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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

4:00 PM

**Roscoe J. Hatfield
Council Chambers,
300 West Evergreen,
Durant, Oklahoma**

February 21, 2023

AGENDA

SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF RONALD DAVIS AND DAVID HERRON

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Consent Items

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- a. Consider Approval of Special Called Minutes of October 27, 2022
- b. Consider Approval of Regular Called Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2022

2. Consider Items Removed from Consent

3. Information Items

- a. Parks and Recreation Report

4. Administration

- a. Discuss Amenities Being Requested to Use at Parks for Serve Durant in March 2023 and Take Possible Action
- b. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Which Could Include Recommendation to City Council for Approval of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

5. New Business

ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that in conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, public notice of the date, time and place of this meeting was filed with the City Clerk of Durant on the 8th day of November, 2022 and that an agenda of said meeting was posted at the place of such meeting at 2:15 p.m. on the 17th day of February, 2023.



Cynthia J. Price, City of Durant



The City of Durant

Memorandum

Date: 2/21/2023
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Cynthia Price, City Clerk
Re: Consider Approval of Special Called Minutes of October 27, 2022

Council Information / Action Requested

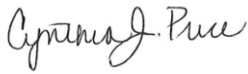
Approval of Special Called Minutes of October 27, 2022

City Staff Information / Action Follow-up, if Council authorizes this action:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Special Called Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes 10272022 CJP

This is to certify that in conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, public notice of the date, time and place of this meeting was filed with the City Clerk of Durant on the 21st day of September, 2022 and that an agenda of said meeting was posted at the place of such meeting at 10:45 a.m. on the 21st day of September, 2022.



Cynthia J. Price, City of Durant

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
October 27, 2022 AT 6:00 PM
Donald W. Reynolds Community Center & Library
1515 West Main Street
Durant, Oklahoma**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Board Member Delloro
Board Member Hightower
Board Member Robinson
Chairman Bishop

Absent:

Board Member Brittingham

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Administration

- a. Presentation of Parks Master Plan with Following Discussion Open for Public Participation

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.



The City of Durant

Memorandum

Date: 2/21/2023
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Re: Consider Approval of Regular Called Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2022

Council Information / Action Requested

Approval of Regular Called Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2022

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes 11152022 cjp

This is to certify that in conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, public notice of the date, time and place of this meeting was filed with the City Clerk of Durant on the 15th day of November, 2021 and that an agenda of said meeting was posted at the place of such meeting at 2:20 p.m. on the 10th day of November, 2022.



Cynthia J. Price, City of Durant

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
November 15, 2022 AT 4:00 PM
Roscoe J. Hatfield Council Chambers
300 West Evergreen
Durant, Oklahoma**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bishop called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF RONALD DAVIS

Ronald Davis did not appear.

ROLL CALL

Present:
Board Member Brittingham
Board Member Hightower
Vice Chairman Delloro
Chairman Bishop

Absent:
Board Member Robinson

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- a. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2022
- b. Consider Approval of Special Called Minutes of October 27, 2022

There was a question raised as to whether the special called minutes of October 27, 2022 were included in the agenda packet. The minutes were contained within the agenda packet however this was not discovered until after the meeting. The special called minutes of October 27, 2022 will be included in the February 21, 2023 agenda for consideration and approval.

Motion To: Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2022.

Motion By: Mike Delloro

Seconded By: Steve Brittingham

Ayes: Brittingham, Hightower, Delloro, Bishop

Nays: None

Abstain: None

2. Consider Items Removed from Consent

3. Information Items

- a. Parks and Recreation Manager Report

4. Administration

5. New Business

ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn Meeting

Motion By: Steve Brittingham

Seconded By: Mike Delloro

Ayes: Brittingham, Hightower, Delloro, Bishop

Nays: None

Abstain: None



The City of Durant

Memorandum

Date: 2/21/2023
To: Mayor and City Council
From:
Re: Information Items

Council Information / Action Requested

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The City of Durant

Memorandum

Date: 2/21/2023
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Ryan Brewer, Parks and Recreation Manager
Re: Parks and Recreation Report

Council Information / Action Requested

Information only.

City Staff Information / Action Follow-up, if Council authorizes this action:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. February P&R Report FY 23 2nd quarter



THE CITY OF DURANT

Parks and Recreation Department

TO: Durant Parks Advisory Board
FROM: Ryan Brewer, Director of Parks and Recreation
DATE: February 6, 2023
SUBJECT: FY 23 2nd Quarter Report

Parks Department

The following work completed in the months November, December, and January

1. Website is live we average 2-3 bookings a week so far.
2. Started planning for installing the Keithley Park Playground structure. Old Playground structure was removed and new playground will be installed soon depending on weather.
3. Christmas Tree Ceremony-we set up decorations throughout town, organized a drone light show working with Tourism board and chamber
4. Meetings with Oliphant Golf Company about what it will take the old country club back into a functional 9 hole golf course
5. Installed shade structure on Softball Field 8. Will work on Baseball fields next.
6. Working on a Softball Showcase with Southeastern to take place July 6-9
7. Work on Unity statue still taking place.



The City of Durant

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Re: Administration

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Re: Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Which Could Include Recommendation to City Council for Approval of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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Recommendation to City Council for Approval of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

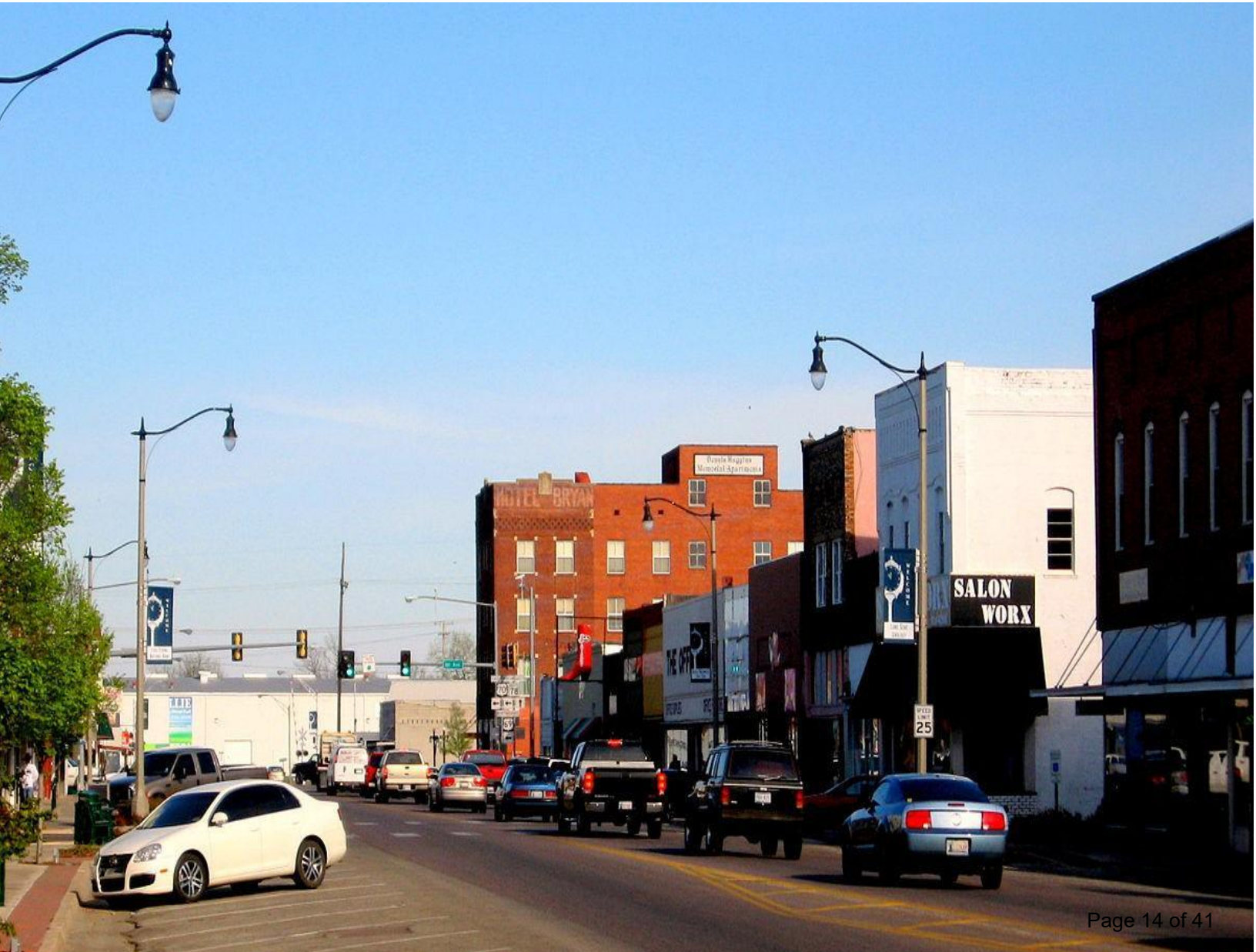
City Staff Information / Action Follow-up, if Council authorizes this action:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Parks and Recreation Master Plan 1-9-23



Durant Parks Master Plan



City of Durant Marketing Plan

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Executive Summary

The City of Durant Parks and Recreation Department (DPRD) is responsible for coordinating, developing, implementing and maintaining park programs, policies, facilities, special events and leisure services for the City of Durant, Oklahoma. The management and staff of the DPRD are committed to a set of key performance goals and objectives, which includes a marketing plan. This marketing plan will outline the general marketing strategy of the department. This marketing plan will also cover opportunities, challenges, and issues that the department has identified as important. Moving forward, this marketing plan will act as a guideline for the department but is subject to change.

