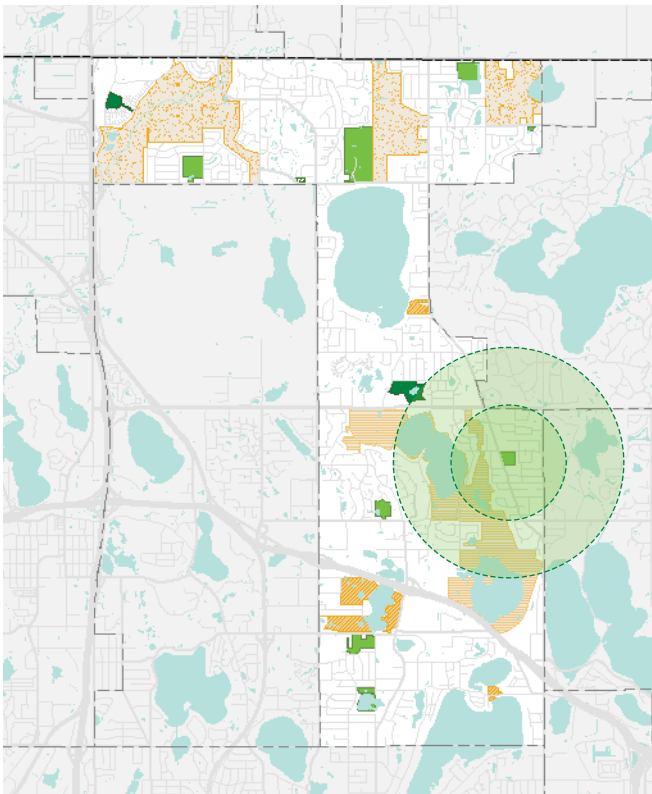


Sitzer Park *Existing conditions*



Address	4344 Hodgson Road
Date established	1975
Acreage	8
Classification	Neighborhood park
Convenience amenities	
Athletic amenities	
Winter amenities	
Informal summer amenities	
Picnic + play amenities	

Park overview

- One of the system’s first parks – established in 1975 and named after a long-time city treasurer, the park contained two diamond fields (*one Babe Ruth and one little league*), a playground, a small building, and a parking lot
- In 1989, hard courts were added and the two diamond fields were changed to little league designation in conjunction with the development of Babe Ruth fields at McCullough Park
- Grass was added to infields using relocated top soil from Bucher Park in 1990
- In 1992, the building was replaced with the current park building/warming house
- The park was redeveloped in 2010 after the purchase of adjacent property, which allowed

for a new playground, a picnic shelter, trail connections, and portable restroom enclosures

- Scoreboards were added in 2011 and the park building concession stand was upgraded in 2012

Observations

- Overall lack of shade
- Park building is in need of upgrade, and is already serviced with sewer and water
- Diamond fields, concession, and bleacher configuration is not functioning well
- Hockey rink is very popular, but is not currently used as a dog park during summer months
- Hard courts receive good usage, and could use lighting
- Playground expansion is desired

Figure 4.20 Sitzer Park existing conditions



PARK CONCEPTS



Sitzer Park *Proposed concept*



Sand volleyball court (photo from Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board)



Shade for spectators & players (photo from Shade 'n Net)

“ A covered hockey rink would be perfect right here. Will provide a lot less soft ice and issues maintenance wise.

“ Love that Shoreview is adding sand volleyball courts to their park system!

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Concept components

- The central area will be reconfigured with a new building that serves the ballfields as well as an open skating area, picnic lawn, and connecting trails.
- A covered hockey rink will increase ice quality in the winter and act as a shade structure for summer uses.
- At the north edge, the playground will be expanded, sand volleyball will fill a facility gap in the system, and a small dog park with landscape screening will serve the neighborhood.
- Shade canopies will be added for spectators and players and the batting cages will be relocated.
- New trails will create loops of various lengths around the park.

Figure 4.21 Sitzer Park proposed concept



Key

- Existing trails
- Proposed trails
- Plaza space

A Expanded playground

B Sand volleyball courts

C Dog park

D Covered hockey rink/
flexible court

E General skating rink

F Park building with
restrooms, programming
space, concessions, &
attached shelter

G Shade for spectators &
players

H Relocated batting cages

I Dumpster enclosure