



STAFF REPORT

DATE: 04/02/2024

Consent

TO: CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM: Tablyn Park Parking
FROM: Adam Swanepoel, Assistant Public Works Director
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BACKGROUND:

In the summer of 2022, staff along with parks commission members were asked to review conditions of Tablyn Park. Survey results from the 2022 community survey expressed the need for additional parking were taken into consideration. Staff took the results of the survey into consideration and added parking to the CIP for 2024. Parks commission approved the CIP in June of 2023 and was later approved by City Council.

Tablyn Park is sought by many in the winter for its great sliding hill. Due to the number of users in the winter this causes vehicles to park on Stillwater Boulevard in order to utilize the hill. In addition the upgrade of the tennis courts began in 2023 to include both tennis and pickle ball courts. Staff expects the number of cars to exceed the current parking spots which are currently available.

The parking topic at Tablyn Park was brought up and considered in 2015 and in 2018. At that time options were considered to remove the basketball court and swing for additional parking, sign one side of the drive isle as no parking or providing additional parking at the bottom of the hill. No action was taken during either discussion.

ISSUE BEFORE CITY COUNCIL:

Would City Council like to extend the current parking lot at Tablyn Park?

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:

Parking at Tablyn Park has been a discussion with the Parks Commission in the past and continues to be a topic brought up by some of its users. Currently the park provides about 10 parking stalls. In the past, this may have been sufficient for its summer amenities however, winter activities continue to become a major attraction at the park and cause many to park outside of the park in order to utilize it. In an effort to minimize the impact to the park and maximize usable park amenities, additional parking could be provided with the removal of landscaping.

Extension of the current parking lot to the north 100-110' along the park entrance road could add 10-11 additional parking stalls. In doing so, three trees would be removed along with 100 feet of black dirt and sod. Public works staff could remove the trees, black dirt, construct a base using sand and gravel material at a minimal expense.

Considering the proposed area, staff has estimated the following expenses:

Excavating/ Removal	\$0 – Conducted by PW staff
Gravel Base	\$0 - PW stock material
Sand Base	\$4,000
Asphalt	\$17,000

Boulder Retaining Wall	\$3500
Parking Blocks	\$2000
New Trees	\$1000

The following proposal was presented the parks commission on 03/18/2024. Commissioners all voted in favor of extending the parking lot.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal impacts are outlined in the 2024-2033 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). CIP items are funded through the Parks Dedication Fund while Operations and Maintenance items are funded through the Public Works Budget. The current CIP has \$75,000 towards additional parking at Tablyn Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the following motion:

“Move to propose the extension of the parking lot at Tablyn Park as described by staff.”