## 11178 - Dunseith Park Plan

### **Application Details**

**Funding** 

**Opportunity:** 

7583-Outdoor Heritage Fund May 2021 - Round 18

**Funding** 

May 3, 2021 11:59 PM

Opportunity

**Due Date:** 

Program Area: Outdoor Heritage Fund

Status:

Under Review

Stage: Final Application

**Initial Submit** 

May 3, 2021 7:44 PM

Date:

Initially

Shane Martin

Submitted By:

Last Submit

May 13, 2021 4:02 PM

Date:

**Last Submitted** 

By:

Shane Martin

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**Primary Contact Information** 

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Type: External User

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Martin

Last Name

Title: Grant Writer

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Address\*: PO Box 1767

Organization Information

Status\*:

Approved

Name\*:

City of Dunseith

Municipal Government

Organization

Type\*:

Tax Id:

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City State/Province

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Postal Code/Zip

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# Budget

### **Objective of Grant**

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The objective of the City of Dunseith Park Enhancement Project is to install a new Playground and Rest Room facility for the health an safety of park patrons.

### Summary

**Grant Request:** \$41,000.00

Matching Funds: \$62,293.00

Total Project Costs: \$103,293.00

You must have at least 25% match

Percentage of Match: 60.31%

#### **Project Expenses**

Project Expense Description	OHF Request	Match Share (Cash)	Match Share (In- Kind)		Other Project Sponsor's Share	Total Each Project Expense
Picnic Arbor	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Rest Room Facility	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Commercial Playground	\$10,000.00	\$62,293.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72,293.00
	\$41,000.00	\$62,293.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$103,293.00

#### **Budget Narrative**

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The Budget will include amenities including the construction and installation of a Commercial Playground, a Rest Room facility, and Picnic Arbor.

Costs include labor, materials, delivery and taxes.

#### **Bid Attachments**

Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
Bid Quotes	Appendices 3.pdf	pdf	3 MB	05/03/2021 06:51 PM

#### Match Funding

Match Amount Funding Source	Match Type
\$54,220.00 Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa	Cash
\$54,220.00	

## Description

#### **Directives**

Major Directive\*: Directive D

Choose One

Additional Directive: Choose All That Apply

Type of Agency\*: Political Subdivision

Choose One

#### Abstract/Executive Summary

#### **Abstract/Executive Summary\*:**

The City of Dunseith is proposing to enhance their City Park by purchasing and installing a new Commercial Playground and Rest Room facilities to serve the local youth and patrons. The Dunseith Park Plan will be a working document that will be driven by local youth and supported by a network of caring city and tribal officials and representatives. The Plan will continually evolve in stages to coincide with the Citys ability to support the project from conceptualization through completion. Maintenance and sustainability will also be of high consideration to assure safety and visual appeal.

The Park Plan will guide the Dunseith community in their goal of sustaining and enhancing their City Park that has recreational and health value. The Plan also benefits the community socially and economically:

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#### **Project Duration\*:**

One year duration

### **Narrative**

#### Narrative

Briefly summarize your organization's history, mission, current programs and activities. Include an overview of your organizational structure, including board, staff and volunteer involvement.

#### **Organization Information\*:**

Dunseith is located in North Central North Dakota just off of junction Hwy 3 and Hwy 5/281 in Rolette County-only 14 miles south of the Canadian Border. The population of Dunseith is 783, as of the 2010 census. Area attractions include the International Peace Garden, International Music Camp, Garden Gate Golf Course, Wee'l Turtle, and access to excellent hunting and fishing (all year round) as well as groomed snowmobile trails in the winter months. The Dunseith Community Park contains a relatively natural landscape which includes a basketball court, volleyball nets, open areas for dog walking and a fenced in area with an arbor for seating, and cultural features that are nature-based for a rich outdoor recreation experience. The property was designated in the 1970s as an official Park by the City of Dunseith and is managed by the Dunseith City Commission and City Council. City parks increase community engagement and reduce crime. Planning and programming that engages residents in the design and of their local parks fosters a sense of community and helps ensure that the parks reflect the needs of the community (City Park Alliance, 2021).

Despite the lack of facilities or services, public use of the park has increased significantly in the past ten to fifteen years, particularly due to the amenities like the basketball courts. With the growing use of the park has come increasing demands for the provision of facilities and services as well as an enhanced management presence. This largely unmanaged public use has resulted in park values being compromised, particularly the lack of maintenance of the landscape and resources, and a number of undesirable uses which have occurred on an ongoing basis. The intent of the Plan is to provide a vision for the park along with the necessary actions needed to accomplish objectives of the plan.

