

Golden Pines to Get Facelift

Including the Creation of a New Douglas Park



The City was scheduled to start remediation on Douglas Park this July, however, in achieving that starting date, the City wouldn't have enough time to purchase new equipment in the areas programmed for remediation. The City had intended to leave the Playground, the outdoor Gym Equipment and the parking lot in the general condition that it is in now. Though the Gym equipment is approximately only 4 years old, and the playground a little older, we believe that there are better state-of-the-art options the City should be exercising. The gym equipment currently in the park is first generation, and today, state-of-the-art is 3rd generation equipment. The playground can be described as second generation but today state-of-the-art is 4th generation equipment. The Parking lot will be regraded along with the rest of the park which will also be regraded. The best description of the regrade is as follows: if you park along the swale and walk into the park, you will be proceeding down about 3 feet of downward slope. The regrade will significantly diminish the slope as the park will be graded up a number of feet.

The City is looking to do the park right and only once. Though this can be viewed as disappointing, it is better expressed as doing it right and in the existing state-of-the-art. The park will open the end of the first quarter of next year. The New Community Center will be completed by the end of next year and will be state of the art. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$8 million. This includes \$3.2 million for park remediation, \$2.5 million for the construction of a new community center, and \$2.7 million in new gym equipment, new shade structures, new playground equipment and furnishings for the new community center.