City and Department Summary

The City of Durant is located approximately 90 miles north of Dallas/Fort Worth situated on approximately 17,152 acres (26.8 square miles) in Bryan County. Durant is the largest city within the Choctaw Nation and offers abundant recreational and entertainment choices. This includes the city-owned facilities of the DPRD, which spread across roughly 1000 acres of developed public parkland. These parklands include facilities like Lake Durant and the Durant Multi-Sports Complex. The system of parks in Durant design is to support a range of active and passive recreation experiences. Additionally, the DPRD is responsible for the maintenance of Durant City Hall, the Donald W. Reynolds Community Center and Library and a few other facilities throughout Durant.

Purpose of Durant Parks and Recreation

The DPRD exists to provide five key purposes:

1. Improve health of citizens
2. Enhance quality of life for citizens through programs, facilities, and events
3. Create opportunities for development and growth
4. Provide consumer specific recreational activities and services
5. Maximize use of city-maintained recreational facilities

Market Segmentation

Demographics play a large role in recreational needs and interests. As community demographics such as age, income and ethnicity change, recreational activity interest will change.

Population

In 2020, the US Census indicated a total population of roughly 18,589 in Durant, with a median age of 33.2 years. The population breakdown for the city is 51.8% Female and 48.2% Male and the average household size is roughly 2.5, which is slightly lower than the average in Oklahoma (2.58) and nationally (2.62). However, the City of Durant features the Choctaw Casino & Resort (CC&R). The result is that the City of Durant experiences large fluctuations in visitors on weekends, holidays, and any time the CC&R has events. This means that when the CC&R pulls people to Durant, the DPRD may see

an uptick in the number of people who are looking for recreational opportunities and can benefit from the increased traffic.

Race, Housing and Poverty

In 2020, 70.4% of Durant citizens identified as white alone. In the same year, 14.3% of citizens identified as American Indian and Alaska Native, 8.5% as Hispanic or Latino, 2.3% as Black or African American, 0.8% as Asian and 8.3% of citizens identified as being two or more races. Additionally, the estimated median household income in Durant in 2020 was \$38,603, which was quite a bit lower than Oklahoma's national median household income of \$52,919 and the national median household income of \$62,843. The City of Durant also has 22.7% of people who are living in poverty (compared to Oklahoma at 15.2%; and the U.S. average of 11.4%). These trends display that the City of Durant has a unique market segmentation. The median citizen who lives in Durant is below the state and national household income level, but the city sees an influx of visitors who are at a higher likelihood for discretionary income. In general, Durant citizens expect affordable prices regarding the programs and services the DPRD offers. Ultimately, this segmentation provides a unique challenge and opportunity for the DPRD to provide programs and services that meet the needs of varied populations.

Department Overview

The DPRD is responsible for planning, developing, implementing, and managing the parks, facilities, events, leisure services, programs and policies established under the leadership of the City Council and City Administration.

Other responsibilities include:

- Providing equal opportunity for all residents to participate in recreational programs and to fully use the facilities of the department
- Providing trained and qualified personnel for facility maintenance
- Welcoming public input into planning and evaluation of recreation programs, facilities, and services

The DPRD's mission and leadership guides the efforts to evaluate the needs of citizens and work towards providing amenities that improve the quality of life of citizens and visitors to Durant.

Mission

"The City of Durant Parks and Recreation Department will provide programs, parks and facilities that positively impact quality of life and meet community needs for opportunities in recreation and wellness."

Vision

"The vision of the City of Durant Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance the health, well-being and quality of life of our community through recreation and wellness."

Values

Innovation – The DPRD encourages an organizational culture that values new ideas and is unopposed to changing the way things have been done. We want to do things the right way, not just any way.

Connected - The DPRD works to connect and collaborate with the citizens of Durant and find out how we can make your recreational experiences better.

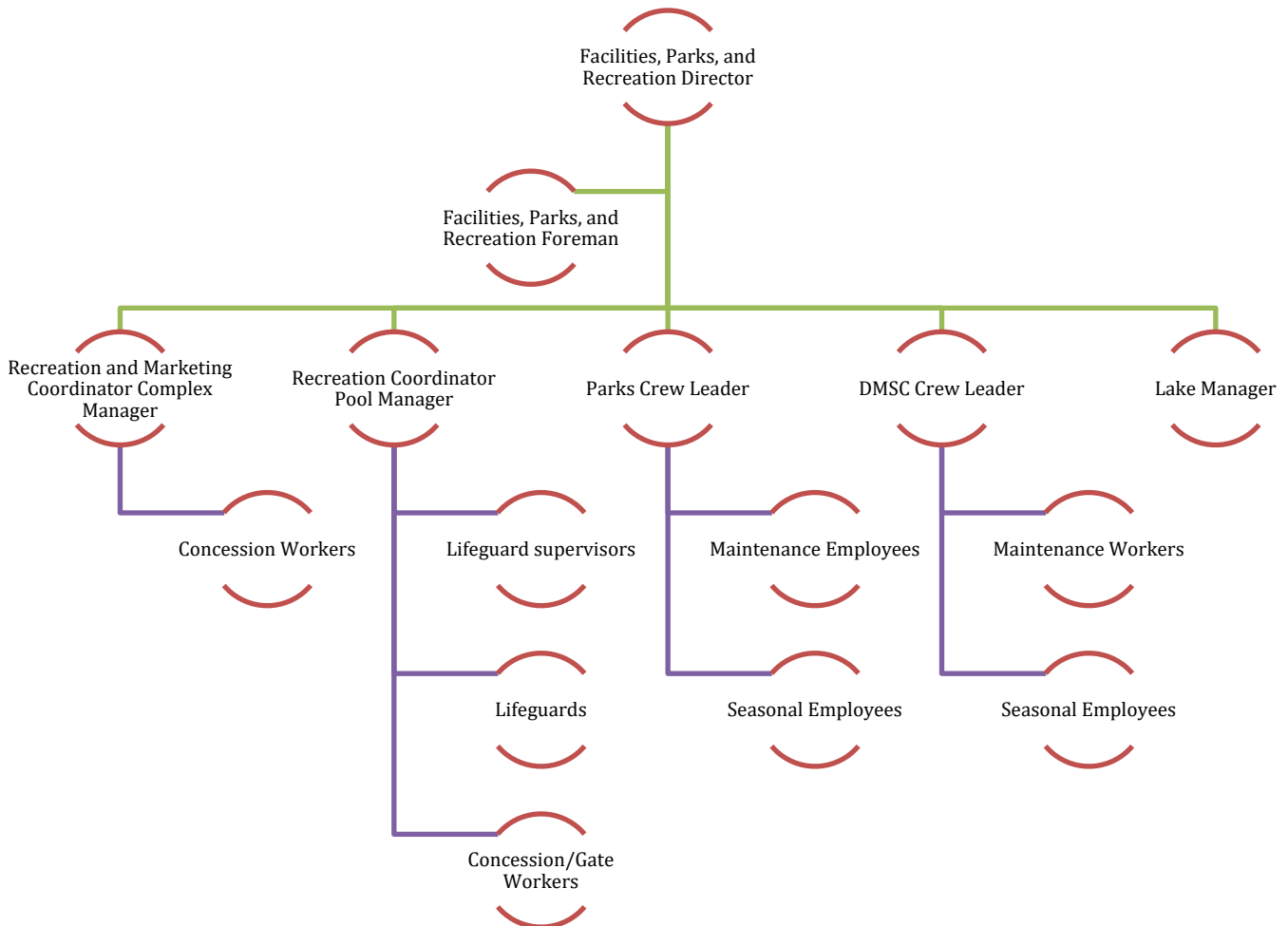
Prepared - The DPRD aims to provide quality programs and facilities. We should be held accountable for our actions and this means that we are open to feedback from our citizens if we are not ready or performing at a high standard.

Goals

The DPRD has identified three goals for our marketing plan:

1. Increase and diversify our efforts
2. Reach as many people as we can
3. Offer quality products, services and programs

Organizational Chart



Parks Overview

The DPRD has 14 parks within city limits categorized into 3 categories; substantial, community, and mini parks. In the city parks there are a variety of amenities that can be used for recreational and leisure. The park amenities include but are not limited to

- Twelve pavilions
- Eleven playground structures
- Ten RV campsites
- Seven baseball fields
- Seven softball fields
- Six tennis courts
- Six tee ball fields
- Three basketball courts
- Three multipurpose fields
- Two disc golf courses
- Skate Park
- Lake
- Football field and track
- Splash pad
- Community pool
- Over 3 miles of walking trails

Substantial Parks

These parks are the recreational areas with sizeable acreage measuring more than 50 acres. These parks have developed land with a sports complex with various fields, campgrounds and more. Durant Parks that are included in this category is

Lake Durant

Durant Multisport Complex

Eco Park (old Country Club)

Community Parks

These parks are the recreational and social hubs of the community and include open space areas, ball fields and/or developed recreation facilities. The developed land portion of these parks are less than 50 acres in size but more than 5 acres that are located within walking distance for community members. The parks that are included in community parks are:

Slaton Park

Carl Albert

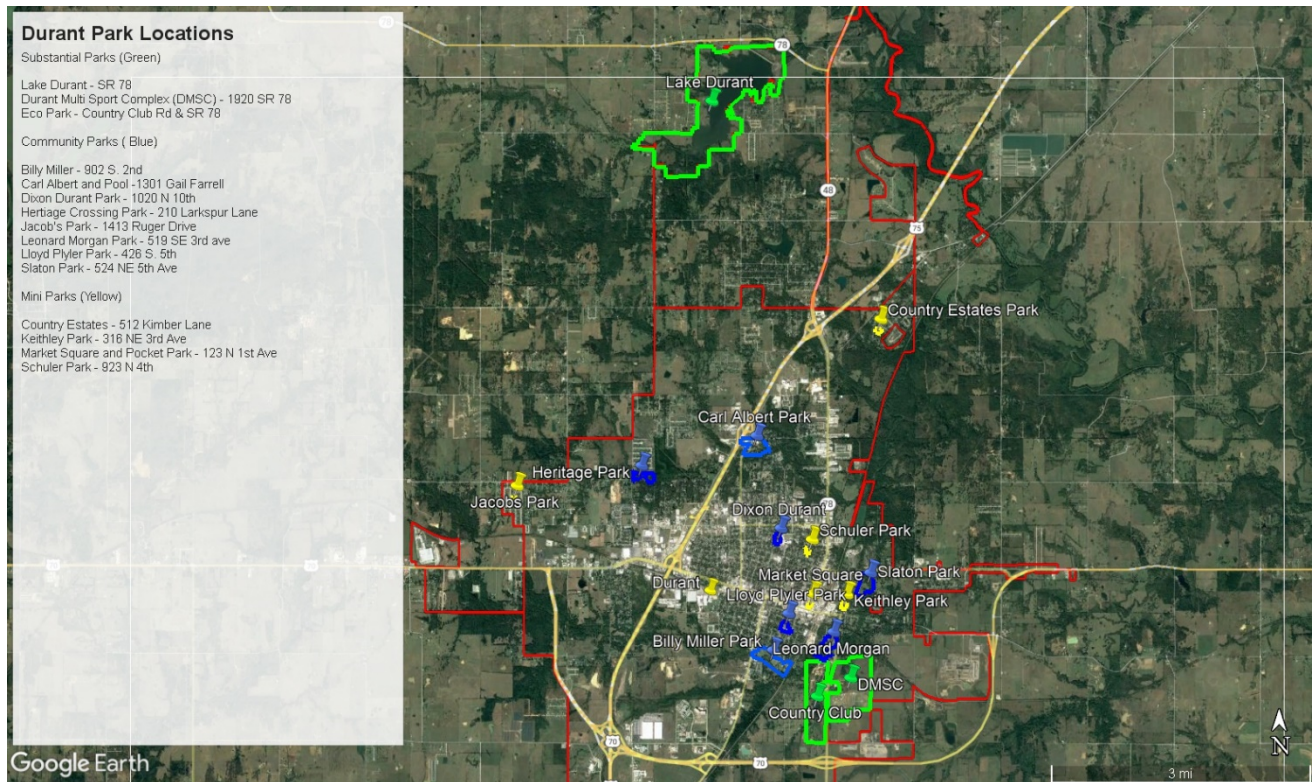
Billy Miller
Dixon Durant
Leonard Morgan
Lloyd Plyler
Heritage Park

Mini Parks

These are the smallest designation of city-designated parks. Mini parks defined as less than 5 acres in size and are designed to address a location specific recreation need.

Parks listed as Mini Parks include

- Country Crossing
- Keithley Park
- Schuler Park
- Market Square/Pocket Park
- Country Estates



Products and Services

The DPRD offer a number of services throughout Durant which include:

- Maintenance of parks including athletic and multi-purpose fields
- Maintenance of aquatic facilities including the pool at Carl Albert Park and the splash pad at Keithley Park
- Maintenance and operation of a variety of courts including tennis and basketball
- Maintenance and operation of the Carl Albert skate park
- Maintaining outlets for boating and fishing at Lake Durant and RVs for camping
- Development of capital improvements including the construction, maintenance, and enhancements of facilities
- Operation of the Durant Multi-Sports Complex
- Athletic services include youth sports such as football, softball, soccer and baseball through staff, contracted vendors or third party contracted organizations
- Concession services for athletic fields and aquatic facilities
- Rental facilities for use by the community

Community Relations

The DPRD participates in regular meetings with other agencies, special-interest organizations, committees, and boards. These provide valuable insight into community issues and interests. The meetings also provide the opportunity to explain upcoming projects, programs, and actions with interested citizens. Some of these groups include:

- Durant Disc Golf
- Bryan County Sports
- Durant Football and Cheerleading
- Durant Girls Softball
- Durant Independent School District Athletics
- Durant Lacrosse
- Durant OK Kids Baseball
- Durant Soccer Club
- Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SE-OSU) Athletics

The DPRD also coordinates focus groups and/or public meetings for specific projects, such as the Parks Master Plan and capital improvement projects. The DPRD provides reports to the following commissions or committees that help make decisions about Parks and Recreation priorities, projects, funding and help build community support and excitement for projects and issues:

- Durant City Council (DCC)
- Durant City Facilities Authority (DCFA)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)
- Durant Main Street
- Imagine Durant

Situational Analysis

Strengths

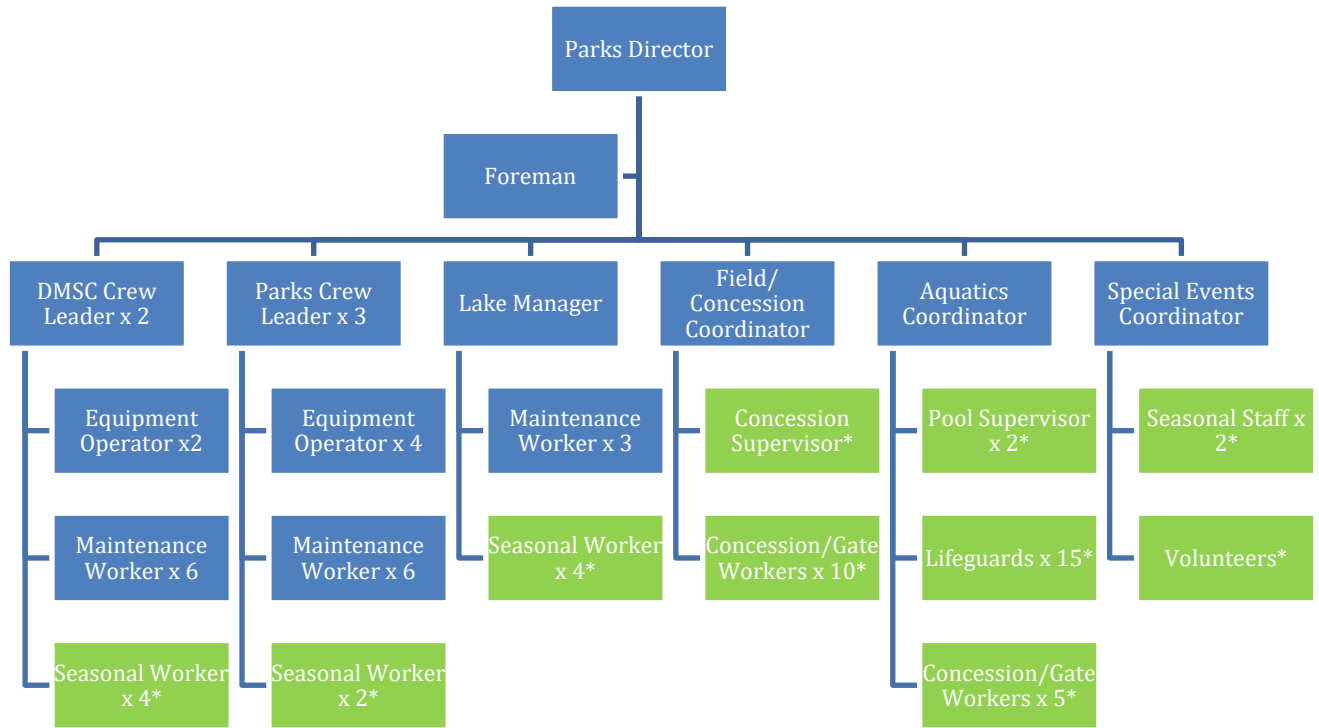
- A. Durant Multi-Sports Complex (DMSC) - The DMSC is a large sports complex that is close to the Dallas metro area. This provides plenty of opportunities to run

camp, tournaments or special events that range throughout the state of Oklahoma and into Texas.

- B. Country Club- The old country club has the potential to add multiple amenities that will benefit the city of Durant. Starting out with building a community center so citizens have the option to rent out for gatherings.
- C. Space: The city of Durant has the potential to add multiple amenities to the existing parks. We have the opportunity to bring the entire community the same amenities no matter where they are in the city.

Weaknesses

- A. Modernization - The Parks department and the DMSC recently purchased software to help citizens be able to book ball fields, pavilions, pool parties and more all on one site. The staff is still learning the system to work out any issues but so far, it has made things simpler.
- B. Recreation activities- The Parks department does not offer any recreation leagues or activities for community members. We are also missing out on having amenities available for all residents without having to travel across town.
- C. Staffing- The Parks Department currently has 16 staff members to maintain over 1000 acres in parks and over 500 acres in right of ways and other city grounds. With only having 16 staff, the City currently contracts out large mowing areas and park amenities to break down without having staff being able to have time to fix it. During the growing season (March-September) all staff are in constant battle to keep grounds maintained. Ideally, we would need to have 32 full time employees and 48 seasonal part time staff. Example hierarchy chart is shown on the next page.



*Positions are part time or seasonal employees.

Opportunities

- A. Updating Facilities - Many of the facilities have projects going on including the DMSC and Carl Albert Park. All of the parks have needed updates to be completed. Most of the projects are rather large but there are small projects as well.
- B. Collaborating with City Organizations - There are some organizations throughout the city that would be interested in collaborating with the DPRD to create better opportunities for citizens. A couple of examples would be Imagine Durant and Durant Main Street.
- C. New Programs- The city is lacking city sponsored adult recreation programming. The DPRD has the opportunity to create adult recreation leagues and fitness programming to the city that could provide a majority of the citizen’s activities to invest in.
- D. Special Events- The city is lacking in offering city sponsored special events. The DPRD has the opportunity to create special events to take place in the city parks that could provide a majority of citizens with low cost activities.

Threats

- A. Funding - The budget can be an issue when it comes to park improvements. Many DPRD projects are not cheap and money has to be managed wisely.