# Describe the proposed project identifying how the project will meet the specific directive(s) of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Program.

Identify project goals, strategies and benefits and your timetable for implementation. Include information about the need for the project and whether there is urgency for funding. Indicate if this is a new project or if it is replacing funding that is no longer available to your organization. Identify any innovative features or processes of your project.

Note: if your proposal provides funding to an individual, the names of the recipients must be reported to the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund. These names will be disclosed upon request.

If your project involves an extenuating circumstance to exempted activities please explain.

#### Purpose of Grant\*:

Local stakeholders have identified 5 management concepts that need to be in place for the Dunseith City Park:

- 1. To preserve the park?s natural settings and to use as a resource for cultural heritage values
- 2. To provide opportunities for outdoor recreation that are compatible with the emphasis placed on protecting the park?s natural setting
- 3. To enhance public understanding and appreciation of park values with tourism and our economic prosperity in mind
- 4. To provide facilities and services to enhance visitor enjoyment and park management which includes amenities and services found in most parks across the country
- 5. To ensure public access, safety, and use

An emphasis on outdoor recreation and different stages of development for the park?s diverse natural and cultural heritage values will complete this plan. These efforts may include development of an information brochure, on-site interpretive signage and special event programming, stations along the 1- mile bike path and walking path. Opportunities for outdoor recreation will largely be associated with activities supported by a proposed community calendar of events.

Facilities and services will be limited to the provision of public parking and pedestrian access, an inter-connected system of bike path/walking paths, picnic/open space areas, playground equipment, outdoor volleyball site, renovated basketball courts, bathrooms, arbor and outdoor staging area for a carnival or bandstand. Most of the time, the desire to go to a destination on a pleasure trip is stimulated by its attractions (American Planning Association, 2021).

Public parks are often the ?engine? that drives tourism in many communities (American Planning Association, 2021). City parks and open space improve our physical and psychological health, strengthen our communities, and make our cities and neighborhoods more attractive places to live and work. Numerous studies have shown the social, environmental, economic, and health benefits parks bring to a city and its people. For example, they attract tourists, serve as community signature pieces, offer a marketing tool for cities to attract businesses and conventions and host festivals, concerts and athletics events (Sherer, 2006).

Please list the counties that would be impacted by this project:

Counties*:	Rolette
Is This Project Part of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan?*:	Yes
If Yes, Please Provide Copy of Plan:	Dunseith Plan 2.docx
Does Your Project Involve an	No

Please Explain:

Provide a description of how you will manage and oversee the project to ensure it is carried out on schedule and in a manner that best ensures its objectives will be met. Include a brief background and work experience for those managing the project.

#### Management of Project\*:

**Extenuating Circumstance?\*:** 

The primary management objectives for the Dunseith Community Park focuses on protecting natural and cultural heritage values, providing opportunities for compatible forms of outdoor recreation; and developing opportunities for interpretive and ecological education.

Management of Dunseith Community Park will contribute to the achievement of City Departmental objectives of safe family outdoor recreation, heritage appreciation and tourism. The Dunseith Community Park will also contribute to the fulfillment of the City?s Goals. This is only one facet of a city-wide comprehensive management plan as discussed below. See City Wide infrastructure pictures in Appendices 1.

A comprehensive management plan shall be adopted and amended with public participation (local stakeholders) for the best interest of the community. See Appendices 2 for local stakeholder signatures and support letter. A comprehensive management plan can also be completed through a community wide strategic planning meeting which develops a MAP, GOALS, OBJECTIVES, and set of TIMELINES. A sample comprehensive plan below has 9 elements as follows:

- 1. A land use element designating the proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the uses of land.
- 2. A housing element ensuring the vitality and character of established residential neighborhoods.
- A capital facility plan element.
- 4. A utilities element consisting of the general location, proposed location, and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities, including, but not limited to, electrical lines, telecommunication lines, and natural gas lines.
- 5. A Rural element.
- 6. A transportation element that implements, and is consistent with, the land use element.
- 7. An economic development element establishing local goals, policies, objectives, and provisions for economic growth and vitality and a high quality of life.
- 8. A park and recreation element that implements, and is consistent with, the capital facilities plan element as it relates to park and recreation facilities.
- An assessment piece on when the park plan will be re-evaluated consistently every 5 years

Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years. Include information on the sustainability of this project after OHF funds have been expended and whether the sustainability will be in the form of ongoing management or additional funding from a different source.

