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BUTTERFIELD PARK MASTER PLANNING PROCESS

Park Board

- **Seven member board**
- **Elected at-large**
- **Serve on a voluntary basis, without compensation**
- **Establish strategic direction for the Park District**
- **Set Policy**
- **Hire the Executive Director**
- **Staff develops detailed park plans, board approves design**

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Playground Replacement

- **Board Policy - One playground is replaced each year**
- **Approximately a 20 year replacement cycle**
- **Meet latest safety and accessibility standards**
- **Current playground built in 1998**

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10 Year Comprehensive Plan

- **Planning document - 2007**
- **Demographics**
- **Recreation Trends**
- **Attitude and Interest Survey**
- **Inventory & assessment of current parks**
- **Comparative analysis of similar communities**
- **Recommendations for future park development**

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Community Wide Attitude and Interest Survey

- **Conducted by professional survey firm**
- **Statistically significant**
- **Reliable**
- **High confidence level**
- **Recommendations for future park, facility and program development**

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Public Input

- **Invitations mailed to approximately 270 homes around the park**
- **Newspaper Ads – Trib Local & Elmhurst Independent**
- **Sandwich board signs posted in park**
- **May 22, 2014**
- **September 3, 2015**

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Existing Playground



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Existing Conditions



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Existing Basketball



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Planned Improvements – approved by the Park Board 9/23/15

- **Replace playground**
- **Eliminate standing water issues**
- **Improve grading and drainage**
- **Enhance path quality and connection**
- **Relocate unsafe basketball**
- **Address drainage and infield mix running onto paths from ball field diamonds**

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Basketball Court

- **Currently 1 hoop in unsafe condition in parking lot**
- **Improve and make it safer**
- **Seven other parks in Elmhurst have successful full court basketball facilities**
- **Comparable court with lights until 9:00 p.m. immediately adjacent to tennis courts at East End Park**
- **Court available for open play like skate park, playgrounds, walking paths, fishing, tennis courts, sled hills, etc.**

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Detention

- **Park currently holds water in numerous spots for multiple days after a normal rain event**
- **New basins will drain in approximately one day**
- **Changes will keep the water out of active areas such as paths, outfields of ball fields, and open playable green space**
- **Basins can have plants or turf grass**
- **Slopes on basins will allow for recreational use**
- **Possibility of shifting basins further from homes on east is being evaluated**

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Budget

- **Entire project, including playground - \$2.2M**
- **Funds for basketball court are not taking funds away from any other amenities**
- **No tax increase for the project**

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Park Ambassador

- **Paid staff who monitor parks**
- **Enforce permits, rules and ordinances, while also providing on-site customer service**
- **Seven days per week, April through October**
- **Full-time Park Ambassador supervisor is retired Deputy Chief of Police**
- **Work closely with Elmhurst Police Department who enforce laws and ordinances in Elmhurst parks**