



To: Board of Parks and Recreation
From: Mark Heintz – Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: March 15, 2022
Re: Centennial Park pathway addition concept

I have put together two conceptual ideas of adding pathway to Centennial Park. These sections of pathway would give more options for varying routes at the park for walkers, runners, and bike riders.

There is a frequent congestion point on the bridge over the lake. An additional pathway leading to the north, paralleling Calumet Ave., will give another option for users if they see the bridge area is congested due to the people taking in the scenic views, taking pictures, or when there are heavy number of users that sometimes leads to user frustration.

Another area that is heavily used is the route from the north dog park entrance to the north parking lot. Users on the Pennsy get funneled into the park by the dog park or through the formal gardens because there are no other outlets from that current end of the Pennsy. I am suggesting that we connect a pathway to the north side of the parking lot (just south of the playground area) to allow for a larger loop at Centennial Park but also a more direct connection for bike riders using the Pennsy who may just be riding through the park to continue further down the Pennsy corridor but adding to the congestion in the area from the dog park to the formal gardens and to the north parking lot.

Just wanted to bring this suggestion to you to get your input. Staff will add these ideas to our project list of things to accomplish in the future as funding is available if they are acceptable to you as future goals for this park.