

Joe Skiles Park Renovation Project



2ND PUBLIC INPUT MEETING | SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

PARK PLANNING DIVISION



Today's Agenda

- Staff Introductions
- Housekeeping
- Park Information
- Hybrid Meeting & Feedback
- Plans & Schedule
- Q/A

Virtual Meeting Housekeeping Rules

This meeting is being recorded and recording will be uploaded on Discuss Denton Joe Skiles Project Page

Staff will be monitoring the Q/A & Chat section within the Zoom platform

- Staff member will respond within chat
- All questions to be answered at the end of the presentation

Live question or comments will be opened at the end of the presentation.

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Joe Skiles Park Information

Joe Skiles Park is a 5.78-acre neighborhood park located within the Southridge subdivision:

Park Amenities

- Furnishings: Picnic tables, benches, drinking fountain, grill
- Pavilion (capacity 18 people)
- Basketball court with 3 goals
- Playground (5-12 play structure)
- (Two) Tennis Courts
- Multipurpose field w/Soccer Goals

Park land was dedicated to the City of Denton in June 1964

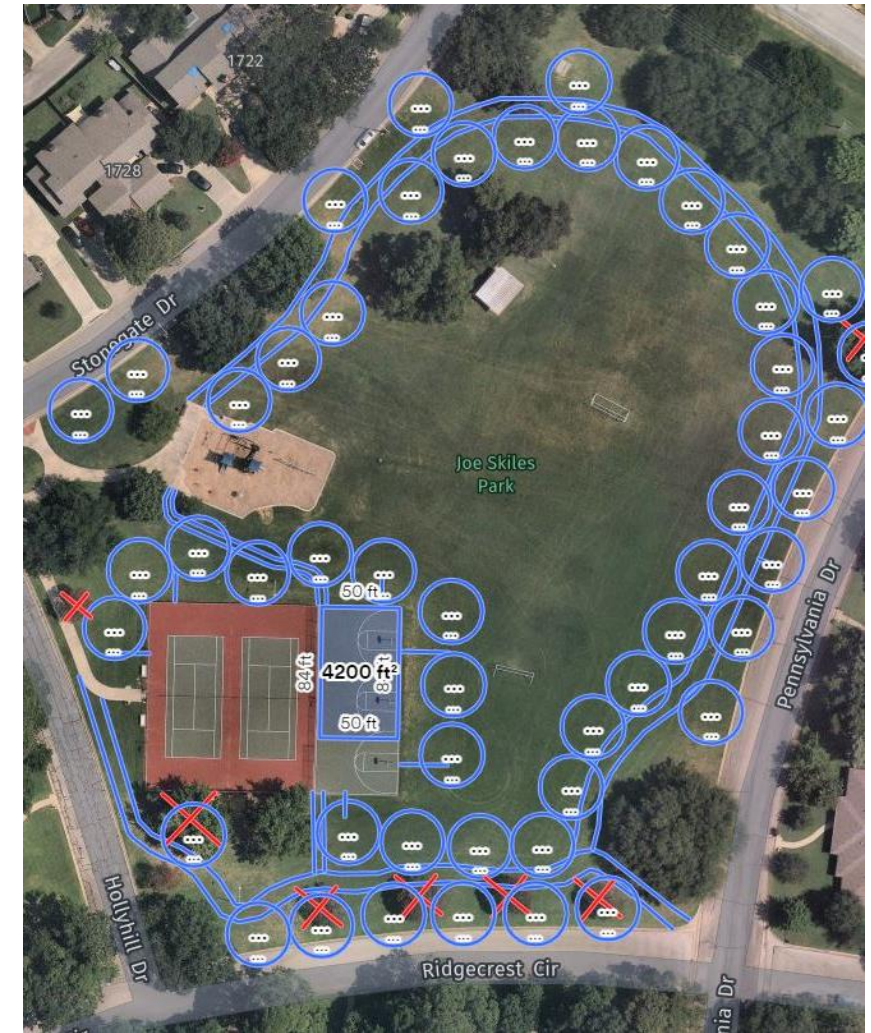
- Federal Land and Water Conservation Grant received in 1970's for park improvements

In the last 5 years

- Basketball & Tennis Court resurfaced in 2020.
- 5-12 playground structure replaced in 2021.

