



## PINE LAKE PARTNERSHIP TASK FORCE RECAP

April 19, 2023

- WB Parks Strategic Plan Goals: Create a park on the east side of the Township, obtain and conserve parkland and natural features, provide and increase the walkability and bike ability of local communities and/or increasing outdoor recreational activities within the Township. This purpose aims to increase the health and quality of life of local residents of all ages.
- The partnership outlines continued public use of the property. With a 20 year lease, WB Parks would begin operating the property as a park, increasing the safety, cleanliness and accessibility of it. Routine maintenance includes: porta johns, mowing, garbage, administration of property.
- Concept Plan highlights: pickleball courts, tennis courts, walking paths and trails, baseball field, playground, native areas (meadows), parking lots, lighting, signage. [View the concept plan here.](#)
- Preliminary cost estimates include evaluation of existing amenities and phasing projects- tennis/pickleball courts, parking lot renovations, staff and operations. All expenses are within existing WB Parks operating budget, as well as some capital projects. The anticipated annual operating budget is \$40K. The initial capital projects list is \$400K and includes:
  - Signage
  - Parking lot repairs
  - Tennis courts repairs
  - Baseball field infield material/field renovation
  - Tree trimming
  - Playground equipment removal
  - Pickleball court installation
- Use Agreement/Lease: 20 year term
- Timeline: Intent is to go to the Bloomfield Hills School Board meeting in May for approval and will follow at the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission in June 2023
- Bloomfield Hills Schools are taking Task Force questions/emails via Pat Watson, Superintendent at [pwatson@bloomfield.org](mailto:pwatson@bloomfield.org); encouraged to contact BHS by May School Board meeting

Questions during the meeting:

1. Playgrounds
2. Basketball
3. Pickleball
4. Will current BHS baseball user groups have priority to the field? Yes, that is written into the lease agreement terms.
5. What will the park hours be? 8am until dusk (20 minutes after sunset).
6. Will there be walking trails and will they be paved? Yes a perimeter walking path is in the plan and ideally it will be paved.
7. Could there be a dog park? Not at this time.
8. Will there be picnic tables or a picnic shelter available for rent? Yes to picnic tables. A picnic shelter is also being considered.
9. What is the timeline? WB Parks will begin to operate the property as a park once both organizations sign the lease agreement, which would be tentatively by July 2023.
10. Will bathrooms be added? At this point, porta johns will be a first priority to bring over. They will be cleaned daily and serviced weekly.
11. Will the woodlands surrounding the property remain standing? Yes the trees will remain. Some tree trimming will occur as part of our standard park maintenance practices that we use in all other WB Park properties.
12. Could there be a crosswalk across the north side of Pine Lake to the Park entrance so that users could have a safer way to cross to the Park? WB Parks will look into this request with the Oakland County Road Commission.