



Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date	4/14/2025	CCF # 241839
Ald. Jackson	Staff reviewer: Tim Askin	
Property	Sherman Park, 3001 N. 41 st Street	Sherman Boulevard HD
Owner/Applicant	Milwaukee County Parks	VJS Construction

Proposal

Renovate park by replacing various pathways, install new splash pad replacing the existing, install new seating, amenities, garbage enclosure, provide secured parking , etc. at the north and east of the Boys & Girls Club.

Staff comments

The City purchased Sherman Park from private operators in 1891 in its full current size. City Parks were transferred to the County in 1936. Based on aerial photos, the parks' layout has been largely stable since the county acquired it, with the baseball field, tennis courts, and major paths all in substantially the same locations. The only major change has been the loss of the Sherman Park pavilion in 1990, which was why the park was included within the historic district a few years later.

The north half the park is largely unchanged in features. The splash pad will be modernized, paving improved, new tables, the east parking lot will move closer to the building and be fenced in.

The only serious change is the change of the pathways in the south half of the park that have been consistent since at least our first aerial photo in 1937. It is unfortunate that this historic legacy is being altered. However, it does not seem to make a major change to the overall character of the park. Plans show that the change of paths will create a jogging loop while allowing for more trees to be planted in the center. It is feasible to maintain the original paths on the south while adding the new loop.

Recommendation

Approve as submitted.