During this fiscal year

- City Council allocated funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to be used for various park projects throughout the City. (\$3.4M)
 - Joe Skiles Park, Denia Park, Carl Young Sr. Splashpad Phase 2, Trail projects



Hybrid Meeting Held: February 17

Main Park Concerns	Proposed Improvements
Existing Playground does not accommodate the younger age groups	Install 2-5 Playground Structure
Sandburs (stickers) around park	Install irrigation to promote and establish healthy grass to deter stickers
Provide safe walking space and increase accessibility	Installing ADA ramps into park and provide a loop trail throughout park.
Increase safety within park space	Installation of lightning within park space
Maintain and enhance beautification of park	Addition of trees along trail

<u>Base Minimum Improvements</u>	<u>Additional Improvements pending wants & funding</u>
Loop trail	Remove existing pavilion and replace with a bigger one closer to playground
Install irrigation to help with sandburs (stickers)	Add typical furnishings, such as: trash receptacles, benches, grills, pet waste stations, trail markers)
New trees along trail	Lighting around trail & tennis courts/basketball
Addition of 2-5 playground structure	Replace fencing around tennis courts
Address ADA issues from ADA transition plan.	Pickleball striping

Community Feedback



23 days ago

Playground resurfacing

I agree with other comments about the shade and over the swings too and a toddler area (with extra shade since they crawl WAY more. I'd also like to see a ground re-surfacing (the rubber pour in place) would be great!

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Walking trail Low priority.

As SouthRidge is a great neighborhood to walk in, I think the walking trail around the park is of low priority and do not think it'd be utilized. I would rather allocate the monies toward shading the playground and adding 2-5 structure(s).

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8 months ago

Toddler area & shade

Not age appropriate for the toddlers like the last equipment was . Need more toddler equipment. Needs better and extended shade coverage .

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Improved shade

The current shade for the playground portion, while brand new, is...

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Toddler area

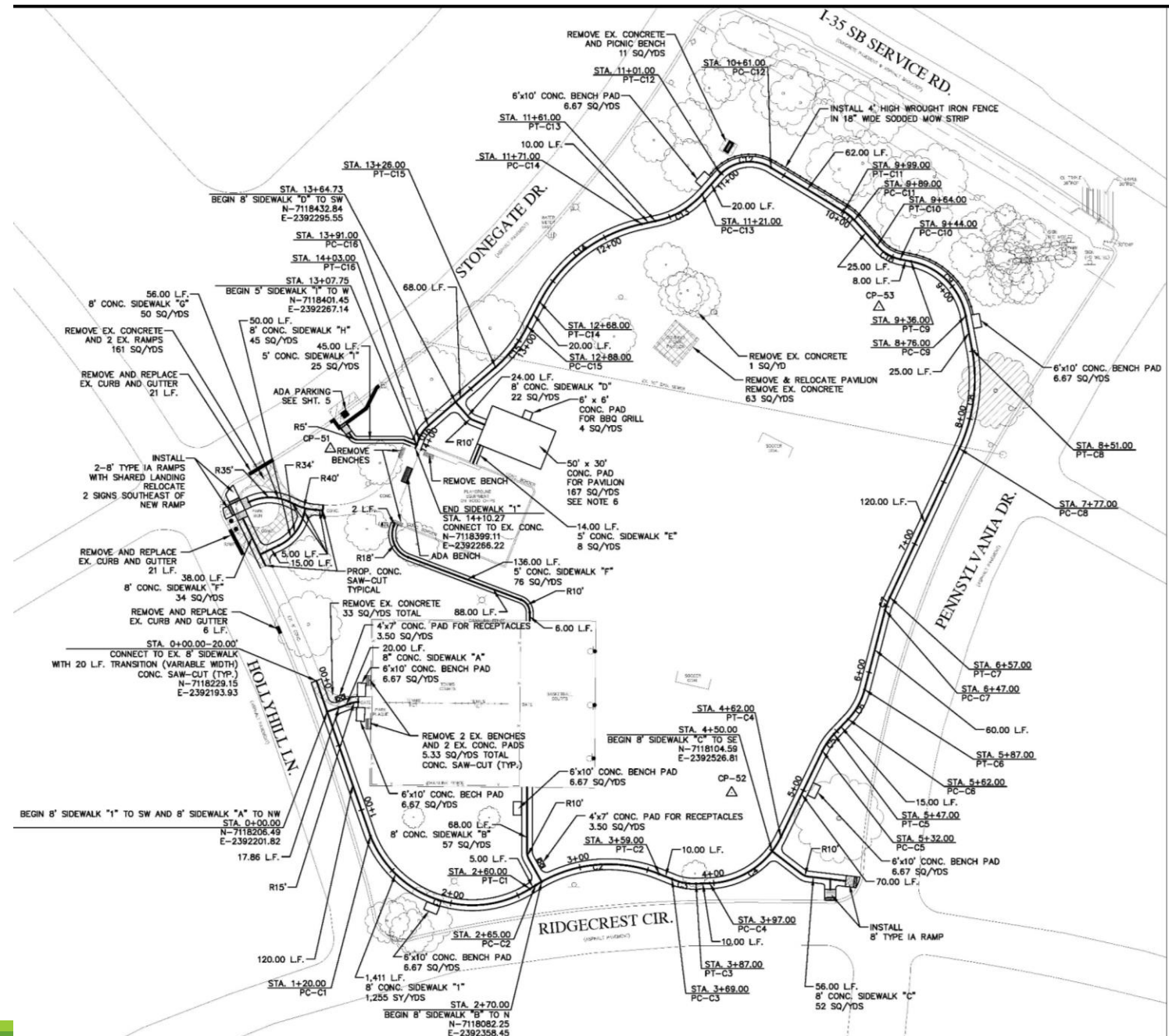
The previous playground was size appropriate for kids of most age ranges, having different sections reachable and enjoyable for younger and older kids alike. The new playground is so high from the ground and so difficult to navigate that younger kids cannot access basically any of it without significant assistance. I have noticed not only my own youngest unable to enjoy the new playground, but have spoken with several other parents at the park who all, without exception, agree. This, combined with the shade

