

Parkside Hills Park – Comment Response Chart

Comment	Response
Basketball Court	
A full basketball court is desired.	The preferred court layout in survey responses was two separate courts consisting of a basketball net with 3-point lines, and a court with a ball wall.
Basketball courts are too noisy.	The noise from the basketball court has been considered; Setbacks from adjacent residential homes are implemented to reduce impacts from planned amenities.
Add lighting to the court for nighttime use.	Courts are not typically lit. To be respectful of neighbours and noise by-laws, play after dark is discouraged.
Ensure that there is a ball hockey net.	The half basketball court will include a ball hockey net within the fence of the court.
Playground Equipment	
Use rubber surfacing instead of engineered wood fibre surfacing (mulch).	Typically, engineered wood fibre surfacing is used in Neighbourhood Level Parks. We will explore affordability of a hybrid of rubberized surfacing and mulch.
Include accessible/ adaptive play areas.	The playground equipment will be built to meet National playground safety and accessibility standards (CSA Z614:20 Annex H) and will include accessible features and areas for all children to play together.
Include natural wood play features.	Neighbourhood Level Parks routinely use more robust materials to ensure longevity of the equipment. Wood play features are analyzed on a case-by-case basis however are not being considered for this park.
Swings are needed in each area for both junior (ages 18 months to 5 years) and senior (ages 5 years to 12 years) play.	Swings will be included in the playground equipment for all children to play on. Swings in both junior and senior areas will be considered when evaluating the project's scope and budget.
Equipment requests include monkey bars, climbers, rock climbing, various swings and slides, ropes, zip lines, ladders, spinning elements, balance features, bridges, etc.	All playground equipment requests will be taken into account while considering the project's scope and budget.
Sun Shelters, Shade and Seating	
The park needs more shade. Add more trees. Add another sun shelter.	More trees can be considered in the design. Only one sun shelter is provided in Neighbourhood Parks, such as Parkside Hills Park. Additional opportunities for seating in the shade will be taken into account while considering the project's scope and budget.
Add more benches and picnic table areas.	More benches and picnic tables will be considered as part of the park design.
Park Lighting	
Add more lights to stop crime.	Lighting will be included adjacent to the playground equipment as well as in the shade structure to help reduce undesirable behaviour.

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Circulation and Park Area	
A connected pathway loop is requested for bikes, scooters, walking and to keep children away from the road.	The pathway layout can be reviewed and making more connections can be taken into account while considering the project's scope and budget.
Use area around the water tower for programmed play.	Some of the land around the water tower's fenced area is not part of the park and is required for maintenance activities. While these activities only occur periodically, they would have significant impacts to any park amenities. As such, only passive use of the area is proposed.
The separated open grass "play areas" on opposite sides of the park are liked.	The preferred park layout in survey responses was Concept 1, which includes separated open areas. The areas will be maintained as free play areas.
Adult & Senior Fitness	
Install adult/senior exercise equipment.	Adult and senior (ages 55+) exercise equipment can be taken into account while considering the project's scope and budget.
New Amenities Requests	
Add a spray pad.	Spray pads are not typically included in Neighbourhood Level Parks such as Parkside Hills Park due to their size, cost and supporting infrastructure needs.
Include an off-leash dog area.	Dog parks are not generally included in Neighbourhood Parks. For information on new dog parks and running areas, please see: Dog Parks and Free Running Areas City of Hamilton
Build a calisthenics area in the park.	A calisthenics area can be taken into account while considering the project's scope and budget.
The park needs a tennis court, pickleball, and a soccer field.	Sport facilities like full-size courts and fields are not typically included in Neighbourhood Parks. A single soccer net can be taken into account while considering the project's scope and budget.
The park needs washroom facilities.	Parkside Hills Park is categorized as Neighbourhood Park and provides amenities that meet the needs of local residents who live within 800m of the park; washroom facilities will not be included in the design.
A pump track should be created.	Pump tracks are not typically included in Neighbourhood Parks. A pump track is not being considered as part of this project's scope and budget.
Create a convertible ice-skating rink for the winter, that can be used to play outdoor ice hockey.	There are areas in the park that could accommodate a community ice rink however, this program is run through the Community Outdoor Ice Rink Program. Please see SUBJECT (ES20XXX) (hamilton.ca)
Design a community garden for the park.	Community Gardens are not typically included in Neighbourhood Parks. Community gardens are not being considered as part of this project's scope and budget.

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Add a drinking fountain.	A drinking fountain will be included as part of the design. The fountain will also include a dog bowl fountain and bottle filler.
Add bike racks. Include bike racks closer to the sport courts.	Bike racks will be included as part of the design. Bike racks closer to the sport courts can be taken into account while considering the project's scope and budget.
Include a chess table.	Picnic tables will be provided in various locations throughout the park for visitors to bring cards and games to play.