



**CITY OF BAXTER PARKS & TRAILS
COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
July 25, 2016**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2016
3. City Park Property on Baxter Lake Across from City Hall
4. Dog Park and Fitness Equipment
5. Rotary Centennial Project
6. Draft 5-year CIP
7. OK Park Pavilion Event
8. Adjourn

PARKS & TRAILS COMMISSION MINUTES
June 27, 2016

The regular meeting of the Baxter Parks and Trails Commission was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Jim Kalkofen, Commissioner Mari Holderness, Melissa Barrick, Gail Brecht and Council Liaison Quinn Nystrom

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Hasskamp

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development (CD) Director Josh Doty and Planner Matthew Gindele

OTHERS PRESENT: None

Approval of the Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Brecht, seconded by Commissioner Holderness to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 23, 2016 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Potential City Park Property on Baxter Lake Across from City Hall

CD Director Doty indicated that he had received a call from a Baxter resident that would like to donate land to the City or see if the City was interested in making a small park for city staff use as a lunch break area. The owner doesn't appear to want to place any restrictions on the vacant land. CD Director Doty stated that he would like the Commissions input on if they would be interested in the land for a future park. Commissioner Barrick asked if the Council is still considering moving down towards the Public Works Facility. Council Liaison Nystrom and CD Director Doty indicated that the current Council is not talking about relocating at this time, rather they are fixing issues with the current location. CD Director Doty stated that with acquiring land there is cost, such as taxes and potential development costs. Chair Kalkofen asked about the slope of the land. CD Director Doty indicated there is a gradual slop towards the water. Commissioner Barrick asked how much cost there is in holding on to this property. CD Director Doty stated that any assessments would have to be paid, up-keep of the land-mowing and tree removal if needed and loss of taxes, he did not think there was a lot of cost but there would be some. Chair Kalkofen asked how big the lake is; CD Director Doty stated roughly 16 acres. Commissioner Holderness thought that it could be a nice little park. The Commission discussed several different options such as a dog park, passive park, launching of canoes etc.... The Commission discussed that this lake doesn't have public access anywhere that they were aware of; this could be a public access area.

Motion by Commissioner Barrick, seconded by Commissioner Brecht to request the City Council approve the proposed vacant land donation on Baxter Lake (PID #020114300F00009) for future City park land. Motion carried unanimously.

Requested Park Improvements

Planner Gindele provided a memo in the packet that listed seven different requests that are not currently in the Park Implementation Plan/Capital Improvement Plan. He went through each request with the Commission including all supporting documentation from residents that had submitted written requests. Planner Gindele stated that staff is looking for conversation regarding these items to see which items should be considered and researched.

Chair Kalkofen stated that they will review each item in order:

1. Dog Park-Commissioner Brecht stated that she had received requests for a dog park in Baxter. Preferably an urban park, the residents that need and would use this park are those with small yards or apartment renters. She thought that the land across from Southdale Park would be a nice place for a dog park, the former water treatment land. Chair Kalkofen asked how big that land is, CD Director Doty

stated roughly 4.5 acres with roughly 2 acres being highland/dry land. Commissioner Holderness agreed that a dog park would be a nice feature in Baxter. Commissioner Brecht stated that she wasn't sure what it would cost to start up a park, most likely fencing/gates, water and a baggy station. Council Liaison Nystrom stated that she remembered Brainerd receiving roughly \$30,000.00 for startup of the dog park. CD Director Doty stated that being it is on Perch Lake the land coverage would have to be taken into consideration to make sure the ground coverage is preserved. Commissioner Brecht noted that there was a good distance from the land to the next neighbor. Chair Kalkofen asked about parking, Commissioner Brecht indicated the parking at Southdale Park would be suitable.

Chair Kalkofen asked what staff is looking for. Planner Gindele indicated staff is looking to see if the Commission would like to add this to the implementation plan. Chair Kalkofen stated that he would like staff to research the cost associated with bringing a dog park forward. Planner Gindele stated that this would move staff onto the next item.

2. Off Leash Park-CD Director Doty stated that he would like to inform the Commission of a part of the regulations that allow for dogs to be off the leash if their owners have them trained by verbal commands, which is not mentioned in the letter requesting an area for training hunting dogs. He further stated that it would be up to the police officer to determine if the dog is trained properly or not should there be a complaint called in. Chair Kalkofen indicated that there are several areas around town where dogs can be trained without a leash. CD Director Doty stated that they will bring back additional information regarding a dog park.

Commissioner Brecht asked if there were any additional park fees coming in with some of the new developments. CD Director Doty stated that he thought that the new projects were bringing in roughly \$50,000.00.

3. Fitness Park Equipment-Planner Gindele stated that this is not a request for a new park, but the possibility of adding some equipment to an existing park. He stated that Northland Arboretum recently put some equipment in on a trail. Staff has not heard how much use the equipment gets at this point. CD Director Doty stated that he served on a board with the Arboretum and there was a lot that went into getting grants for the equipment and it was very time consuming. He further expanded on the additional equipment that is proposed and the fitness trainer that was used to help them place the equipment. Commissioner Brecht asked if Essentia Health paid for some of the equipment. CD Director Doty stated that he was not sure how the grants/funding went forward as he was not involved in that portion of the meetings.

CD Director Doty stated that previously this Commission had conversation about installing signs and a few pieces of equipment on the FitQuest woodchip trail; however, the portion that is not in Baxter would require additional work with other non-city entities. He also reminded the Commission of the previous meeting that there was a letter received requesting a single-multi-use piece of equipment at Riverwood Park. Commissioner Holderness stated that she has been in favor of this type of trail for some time. She expressed the need for the equipment without having to pay to use it, being the Arboretum does have a fee. The Commission asked that staff call the Arboretum to see what their use is of the equipment.

