

CONCEPT FOR OAK PARK PLAYGROUND

THEME: BACKYARD/NATURAL

The existing grounds with the beautiful mature trees at Oak Park make this park the perfect setting for a nature themed play area. The park is nestled in the back yards of adjacent home owners. The Oak Park Community expressed a strong desire to maintain the green space and the open field area. The walking paths connect vital areas, provide accessibility to the playground and do not infringe upon the field area. The shelter is centrally located to provide easy access from the maintenance drive.

PLAY AREAS

The playground will be placed among the trees within the central area of the park. The location allows a parent of older children to feel comfortable enjoying the walking path while keeping an eye on children playing in the play area. The colors and size of the equipment will reflect the more residential aspect of this area. Two separate play areas will be provided; one for the pre-school age child and one for the school age child. A variety of climbing, balancing and sliding opportunities will be created around the theme of the playground. Care will be taken to ensure that children who use mobility devices have access to the equipment and opportunity to participate in the fun. A swing set will be provided that contains open swings for older children, fully enclosed swings for toddlers and a therapeutic swing for children that need upper body support.

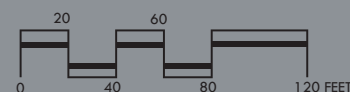
NATURAL PLAY AREA

A "Natural Area" will be created within the existing trees. This area will include large boulders for sitting and climbing, a sand and/or earth pile with smaller rocks where children can dig in the dirt and construct objects. In addition, tall native grasses will be planted that provide a buffer, visual interest and attract wildlife.



LEGEND

- ① SCHOOL AGE PLAY AREA & PRE-SCHOOL AGE PLAY AREAS
- ② PROPOSED SHELTER
- ③ GRILL
- ④ WATER FOUNTAIN
- ⑤ PROPOSED WALKING TRAIL
- ⑥ PROPOSED U8 SIZE PRACTICE SOCCER FIELD
- ⑦ EXISTING BASEBALL FIELD
- ⑧ EXISTING SIDEWALK
- ⑨ EXISTING TENNIS COURT
- ⑩ PROPOSED "BALL WALL"
- ⑪ REMOVABLE BOLLARD



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