#### Sustainability\*:

The Dunseith Community Park will ensure the long-term protection of important natural and cultural heritage values while providing opportunities for compatible outdoor recreation and nature-based education. The park will serve as a day-use park for recreation, leisure and sports, as well as other forms of extensive recreation. The provision of facilities and services will be restricted to a level which will maintain the parks heritage values but still allow the public to enjoy and appreciate the parks natural setting. Park development will occur in areas of the park identified by the management plan as appropriate for the provision of facilities and services. The City of Dunseith will seek any funding opportunities afforded the tribe via federal, state, foundation, and private funding. This will involve having pro-active working relationships with a multitude of agencies and organizations? locally, statewide, and nationally.

Indicate how the project will be affected if less funding is available than that requested.

#### Partial Funding\*:

The City of Dunseith will have the financial capability to negotiate a compromise of project expenditures and work plan if necessary.

If you are a successful recipient of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars, how would you recognize the Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership? \* There must be signage at the location of the project acknowledging OHF funding when appropriate. If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be.

#### Partnership Recognition\*:

The City of Dunseoth has access to all local media such as the Turtle Mountain Times & Turtle Mountain Star newspapers, local radio KEYA-FM radio. The City Commission encourages the promotion of community driven projects that are beneficial to the community at large. The project will take advantage of this opportunity and will assure that the ND Outdoor Heritage fund will receive recognition and promotional coverage within these media streams.

Do you have any supporting documents, such as maps or letters of support that you would like to provide? If so, please provide them in a single file.

Supporting Documents\*: Yes

If Yes, Please Provide Copies in Appendices 2.pdf

a Single File:

Awarding of Grants - Review the appropriate sample contract for your organization. Sample Contract

Can You Meet All the Provisions Yes of the Sample Contract?\*:

If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be:

#### **Provisions Unable to Meet:**

### **Tasks**

#### Tasks

Task	Start Date	<b>Completion Date</b>
Construct and Install Picnic Arbors	07/01/2021	11/01/2021
Construct and Install Restrooms	07/01/2021	11/01/2021
Purchase and Install Playground	07/01/2021	08/01/2021
Site Preparation for Playground	07/01/2021	08/01/2021

#### **Description of Tasks**

#### **Please Describe Tasks:**

The Turtle Mountain Community College Carpentry Instructor will construct the Rest Rooms and Picnic Arbors and install them on premises. The Commercial Playground will purchased by a ND state vendor and installed by a team of experts experienced in installing commercially safe with handicapped accessibility.

## **Deliverables**

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### Deliverable Quantity Unit of Measurement, if applicable

A commercially safe and accessible Playground 1.000 Limited number of physical injuries

Healthy and Clean Rest Room Facilities 1.000 More Visitors to the Park

Picnic Arbors to host meals and gatherings.

1.000 Increased patronage to the park

## Certification

#### Certification

Certification: Yes

Name: George Gottbreht

First Name Last Name

Title: Dunseith City Commissioner

Title

**Date:** 05/03/2021

Internal Application Number

**#/ID**: 18-24

**APPENDICES 3** 

#### SPEEDY SERVICES

#### **PO BOX 260**

#### **BELCOURT, ND 58316**

PHONE: (701) 477-0683 CELL: (701) 550-9583

#### **INVOICE#6**

**COMPANY NAME:** Dunseith City Commission

**DATE:** 4/29/21

**DESCRIPTION: Restoration of Basketball Courts ad Dunseith City Commission** 

- 1- Within this quote, we will Dig out black dirt, install 6" Gravel Base, Set up, and Pour, Finish and Cure. The Basketball Court is 50 x 90 and 5" thick.
- 2- We will landscape the court outside with black dirt.

Concrete=\$ 13,600 Rebar=\$ 2,000 Gravel=\$ 3,000 Labor=\$27,250 Total=\$45,850

Grand Total=\$45,850

Sincerely,

**Bruce Morin** 

1/2 AMOUNT DUE: \$ 22,925 .00

FINAL PAYMENT DUE \$ 22,925.00

Thank you

Bruce Morin, Owner

P.O. Box 22 9703 11th Ave NE Bottineau, ND 58318 1-701-228-2454

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Date	Estimate #
4/28/2021	15330

Name / Address	
Dunseith Basketball Court Dunseith, ND 58329	

Project

Description	Qty	Cost	Total
50 x 90 concrete slab Concrete will be 5" thick with #4 rebar. 18" on center. Concrete will be a 4000 PSI mix	1	43,740.00	43,740.00
Removal	1	19,440.00	19,440.00
	-	Total	\$63,180.00