4. Splash Pad-CD Director Doty stated that this was requested a while ago by a resident. The cost of a splash pad can be large. Commissioner Holderness said that she would like to see it added to a wish list of future improvements beyond the scope of the five year CIP. Commissioner Barrick stated that other communities are doing fundraiser activities because they are very expensive.

- 5, 6, 7. Skate Park/Softball Park Complex/Nature Trail-The Commission agreed that these items should go on a

“wish list”. Commissioner Brecht recalled the Brainerd skate park was taken down. Council Liaison Nystrom stated that she has heard parents talk about the teenagers needing something to do in the parks, as the parks are geared more for younger children or athletics.

Commissioner Brecht stated that these items should be placed in the CIP plan with a new category called “when funds are available” or “as money allows”. CD Director Doty indicated that these items will be looked at when the next revision to the CIP plan would take place.

Rotary Centennial Project

CD Director Doty stated that in the packet there is a project information submission for a partnership with the Rotary Club. He further stated that the Rotary is going to present to the Council in July and being there were parks mentioned he wanted to make the Commission aware of the potential partnership. The Commission discussed different projects that the Rotary could assist with, the dog park, the pedestrian bridge over 371, basketball courts or hockey warming houses. CD Director Doty stated he will keep the Commission posted.

Draft 5 Year CIP

CD Director Doty stated that there wasn't much to change on the CIP unless there is something that the Commission would like to add, it could stay as is at this point. Commissioner Barrick stated that she would like to see something added to Whipple Beach to keep the sand from blowing up on the playground and grass area. CD Director Doty stated he witnessed the wind this weekend blowing the sand around and he would have to look into what type of plants would help keep the sand on the beach. He also stated that it would have to be added to the CIP as it was an additional cost. CD Director Doty stated there could be additional funding sources available, such as grants.

Commissioner Barrack stated that she has been researching Legacy and MN Greater Good grant funding. Chair Kalkofen asked if there were specific items these grants were looking for. Commissioner Barrack stated that the grants seemed open to different ideas, the request needed to be submitted by April 2016, therefore the next time to apply would be April 2017. Chair Kalkofen asked that this item stay on the radar for next year.

Oakwood Trail Relocation

WSB Trail Memo

Planner Gindele referenced the memo in the packet and reviewed the proposed location for the crossing location on Oakwood Drive and Clearwater Road. He explained that the Cities concern was the blind crossing and thus the reason for the study. The Council approved the suggested crossing locations in this memo at their last meeting. CD Director Doty recapped the previous locations for the crossing.

Second Meeting with Camp Vanasek

Planner Gindele will set this meeting up and discuss the new proposed crossing location.

OK Pavilion Grand Opening/Music Event-Planning

CD Director Doty stated that all though staff hasn't contacted all of the locations Chair Kalkofen suggested, they have placed the grand opening in the June city newsletter, made contact with WJYY Radio station to have announcements made, the Dispatch has been notified and the Baxter Police Facebook page is being looked at for a post.

Council Liaison Nystrom gave a brief update regarding the Mayor speaking, musicians and Commission being present for the ribbon cutting ceremony. CD Director Doty stated that hot dogs and refreshments will be provided. Council Liaison Nystrom indicated that the Council is excited and looking forward to the grand opening.

Construction Updates

OK Pavilion

Chair Kalkofen stated that he drove by and is concerned that the pavilion will not be ready for the grand opening; he indicated that there is still a lot of work to be done. CD Director Doty confirmed that there were more challenges with the project than foreseen, which is the reason for the cushion when working on a project like this. The Commission discussed the completion date and the concerns regarding it being completed.

Whipple Beach ADA Observation Deck

CD Director Doty stated that this project is completed and being constantly used.

Other Business

Chair Kalkofen asked for a remaining balance in the park dedication fund. CD Director Doty stated he will get that balance for the next meeting from the Finance Department.

The next scheduled meeting is July 25, 2016 at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment

MOTION by Commissioner Brecht, seconded by Commissioner Barrick to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved by:

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Jim Kalkofen

Shanna Newman, CD Administrative Assistant

Parks and Trails Commission Memo

July 25, 2016

Department Origination: Community Development

Agenda Item: Park Improvements-Dog Park and Fitness Equipment

Approval Required: No approval action is required for this agenda item

BACKGROUND

At the last Parks Commission meeting, the Parks Commission raised the idea that the City should consider different types of uses offered within the City's parks and trails system so that there are different options available for residents. Specifically, the Parks Commission requested information about Dog Parks and Fitness Equipment.

Dog Park

At a glance, a dog park seems like a straight forward and easy addition to the park system; and it certainly can be but there may be more to building a successful dog park than initially meets the eye. There seems to be several key components that go into building a successful dog park beginning with the proper location. The location should provide enough space to serve the needs of Baxter's resident who will be using the park; a good starting point is one acre of space for the dogs to run free in. The proper location will also consider the surrounding area to ensure that a dog park is a good fit with the surrounding land uses as well as to provide shade for both the dogs and their owners in the heat of the sun. Once the proper location is determined, other improvements may be considered. The following list of recommended improvements was compiled after talking with several other Minnesota cities with existing dog parks:

- 1) Fencing
- 2) Parking area/driveway
- 3) Rules and regulations signage
- 4) Dog waste station
- 5) Picnic tables and benches
- 6) Shade
- 7) Improved surface in play area
- 8) Drinking water supply

Fencing

Fencing needs to be tall enough and durable enough to withstand a persistent dog wishing to escape. Commonly, six foot tall chain link fences are used for dog parks; a mid-rail and bottom tension wire is included to add support and durability to the fence. A cost estimate of a fence for approximately a one acre area is attached to the report.

