

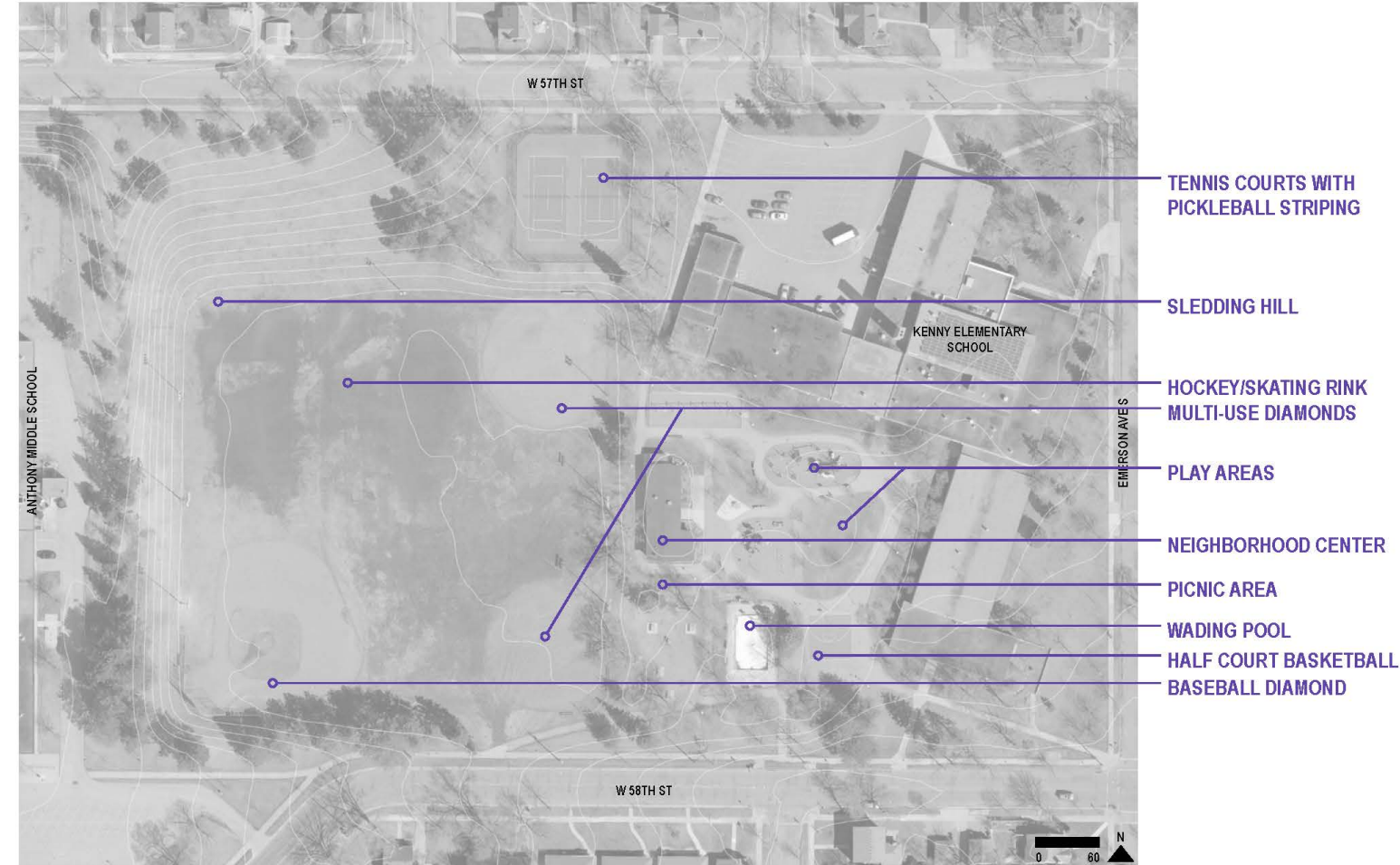


**Minneapolis**  
Park & Recreation Board

**Kenny Park**  
**Playground Concept Plan**  
**Public Hearing**  
**July 7, 2021 – 6:00pm**

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# Location and Existing Features



**KENNY PARK - EXISTING CONDITIONS**



Kenny Park is sandwiched between Anthony Middle School and Kenny Elementary School on the southern end of the Southwest Service Area.

The park includes multi-use fields, tennis courts, a half court basketball court, a wading pool, a small recreation center, and a playground last rehabbed in 1997.



### PROPOSED DESIGN FEATURES

1. NATURALIZED AREAS
2. WALKING LOOP
3. ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD (with striping for 2 premier multi-use fields)
4. UPDATED PLAY AREAS
5. PROPOSED BUILDING EXPANSION WITH OPEN AIR SHELTER
6. UPDATED PICNIC AREA
7. SPLASH PAD WITH SHADE STRUCTURES
8. MULTI-USE SPORT COURT (with 2 half-court basketball hoops and 2 four-square courts)

### EXISTING FEATURES

- A. NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER
- B. SLEDDING HILL
- C. TENNIS COURTS WITH PICKLEBALL STRIPING (2)
- D. GAGA PIT

The Kenny Park Master Plan does not make wholesale changes to the park. It does propose a new splash pad, replacing the wading pool, relocated south of the existing recreation center, the removal of ball diamonds to be replaced with artificial turf fields, expanded basketball courts and an expansion of the playground which is the subject of this Concept Plan approval request.