1004 SOUTH WASHINGTON GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA 58201 PHONE: (701) 775-0553 FAX: (701) 775-0209

FAX: (701) 775-0209 gerrells@gerrells.net

Team Supplies - General Sporting Goods

SHIP TO:

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Lay-By Order
Bid Quotation Only
Estimate Only
Charge
Cash
COD

Ordered Stock Number Your Order No. Salesman Ship Via F.O.B. Terms Back Order Unit Price Total 300

Gerrells Sports Center



JB Surfaces Inc. 736 NW 40<sup>th</sup> St Fargo, ND 58102 701-282-0175 701-282-8278 Fax

Proposal / Contract

Shane Martin Belcourt High School

**Project: Dunseith Outdoor Basketball Court Striping** 

Item Description

**Total Price** 

#### Basketball Court Striping - three outdoor concrete courts

- Sandblast off curing compound where basketball lines will be placed
- Spray layer of Ti-Coat adhesion promoter to area of concrete receiving painted lines.
- Layout and stripe basketball court markings.

Total \$ 6,308.00

#### **Project Notes:**

- Above price includes one mobilization.
- Lines will be spray applied with a paint striper.
- Above price does not include sales tax.

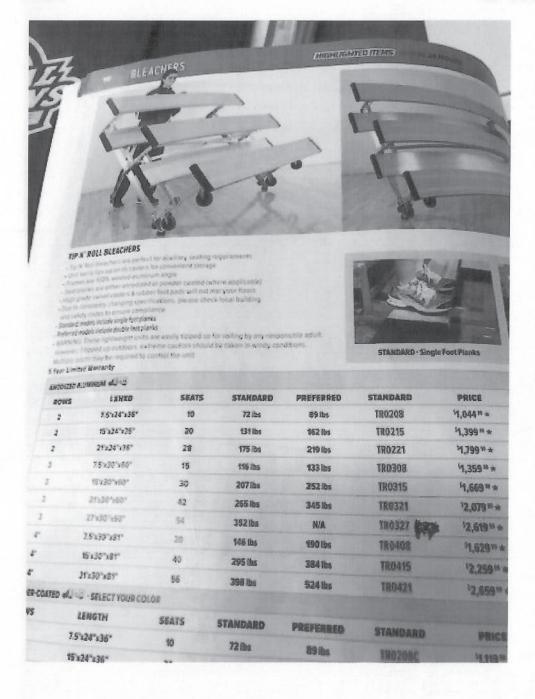
#### **Contract Notes:**

- All of the above work to be completed in a substantial and workmanlike manner according to standard practices.
- o Payment due upon completion or finance charges will be assessed 30 days beyond the date of the invoice
- Any deviation from the above specifications involving extra cost of material or labor will be only executed upon written order for the same and will become an extra charge over the sum mentioned in this contract. All agreements must be made in writing.
- JB Surfaces reserves Its right to schedule extensions; change orders for additional costs (including but not limited to material escalation; labor rate increases; acceleration costs; shipping costs; storage costs; administration overhead; etc.) related to any occurrence of an event which is outside of our reasonable control and which prevents us from performing our obligations (examples but not limited to: acts of God; strikes or other labor disturbances; delays in transportation; delays in manufacturing; war; acts of terrorism; epidemics; pandemics; (such as Covid-19); etc.
- Thank you for the opportunity to provide pricing for this project. If you have any questions or need additional pricing please contact me at (701) 282-0175

Accepted:	Confirmed:	
The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted.	JB Surfaces Inc	
Buyer:	Authorized Signature: Jeff Brusseau, President	
Signature:	Date: April 29, 2021	
Date of acceptance:	Estimator: Jeff Brusseau, President	







#### SPEEDY SERVICES

#### **PO BOX 260**

#### **BELCOURT, ND 58316**

PHONE: (701) 477-0683 CELL: (701) 550-9583

#### **INVOICE #6**

**COMPANY NAME:** Dunseith City Commission

**DATE:** 4/29/21

**DESCRIPTION: Restoration of Outdoor Recreation Area** 

Take out and remove all rotten high line poles used for parking barriers. Replace with concrete parking blocks on the east side and north side of the complex.

Put up 1 set of Volleyball Standards to specifications.