- B. Local Talent Pool - The Choctaw Nation and Choctaw Casino can take reliable workers away from the city. They hire similar positions as the DPRD.
- C. Close Competitors - Texoma Health Foundation Park is just thirty minutes away from the DMSC and provides similar services. There are other competitors within an hour as well like Atoka Sports Complex and the North Dallas area.

Market Analysis

The City of Durant has a variety of public and private recreation opportunities available to residents and visitors. This includes a variety of recreation service providers, including private non-profits like club sports (Durant Softball League, OK Kids Baseball, etc.), private for-profit businesses (Nautilus Family Fitness, Workout Anytime Durant, etc.) and other governmental agencies like the Durant School District. Since the DPRD shares many of the same priorities and goals as these providers, we are often attempting to attract the same audience. Therefore, it is important for the DPRD to be aware of nearby recreation providers and the services they provide. Some of the other major recreation providers in the larger Texoma area include Texoma Health Foundation Park, Atoka Sports Complex, Sherman Parks & Recreation and Denison Parks & Recreation. When setting our pricing, events, and marketing strategies, the DPRD will always investigate outside programs, resources, and fees before developing a final plan. This is essential because the DPRD must remain competitive and market our current programs and new events to inform the community and separate our offerings from other providers.

Individual Park Master Plan

Lake Durant

A 713.7 acre plot that includes a 296-acre lake that is a great fishing spot for local citizens. Lake Durant features covered pavilions with picnic tables, restrooms and RV campers. Lake Durant also features a two-mile-long nature hiking trail and a disc golf course.

Recommended improvements at Lake Durant

- Canoes, Kayaks, Paddleboards
- Gravel Walking Trail
- Refurbish 10 Current RV Pads
- Pave RV access Road
- Fishing Dock
- New Parking Lot
- New Playground structure
- 5 tent sites
- Add 10 RV Pads
- New bathroom by RV site
- LED Park Lights
- Rebuild 2 existing bathrooms
- Horse Shoe Pits Optional

- Ropes Course* Optional
- Dog Park* Optional
- Splash Pad* Optional



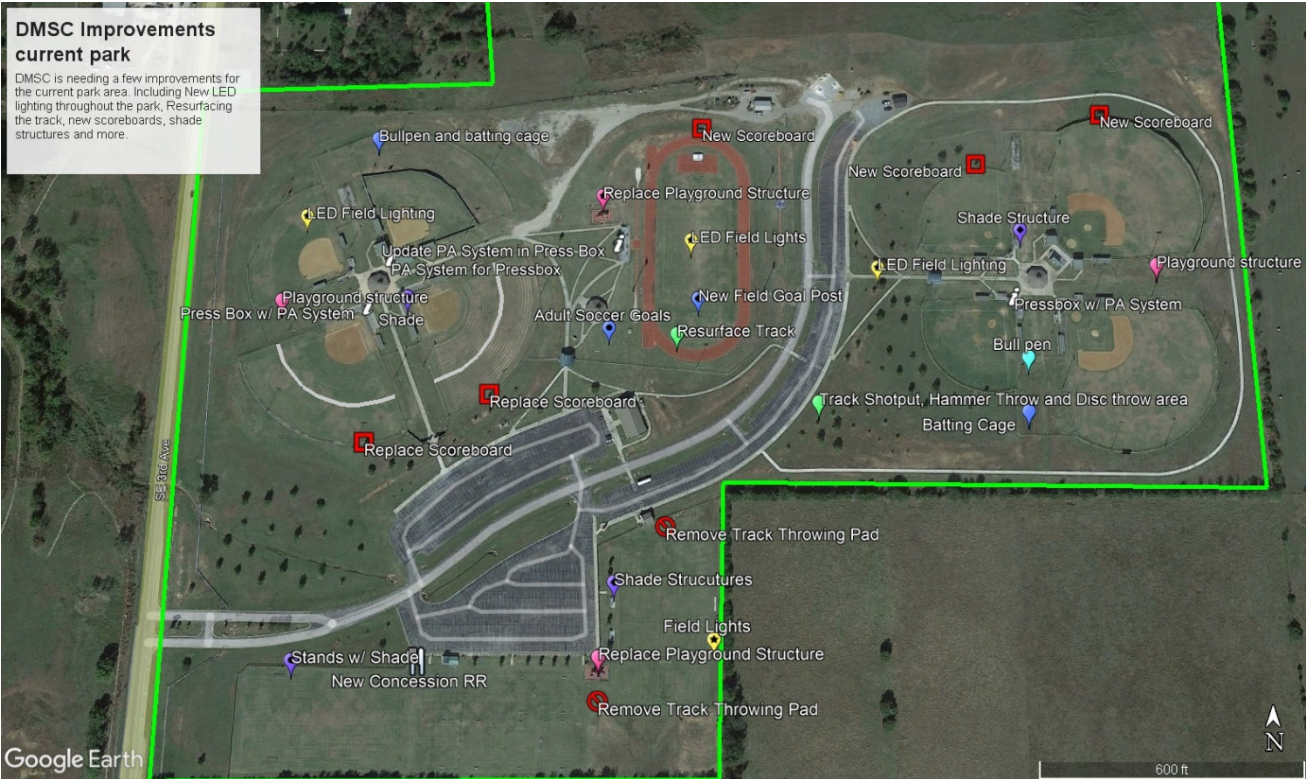
Above: Lake Durant has potential to offer more amenities to help attract people to the lake. First, we need to upgrade current amenities before we start adding new items. All items are subject to change depending on community needs and funding.

Durant Multi-Sports Complex (DMSC)

A 187-acre facility situated just outside of downtown Durant. The DMSC not only draws visitors from Bryan County but also attracts tourists from outside the county and state. It serves as a large, active recreation hub for team sports and recreational activities. The sports complex consists of four baseball fields, four softball fields, eight soccer fields and a football stadium/track field.

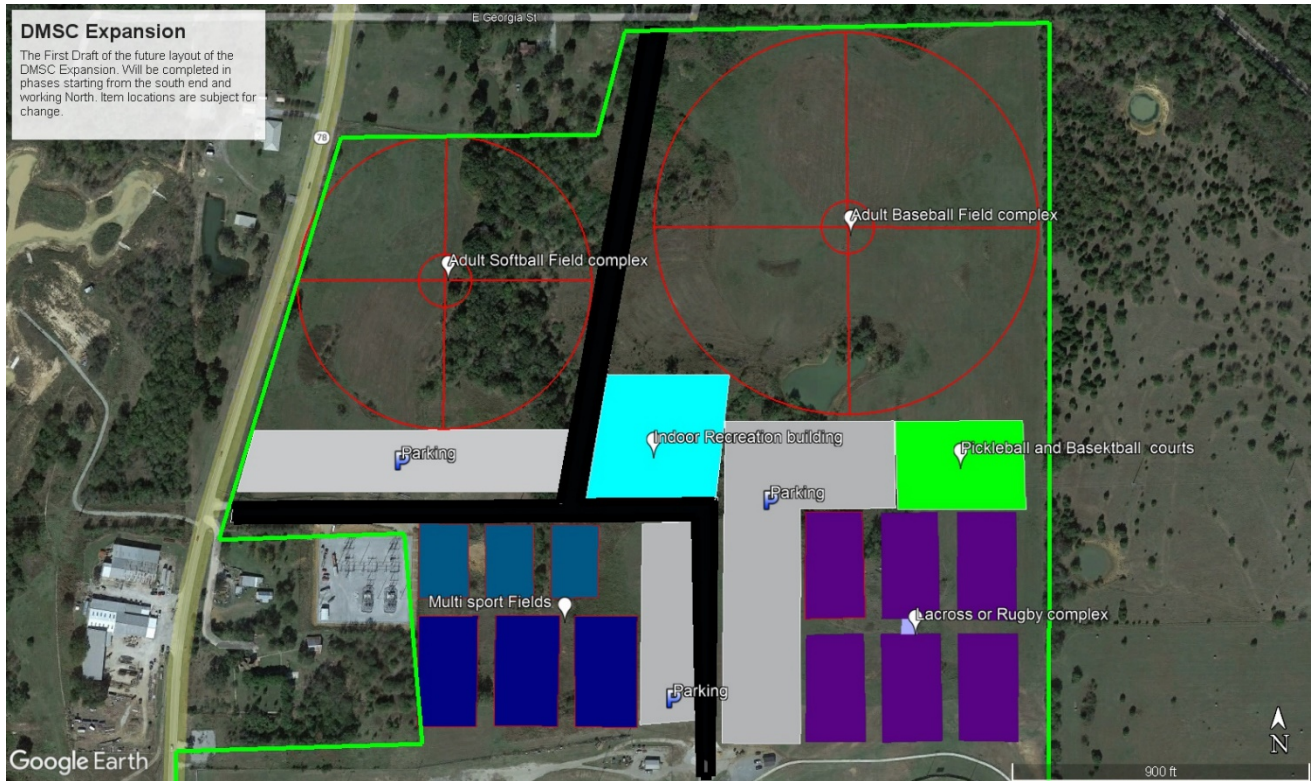
Recommended Improvements at DMSC

- LED lighting in Parking Lots
- LED Field Lights
- Repave/resealing Parking Lot
- Build Workers Shop
- Replace broken Concrete & New Walking Trail
- Shade Structures for softball, soccer, and baseball stands 12 in total
- Bullpens & Batting Cages x 8
- Bring in softball outfield fences
- Playground structures at baseball and softball
- Replace Scoreboards
- Resurface Track
- New Field goal Post
- New Bathroom and Concession in Soccer
- Optional: Turf Football Field
- Expansion: 4 Adult Softball fields
- Expansion: 4 Adult Baseball Fields
- Expansion: 12 Multi-purpose Fields
- Expansion: up to 6 Pickle ball Courts
- Expansion: up to 4 Full Size Basketball Courts
- Expansion: an Indoor Recreation Facility



Above: The Sports Complex needs some improvements from its original layout including updating all lights to LED, Replacing Scoreboards, Additional Playground Equipment, Refurbishing Track, building press boxes, lights on soccer field area. All projects are subject to change depending on community needs and funding.

