

Observations from the Facility Inventory

Parks/Facilities (Quantity)

Parks – Equitable access to the park system can be improved by the acquisition of land in the east, south, north and northwest. The City should consider a large special use park to accommodate an athletic complex of approximately 100 acres; land to accommodate a golf course expansion when needed of 100 to 200 acres; neighborhood parks in those areas which are deficient; and a trail system to link as many parks, and points of interest, as possible.

Pools - The three swimming pools provide sufficient square footage of space to meet standards (3% of the population x 15 to 25 sq. ft. per person). When calculated, this formula calls for a range between 20,250 sq. ft. to 33,750 sq. ft. Currently, Ewert Pool has 10,280 sq. ft.; Cunningham has 8,787 sq. ft.; and Schifferdecker has 13,592 for a total of 32,659 sq. ft. One can see from this calculation that Joplin is on the upper end of its provision of water space for citizens.

Golf Course - The golf course averages 40,412 rounds of golf per year. Maximum number of rounds the facility can accommodate annually is approximately 52,000, thus the City needs to monitor this number and plan accordingly. Because there is not sufficient land at the current site for expansion, new land will need to be acquired.



Athletic Facilities – The number of athletic facilities for soccer and baseball/softball seems to meet the current demand.

Shelters – There is a need for additional shelters at McClelland, Ewert, Landreth, Garvin, Leonard, Humphrey, Schifferdecker and Iron Gates; shelter repair is needed at Ewert on the existing shelter.

Playgrounds – There is a need for new playgrounds at McClelland, Landreth (2), Leonard, Humphrey, Schifferdecker, McKinley, Iron Gates and Roanoke. ADA accessible playgrounds need to be provided in each zone of the City.

Parks/Facilities (Quality)

Parks – The condition of the park system is below average. There is a significant need for new playgrounds, shelters, tennis court improvements, lighting, drinking fountains, restrooms and parking areas, in many cases.

Pools - The condition of existing pools is below average. Renovation of Ewert and Cunningham Pools is possible; Schifferdecker needs to be replaced in its current location.

Golf Course – The condition of the golf course was not evaluated as a part of this report.

Athletic Facilities – Citizens have indicated their support for improved facilities. Other communities have enjoyed great success by removing old facilities and constructing new ones in a central location.

Shelters – A recommendation is being made for new shelters at McClelland, Ewert, Landreth, Garvin, Leonard, Humphrey, Schifferdecker and Iron Gates; shelter repair is needed at Ewert on the existing shelter.

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