

BLAKE PARK MASTER PLAN

Submitted by: **Blake Park Playground Advisory Board:**

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OVERVIEW

1. Goal

i On February 14, 2019, the City Commission adopted Resolution 2019-04 to assemble a committee to review Blake Park Playground, research options, develop a plan and present recommendations to the City Commission.

The City Commission has set aside \$49,727.15 for Blake Park Playground.

2. Project Scope

i A multi-year plan to improve Blake Park for residents and visitors.

3. Summer 2019

i Summer 2019 Goals and Cost Estimates

Goals for Summer 2019:

Remove/relocate current equipment

- Play structure
- Santa House
- Swinging Bars and Seesaw
- Remove sand surface



Relocation Cost: **Staff time, volunteers and in-kind donations**

|| Install new playground and turf



Product Highlights:

- Age Group: 2 to 12 years
- Footprint: 26' 8" x 36' 10"
- Use Zone: 38' 8" x 48' 10"
- Two very distinct arms to explore
- Mixes a large number of ground level and elevated components
- Panels offer various educational opportunities
- Two different types of slide

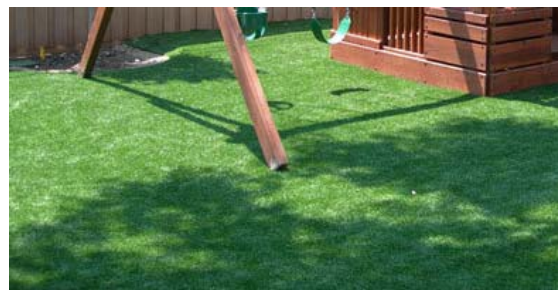
Product Details: For ages 2 to 12, the closest thing to a real enchanted treehouse. The Jammin' Jungle is an activity-filled "wooded" respite that is sure to occupy kids of all ages and ability levels. Packed full of fun, this sprawling set is primarily composed of two long platforms connected by a Bamboo Arch Bridge. Reminiscent of a whimsical retreat in the Pacific Northwest, it features unique details, like a Treehouse Tube Slide, Jungle Climber, Pine Tree Toppers, Tree Stump Window, and Treehouse Roof Coverings, all of which add to the playset's lush forest aesthetic. Tons of interactive panels like a Gear Panel, Tic-Tac-Toe Panel, Ball-Maze Panel, Plinko Panel, and Activity Panel all promote both social and individual play, while a Sign Language Panel, Spelling Panel, and Braille Panel all encourage children to engage socially and develop their language skills. A Percussion Panel and Chime Panel invite children to make music and promote creativity. And a Spiral Slide offers a fun way off the structure, down to the ground level where children can engage with ADA-compliant activities. A Pebble Climber adds interest, allowing kids to skip over to the treehouse playset of their dreams, and a Stump Climber allows kids to scale the side of the structure.

|| Play Structure Cost: **\$39,563.00**

|| Install turf

- Install turf playground surface

|| Turf Cost: **\$32,000.00 plus staff time**



|| Paint current swing structure

- Paint current swing set structure to rejuvenate the equipment.



|| Paint Cost: \$150.00 plus volunteer time

|| Complete Stage Structure

Cut tall beams and add decorative caps



- Stain Stage

|| Renovation Cost: \$450.00 plus volunteer time

|| Add sidewalk along perimeter of turf area

- Add a sidewalk

|| Sidewalk Cost: \$4,000.00



|| Add Fencing around Play Area

- Fencing along perimeter of Play Area



|| Fencing Cost: Donated by Sterling Enterprises LLC (Ryan Wilkins)

|| Obtain donations for benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles

- Allow donations for benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles.
- Add small donation plaques to the donated items



Installation of benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles Cost: In-kind donations (to also cover cost of name plaques), volunteer and staff time to install.

Clean and Renovate Pavilion

- Clean and Renovate current pavilion

Pavilion Cost: \$500.00 plus volunteer and staff time



4. Cost Estimate

i The Committee has created the below cost estimate for 2019. Since this is a one-time investment in the park, the committee would like to see \$30,000 added to the current balance of \$49,727.15 from the Ivy Hawn Bond Conduit Agreement (received in November 2019).

Item	Dollars	Services
Removal/Relocation of Equipment	In-kind donations	Staff time / Volunteer time
Play Structure Cost	\$40,000.00	Staff time
Turf Cost	\$32,000.00	Staff time
Swing set Paint Cost	\$150.00	Volunteer time
Stage Renovation Cost	\$450.00	Volunteer time
Sidewalk Cost	\$4,000.00	Contractor (quote from Formmasters)
Fencing Cost	Donated by Sterling Enterprises	Donation
Park Furniture Cost	In-kind donations	Staff time / Volunteer time
Pavilion Renovation Cost	\$500.00	Staff time / Volunteer time
Approximate Total Cost for 2019:	\$77,100.00	
Money Available:	\$49,727.15	
Approximate Funds Requested:	\$27,732.85	

5. Time Frame

i The Committee recommends the City Commission start immediately with the purchase of the Play Structure and installation of turf. The committee will solicit donations, fundraise and host volunteer days at the park to complete projects. Playground installation should occur in June 2019 with completion set by early July,

6. Multi-Year Goals

i *The Committee used a holistic approach when analyzing the master plan for Blake Park. Immediate improvements in 2019 will engage the community for the future projects described herein. The plan focuses on Lake Helen's love of open green space and sense of community.*

FY 2019/2020: Removal of Shuffleboard Court to provide for open space and additional Saturday Market area

The Shuffleboard Court is in disrepair. The renovations costs would exceed the need of the building. The building requires ADA compliance, additional bathrooms, new septic and drain field, HVAC system, repair and replacement of interior drywall, parking and accessibility.

FY 2020/2021: Relocate Basketball Court, add fencing and update old courts to parking.

The basketball courts are in an undesirable location with safety issues from the open courts adjacent to roadways. Relocation would allow for lighting and a safer environment for play.

The current courts can be renovated and used for additional parking.

FY 2021/2022: Add Gazebo or Entertainment Area

The addition of a centralized entertainment area would allow for community gathering and events.

FY 2022/2023: Safe Routes to Schools and Parking

The City secured a Safe Routes to Schools Grant which will increase sidewalks throughout the park as well as some additional parking along Pleasant Street.

FY 2023/2024: Splash / Water Feature Area or additional playground equipment

Depending on need, additional equipment or play structures may be added. The east fence can be moved towards Pleasant Street, new equipment can be installed, and turf can be added. Options to add a water feature or a small splash pad near the playground.

7. Conclusion

i *In March the City Commission requested the Blake Park Playground Advisory Committee to create a short-term solution while actualizing a long-term plan. The Committee feels this has been accomplished efficiently and encourages the City Commission to act promptly on the short-term goals outlined in the Master Plan.*

The Committee feels time is of the essence and encourages the Commission to allocated extra funding to begin the 2019 project list with a hope for the ribbon cutting Ceremony could be scheduled on July 4.

The Committee also requests the 5k Stressbuster proceeds remain designated for Park Improvements.

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