

15.5 ACRE HUNTERS CREST PARK - ACCEPTED MASTER PLAN DESIGN

CITY OF MINNETRISTA, MINNESOTA

Park Shelter Building

A large multi-use building is part of the main park entrance containing an open picnic shelter area, restrooms, storage space, and an enclosed room to serve as the warming house & summer program room for kids activities. The patio area in front of the building has park orientation and trailhead information for users. The rear patio area contains additional picnic space, custom grill area and overlooks informal green space used for picnic activities, lawn games and winter general skating.

Playground Area

Arbor structures with seating beneath are placed between the two main playground pods for easy viewing of both areas. The playground area to the south contains a sand play space and some playground equipment for the pre-school age group with easy viewing from the park shelter structure. The swings are located in a separate pod. The playground area to the north is the elementary and teen age group space with more unique and challenging equipment. A specialized garden space is created between the two play areas specifically for kids to interact with and touch, such as a sensory garden.

Active Recreational Amenities

The centrally located ballfield area contains a skinned infield with a backstop and players benches with room for a small soccer field overlay. A multi-purpose paved rink accommodates winter hockey and skating use, summer in-line skating, a basketball half court on one end, and can also provide an area for future skateboard activities, if desired. Double tennis courts are provided on the northern end of the park with a bouncewall on one end. A small sledding hill is created by the playground.

Trails

Asphalt trails allow access to the various recreational amenities within the park. A large internal loop system is created that is approximately 4/10 of a mile long, with an additional mini-loop around the sledding hill. Possible additions to the trail system include distance markers, exercise stations, trail lighting, and bench seating areas in select locations. The preferred connection to the regional trail would be between the ponds, if possible, otherwise there will be a connection by sidewalk on the southern end along Hunters Trail. A trailhead would be created by the main park building.

Landscape

Most of the park contains manicured turf that may be irrigated. Natural landscaping shall be used in areas where naturalization best fits with the surroundings. Examples include naturalizing the pond edges, the perimeter of the site that is adjacent to more natural landscapes, etc. The natural landscapes will be designed to separate use areas within the park, provide wildlife habitat, and provide shade.

