



Plan Commission Report

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Transfer of Central Park to the School District of Milton
Meeting Date: October 19, 2021
Presenter: Al Hulick, City Administrator
Department: City Administration

Conformance with Strategic Plan:

- Affordability & Financial Stability
- Safe, Inclusive, Welcoming Community
- Diverse Opportunities for Fun and Life-Long Learning
- High Performing Organization with Professional Staff
- Environment for Business Success with Thoughtful Growth and Development

Summary

The School District of Milton has inquired about the possibility of transferring Central Park from the City of Milton to the School District. The School District would assume operations, maintenance, and reconfiguration/reconstruction of portions of the Central Park Facilities in order to better serve their current and future athletic needs.

Analysis and Key Issues

At the September 21, 2021 meeting, the Common Council discussed the request for conveyance from the School District and directed City Staff and City Legal Counsel to work with School District Counsel to draft an agreement to convey Central Park to the Milton School District. That agreement is attached for Common Council consideration.

If conveyed, Central Park would still be open and available to the public for use and rentals, similar to the current operations of Schilberg Park. Additionally, the Milton School District intends to invest between \$400,000 and \$500,000 in improvements to the existing tennis courts and asphalt parking lot at Central Park.

The Milton School Board discussed this matter at their September 13th meeting and provided positive feedback to staff to continue to pursue the conveyance of this property from the City to the School District.

Fiscal Impact

The Milton School District intends to invest between \$400,000 and \$500,000 in improvements to the existing tennis courts and asphalt parking lot at Central Park. Those improvement costs would be spread out over the existing 9 municipalities that make up the Milton School District.



The City of Milton would see a positive fiscal impact if Central Park was conveyed to the Milton School District. Annually, the City of Milton expends approximately, \$10,000 in supplies and utilities to operate the park and its facilities. Additionally, approximately 4 to 5 hours of staff time would be freed up from performing routine maintenance (mowing, pavilion and restroom cleaning, and general maintenance). Lastly, the City would no longer be responsible for long-term capital maintenance obligations for the Park including pavilion and parking lot upkeep.

Recommendation

The City Administration recommends approval of the agreement to convey Central Park to the Milton School District as presented.

Attachments

- Central Park Ownership and Use Agreement