Parking/Driveway

Parking should be provided close enough to the play area to provide quick and easy access for the park users. If the park is to be in an urban area, parking should be paved to maintain the city standard; if the park is to be in a rural area gravel may be considered. A rough cost estimate of \$30,000 for a paved

parking area and driveway was determined based on paving a 100' driveway and 19 parking stalls (includes 1 handicap stall). The \$30,000 estimate also includes handicap parking signage and striping for the parking lot.

Rules/Regulations Signage

It is always important to make sure every user of the park is aware of the rules and regulations pertaining to the dog park. Park users (both dogs and humans) should feel safe and welcome while enjoying the park. A "Dog Park Catalog" with pricing of various park improvements has been attached to this report.

Dog Waste Station

Even though not everyone will clean up after their pet, every dog park should contain a waste station for doggy-doo to be disposed of. Several options exist from a simple trash can where dog owners would bring their own bags to pick up their dog's waste and dispose of it to a complete waste station with a waste bag dispensary, trash can and hand-washing station. Please refer to the attached catalog for options and pricing.

Picnic Tables/Benches & Shade

This improvement is more for the dog owners than the dogs themselves. Research has shown that dog parks often become a social meeting place for people as well as dogs and as such, people like to sit down and chat with their fellow dog owners while their dogs run off some energy. The shade factor goes hand-in-hand with this as far as enjoyment of the park by people goes. During the hot summer months it is extremely important to have shade not only for the dog owners to relax in but also for the dogs. The cheapest and easiest way have shade in the dog park is of course to build it where shade is already given by existing trees. It costs approximately \$5,000 to clear and grub the brush from an existing forest with a shade canopy.

Improved Surface

Research has shown that unless your dog park is large enough to withstand and disperse foot traffic from dogs and their owners, grass is not the ideal surface for a dog park. Many dog parks up to two acres in size will surface the play area with crushed rock or wood chips. Crushed rock will last longer than woodchips but is also more expensive and can be painful for the dogs to walk on depending on what kind of rock surfacing is used. Woodchips are another good option for the City to consider as they are easier on the dogs feet and cheaper since the City has a regular supply of them from chipping trees within the city. Incorporating an improved surface into the park design will cut back on maintenance costs of having to mow once a week within a fenced in area likely pocketed with "doggy land mines" since not everyone cleans up after their pets. The improved surface will also help keep the park maintain a pleasant appearance as turf grass tends to turn to mud real quick with excess foot traffic.

Drinking Water Supply

Both dogs and their owner need to stay hydrated on those hot summer days while their dogs are running around the park. Water may be supplied by a simple spigot stubbed out of the ground or by a variety of drinking fountain options, some of which may be found in the attached catalog. In any case, it is important to consider the appropriate location for the water supply to ensure that it does not create a muddy mess within the park.

Fitness Park Equipment

In April of this year staff received a request for Fitness Park Equipment at Riverwood Park. At your last Parks Commission meeting staff was directed to look into providing one multi-exercise piece of equipment. Please see the attached examples of fitness equipment and pricing. On the first page of the attachment are three different pieces of exercise equipment, the first of which (the "Stamina Outdoor Fitness Power Tower") is the specific piece of equipment that was requested by the resident in April.

ACTION REQUESTED

Discussion of the above items.

ATTACHMENTS

Email fencing quote from Oberg Fence

Dog Park Equipment Catalog

Fitness Equipment

Matthew Gindele

From: John Brabbit <johnb2185343118@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2016 9:43 AM
To: Matthew Gindele
Subject: Re: materials pricing for dog park fence

Labor would be: \$ 2,744.00

On Fri, Jul 22, 2016 at 8:20 AM, Matthew Gindele <MGindele@baxtermn.gov> wrote:

Good morning John,

Would you be able to give me the same estimate with labor included?

Thanks,

Matthew

From: John Brabbit [mailto:johnb2185343118@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 12:47 PM
To: Matthew Gindele
Subject: Re: materials pricing for dog park fence

Here is you price Mathew:

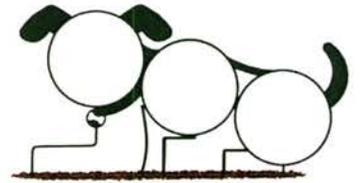
Material only for 850' of 6' high fence with top/mid rail and bottom tension wire.

To include fittings, ties, caps and gates.

Price: \$ 10,344.00 Price is good for 30 days.

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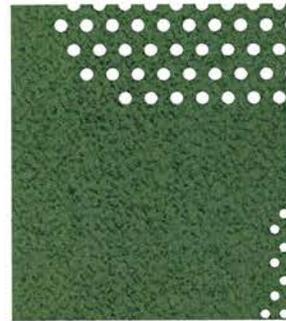
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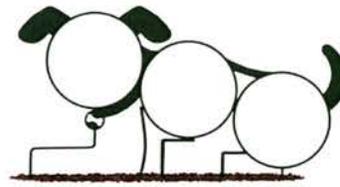
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439-1006	Rover Jump Over	\$830
439-1007	Doggie Crawl	\$1030
439-1008	Weave Posts (Set of 6)	\$818
439-1009	Stepping Paws	\$1,034
439-1037	Small Dog Hoop Jump	\$307
439-1036	Fire Hydrant	\$380



