

**TO:** Park & Recreation Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Assistant Parks & Rec Director  
**DATE:** February 9, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Marthaler Park Redevelopment Discussion

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City of West St. Paul

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Committee has been focusing much of the last year on the master plan for the whole park system, including Marthaler Park. Marthaler Park is one of the major parks in West St Paul, and has been planned for a redevelopment for many years. In 2019-20 the north end of the park received a major facelift and has given new life to that section of the park. The City Council would like to continue that momentum, and has asked the PRAC to make the continued redevelopment a priority. At the January meeting staff shared the final plans for the regional trail running through Garlough and Marthaler Park. This will be the next big step to redeveloping the park. Staff plans to advertise this plans out to bid for 2021 construction. A majority of the trail project would be funded by Dakota County.

Additionally, City staff have been working on re-prioritizing the Parks Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This, along with recent large payments of Park Dedication Fees, have pushed the Marthaler redevelopment up for possible completion in 2022 and 2023. This has made finalizing the master plan for the park a top priority. There are six major items that are included with the redevelopment: a new playground, a new picnic pavilion, new parking lot and internal trails, the pond clean-up, sledding hill rehab, and a trailhead/bathroom building.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss future development and phasing of Marthaler Park.

Attachments: Draft Master Plan