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Final Plans

- Addition of Loop Trail
- Irrigation Installation
- Re-grade multi-purpose field
- Trees Planted Estimated 40
- Shade over existing playground and addition of 2-5 play structure
- Addition of new pavilion accommodate 50 people
- Enhanced fencing around tennis court
- Lights to be phased, but conduit will be installed for future connection. When funding is appropriated.



Construction Impacts & Schedule

Work Conducted to-date:

- Tree Removal:
 - The reasons for removal can vary, including potential safety hazards, damage from cold weather, disease or decay.
 - Crape Myrtles – 6
 - Sweetgum Trees – 1
- Concrete Bench removal along Stonegate Dr.

Other Impacts & Schedule:

- Portion or entire park may be closed during construction and implementation of master plan.
- Communication on closures to occur in Discuss Denton
 - Chain-link fence to be strategically placed throughout park to protect patrons and workers
- Anticipate starting construction mid-October
- Completion of Park estimated to conclude April-May 2024

Joe Skiles Park – Improvements (Estimates)

Fund	Amount	Improvements	Anticipated Cost	Anticipated Dates *Subject to change
ARPA Allocation	\$520,000	Loop Trail, Concrete, & Grading, Sod	\$250,000-300,000 (Waiting on updated estimate)	October 2023 – December 2023
915/916 Transfer	\$105,324	Playground Enhancement (2-5 Structure, Shade, Pavilion)	\$192,000	March 2023 (Contract going to Council Fall 2023)
Tree Mitigation Fund	\$22,500	Tennis Court Fence Enhancement	\$35,000	October 2023
FY23-24 Capital Improvement Budget	\$100,000	Irrigation Installation	\$170,000	December-January 2023
		Trees Installation	\$22,500	January 2023 <i>(Following Irrigation)</i>
		Park Furnishings (Benches, Trash Receptacles, Picnic tables, dog waste stations, grill)	\$20,000	Installed after trail is complete
		Design Fees & Project Mgmt. (Engineer, survey, inspections, etc...)	\$35,000	
CURRENT TOTAL	\$747,824	TOTALS	\$724,000 - \$777,000K	

*Opportunities to transfer additional funds from 915/916 or project savings from other projects

Site Grading & Tree Plantings

Slight regrade to re-level soccer field to fix pot-holes and help with restoring of healthy grass and eliminate sandburs.

45 trees estimated to be planted.