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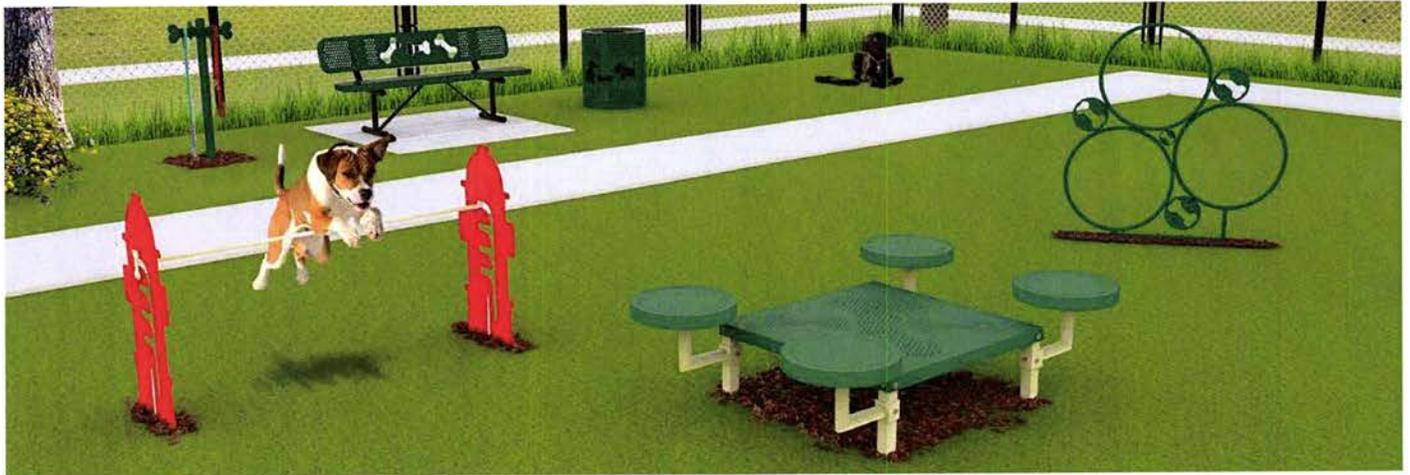


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135-1017*	10-Gal. Poly Receptacle with Lid	\$97
135-1018*	Aluminum Dog Valet	\$650
135-1019*	Polythene Dog Valet	\$274
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135-1027*	Header Pak Pet Station	\$355
135-1028*	Aluminum Trash Receptacle	\$200



BUYER'S GUIDE: HOW TO CREATE AN EFFECTIVE AND POPULAR DOG PARK

The purpose of this guide is to give readers an overview of dog park development. There is no reason why a safe, sanctioned dog park cannot exist in any community without the proper planning.

WHY ADD A DOG PARK TO YOUR FACILITY?

What is a dog park? For the purpose of this guide, a dog park is a park specifically designed for and equipped with amenities for dogs, where dogs are invited and not just permitted.

Why would you want a dog park in your community? Dog owners are taxpayers, just like your baseball player neighbors and your neighbors who are parents. If your community spends tax dollars to build recreation areas like baseball fields and playgrounds to accommodate their recreation needs, even though not every taxpayer plays baseball or has children, then the community should accommodate the recreation needs of dog owners, too.

Other benefits include creating a sense of community, socializing dogs with other dogs which promotes acceptable behavior, decreased crime, human health benefits, increased interest from potential homebuyers who want to move to a community with a dog park, and much more.



According to the American Pet Products Association's National Pet Owners Survey and the Pet Food Institute, more than 65 percent of all American households share their home with at least one cat or dog. Today, the pet dog population is more than 77 million, an increase of more than 15 million since 2001. The Recreation Management Association reports that there are over 1,200 dog parks currently in operation, although the true number is likely higher than that. This is a trend that is booming with a 34 percent increase in dog parks between 2005 and 2010.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

What are the essential elements of a dog park? As in real estate, so with dog parks: location, location, location. If the spot you have your eye on for the dog park is undesirable for people to go there under normal conditions, it will be too undesirable for people with dogs to go there – don't pick the spot no one wants for your dog park.

Small dog parks are fine if you build more than one. Most communities find their small dog park won't handle all of their visitors and they have to build another one very quickly. Small dog parks are like potato chips – you can't have just one. The minimum size for a dog park, a small dog park, is one-half of an acre. Ideally, a dog park should be one acre or more in size. You want the ability to put in adequate parking and have access to infrastructure, such as electricity and running water.



WHAT TYPE OF ENCLOSURE IS REQUIRED?

Fencing – every dog park should be fenced in. The fencing should contain the dogs but not hurt them. This means it should not have bars so wide that dogs' heads can get stuck in them or dogs can escape right through them.

It should be durable enough to stand up to a diligent dog chewing on it and not have toxic coatings for dogs. Many fencing types will work, but overall the best fencing choice that will work and is affordable is a chain link fence, six feet tall.

Make sure that the fencing chain material is tight to

the ground, usually with a solid rod run through the chain link material along the bottom edge, so that dogs cannot push under it and it stays flush with the ground.

Entrances need to be carefully designed to ensure that dogs inside the dog park do not easily escape when dogs are entering and leaving the dog park. Experts recommend what they refer to as "doggie airlocks" – double gates with a transition space in between the outside gate and the inside gate. This fencing arrangement contains escaping dogs and allows dogs coming in to be taken off leash so that they are not on leash once they physically enter the interior of the dog park.



WHAT ARE THE BEST PLANTS AND MATERIALS?

Landscaping choices need to take into consideration that dogs are not people. Surface choices need to be able to be maintained and able to tolerate a certain amount of dog waste. Shrubs and trees must not be toxic to dogs who eat, lick and sniff everything.

Gravel, concrete and asphalt are not recommended, as it hurts the dogs' feet and gets too hot.