Labor and Concrete......\$ 15,000.00

Sincerely,

**Bruce Morin** 

1/2 AMOUNT DUE: \$ 7,500

FINAL PAYMENT DUE \$ 7,500

Thank you

Bruce Morin, Owner



## SPEEDY SERVICES

#### **PO BOX 260**

#### BELCOURT, ND 58316

PHONE: (701) 477-0683 CELL: (701) 550-9583

#### INVOICE # 5

**COMPANY NAME:** Dunseith City Commission

**DATE:** 4/27/21

**DESCRIPTION: 1 mile bike path** 

1- Within this quote, we will strip the black dirt, sod, and prep with gravel base and then set up and pour concrete.

We are quoting a 1 mile bike path at the Center of Dunseith Park, and ending at Dunseith Park around town. There will be a google earth map of the locations at time of start.

240 yards at \$ 160.00 for concrete alone equals \$ 38,400.00

Rebar is 250 pieces 20 ft in length x ½ inch for a total of \$ 1,680.00

Gravel \$ 3,360.00

Total in Material \$43,440.00

Total Labor \$ 76,800.00

Total with Material and Labor = \$ 120,240.00

Sincerely,

**Bruce Morin** 

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$60,120.00

FINAL PAYMENT DUE \$ 60,120.00

Thank you

Bruce Morin, Owner



1820 Hwy. 2 Bypass East • Minot, North Dakota 58701 Phone (701) 852-5030 • Fax (701) 852-5510 • Email Info@kellerpaving.net

Shane Martin
PO Box 440
Belcourt ND 58316
701-477-6471
shane.marting@k12.nd.us

**Proposal** 

4/27/2021

We here by submit specifications and estimates for :	Misc Work		Amount
Asphalt 4 In	(21,120 SF Total )	\$	220,000.00
Work shall consist of: stiping existing topsoil and adding 4" 4" of Hot bituminous pavement in two lifts.	of cl-5 compaction gravel and installing		
Concrete 4 In	(21,120 SF Total )	\$	270,000.00
Work shall cosnsist of: stiping topsoil and adding 4" of cl-5 reinforced concrete sidewalk.	compaction gravel and install 4" of		
If poor subgrade conditions are encountered, a method of repair and co.	st will be negotiated with the owner. Tota	1	

Payment due within 30 days of invoice

insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workers Compensation Insurance.

Authorized Signature

All material and labor as required in accordance with the above specifications. All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs, will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, fornado, and other necessary

#### Acceptance of Proposal

The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above. Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within <a href="tel:14">14</a> days.

Date

Signature of acceptance



Jason Har
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@dakota
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nd.com>
Fri
4/23/2021
11:34 AM
To: Shane M Martin

Hey Shane

We can do everything including the border and surfacing for \$72,294.00....If this sounds good and you want to go with this let me know and I will get you a proposal to sign or if you need me to adjust something I can sure do that as well

Thanks Jason

From: Shane M Martin <Shane.Martin@k12.nd.us>

Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 10:55 AM

To: Jason Harris <jason@dakotaplayground.com> Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: Dunseith Playground

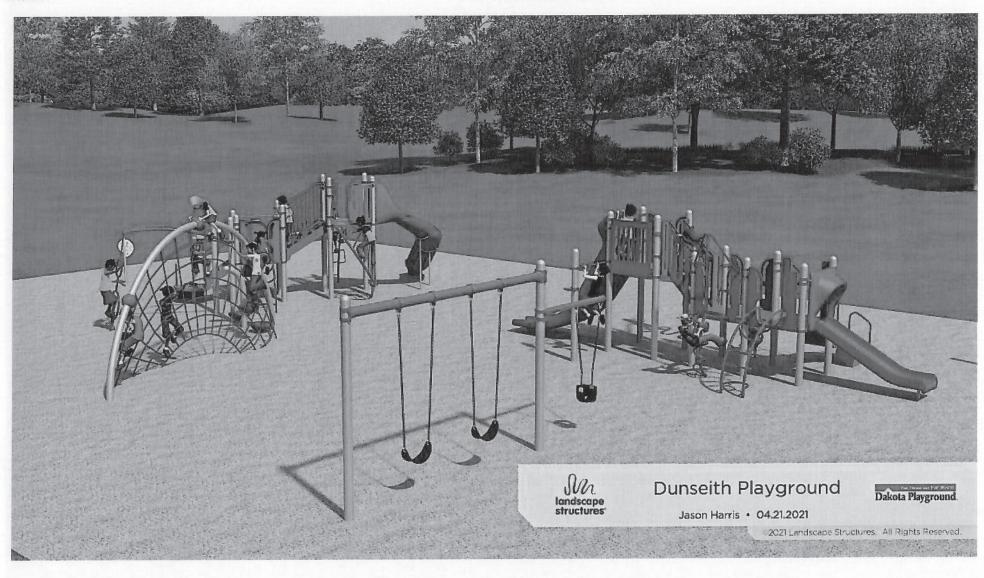
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Dunseith Playground

