

Watertown Park Commission

June 15, 2022

Agenda Item: Highland Park Master Plan**Request for Action:** Provide Additional Feedback for Highland Park Master Plan Items**Employee/Dept.:** Jake Foster, City Administrator**Background:**

At the April 20, 2022, Parks Commission meeting, commissioners began to discuss the concept of a Master Plan for Highland Park and suggested amenities/upgrades. Since that meeting, staff had the opportunity to meet with Watertown-Mayer Varsity Baseball Coach Ryan Trucke, and Brad Johnson and Jared Duske from the Watertown Red Devils, to discuss the potential for a Highland Park Master Plan and to further develop a comprehensive list of CIP items. Other items related to general operation of the park were also discussed.

Attached is a spreadsheet with each item listed. Staff would like feedback to begin tentatively programming a year for each item. Staff would also take feedback on items that should be removed or "tabled." The users group mentioned that the batter's eye, gates for ticketing, and the state of the restrooms are the three items that prevent them from regularly hosting regional, state, and other large tournaments.

Staff would also like feedback on whether the concession stands continue to be open and available during private events.

Lastly, the users requested that concrete slabs be poured underneath the sets of bleachers, as the rock beneath it has been causing issues with the integrity of the field. Staff thought that this is something that could be incorporated into 2022's operating budget.

Attachments:

Highland Park Master Plan CIP Schedule DRAFT

Item	Cost	Year
Batter's eye	TBD	2023
Bathroom upgrade	TBD	2023
Gates for ticketing	TBD	2023
Re-keying	TBD	
LED Lights-Retrofit/Grants?	TBD	
Outfield drainage issues - leveling	TBD	
Update decorative fencing	TBD	
Update Lion's shelter/add electricity	TBD	
Fan deck/patio - sponsorship opportunity?	TBD	
New scoreboard	TBD	
New PA system	TBD	
Update press boxes	TBD	