Below: The City owns additional 100-acres to the north. With the expansion, we have room to have the eight more baseball/softball fields, an indoor recreational building, up to 12 multipurpose fields, a pickle ball complex and some basketball courts. The layout is subject to change depending on community needs and funding.

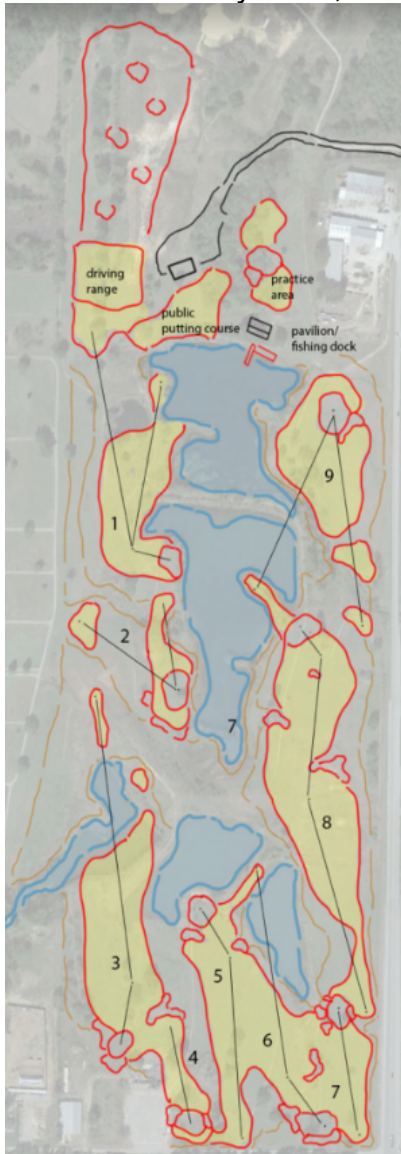


Eco Park

The Country Club (CC) is a 142-acre plot that has not been used in over a decade but was previously used as a golf course and it is situated directly across from the DMSC. Previously, it featured several small hazard ponds, a paved golf cart track, a clubhouse and storage sheds.

Recommended Ideas at Eco Park

- Rebuild into a golf course with Driving Range, 9 hole Golf Course, Club house with a community room, Disc Golf holes, Fishing Dock, and walking trail.



Left: Oliphant Golf Management has provided Layout. This is a rough sketch of how it could look and depends on actual ground layout that cannot be done until they lay eyes on the property. They suggest building it in phases

Phase 1: Driving Range, Clubhouse, Putting course, Practice area, Pavilion and Fishing Dock.

Phase 2: building the 9 Hole Golf Course and Disc Golf Course

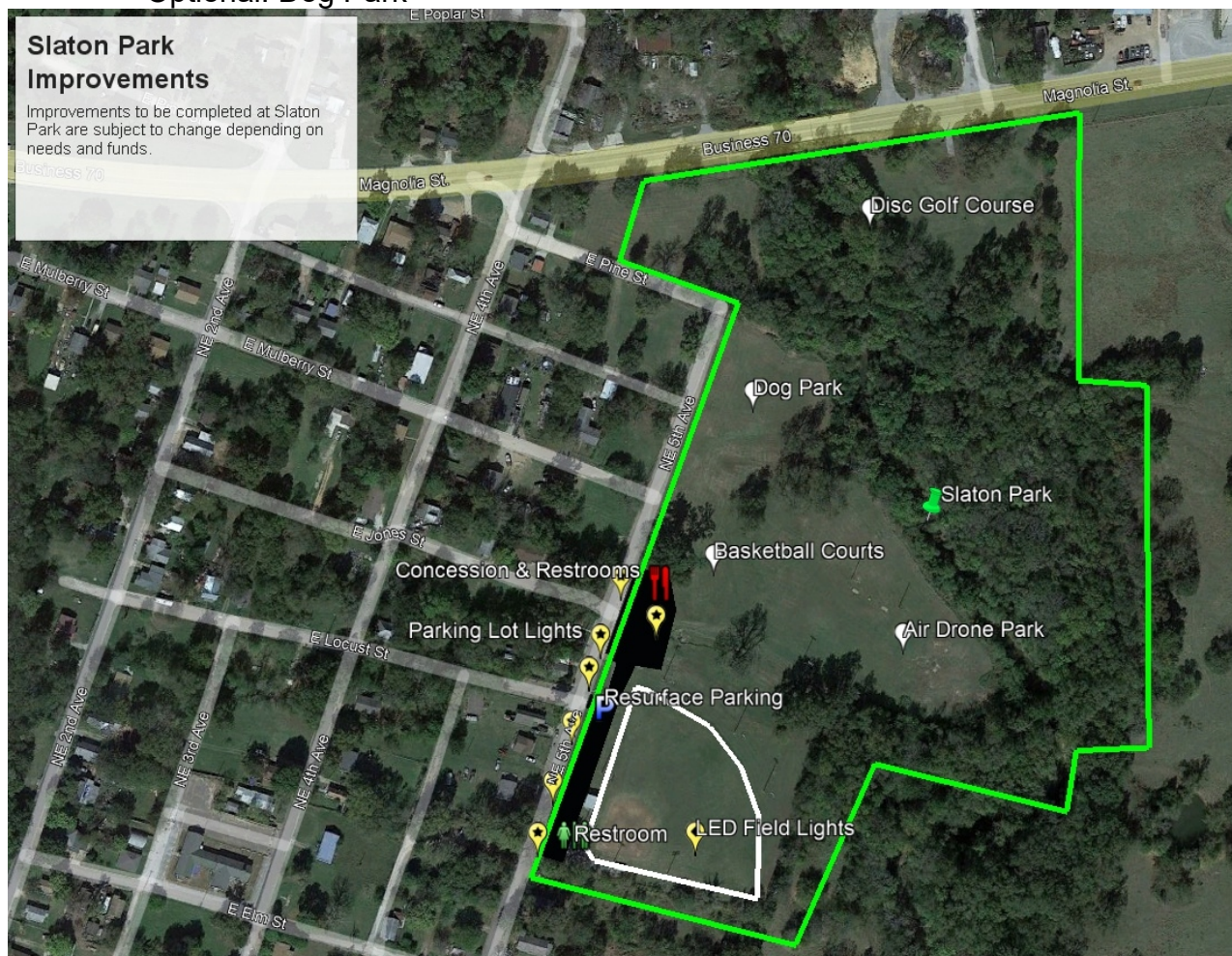
By doing it in phases this will help determine if, there is a desire to have a golf course in city limits while providing a revenue.

Slaton Park

A 26-acre plot that includes 8 acres of developed city land. The park includes a lighted adult softball field, concession stand, public restrooms, and a set of covered bleachers.

Recommended Improvements at Slaton Park

- Rebuild Concession & Bathrooms
- Parking lot lights
- Resurface Parking Lot
- Replace Chain Link Fence
- LED Field Lights
- Park LED Lighting
- Optional: Disc Golf course
- Optional: Drone Air Park
- Optional: Basketball Courts
- Optional: Dog Park



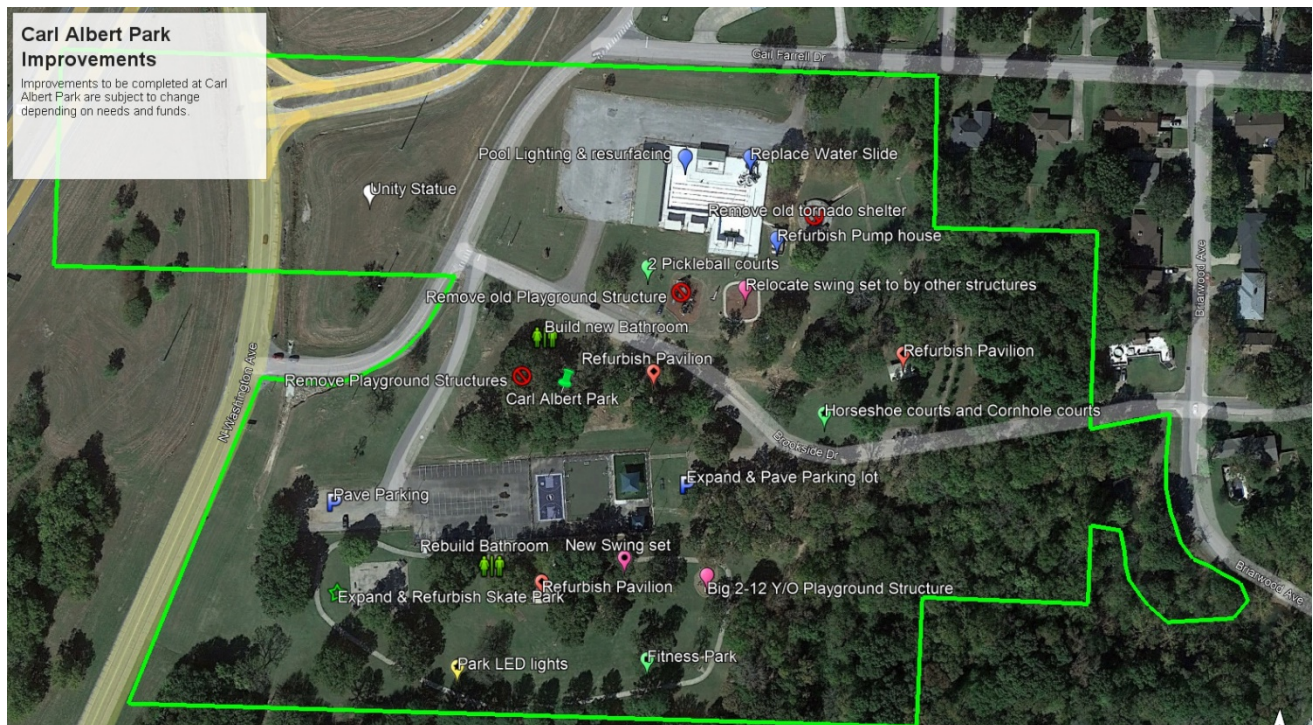
Above: Slaton Park has only a fraction of its property being utilized. The old football field has been grown over and lights don't currently work. With this area we have the opportunity to bring new amenities to the area that is not offered in the surrounding communities. All amenities are subject to change depending on community needs and funding.

