

## Neighborhood meeting #1 -Q &A

This is a list of many of the comments received at the first neighborhood meeting and a staff response.

Question/Comment	Staff Response
<p>1. Why do we need two ball fields? Can we eliminate one ball field and add a.....(soccer, tennis, etc.)?</p>	<p>1. A. The youth ball fields are identified as a citywide need. Due to the size of this park, some citywide facilities need to be located here in order for existing programs to grow with the population. (Citywide facility questions can be brought to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) for further discussion.)</p>
<p>2. We really want a tennis court in our park.</p>	<p>2. A. There are 10 tennis courts under construction at the new High School Site, which is less than a half mile away. In addition, there are existing Courts in Lions Park and Stans Park. Though we would like to include amenities where there is a request, we can not afford to duplicate facilities which are very close together. The City and Schools do have a shared use agreement, so School courts are open to the public when not needed by classes or leagues.</p>
<p>3. Can you add a Soccer Field?</p>	<p>3. A. The City recently completed a 6-soccer field Sports Complex near Sunpath Elementary. This facility has met the current need for this type of field and new soccer field will be considered in the future. This park does offer un-programmed grass areas which can be used for soccer skills and if requested, it may be possible to add a portable net.</p>
<p>4. Why is there a Hockey rink if it will not be used for league play?</p>	<p>4. A. Since the City's indoor Ice Arena is heavily scheduled, there are not many opportunities for informal hockey practice or "pick up games." Hockey is a high demand citywide. There are existing outdoor hockey rinks on the north side of the City, but none yet south of 169. (Unfortunately this rink will not have access to use of a Zamboni, it will be maintained by hand.)</p>

<p>5. Why is there a hockey rink <i>and</i> a general ice skating area</p>	<p>5. A. It is generally dangerous to mix hockey skating using sticks and pucks with other ice skating. General Skating can be offered without Hockey, but not vice versa.</p>
<p>6. We are concerned about the speed of traffic on Valley view, can there be a stop sign added?</p> <p>7. Can a crosswalk be added to 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue?</p> <p>8. What lighting is proposed?</p>	<p>6. A. A request for a stop sign must be made on the standard petition for to the City Engineering Department (Public Works). The form and additional information is available under the Public Works Department web page on the City's website (<a href="http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us">www.ci.shakopee.mn.us</a>). When a petition is received, the Engineering Department must do a Traffic Study to determine if additional traffic control is warranted.</p> <p>7. A. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue is a County Road, therefore the City is not involved in it's design or maintenance. The County Staff has informed us that they would not place a crosswalk at Valley View Road; however "Pedestrians will be able to use the crosswalk at the 4-way stop (future signal) at 17th Ave and CR 79, which is only 1/8 mile from the park."</p> <p>8. A. there will be some 12' pedestrian lighting within the park for safety. These will be the same poles as in Greenfield Park on Independence and Crane. They will be on photo sensors and will be on year round in the non-daylight hours. The number of lights has not been determined, but will be between 3-6.</p> <p>Hockey will also require evening lighting. There are two pole locations shown on the plan. These lights would only be used in winter during park hours (dusk to 10 p.m.).</p> <p>The youth ball fields do not have lighting planned.</p> <p>The parking lot does not have lighting other than possible pedestrian lights near trail entries.</p>