Jason Harris • 04.21.2021

2021 Landscape Structures.





**APPENDICES 2** 

## **Dunseith Public Schools**

Dunseith School District 1
P.O. Box 789, 101 2nd Avenue SW
Dunseith, ND 58329

Superintendent's Office (701) 244-0480

Elementary School (701) 244-5792

Superintendent's Fax (701) 244-5129

Elementary Fax (701) 244-5183

Business Office (701) 244-0480

High School (701)244-5249 or (701)244-5240

> High School Fax (701)244-9708

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On behalf of Dunseith Public School, I am writing to voice our strong support for a family orientated heritage park in the city of Dunseith ND. (Heart of The Turtle), by reconstructing the Dunseith basketball court area. As you know the mission of the Dunseith Public School District, is to prepare students for Choice Ready (College, Workforce, Military) and enhance their Community Service participation. Dunseith Public School highly recommends preserving our historic, cultural, and natural heritage. The proposed partnership between your agency, the city of Dunseith, and the Dunseith School can offer a unique partnership for restoration and upkeep of restructuring the Dunseith basketball court into a family orientated heritage park.

We believe it is important to have students involved in the upkeep process in making sure that the park area stays clean. This gives students the opportunity to not only full fill their community service hours, but also to have ownership in the park. With ownership comes pride, which lessens the chance of destruction.

Students have already worked on creating a mural in the picnic shelter area. Over the years, there has been no destruction, and we firmly believe that it is a result of student participation.

The students have brainstormed many ideas for a heritage park including a roller rink area, playground equipment, restoring the basketball court, more picnic shelters, splash pad water area, bathrooms, dog park, volleyball court and an event stage for educational and historical plays.

Dunseith Public School (Choice Ready Program) would be honored to participate in keeping the heritage park clean, as an ongoing community service project. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours, Bonnie J Nadeau, Choice Ready Career Advisor

(attached signatures of support)

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# **Dunseith City Park Plan**









Prepared by Dr. Shane M. Martin & Lyle Poitra (S and L Native Consulting)

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#### INTRODUCTION

Dunseith is located in North Central North Dakota just off of junction Hwy 3 and Hwy 5/281 in Rolette County-only 14 miles south of the Canadian Border. The population of Dunseith is 783, as of the 2010 census. Area attractions include the International Peace Garden, International Music Camp, Garden Gate Golf Course, Wee'l Turtle, and access to excellent hunting and fishing (all year round) as well as groomed snowmobile trails in the winter months.

Parks are a part of every small community across the United States, and those parks have some form of meaning to each community whether it be cultural, rich ancestry, or the unique blend of heritage culminated among those living within that community.

Parks attract tourists, fill hotel rooms and bring customers to local stores and restaurants. As community signature pieces, parks offer a marketing tool for cities to attract businesses through city wide conventions (Sherer, 2006).

Furthermore, Homebuyers prefer homes close to parks, open space, and greenery. City parks encourage active lifestyles and reduce health costs; studies show that physical activity can reduce or prevent many physical and mental health problems. Parks also reduce the costs of healthcare: maintaining a healthy weight saves \$1,500 per person in healthcare costs per year (City Parks Alliance, 2021).

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Located in Rolette County, the Dunseith Community Park contains a relatively natural landscape which includes a basketball court, volleyball nets, open areas for dog walking and a fenced in area with an arbor for seating, and cultural features that are nature-based for a rich outdoor recreation experience. The property was designated in the 1970s as an official Park by the City of Dunseith and is managed by the Dunseith City Commission and City Council. City parks increase community engagement and reduce crime. Planning and programming that engages residents in the design and of their local parks fosters a sense of community and helps ensure that the parks reflect the needs of the community (City Park Alliance, 2021).

Despite the lack of facilities or services, public use of the park has increased significantly in the past ten to fifteen years, particularly due to the amenities like the basketball courts. With the growing use of the park has come increasing demands for the provision of facilities and services as well as an enhanced management presence. This largely unmanaged public use has resulted in park values being compromised, particularly the lack of maintenance of the landscape and resources, and a number of undesirable uses which have occurred on an ongoing basis. To address these issues, the Dunseith city Council have commissioned S and L Native Consulting to develop a park management plan. The intent of the plan is to provide a vision for the park and a policy framework to guide park management over the next 5-15 years. It also identifies the actions necessary to support that vision.

