



AGENDA ITEM #9.1.A

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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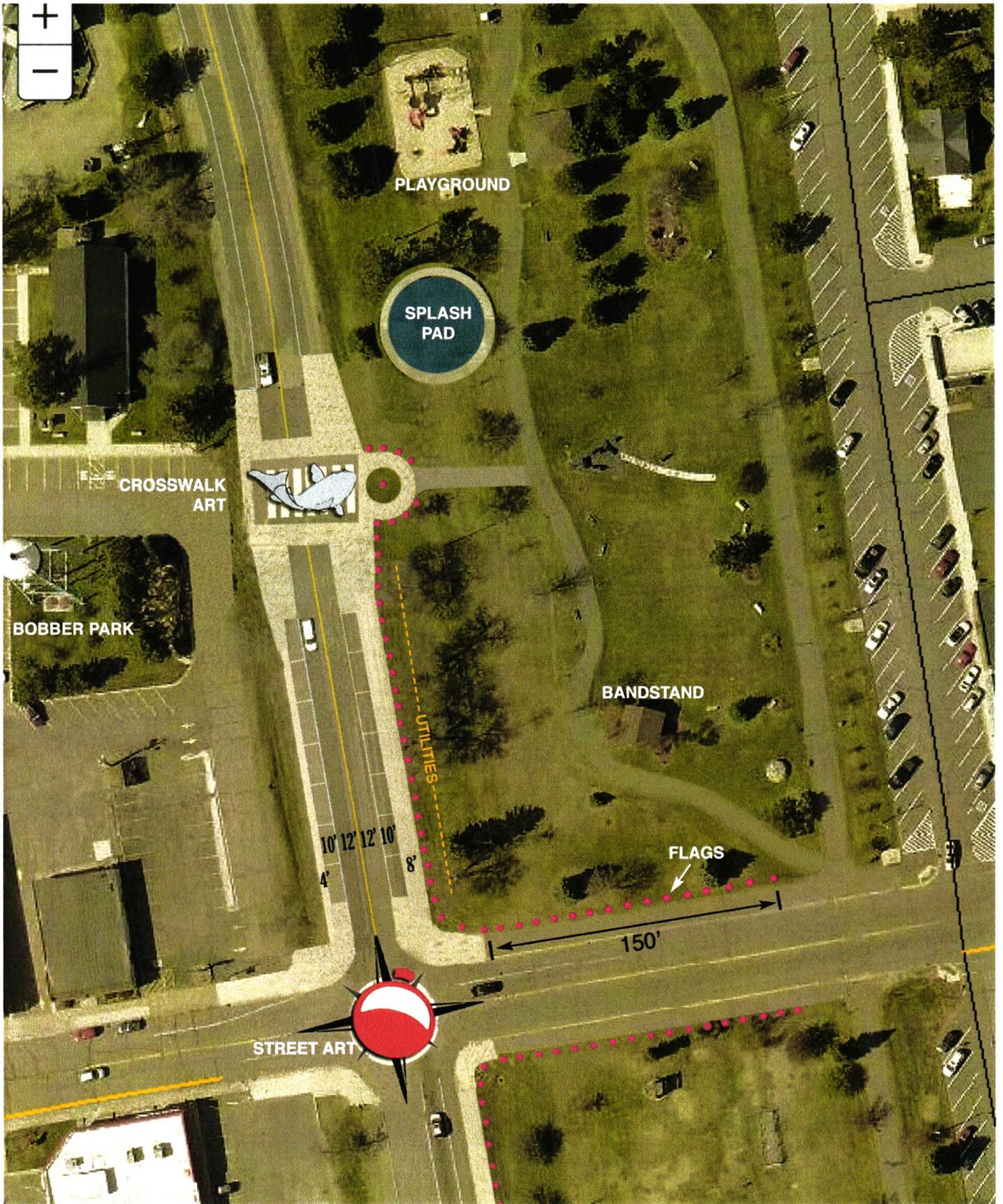
Date: May 7, 2019

Subject: Park Commission – Trailside Park Project Design

Report: The Park Commission, at their meeting held on April 23rd, unanimously recommends the placement of the flag display (along Main Street and Patriot Avenue north and south) and the splash pad as noted on the attached map. Park Commission Chair Ronning will be present to address any inquiries the Council may have.

The attached information titled Trailside Park Features and Tactical Urbanism was prepared by Council Member Pederson for discussion.

Council Action Requested: Council motion approving the placement of the flag display and splash pad as presented by the Park Commission.



“Tactical Urbanism” A Strategy and Plan for Patriot Avenue & Trailside Park Pequot Lakes, MN

TRAILSIDE PARK FEATURES

Flag display

58 flags along Main and Patriot Streets
8'-10' apart

Bump Outs at intersections. Art work, planters, etc,
Banners across the street at north and south Patriot Avenue entrances

Sidewalks: 8' width minimum along flag walk areas

Parking: Parking along both sides of Patriot Avenue with some long vehicle parking.

Splashpad: Located near playground and designed to be added on. (Shape and size to be determined)

Walking path: Reshape at the southeast corner; add new walkway from Patriot to existing pathway. Improve lighting.

Crosswalk: Greatly enhance safety between Bobber Park and Trailside Park.
Main pedestrian crossing area. Could include artwork, planters, seating, etc.

Main Street and Patriot Avenue intersection: Options: turn into 4 way stop. 2 way stop. Small round-about. Artwork and graphics. Planters. etc.

Improve Patriot Avenue *safety* by narrowing the traffic corridor and greatly reducing speed (currently 35mph), discourage large truck traffic by design, and add pedestrian crosswalks. Adding parking spaces along Patriot through the Park would also reduce park parking along Government allowing for more business parking.

“TACTICAL URBANISM”

A Strategy and Plan for Patriot Avenue (between Bobber and Trailside parks)

A short-term street and park project to help advance long-term goals.
Project lifespan is proposed for 1-2 months before Labor day 2019.

Lessons in Tactical Urbanism:

Purpose: An opportunity to show *change* using low-cost temporary changes to build an experience of what’s possible.

Demonstrate how space could be transformed to contribute to safety, public enjoyment, and economic goals.

Engage stakeholders. Public outreach helps generate ideas, provide input and build support for permanent change.

Documentation: Before and after photos and measurements to evaluate and fine-tune the design based on the input gathered.

Attract Attention. Creative promotional materials and events will activate the space and attract attention. Real-life use will better help establish and reinforce long-term design.

THE PLAN: Patriot Ave from Main Street north to East Sibley would get a make-over using a variety of temporary materials. Current street design would be *temporarily* changed. Changes would include adding parking (including trailer parking), narrowing traffic lanes, reducing speed limits, adding pedestrian cross walks and sidewalks, signs and art work, benches, tables, chairs, plants, small gathering spaces for pedestrians.

MATERIALS could include:

Wood and galvanized planters; straw wattles; parking stops; traffic tape; sidewalk chalk, stencils; corn starch and tempera paint; benches, chairs, picnic tables; patio umbrellas, plants and small trees; info and traffic signs; cones and delineators.

PEOPLE Volunteers: business and store owners and patrons, chamber members, city officials and staff, students, business groups, citizen groups, individuals...

IMPLEMENTATION AND LEADERSHIP:

Park Board: project coordination

Key input from City Planner, City Engineer, City Staff, Architect, Flag and Splashpad suppliers, Others