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Romeoville to Roll Out Major Field and Park Expansion

*Plan will Include Multiple
Soccer and Football Fields*

Romeoville will be moving forward on a major park and recreation expansion starting in 2017. The plan will add 38.5 acres of park space by 2018.

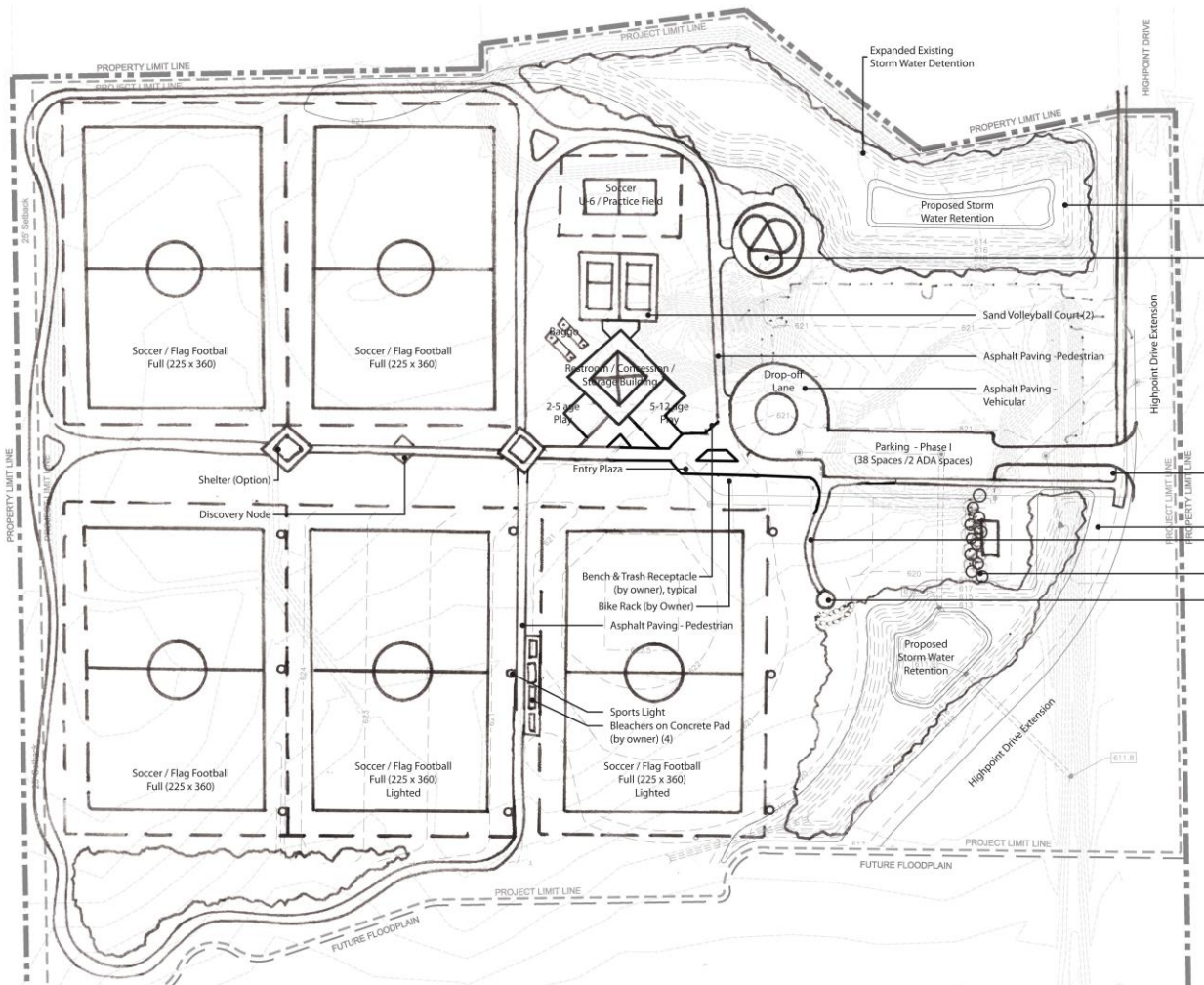
Last year, Romeoville was awarded a \$400,000 OSLAD grant for Phase 1 development of Discovery Park. The grant was through the State of Illinois' Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development grant program. The State placed the OSLAD grant program on hold last year. The Village was recently notified that the grant would be released for the Discovery Park site.

The new 31-acre park site will be located on the southwest side of Romeoville near Weber and Airport Roads. The park will be constructed in multiple phases with a total estimated budget of \$6 million dollars. The initial phase will begin construction in 2017 with a total budget of up to \$3 million. \$400,000 will be funded through the OSLAD grant, with the remainder being funded through the Village with available cash on hand.

The 2017 construction will include various athletic fields including soccer, football, lacrosse as well as three half-court basketball courts, two sand volleyball courts, a baggo playing area, an interpretive trail system and the road extension of Highpoint Drive.

"The development of this site has been a top priority for the Village. It is very important that we provide facilities to the residents in which they can participate in a variety of sports," said Mayor John Noak. "This facility will create needed space for sports that continue to grow in the community such as soccer and flag football," Noak added.

The final and future phase of Discovery Park will include a playground, shelter, maintenance building, concessions/restroom facility.



In addition to Discovery Park, the Village of Romeoville is working to develop approximately 7.5 acres of open space adjacent to Volunteer Park and the Joliet Junior College's North Campus. It is anticipated that the open space will be usable for variety of activities, including practice fields, by 2018.

Combined, the two developments will add 38.5 acres of park and recreation space, including multiple soccer and football fields by 2018. These new sites will further compliment the award winning facilities and recreation programs currently available within the Romeoville.

For more information on Romeoville Parks and Recreation Department, [click here](#).

