

Seyferth SKATE Park Open House Engagement Notes

5/29/2024

Seyferth Park, 2250 W. Sherman Blvd

4:30PM

The following is a summary of the notes from speaking with Muskegon residents about Seyferth Skate Park and what should replace this amenity. These comments came both from attendees' conversations with staff and feedback left on the "Idea Board". There were a total of 8 residents and neighbors who gave information to staff at this engagement. When arriving, attendees were handed 2 sticky dots to signal which replacement option they liked the most. Replacement options are listed below with their number of dots. In addition to the concepts shown an "idea board" was provided for open ended input.

Skate Park Replacement Options

- Skate Park (6)
- Pickleball (2)
- Skate Park with art additions (1)
- Handball / Raquetball (1)
- Ice Rink w/fire pit (1)
- Walking Track (1)

One attendee, Brian Cook, noted that he knew of many other residents and neighbors who were interested in this particular engagement, however, could not attend due to time conflicts. Brian talked in great length about the Muskegon area skate community, best practices for skate parks and skaters, and the potential benefits of skating for families. Below are the listed notes we collected from him.

- Fencing around the skate park to separate young children and skaters
- The proximity of Seyferth to the beach is appealing to skaters
- There are currently 8-9 local skaters who love the Seyferth Skate Park
- One way to improve the skate park is "black top"
- The proposed downtown skate park would be different than this park. (Closer proximity to the beach and cement bowl instead of individual equipment)
- DIY parks are community centered projects to fundraise for more amenities and increase community ownership of the skate park. Local examples include Steele Ave and Robert Clemente
- Drain location caused flooding when first installed over 25 years ago
- Lakeside NA president, Shirley Green, supported Brian's perspective of having a skate park at Seyferth

After the Seyferth Skate Park engagement, Brian Cook, hosted a skate jam on June 1st, to connect local skaters in Muskegon. He spread the word on Facebook, attracting local skaters in an effort to “sell the idea” of rehabbing the Seyferth Skate Park to city officials. This skate jam was hosted at Seyferth Park, and another event is expected to occur in July. Numerous images and videos were taken and can be found on [Brian’s Facebook](#).