Mulched wood and wood chips are a very good, affordable choice, and sustainable. Do not use rubber mulch or cocoa bean mulch – these are toxic to dogs. You have to be careful if you are considering artificial turf because it can contain bacteria. It also holds smells and can be hard for removing poop. Reserve artificial turf for rooftop and indoor dog parks.

Shade can be natural (trees), artificial (canopies), or a combination of both. Humans and dogs both need shade. Make sure that your tree choices are not toxic for dogs. You will want your canopies and pagodas to be sturdy and durable, easy to maintain, and se-

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curely mounted to a foundation so that they do not get blown over on a windy day.

Non-essential but nice: If you have the budget for it, you can add artistic elements to dog parks like non-working fire hydrants and sturdy art pieces like statues. A dog wash at the exit is great for washing down hard-playing dogs before they leave to hop in their owners' cars for the ride home.



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ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY IS ESSENTIAL.

Water – every dog park needs to provide fresh water and lots of it for the dogs. Dogs don't sweat to cast off excess heat like humans do and will dehydrate very quickly if they don't have lots of fresh water to drink. Your human visitors will need water, too. The best way to provide water for both species is to install a dual-species water fountain, one that has a water fountain on top for the humans and a water fountain at the base for the dogs.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DOG AGILITY EQUIPMENT

Agility equipment is nice to have. Dogs don't intuitively know how to use it. You should choose agility equipment which can stand up to dog teeth and dog claws and dog urine, along with the inevitable human child or adult that will climb up on them, too.

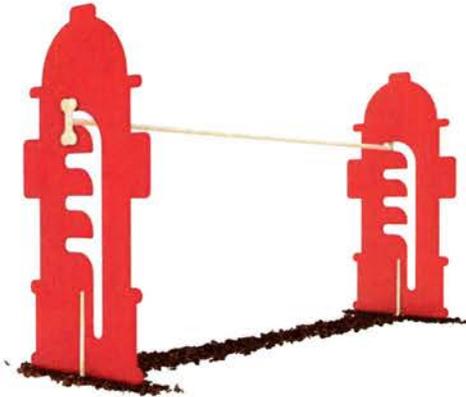
You will want durable equipment that won't constantly require maintenance or fade from being out in the sun all day. Most dogs need to be trained to use agility equipment. Many people don't know how to properly use agility equipment, but they can easily learn how to by watching YouTube videos. Or you can offer to teach a class. Once the dogs learn, this agility equipment could become a popular hangout.

There are companies that sell complete dog agility equipment sets along with individual pieces. Just make sure that you purchase sturdy equipment.

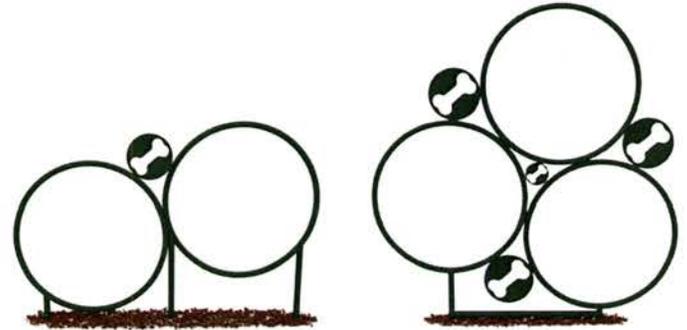
Note: be sure that all equipment that requires a dog to climb or sit on must be covered with a special finish that is paw-friendly and slip resistant.



HERE IS A SELECTION OF DOG PARK AGILITY EQUIPMENT YOU MIGHT WANT TO ADD TO YOUR PARK TO MAKE IT A FUN AND ACTIVE DESTINATION:



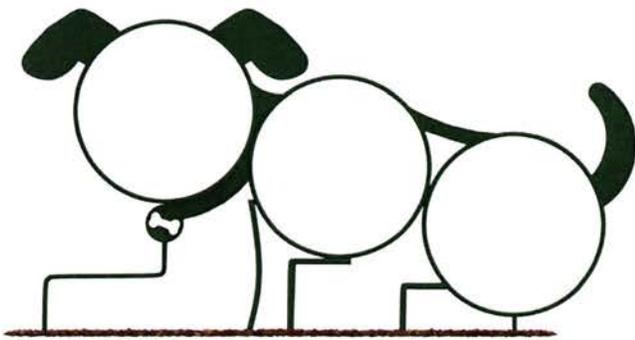
Fire Hydrant Jump – dogs love to run and jump. Here’s a simple apparatus that lets them do that and can be adjusted for all sizes and skills.



Three and Two-hoop Dog Jumps – these jumps also offer different levels for different dogs. There is an imprint of a dog bone included which coincides with the theme of your dog park.



Stepping Bones – this apparatus is a series of steps for dogs to walk up and down.



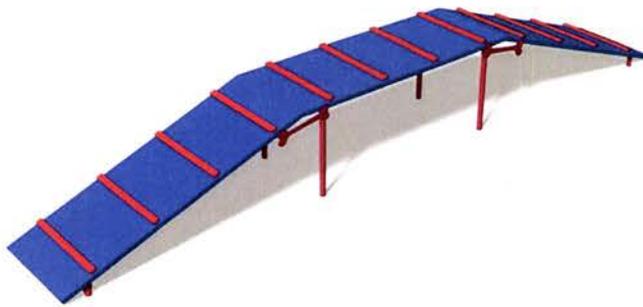
Three Hoop Dog Shaped Jump – these dog-themed hoop jumps provide three different levels to accommodate dogs of all sizes and skills.



Doggie Crawl – a tunnel that dogs can walk or crawl through.



