

CITY OF MUSKEGON – CONCEPTUAL PARK PLANNING Kruse Park Community Engagement 5/16/2024

The following is a synopsis of the notes from speaking with community members and feedback left on the “New Ideas Board.” The comments are broken down into categories that list desired park elements. The number in the parentheses following the comment represents the number of times it was written down or ‘liked’ with a sticker. Note that this date is subjective as attendee’s dots may have been counted twice if dot was placed on plan and image.



PLAYGROUND

- Definite barrier around playground (2)
- Similar to Imagination Station (1)
- Nature play theme (37)
- Remove and replace play equipment (12)
- Keep playground in the same area (14)
- Swings (3)
- Avoid using rubber chips (2)
- Monkey bars (1)
- See-saw (1)
- Slide (1)



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BOARDWALK/STEPS

- Repair existing boardwalk, not replace (19)
- Provide accessible ramp (5)
- Repair existing view point (4)
- Remove portion of boardwalk covered by dune (1)
- Metal handrail on steps (4)
- Keep a second route to the steps/loop so that dogs can avoid each other (4)
- Replace current stairs with wider steps/make wider for dogs (6)
- Add a second set of steps (3)
- Repair railing to prevent people from walking on the dune/correct erosion near steps (4)
- Landing at the bottom of the steps (1)
- If money is tight, prioritize park improvements over adding an accessible ramp (1)

LANDSCAPE

- Remove invasive species (9)
- Use goats to remove invasive species (1)
- Keep existing trees/Preserve existing nature (2)
- Dedicated wildlife area to attract pollinators (3)
- Infographic signage that shows images of invasive species within the park and how it spreads and affects other vegetation, etc. (2)
- Remove invasive plants and poison Ivy including around boardwalk (7)

FACILITIES/SITE AMENITIES

- Add small picnic tables for individual families, which don't need to be rented (3)
- Keep existing shelters (2)
- Like proposed elevated picnic /view area (6)
- Year-round trash receptacles (6)
- Decorative trash receptacles (1)
- Litter containers at bottom of steps (2)
- Directional signage (2)
- Restrooms closer to the beach (3)
- Dog waste receptacles (1)
- Replace grills (1)
- Add bike racks (2)
- Accessible dune tram (1)



MAINTENANCE

- Change park hours to 7:00am to 10:00pm (4)
- Police presence after 11:00pm (2)
- Close and lock gate after 11:00pm (16)
- Ticketing for rule violations (2)
- No smoking pot in the park (2)
- Keep the park open during the winter (1)
- Snow fencing (1)

MISCELLANEOUS

- Like that plan calls for minimal changes (1)
- Pickle ball courts/possible in location of existing basketball court (2)
- Keep basketball courts (15)
- Remove basketball court (2)
- Baseball diamond (1)
- Hammocking / hammock party for youth/ put in shady area (22)
- Connection to Dune Park (4)
- Prevent people from climbing dunes (5)
- Dune tram (1)
- Restroom closer to beach (1)
- Fix driveway/parking paving (3)
- Improve barrier free parking (1)
- Bike and pedestrian connection to Dune Park (6)
- Directionnel signage to Dune Park (2)
- Widen park entrance (1)
- More over-site on dogs (1)
- No dog areas (1)
- Designated off-lease dog area (2)
- Designated dog park (3)
- Beach volleyball area (1)
- Grass baseball fields (3)
- Bottle refill/drinking fountain/foot wash (4)
- Clear signage to tell where dogs can be on/off leash (1)
- Include small disc golf course (10)