Carl Albert Park and Pool

A 23-acre park that is designed to meet the recreational needs of multiple neighborhoods or larger sections of the Durant community. The park includes multiple picnic facilities, a dream basketball court, a netted turf multi-purpose area, a walking trail, multiple playgrounds, a disc golf course and a swimming pool.

Recommended improvements at Carl Albert Park and Pool

- Replace old Playground structures
- Refurbish Pool pump house
- Rebuild bathroom
- Expand and Refurbish Skate Park
- Resurface Parking Lots
- Refurbish Pavilions
- New Parking lot and Security Lights
- New Pool Water slide
- Install Pool Lights
- Resurface Pool
- 2 new bathrooms
- Pickle ball courts
- Horseshoe pits
- Corn hole pits



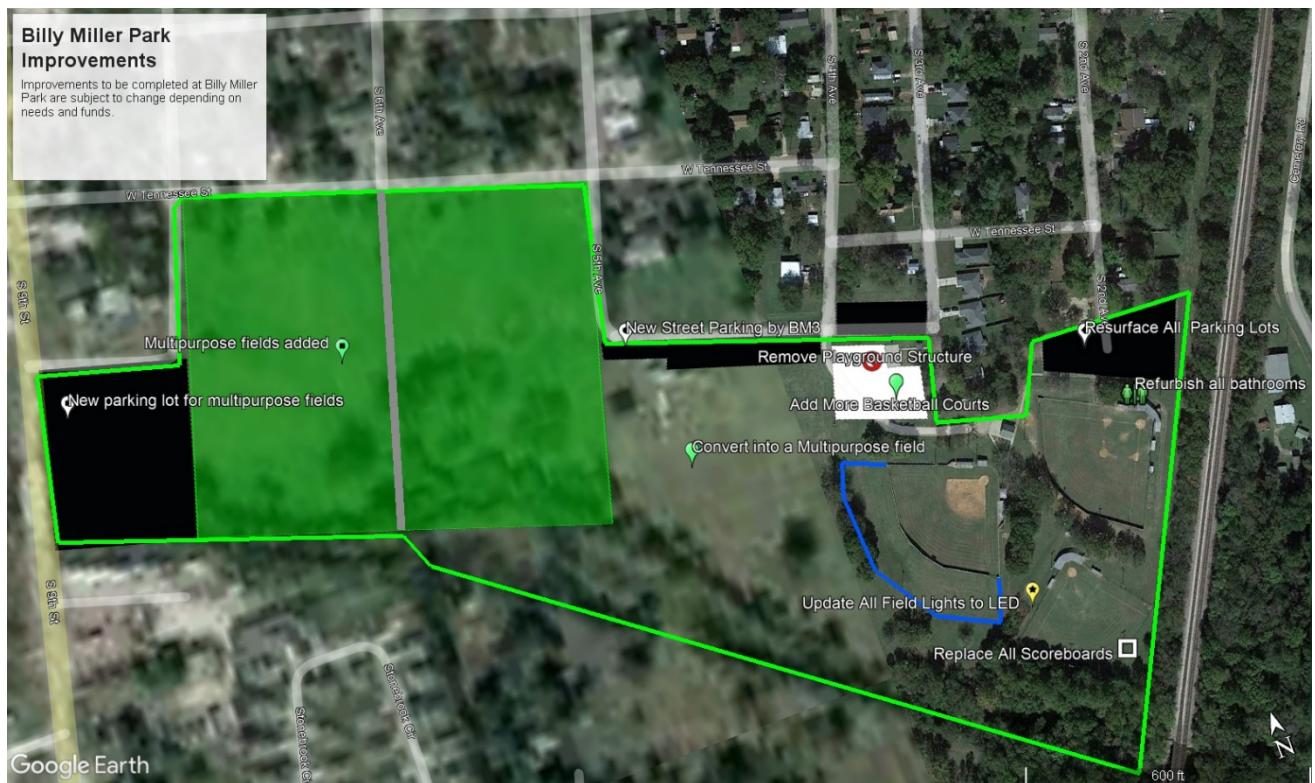
Above: Carl Albert Park is one of our most utilized parks offering the pool, Skate Park, multiple playground structures, and a disc golf course. Our biggest focus is to update and refurbish the area to make it better for the community. By moving our playground structures into the same area, it will help with the safety of the kids for staying in the same area and will open the park up for new amenities. The Community pool needs major renovation to the pool house, putting lights back into the pool so we can have night swims, and replacing our water slide that is cracking and the seals are breaking

Billy Miller Park

A 19-acre plot that includes 7 acres of developed city land. The park has four lighted ball fields (2 softball and 2 baseball), concession stands, restrooms, covered spectator seating, playground equipment and a paved basketball goal.

Recommended improvements at Billy Miller Park

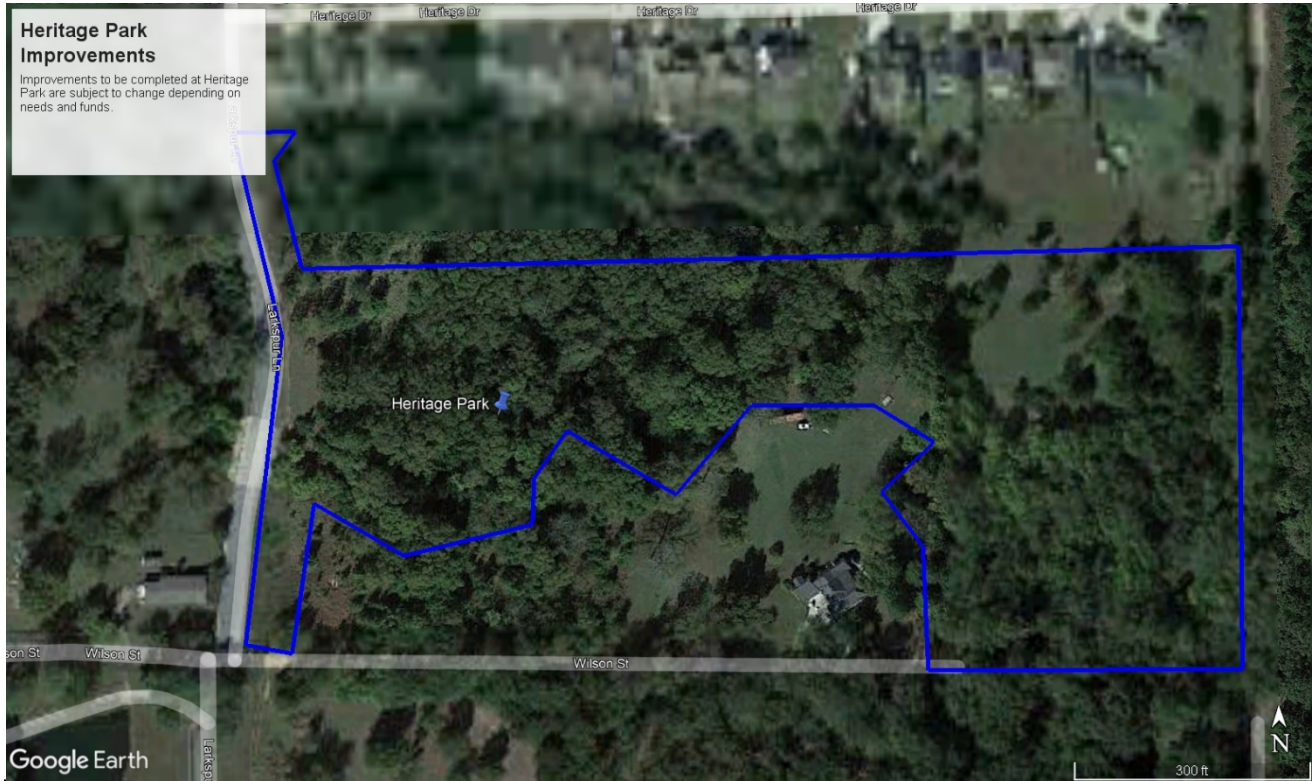
- Resurface Parking Lots
- Put up BM3 fence
- Fix Field Lighting for all fields
- Rebuild Concession and Bathrooms X 3
- New Scoreboards for Baseball/Softball fields x 4
- Resize BM 1, BM 2, BM Annex to Adult size fields
- Refurbish Pavilion
- Street Parking for Billy Miller 3
- New Multipurpose fields for Soccer and Lacrosse
- Parking lot off of 9th street for Multipurpose fields
- Additional Basketball Courts



Above: The plan for Billy Miller Park is to make it an adult sport complex. We convert BM 3 into a lighted multipurpose field, the flood plan on the west has enough room to have multiple football size fields plus parking on the west side. If space allows expand the three baseball/softball fields to adult size. We will also remove playground and install several Full Size Basketball Courts and Pickle ball courts if space allows.

Heritage Crossing

A 10 acre plot of land, donated by a local developer after the city agreed to install a roadway, located at the Heritage Crossing neighborhood. The current developed park size is less than a .5 acre and it includes a few picnic tables. The DPRD cannot install major projects here due to the majority of the park lies in a flood zone.



Above: Heritage Park lying in a flood plain the only thing we could possibly do is install an interpretive nature trail. The park currently has a picnic table, trashcan and a couple benches. At this time, there are no plans to add to the park because there is no parking available.