City parks strengthen local economies and create job opportunities. Parks attract residents and businesses, increase revenue for cities, spur private investment, and increase job opportunities (City Park Alliance, 2021).

Local stakeholders have identified 5 management concepts that need to be in place for the Dunseith City Park:

- 1. To preserve the park's natural settings and to use as a resource for cultural heritage values
- 2. To provide opportunities for outdoor recreation that are compatible with the emphasis placed on protecting the park's natural setting
- 3. To enhance public understanding and appreciation of park values with tourism and our economic prosperity in mind
- 4. To provide facilities and services to enhance visitor enjoyment and park management which includes amenities and services found in most parks across the country
- 5. To ensure public access, safety, and use

An emphasis on outdoor recreation and different stages of development for the park's diverse natural and cultural heritage values will complete this plan. These efforts may include development of an information brochure, on-site interpretive signage and special event programming, stations along the 1- mile bike path and walking path. Opportunities for outdoor recreation will largely be associated with activities supported by a proposed community calendar of events.

Facilities and services will be limited to the provision of public parking and pedestrian access, an inter-connected system of bike path/walking paths, picnic/open space areas, playground equipment, outdoor volleyball site, renovated basketball courts, bathrooms, arbor and outdoor staging area for a carnival or bandstand. Most of the time, the desire to go to a destination on a pleasure trip is stimulated by its attractions (American Planning Association, 2021).

Public parks are often the "engine" that drives tourism in many communities (American Planning Association, 2021). City parks and open space improve our physical and psychological health, strengthen our communities, and make our cities and neighborhoods more attractive places to live and work. Numerous studies have shown the social, environmental, economic, and health benefits parks bring to a city and its people. For example, they attract tourists, serve as community signature pieces, offer a marketing tool for cities to attract businesses and conventions and host festivals, concerts and athletics events (Sherer, 2006).

#### VISION

The Dunseith Community Park will ensure the long-term protection of important natural and cultural heritage values while providing opportunities for compatible outdoor recreation and nature-based education. The park will serve as a day-use park for recreation, leisure and sports, as well as other forms of extensive recreation. The provision of facilities and services will be restricted to a level which will maintain the park's heritage values but still allow the public to enjoy and appreciate the park's natural setting. Park development will occur in areas of the park identified by the management plan as appropriate for the provision of facilities and services

#### PARK MANAGEMENT ELEMENTS

The primary management objectives for the Dunseith Community Park focuses on protecting natural and cultural heritage values, providing opportunities for compatible forms of outdoor recreation; and developing opportunities for interpretive and ecological education.

Management of Dunseith Community Park will contribute to the achievement of City Departmental objectives of safe family outdoor recreation, heritage appreciation and tourism. The Dunseith Community Park will also contribute to the fulfillment of the City's Goals. This is only one facet of a city-wide comprehensive management plan as discussed below. See City Wide infrastructure pictures in **Appendices 1**.

A comprehensive management plan shall be adopted and amended with public participation (local stakeholders) for the best interest of the community. See **Appendices 2** for local stakeholder signatures and support letter.

A comprehensive management plan can also be completed through a community wide strategic planning meeting which develops a MAP, GOALS, OBJECTIVES, and set of TIMELINES. A sample comprehensive plan below has 9 elements as follows:

- 1. A land use element designating the proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the uses of land.
- 2. A housing element ensuring the vitality and character of established residential neighborhoods.
- 3. A capital facility plan element.
- 4. A utilities element consisting of the general location, proposed location, and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities, including, but not limited to, electrical lines, telecommunication lines, and natural gas lines.
- 5. A Rural element.
- 6. A transportation element that implements, and is consistent with, the land use element.
- 7. An economic development element establishing local goals, policies, objectives, and provisions for economic growth and vitality and a high quality of life.
- 8. A park and recreation element that implements, and is consistent with, the capital facilities plan element as it relates to park and recreation facilities.
- 9. An assessment piece on when the park plan will be re-evaluated consistently every 5 years

#### **TOURISM**

The North Dakota Tourism Division uses research to strategically analyze visitor activity, interest, market share, target markets, advertising effectiveness (ROI) and more (ND Tourism, 2021).

