

ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Objective: Identify outdoor recreational activities, in addition to golf, that can be incorporated into Lauderdale Park to increase the opportunities for more members of the community to utilize and enjoy the property.

Where We Are: Our records indicate that about a third of the District property owners use the golf course. The obvious question is what other amenities/activities could we offer that would attract additional property owners. The survey in 2015 listed a number of options and we were able to get a first glance at the level of interest in each. One amenity that was very popular was a walking path, which over 60% of respondents thought was a good idea. The board is developing a feasibility plan. Our planning must include the safety of the walkers in the proximity of flying golf balls, the possibility of moving one or more greens, and address the privacy concerns of those who live near the proposed path. In addition, we need to be sure to comply with the County's zoning laws and easement restrictions when it comes to a path in the wetlands area near the lake. So we have a lot of work to do on just this one item before we address the cost of installation and maintenance. The good news is that we are not in any rush. We want to take our time and get it right. Other activities we are currently considering as a result of the survey responses include: bocce ball court, tennis court, pickle ball court, fire pit, foot golf and Frisbee golf. Another amenity that is still on the list is a drone field. At this point we are attempting to consider all potential items in developing the long range master plan proposal for Lauderdale Park. Again, plans may be implemented over a number of years, and some not at all, as decisions will ultimately be based upon the financial support of the community. In order to have everything fit into the limited existing space we need to consider our near term as well as long term needs.

Next Steps: Identify and communicate with property owners who live near the proposed walking path to determine if they have concerns and develop ways to address them. We will study and understand the various costs to install protective screens or other means to make sure the path is safe for all. To assist with that process, we will be visiting several housing developments that include golf courses to see how each of them deals with these issues.

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