Leonard Morgan Park

A 8-acre park that includes multipurpose fields, lighted baseball field, playground equipment and restrooms.

Recommended Improvements at Leonard Morgan Park

- Remove Playground Structure
- Rebuild Concession and bathroom
- Repave Parking Lots
- Park Lighting
- LED Field Lights
- Turn green space into 2 or more multipurpose fields with lighting
- Optional: Interpretative Nature Trail



Above: Leonard Morgan Park, located off South OK Highway 78, currently needs many improvements. The bathrooms need to be rebuilt. I believe if we remove the playground at this location and make a lighted multipurpose field in where the 2 tee ball fields are to the north are located it would serve a better purpose. We also need to resurface the parking lots on the west and east end as well as install parking lights. All improvements are subject to change due to need and or funding.

Lloyd Plyler Park

A 6 acre park that includes three lighted baseball fields, batting cages, concession, restrooms, playground equipment, a covered pavilion and street parking.

Recommended Improvements at Lloyd Plyler Park

- Extend sidewalk round the park North and East side
- Street parking North and East side
- Expand Pavilion
- Replace Playground structure
- Concrete batting cages ground
- Park Lighting around Park
- Work on Concession stand
- Basketball court
- Pickle ball Courts
- Splash pad with shade
- Parking lot
- Lights in new Parking lot



Above: Lloyd Plyler Park has the opportunity to be a great community destination for all the south side residents of Durant. To improve current Amenities we need to replace the current play structure with a larger one, LED field lighting and lights around the park, adding a sidewalk to go around the rest of the park. Then for new amenities, we install a large splash pad with shade structures and additional parking around the park and on the city owned vacant lot on the east side. This will help service a great number of residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Dixon Durant Park (Rocket Park)

Also known as Rocket Park is a 5-acre park that includes a covered pavilion, ADA accessible restrooms, six lighted tennis courts, a small basketball court, a 1/4 mile walking track and playground equipment.

Recommended Improvements at Dixon Durant Park

- Lighting around walking trail and around the park
- Build new pavilion and rebuild existing
- Refurbish Tennis courts
- Convert Tennis courts to Basketball courts
- Replace old playground structures
- Immobilize Rocket and seal it off
- Rebuild Bathrooms
- Pickle ball courts x 2
- Fitness Park
- Splash Pad
- New Bathroom by splash pad



Above: Dixon Durant is centrally located and is another one of our most visited parks. The park is in need of major improvements including refurbishing the four of the six tennis courts. The other two courts we convert to two full size basketball courts. We also need to replace the outdated playground structures. When doing so we will close and repaint the rocket. As for new amenities, we install a fitness park, pickle ball courts and a splash pad with shade on the north end.

Keithley Park and Splash Pad

A 2.6 acre park that includes playground equipment, a pavilion, a paved walking track, ADA accessible restrooms, a lighted little league baseball diamond and a splash pad.

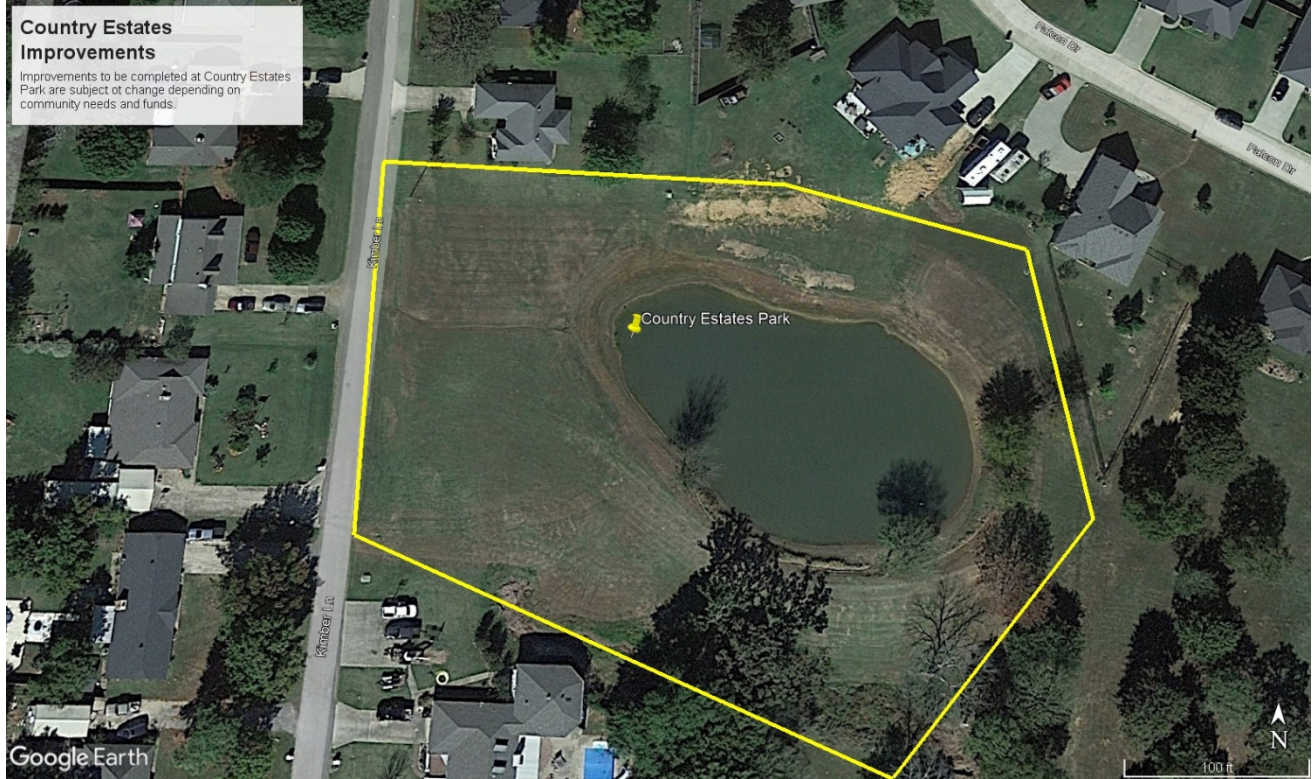
Recommended Improvements at Keithley Park And Splash Pad

- Replace Playground Structure
- Rebuild Bathrooms and Concession Stands
- Shade structure around splash pad
- Turn Shade structure by splash pad into a full pavilion with tables.
- Park Lighting
- LED field lighting
- Replace netting at Batting Cage
- Replace Scoreboard
- Optional: Fitness Park



Country Estates

A 2 acre undeveloped park that currently has a pond. The land was donated by a citizen and is maintained by the DRPD. As of right now there are no plans to add amenities into the park.

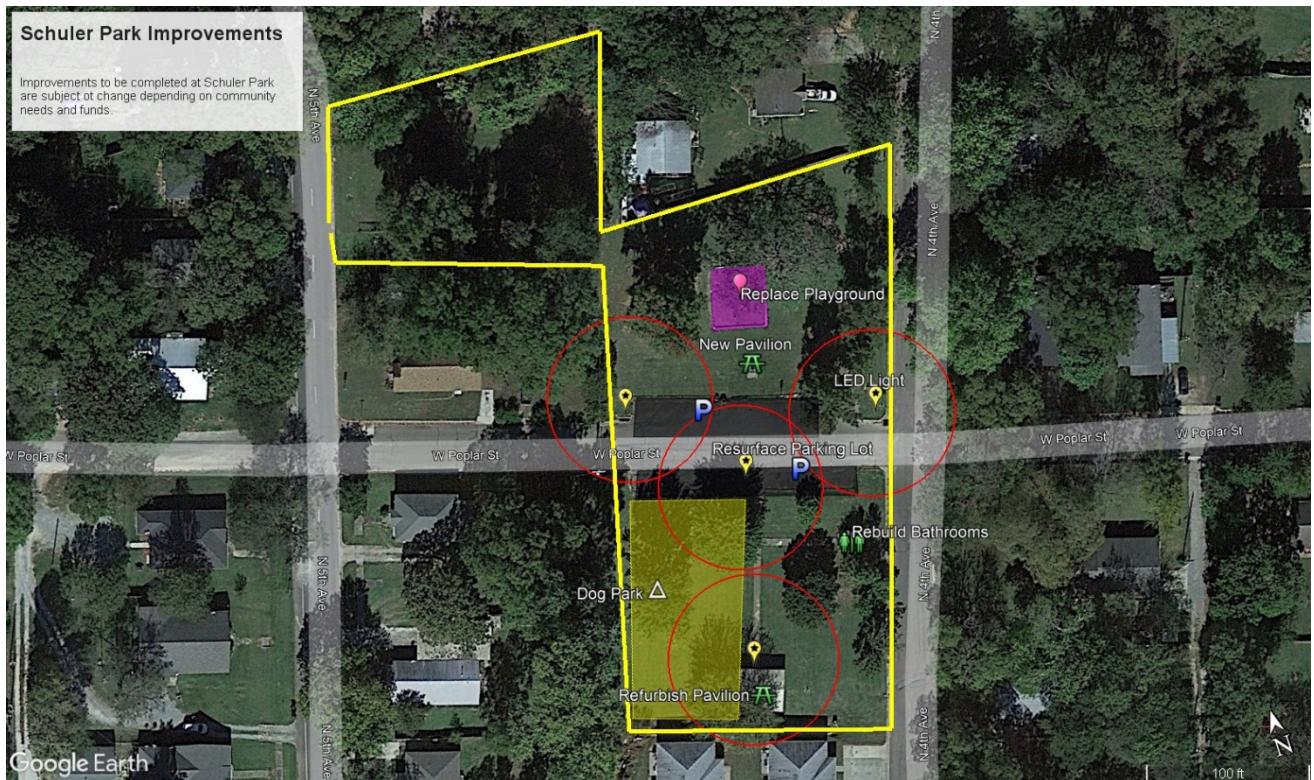


Schuler Park

A 1.5 acre park that includes a pavilion, ADA accessible public restrooms, playground equipment and grills.

