachelle Sherris-Watt, Directors
Subject: Recommendations for Kensington Park Improvements

Recommendation

Review, discuss, amend (as necessary) and approve the attached improvements to Kensington Park. Rank the improvements with a priority of A, B, or C to address as resources permit. Incorporate these expenses into the 2022-23 Budget during the mid-year budget review process and direct staff to oversee and report on progress and completion during the 22-23 fiscal year.

Background

Since 2016, the Board began a dramatic series of improvements to Kensington Park. The Community Center was brought to current seismic safety standards and renovated for better functionality and aesthetic appeal. The tennis court was resurfaced and the backboard repaired and repainted. Netting inside the courts was replaced. The fencing of the tennis court was repaired (twice) due to vehicle damage. The playground woodchips have been replenished on a consistent basis. Swings have been repaired. Benches were cleaned and replaced as needed.

For the first time, diseased or dangerous limbs and trees were preemptively removed. Poison oak removal occurred on an annual basis. The staircase from Highland to Building E was replaced, and the storm drain on Highland running into the park was repaired. In collaboration with the Boy Scouts, the staircase from the parking lot to the Community Center was repaired and a handrail and new lighting added. Most recently, the grass area in front of the Community Center has been renovated with the installation of hardware cloth to prevent moles/gophers, new irrigation, and new sod. Garbage service was increased and the dumpster hidden from view (built in 2015).

Additionally, needed upgrades would make the Park more attractive, usable and safe. As Park usage increases after a few years of Covid and intensely smokey autumns, it seems a good time to invest further in our park.

Discussion and Analysis

In general, the Park lacks signage, clear boundaries for the separation of activities and a few misplaced items that could pose safety concerns. The proposed improvements are listed by category in rough order as you travel from Arlmont to Windsor, from north to south.

Attached is a table of these items with estimated costs to assist in assigning a priority to each item.

Fiscal Impact

Included in exhibits.

Exhibit (s)

- Proposed Improvements By Category
- List of Recommended Park Improvements
- Bollards #1
- Bollards #2