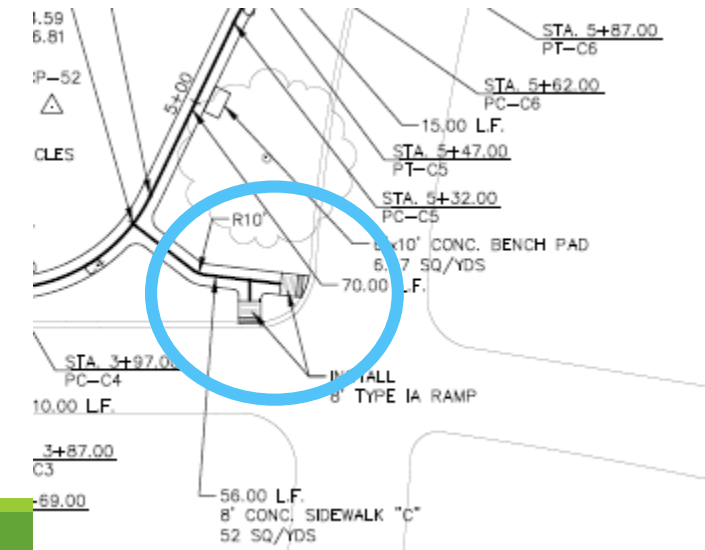
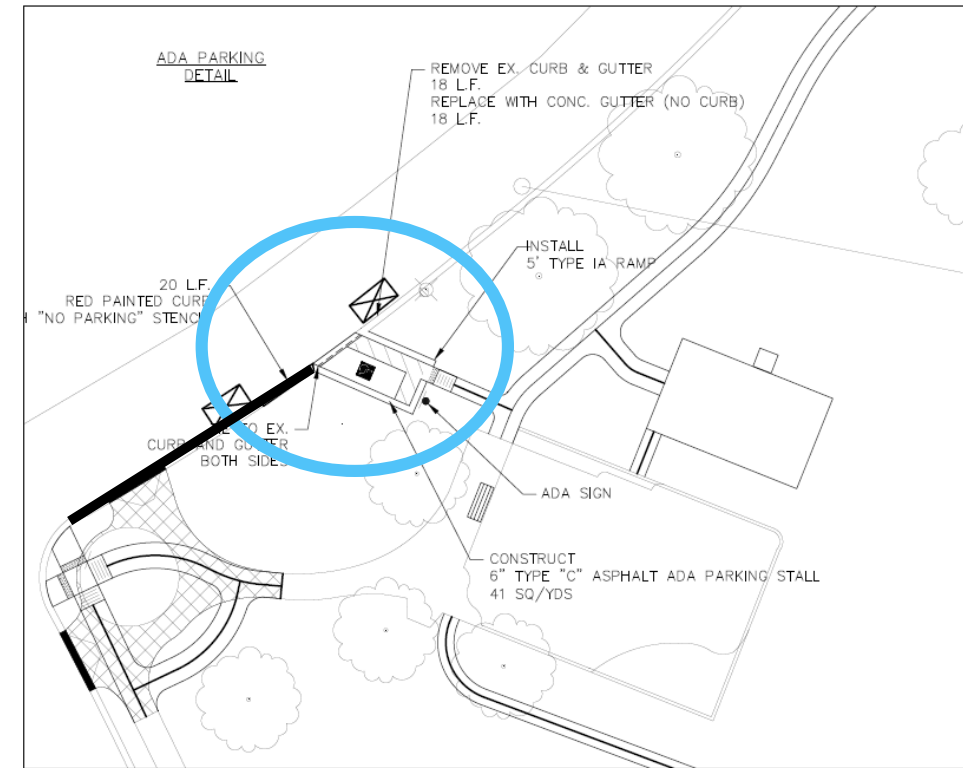
- Species: Mexican Sycamore, Autumn Blaze Maple, Cedar Elm, Chinese Pistache, Monterrey Oak



ADA Accessibility

Neighborhood Park Standard:

- Typically, do not require or provide parking lots.
- Exception:
 - When renovated, accommodations must be provided. I.E: ADA Parking Stall, ADA ramps
 - If receiving federal funding: ADA accessibility infrastructure (ADA ramps, handicaps to be installed).



2-5 Playground Structure & Shade





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Joe Skiles Park Improvements



The City of Denton Parks and Recreation Department owns a 5.78-acre developed parcel named Joe Skiles Park, located at Stonegate Dr., Denton, TX 76205. The park features a recently installed playground, two tennis courts, three half basketball courts, a multi-purpose field, benches, picnic tables, and a small pavilion. City Council adopted the Parks, Recreation, and Trails System Master Plan on March 1, 2022. The Master Plan provides an analysis of various parks, (includes Joe Skiles) and gives the department guidance in addressing short and long-term goals as funding allows. This agreement is vital in future planning for Parks and Recreation and its mission to serve and meet the community's needs.

The scope of the project improvements will consist of public engagement, design, and construction. The items currently identified as improvements include but are not limited to the following: Loop trail to increase access and connectivity, irrigation to improve turf quality, benches, and landscaping improvements.

Parks and Recreation will schedule public meetings later this spring. Updates and information relating to the project will be updated below. Please subscribe within the icon on the top right of this page to be notified when new updates are uploaded.

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