Recommended Improvements at Schuler Park

- Rebuild bathroom
- New LED park lighting
- Replace Playground
- Refurbish Pavilion
- Dog Park



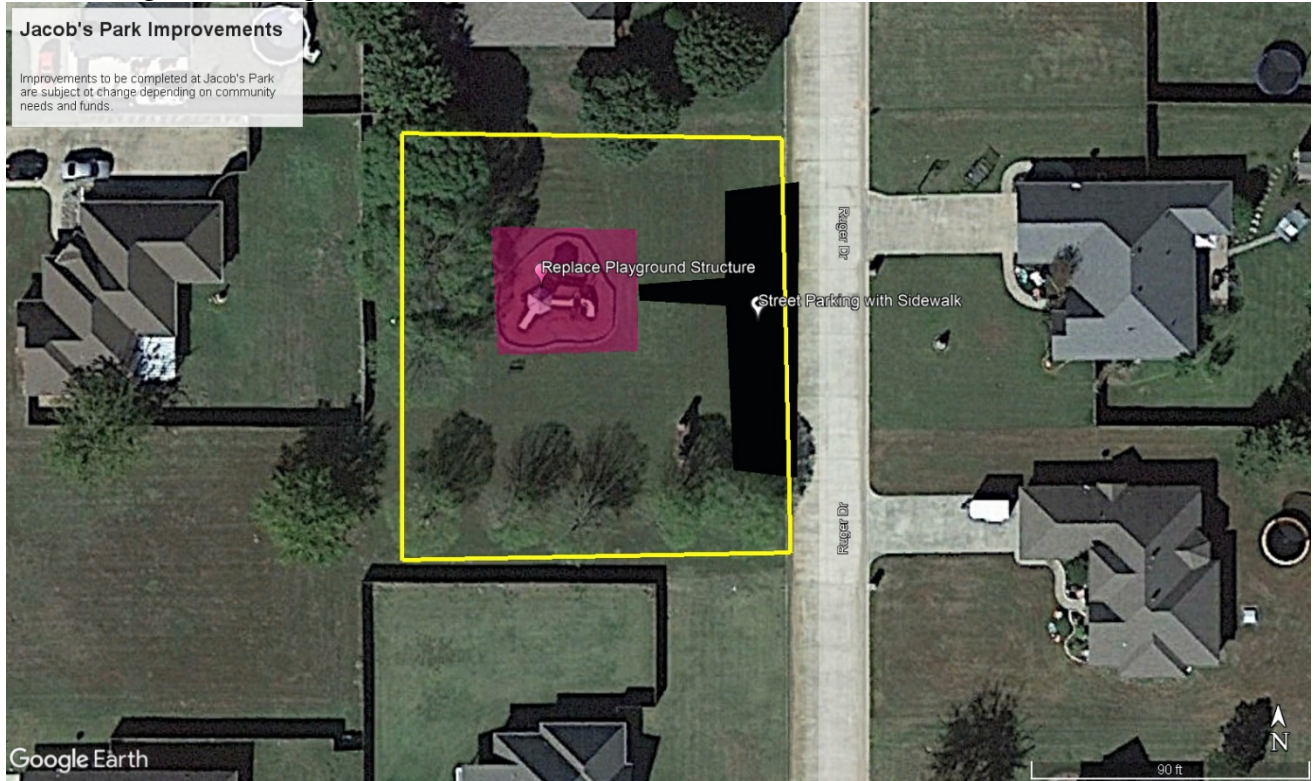
Above: Schuler Park is another centralized park with room to add amenities without overcrowding the park. Before we add the new amenities, we need to replace the playground and rebuild the bathrooms. Once the parks current amenities are up to date, we install a dog park, resurface the parking lots, add LED park lighting and install a pavilion on the North side.

Jacob's Park

Jacob's Park is a .51-acre plot that includes one playground in the middle of Remington Hills neighborhood.

Recommended Improvements at Jacob's Park

- Replace Playground Structure
- Angled Parking



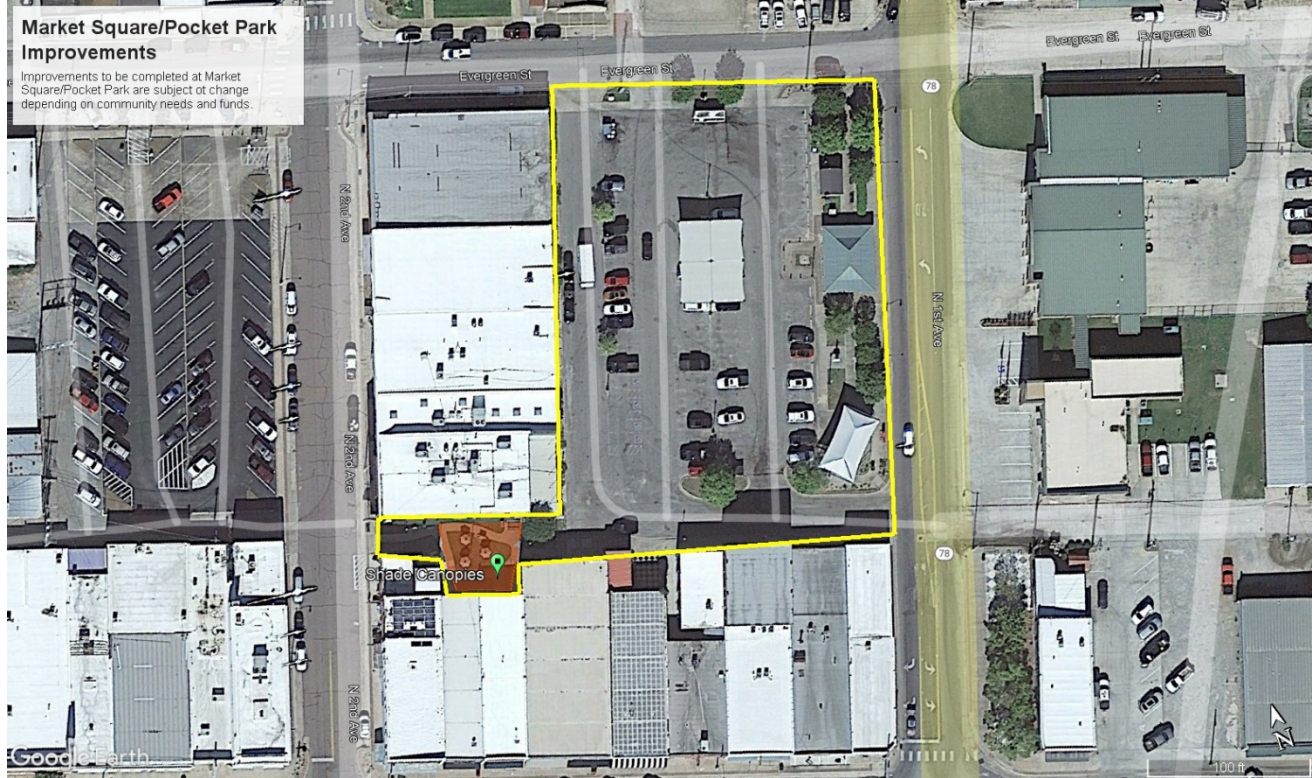
Jacob's Park improvements consist of replacing the outdated play structure and installing angled street parking and sidewalk to the playground. On a later date, we can add benches around the playground and maybe a shade structure.

Market Square/Pocket Park

An urban Park with a concert stage, shaded parking, restrooms, tables, and benches

Recommended Improvements at Market Square Park

- Shade Structure



Market square and Pocket park has very low priority improvements that need to take place. The biggest concern is to make sure it is maintained properly. The only thing the DPRD is proposing to do is add a big shade canopy into Pocket Park for outdoor dining from one of the local restaurants.

Recreation/Special Event Plan

The DPRD has had a lackluster showcase of special events and recreation activities for families. The DPRD has a plan to add in recreation activities and special events over the future of the department. The goal with these special events is to offer families in the Durant area a low cost activity to all events are subject to change depending on staffing, community needs, and desire.

Tournaments

The Durant Multi Sport complex is capable of hosting a minimum a tournament a month. As the DPRD, we only have the staffing to host our own tournament once to twice a year. With the amount of planning and contacting teams, it takes roughly 6 months for one person to plan a tournament. We are going to focus on doing high school showcases to give high school students to meet college coaches. We are starting with a softball showcase followed by baseball, football, and soccer. Once the resurfacing of the track is completed, we can host a track event as well. The DPRD also has outside organizations host tournaments for various sports including, Lacrosse, Disc Golf, Rugby, and Baseball.

Large Special Events

Large special events have a wide variety of options of both locations and types of events. We are planning four per year at minimum. These events goal is to bring the community together and show the recreational opportunities at the various locations. These special events will rely heavily on community partnership to help get funding and advertising to help draw people to the event. Ideas for large special events include

- Daddy Daughter Dance
- Mom Son Event
- Splash Day (Pool Opening Day)
- Christmas Light Display
- Youth Fishing Tournament
- Sports Camps
- Mud run
- Iron Man competitions
- Football Competition Throwing, Punting, Kicking
- Disc Golf tournaments
- 3v3 basketball tournament at Carl Albert Park

Small Special Events

These events are typically low cost and are just to give community members something to do that is at no cost to the patron. These events can be

- Movies in the Park various locations
- Dive competition at the pool
- Belly Flop Competition at the pool

Recreation Leagues

The DPRD currently setting itself up to start running its own adult recreation leagues. We have enough space that we can run softball, basketball, kickball, flag football and once amenities have been built pickleball, horseshoes, and cornhole.