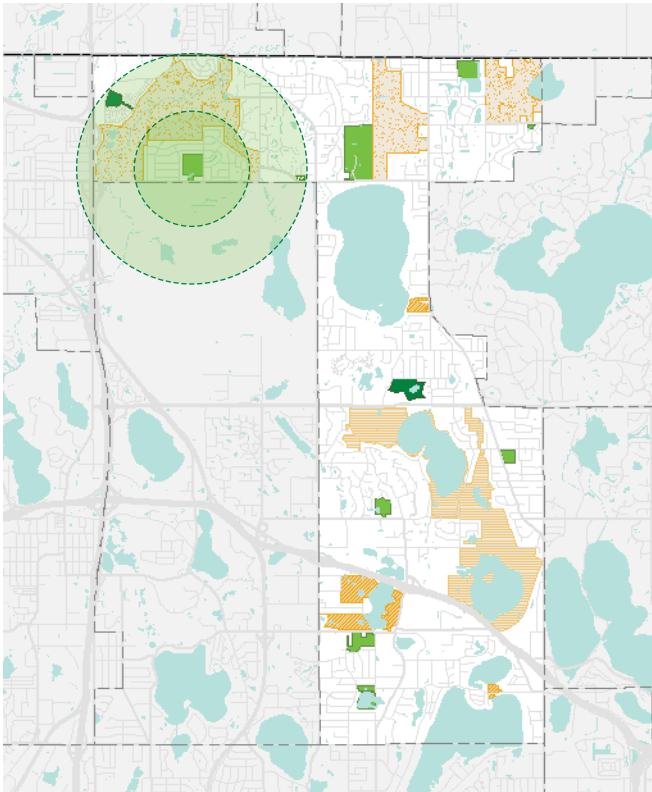


Shamrock Park *Existing conditions*



Address	5623 Snelling Avenue
Date established	1975
Acreage	23
Classification	Neighborhood park
Convenience amenities	
Athletic amenities	
Winter amenities	
Informal summer amenities	
Picnic + play amenities	

Park overview

- Part of the initial park system build out in 1975, Shamrock Park was originally only 5 acres with a baseball field/hockey rink, playground, and small block building with restrooms (*restrooms were quickly removed due to vandalism*)
- In 1988, 18 acres were purchased to expand the park to its current size
- In 1989, the park was redeveloped to relocate the playground to its current location and add a picnic shelter, two 300' softball fields, a full sized soccer field, the hard courts, and a building remodel/addition
- In 1993, irrigation was added to the two softball fields

- The full sized soccer field was converted to four youth soccer fields in 2013
- The picnic shelter's roof was replaced and lights were added in 2018

Observations

- Playground is due for replacement and expanded surfacing is desired
- Many daycares frequent this park
- Lacks sense of welcome
- Field irrigation needs to be redone
- Building/warming house needs updating and there is desire to re-add indoor restrooms
- Additional parking is desired
- Forestry plan needed as oak grove ages
- Soils are decent throughout park

Figure 4.16 Shamrock Park existing conditions



PARK CONCEPTS



Shamrock Park *Proposed concept*



Vegetative buffers around parking lots (photo from City of Milwaukee)



Wetland boardwalk at Westwood Hills Nature Center in St. Louis Park

“ Please do not add a domed structure to Shamrock Park.

“ Expanding the playground sounds good, just please keep all the big trees!

“ This ice hockey rink here is great! Our neighborhood uses it all the time.

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Concept components

- A new multi-purpose building will act as a warming house, shelter, and restroom facility.
- Reconfigured athletic fields, pickleball courts, skating, and open space areas will meet changing program needs.
- A new playground in the oak area will complement the existing picnic shelter while maintaining existing mature trees.
- Parking lot expansions to the north and south will add about 50 spaces and will incorporate screening from adjacent residences, as well as potential pervious surfacing.
- New trail loops, including a boardwalk connection to the south, would link various parts of the park.
- Stormwater best management practices with native plantings will be incorporated throughout.

Figure 4.17 Shamrock Park proposed concept



Key

- Existing trails
- Proposed trails
- Stormwater BMP/native plant restoration
- Updated playground surfacing & equipment
- Park building with restrooms, warming house, & programming space
- General skating rink
- Pickleball courts with sound mitigation
- 200' Diamond field
- Medium rectangular field
- Mini rectangular field
- Expanded parking lot (~25 spaces)
- Expanded parking lot (~40 spaces)
- Buffer parking from surrounding residents