

Way Park Basketball Improvement Project Summary for the Northfield City Council

Friends of Way Park Board

May 24, 2021

The Friends of Way Park would like to donate \$24,000 to the City of Northfield to replace the basketball court at Way Park in order to promote recreation and community connections for all members of the Northfield community.

The existing 30'x30' court and old hoop will be replaced by a 46'x62' concrete pad/court and two new, high-quality hoops. This will greatly enhance the playing experience and will encourage even more use of the court. It will also bring the Way Park Basketball Court up to the standards of the rest of basketball courts in Northfield parks, each of which has two hoops and larger playing surface. The new court will also increase accessibility by connecting with the existing sidewalk.

Basketball is enjoyed by people of all ages and is the second most popular sport in the United States for 6-12 year olds (Aspen Institute). An improved basketball court will encourage social connections and wellness for our community.

Timeline

2018	Basketball court improvement identified as a priority by the Friends of Way Park Board
2019 - 2020	Preliminary fundraising and planning in coordination with Tim Behrendt
May 2020	Presentation/proposal to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
July 2020	Project approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Aug. 2020 to April 2021	Neighbors and community members pledged \$24,000 in support of the project Additional planning with Tim Behrendt
May 2021	Update and confirmation of support provided by PRAB
June 2021	Completion of the project (pending acceptance of the gift by the City Council)

Reference -- Other Basketball Courts in Northfield City Parks

Park	Size (approx.)	Sq. Ft. (approx.)	# of Hoops
Washington Park	52' x 74'	3,848	2
Prairie Hills Park	32' x 52'	1,664	2
Tyler Park	38' x 57'	2,166	2
Way Park (current)	30' x 30'	900	1
Way Park (proposed)	46' x 62'	2,852	2