The following information is provided by the North Dakota Tourism Division for year 2020:

- ND had 22 million annual visitors
- In 2020 3 billion was spent in ND by outside tourists
- ND had more than 3,000 businesses and organizations related to tourism and 42,000 jobs related to tourism
- ND had 300 million dollars in visitor paid taxes
- Rolette County had 16-30 million tourists spending in 2020

Dunseith is located in North Central North Dakota at the base of the Turtle Mountains which is considered a "four seasons playground". The area is well known for its recreational activities, hunting, fishing, water sports, snowmobiling, cross country skiing with trails and ski slope in the Lake Metigoshe area which is a well know travel destination (City web, 2021).

The International Peace Garden is located 14 miles North of Dunseith on ND Hwy 3 and US Hwy 281 on the Canadian Border and is one of the principal tourist areas in the State. There is an abundance of activities year around for you to enjoy, including the International Music Camp. See their Website listed below for all the details. Adjacent to the Peace Garden is a 24-hour Customs & Immigration Station which accommodates business and pleasure travelers (City web, 2021).

#### BUDGET

Outdoor Basketball Standards	\$ 19.20
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triping Lines for Basketball	\$ 6,30
Sets of 54 Seat Capacity Bleachers	\$ 4,30
et VB Poles Standards and Parking Lot Restoration	\$ 15,00
olleyball Standards	\$ 2,20
Mile Bike Path Concrete	
ew PlayGround Equipment	\$ 72,29
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Total.....\$285,392

#### **BUDGET JUSTIFICATION**

- 1. Restoration of Basketball Courts-For this reason, the plan initiates the process to replace the concrete where existing basketball hoops are. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
- 2. Put up new basketball standards to include one section of lower basketball standards at the west end of the courts for younger kids to enjoy. Three (3) sets of new standards. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
- 3. The plan will also include basketball court lines painted on the new surface. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
- 4. The plan includes 2 sets of 54 capacity Bleachers. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
- 5. Make amenities safer for those within the confines of the park. Remove all rotten high line poles used for parking barriers. Replace with concrete parking blocks on the east side and north side of the complex. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
- 6. Costs for Volleyball Standards. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
- 7. A 1-mile bike bath and physical fitness stations along with city cultural signage, history heritage signage, and other (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)
- 8. A new commercial playground equipment set will be the main attraction of the renovated park along with phases of development. (See **Appendices 3** for Quote and Pictures)

#### **CONCLUSION AND PHASE 2 PLANS**

The Dunseith Park Plan will be a 'working' document that will be driven by local youth and supported by a network of "caring" city and tribal officials and representatives. The Plan will continually evolve in stages to coincide with the City's ability to support the project from conceptualization through completion. Maintenance and sustainability will also be of high consideration to assure safety and visual appeal.

The Park Plan will guide the Dunseith community in their goal of sustaining and enhancing their City Park that has recreational and health value. The Plan also benefits the community socially and economically:

- Serves a high growing native population and economically deprived region with health disparities.
- MSN.com rated Rolette County (including township of Dunseith) as the 5th poorest county in the nation.
- Rolette county unemployment is at 25.5%.
- 27.6% of the total population of the Reservation is below the age of 15, and only 9.1% of the population is over the age of 64.
- The prevalence of diabetes and childhood obesity is extremely high; Rolette County ranks 47th out of 49 North Dakota Counties ranked in overall health.
- Compliments City & Tribal Economic and Housing Initiatives
- Rolette County and the Tribe have adopted Tourism and Scenic By-Way Plans to capitalize on the abundance of Natural Resources in Rolette County.
- The Rolette County & Tribal Housing Authorities oversee current and new housing development.
- The City of Dunseith is working with county and state stakeholder to develop a comprehensive five (5) year Economic & Housing Plan.
- Dunseith is in a federally designated Promise-Reap-HUB Zone that provide tax incentives for industry doing business with the City.
- Empowers Local Youth
- Strengthens Partnership among youth-serving organizations by formalizing and structuring youth associations and activities.
- Decision making is made at the local "grassroots level by locally sanctioned youth groups.
- Established and emerging youth groups are supported by city and tribal resolutions.
- Social Media has been effective method of reaching out to youth county-wide.

#### Conclusive Statement:

"We, the City of Dunseith, will continually enhance its Park Area(s) for our youth and patrons and greatly appreciate the financial support of potential partners in this highly beneficial endeavor"

### Future Development

The City of Dunseith, working collaboratively with its youth group, have identified the following needs to improve its Park Area and serve the ever-increasing number of youth and patrons.

- 1. Rest Rooms
- 2. Park Benches, Grills to the Main Park
- 3. 1-Mile Bike Path (Only if funding cannot be secured for Phase 2)
- 4. Etc...