



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION New Business

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**MEETING DATE:** May 19, 2022  
**PREPARED BY:** Chuck Stifter, Parks and Recreation Director  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Park Service Area 4 – Park Planning Review

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**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:**  
None

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**RECOMMENDED PARK BOARD ACTION:**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve Option A on the Territorial Road Master Plan: Neighborhood Park Search Area plan as the preferred location for the future neighborhood park in Park Service Area 4.

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**COMMENTS:**

At the April 18, 2022 joint work session with Council, Park Board and Planning Commission the Territorial Road Master Plan was presented with four possible park location scenarios. Staff was directed to further study scenario 1 as two potential options along Territorial Road. This evening representatives from WSB will present the findings associated with the two options.

Factors that influence the two park locations include proximity to future residents, access from neighborhood, access to regional trail, availability of land, natural resource conservation and restrictions, topography and historical significance. Each of these are addressed in the two attachments.

The timing of this review and subsequent Board action is influenced by proposed residential development directly east of the park site options. Option B is located within the proposed development and would require a land dedication if that were the direction of the Board. Option A would not be impacted by the proposed development. In order for staff to prepare a recommendation to the Board on park dedication requirements for the proposed development the park location needs to be identified.

Staff is recommending the Board consider Option A as the preferred location. This location, albeit slightly further from the residents, provides the most complete park development

opportunities. It includes enough flat land for standard neighborhood park improvements such as open lawn, playground, courts and trails. It also is in proximity to the historical school building. This opportunity comes along only rarely and with the city nearly fully developed it may not come again. Locating the neighborhood park next to a historical site could secure this area as public and bring a steady flow of visitors and stewards to this unique place in Maple Grove history.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Consultant Memo

Attachment B – Park Location Options

Attachment C – Park Service Area 4 Presentation