Weave Posts – a popular piece of agility equipment that requires patience and the teaching of specific commands by owners.



Dog Walk Ramp – another piece of agility equipment that dogs love to climb up and over.



Bone Table – a perforated table where dogs can rest or owners can teach additional commands.

Note: be sure that all equipment where a dog is required to climb over or where they can sit is covered with a special finish that is resistant to urine. Urine stains are unsightly and unsanitary and require a special thermoplastic coating to repel.

BEST PRACTICES FOR DOG WASTE REMOVAL

Waste Stations -- you can never have enough of these. A waste station has a trash container and a poop bag dispenser. Some even have hand sanitizer dispensers!

Always install three times more of these than you think you need, if you want to increase compliance with getting people to scoop the poop.

And make sure to keep the dispensers full of waste bags. It doesn't help if you have a dog owner actually try to get a poop bag and find the dispenser empty – there is no way that the poop will get picked up if there are no poop bags to use.

According to experts, if people have to walk far to get a poop bag or to dispose of a poop bag, many will not bother. Additionally, if they have to walk far from the poop to get a bag, they might not be able to find the poop again when they return to the area.

It can be harder than you think, especially in thick grass. Most people tend to prefer to use opaque poop bags. The solid color does not make it a better poop bag but people just don't like to look at what they collected in it, so opaque bags tend to be used more willingly than transparent or translucent ones. If you can get ones that are biodegradable as well, that can be a plus when they end up in the landfill.



PLACES TO SIT

Seating – you can add as much seating as you like for the humans, but tables and picnic tables are not allowed, as food should never be brought into a dog park. If the humans want to eat food, they should eat outside of the dog park. Many dog parks are starting to prohibit the plastic chairs that people have been bringing in, because they leave them behind, break, and don't stand up to the elements. Permanently installed seating, like park benches, is a much better, safer and more durable seating choice.



DOG PARK SIGNAGE

Signage should be placed just outside and just inside the entrance to the dog park. It should clearly list the dog park rules, what to do in the event a bite happens, and what is considered to be unacceptable behavior that will get the dog and its owner ejected. Rules are essential in a dog park, and you will need to post them in several places to increase the chance that people will read them.



LIGHTING A DOG PARK FOR NIGHT USE

Lighting is necessary if your dog park will be open before sunrise or after sunset. Remember, many dog owners work full-time and can't get to the dog park until after work in the evening. Lighting needs to

cover the parking lot, the gates and inside the dog park. If the inside of the dog park is not well lit, dog owners will not feel safe and will not be able to find their dogs' poop to pick it up.

HOW TO RAISE FUNDS FOR DOG PARKS

Speaking of budget, if your public officials won't fund some or all of the dog park costs, you have many avenues open to you for raising funds, from collection containers, crowdfunding, grants, donations of services, equipment and dollars, yard sales, raffles, and more.

You will want to form a Dog Owners Group (D.O.G.) and apply for your D.O.G. to become a non-profit so that donors can get a tax write-off on their donations. You can download detailed information on how to become a 501(c)(3) by going to www.irs.gov and searching for publication 4220 and publication 557.

Facebook is a free and effective tool to let people know about your dog park cause, and easy to set up. Recruit other dog lovers and owners, dog-related businesses (i.e., veterinarians, groomers, pet supply stores, pet sitters, dog walkers) and friends to help you solicit for both funds and support of your dog park cause.

Your D.O.G. will want to come up with a political action plan targeted at your public officials and another one targeted to the community at large. Take the "dog intolerant" type of person into account as well. Not everyone loves dogs, hard as that may be to believe. Respect their viewpoint and focus on the benefits to the community when dealing with these people rather than the benefits to your dogs.

Private Dog Parks – most dog parks are government-owned dog parks, as in owned by a city or a county, but there are more and more private dog parks starting to be developed. Private dog parks are generally membership dog parks and tend to have more amenities because of the income coming in from the fees paid by its members.

They also have more liability than government

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owned dog parks. Government-owned dog parks have protections afforded them by the Recreational Use Immunity Act that private dog parks do not have – private dog parks usually have to purchase commercial liability insurance.

Last, but not least, don't give up! Most D.O.G.s spend an average of two years getting their dog park from an idea to reality. It's true that where there is a will, there ultimately is a way.

DOG PARK SUCCESS STORIES

Dog Park Success Stories – California has some of the oldest successful dog parks in the United States, and more dog parks continue to be built there.

Texas not only has a lot of dog parks, many of which were constructed in just the past decade, but they have some of the largest in the United States. Harris County in the Houston metropolitan area has built some spectacular dog parks with large dog swims, very well designed doggie airlocks, and acres and acres of space for canines.

New Orleans Louisiana came together as a community after Hurricane Katrina to raise funds and build their dog park in City Park, which is not only beautiful architecturally, but has amenities not seen in most dog parks.

Florida has been increasingly adding dog parks since their first dog park was developed in 1996, and they have one of the best dog beaches on the east coast in Lovers Key State Park in Bonita Springs.

Gilbert, AZ, has a dog park with a dog poop waste digester that generates methane and powers the dog park lights.

Apartment complexes are starting to offer dog parks to lure in dog-owning renters. So are shopping malls. Rooftop dog parks are increasing in number as real estate becomes more precious. There are also underground dog parks being proposed (like in subway stations).

Provincetown MA, has a dog park with some of the finest dog themed art pieces in any one dog park. This artwork was designed by local artists and



includes: three-dimensional dog resting platforms, plasma cut metal benches with dog silhouettes, nautical themed waste stations, and more.

SUMMARY

Nearly half the population in the United States owns a dog. People are passionate about their canine friends. Your park or facility will provide a tremendous and popular service to the community by creating a well-built and maintained dog park with the right equipment.

It is not necessary for your dog park to have artwork in it, or every possible amenity, although it certainly adds to the enjoyment of the dog park users when you can incorporate some of these.

What is important is that the basic dog park development "bones", so to speak, are in place, as described in this guide, to help you design a sound dog park that will succeed. As the dog park becomes more popular, and in our experience it will, you can always expand and offer more dog park amenities.

Dogs love to run and play. Owners love to watch their dogs release all that pent-up energy in a controlled and safe environment. It's a win-win situation for all park and facility managers.

This handy guide was brought to you by The Park and Facilities Catalog.



Stamina Outdoor Fitness Power Tower

\$399.00 shopping.google.com

Exercises include push-ups, pull-ups, sit-ups, chin-ups with multiple grip positions, tricep dips, and vertical knee raises. Targets arms, shoulders and core. Solid steel construction and stainless ...



Stamina Outdoor Fitness Strider

\$382.99 shopping.google.com

★★★★★ (1)

Smooth, low-impact cardio strider for outdoor installation. Large, textured pedals, dual-action handlebars. Upper- and lower-body workout or lower-body only. Steel frame and wide, stable feet. Weather-resi...



Sports Play Fitness Outdoor - 902-957h - HD Stepper Bike Station

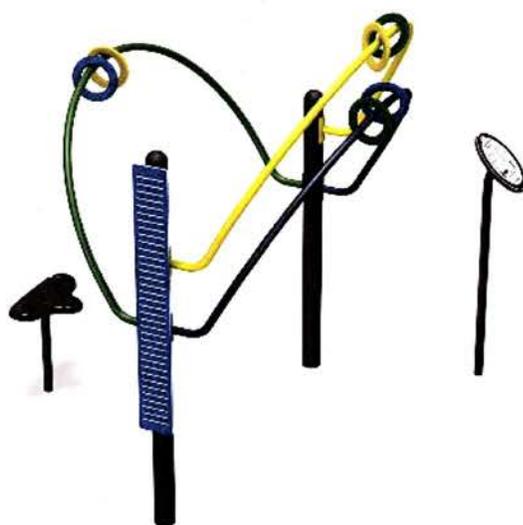
\$3,199.99 shopping.google.com

SportsPlay This machine can be used independently or in tandem with a partner. Begin with the seated bike station facing the center post. Grip support and begin pedaling. Next, position yourself...

Skill Trainer

\$2,246.00

Model Number: 14904



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 Top View - DWG

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 Product Flyer

Specifications

MODEL NUMBER: 14904

PRICE: \$2,246.00

USE ZONE: 7' x 7'

Description

The Skill Trainer is designed to help enhance fine motor skills, coordination, flexibility and balance. It provides multiple exercise options, including the Finger Walk and Ring Trace. The Ring Trace includes three different heights (standing, seated on the included Comfort Seat or seated in a mobility device). Users grasp a colored ring and slide it from one side of the bar to the other without allowing the ring to touch the bar.

Features and Benefits

- A great fitness option for the active aging community to enhance fine motor skills, balance and flexibility
- Ring Trace activity designed for three different height levels
- Includes Comfort Seat for users who prefer to sit during the exercise

DUAL ADA CHEST PRESS

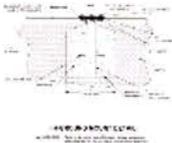
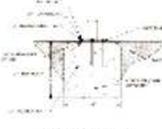
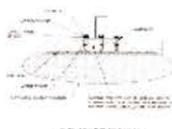
\$4,559.00–\$4,789.00



The Dual ADA Chest Press builds Muscle Strength and Endurance. Users can remain comfortable seated in their wheelchair or take a seat on the comfort seat which provides added support and molded-in hand grips.

MOUNT TYPE Choose an option...

SKU: UP357. CATEGORIES: ACTIVE ADULT FITNESS, OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT.



Description >

Additional Information

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The Dual ADA Chest Press builds Muscle Strength and Endurance. Users can remain comfortable seated in their wheelchair or take a seat on the comfort seat which provides added support and molded-in hand grips.

- Grip Handles and push forward in controlled manner
- Rubber Spring Resistance resists equally to the amount of force expended, adjusting to various fitness levels
- The Comfort Seat and back rest feature and 18" wide saddle, built in hand grips, and extra padding for comfort and support
- Steel construction with rust resistant coating
- Dual user design promotes socialization
- ADA Accessible

OUTDOOR FITNESS PRICE LIST (December 2013)

BACK EXTENSION	\$398	HORIZONTAL LADDER	\$1,290	SKI WALKER (Single)	\$721
BALANCE BEAM	\$599	INTEGRATED FITNESS APPARATUS	\$2,112	SKI WALKER (Double)	\$1,292
BASKETBALL BACKBOARD	\$971	LAT PULL DOWN	\$1,531	SKY CLIMBER	\$1,644
BASKETBALL SYSTEM	\$790	LEG PRESS (3 Station)	\$1,675	SPRING BALANCE BEAM	\$741
BOUNDING BARS	\$576	LEG PRESS TRAINER (2 Station)	\$734	STATION SIGN, SMALL	\$192
CHEST PRESS	\$1,870	M-SHAPED CLIMBING LADDER	\$1,773	SIGN BOARD	\$591
CHEST PRESS / LAT PULL COMBO	\$1,281	PARALLEL BARS	\$699	STEP CLIMBER - STRETCHER	\$775
CLIMBER	\$2,761	POMMEL HORSE	\$692	STRENGTH & STRETCH BARS	\$997
DOME CLIMBER	\$2,190	PULL UP BARS	\$699	STRENGTH TESTER	\$765
DUAL EXERCISE BARS	\$596	PUSH-UP BARS	\$291	SWING SET	\$1,185
ELLIPTICAL MACHINE (SINGLE)	\$731	PUSH-UP STAND	\$272	TABLE TENNIS - OUTDOOR	\$1,090
ELLIPTICAL MACHINE (DOUBLE)	\$1,266	QUAD SPINNER	\$1,781	TAI-CHI SPINNERS	\$682
EXERCISE BIKE	\$787	SELF-WEIGHTED ROWER	\$761	TWO-SIDED ROTATOR	\$691
FLOATING BALANCE SYSTEM	\$1,993	SITTING ROTATOR	\$989	UNEVEN BARS	\$1,351
FUN RIDER	\$497	SIT-UP BENCH	\$771	VERTICAL JUMP	\$776
HIP TWISTER	\$681	SIT-UP BOARD, SINGLE	\$491	WAIST STRETCHER	\$741
HORIZONTAL BARS	\$699	SIT-UP BOARD, DOUBLE	\$771		

ROTARY CLUB



Rotary Centennial Project Idea Submission

Brainerd Rotary Club was chartered on July 8, 1921. We are part of the Rotary International organization, and located within District 5580. Our club consists of about 100 members, and we meet every Tuesday for lunch and fellowship.

The mission of Rotary is to JOIN LEADERS · EXCHANGE IDEAS · TAKE ACTION.

Rotary is 1.2 million neighbors, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world. Our different occupations, cultures, and countries give us a unique perspective. Our shared passion for service helps us accomplish the remarkable.

In celebration of the Club's 100-year anniversary, members are considering a community project. If you would like to submit ideas for the Club to consider, please complete and return this Project Idea Submission form by September 1, 2016 to: Email: centennial_project@brainerdrotary.org or Mail: Brainerd Rotary, PO Box 132, Brainerd MN 56401.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate projects. Please respond to each question:

1. Please describe your project. You may attach images, maps, etc. as appropriate.
 - a. Include financial cost estimate
 - b. Volunteer people power needed

2. How does it offer a long-lasting positive impact on our Brainerd/Baxter community - leaving a legacy?

3. How does the community benefit?

4. How is it sustainable (how will ongoing costs to operate and/or maintain be managed)?

5. Can you identify a specific benefactor of the project that has the resources to sustain the project? (An example might be building a playground and donating it to a school and they would maintain it).

6. Can it be completed by June 30, 2021, the 100 year anniversary?

7. How could it be scaled to fit the resources available? (Can the project be down or up-sized based on the resources acquired?)

8. How will it provide positive visibility for the Brainerd Rotary Club (current/future)?



**City of Baxter
Capital Improvement Plan
Park Improvements**

Year	Improvement Project	Total Project Cost	Federal/State Grants	Park Dedication Fees	Private Sector Funding	Other	Comments
2016	A Oscar Kristofferson Park Pavilion	332,570		X			
2016	B Oscar Kristofferson Baseball Safety Netting Phase 2	20,000		X			
2016	C Highway 371 Pedestrian Bridge Study					30,000	
2016	D Parks ADA Accessibility Study					10,000	
2016	E Park Recycling Containers		X				
2016	F Oscar Kristofferson Score Board	4,500		X			
2016	G Picnic Tables	5,500		X			
2016	H Garbage/Recycling Containers	4,500		X			
2016	I Benches	1,500		X			
2016	J						
2016	K						
2016	L						
2016	M						
2016	TOTALS	368,570	-	-	-	40,000	



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Year	Improvement Project	Total Project Cost	Federal/State Grants	Park Dedication Fees	Private Sector Funding	Other	Comments
2017	A Multi-Modal Design Study					60,000	
2017	B Jewelwood Park to Clearwater Road Trail	140,000		X			
2017	C Whipple Beach LED Parking Lot Lighting					10,500	
2017	D Oscar Kristofferson Park Score Board	4,500		X			
2017	E Oscar Kristofferson Baseball Safety Netting Phase 3	20,000		X			
2017	F Safe Routes to School - Forestview Improvements	130,000	80,000	25,000		25,000	ISD 181 to fund other
2017	G Picnic Tables	5,500		X			
2017	H Garbage/Recycling Containers	4,500		X			
2017	I Benches	1,500		X			
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2017	TOTALS	306,000	80,000	25,000	-	95,500	



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2018	A Edgewood, Dellwood, Excelsior, Clearwater Ped. Study					30,000	
2018	B Oscar Kristofferson Park Basketball/Tennis Courts	250,000		X			
2018	C Picnic Tables	5,500		X			
2018	D Garbage/Recycling Containers	4,500		X			
2018	E Benches	1,500		X			
2018	F						
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2018	J						
2018	TOTALS	261,500	-	-	-	30,000	



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2019	A Picnic Tables	5,500		X			
2019	B Garbage/Recycling Containers	4,500		X			
2019	C Benches	1,500		X			
2019	D						
2019	E						
2019	F						
2019	G						
2019	TOTALS	11,500	-	-	-	-	
2020	A Whipple Beach Perimeter Trail	132,937		X			
2020	B Picnic Tables	5,500		X			
2020	C Garbage/Recycling Containers	4,500		X			
2020	C Benches	1,500		X			
2020	C Oakwood Trail (TAP Grant)	266,653	101,547	135,106			
2020	C						
2020	D						
2020	E						
2020	TOTALS	411,090	101,547	135,106	-	-	
2016-2020	TOTALS	1,358,660	181,547	160,106	-	165,500	