**KENNY PARK - PROPOSED PLAN**

# Playground Improvements Funding

## Playground Improvements Funding Sources:

2020 COVID Amendment NPP20 -	\$307,000 (limited to Playground Improvements)
2020 Park Dedication -	\$5,597 (limited to new park features)
Kenny Parent Foundation Donation -	\$40,000 (limited to Playground Improvements)
<b>TOTAL FUNDING -</b>	<b>\$352,597</b>

\* *Full scope of Kenny Park Master Plan estimated at \$7.6M in 2020 construction costs*

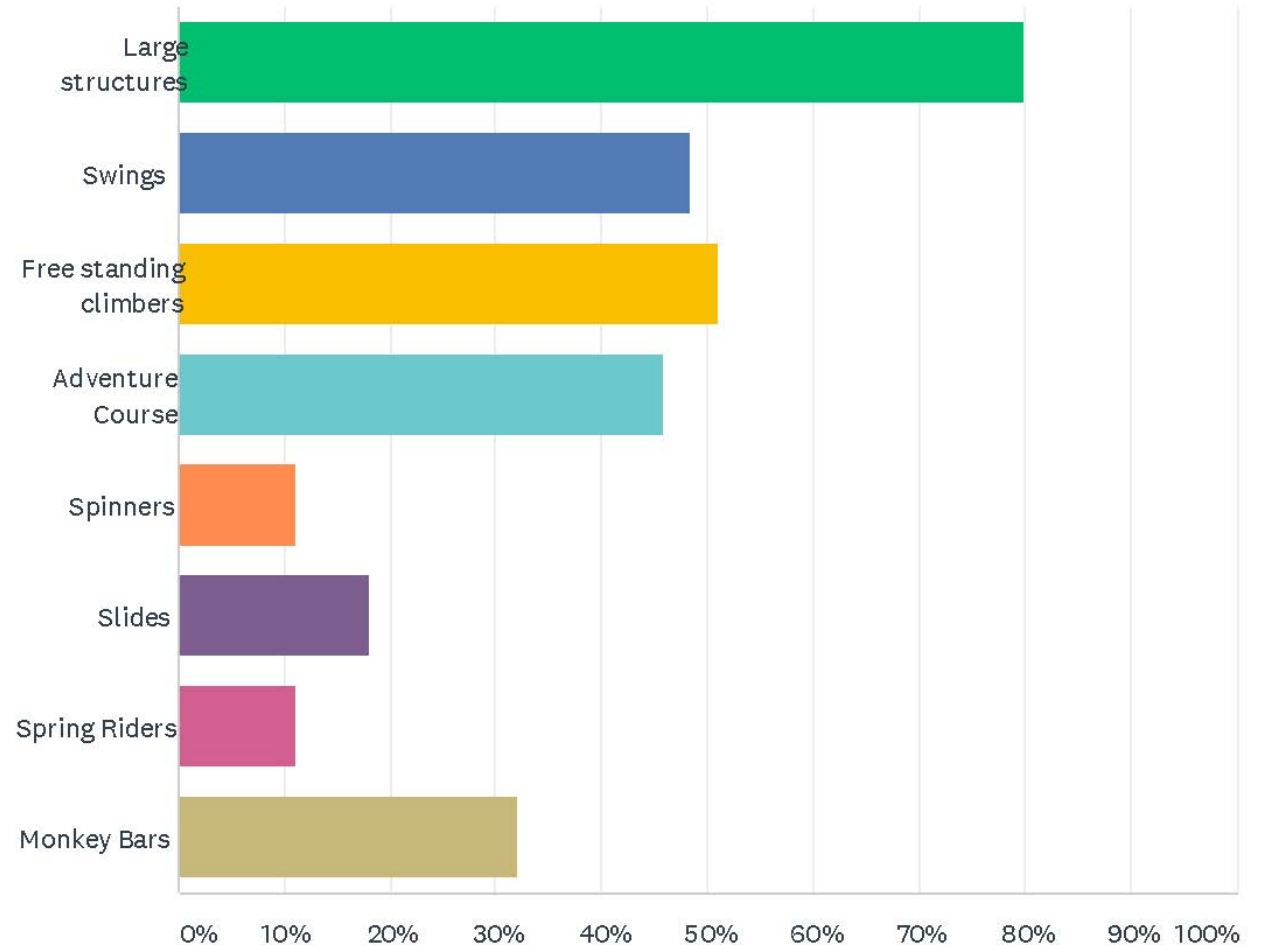
# NPP20

***The 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan***

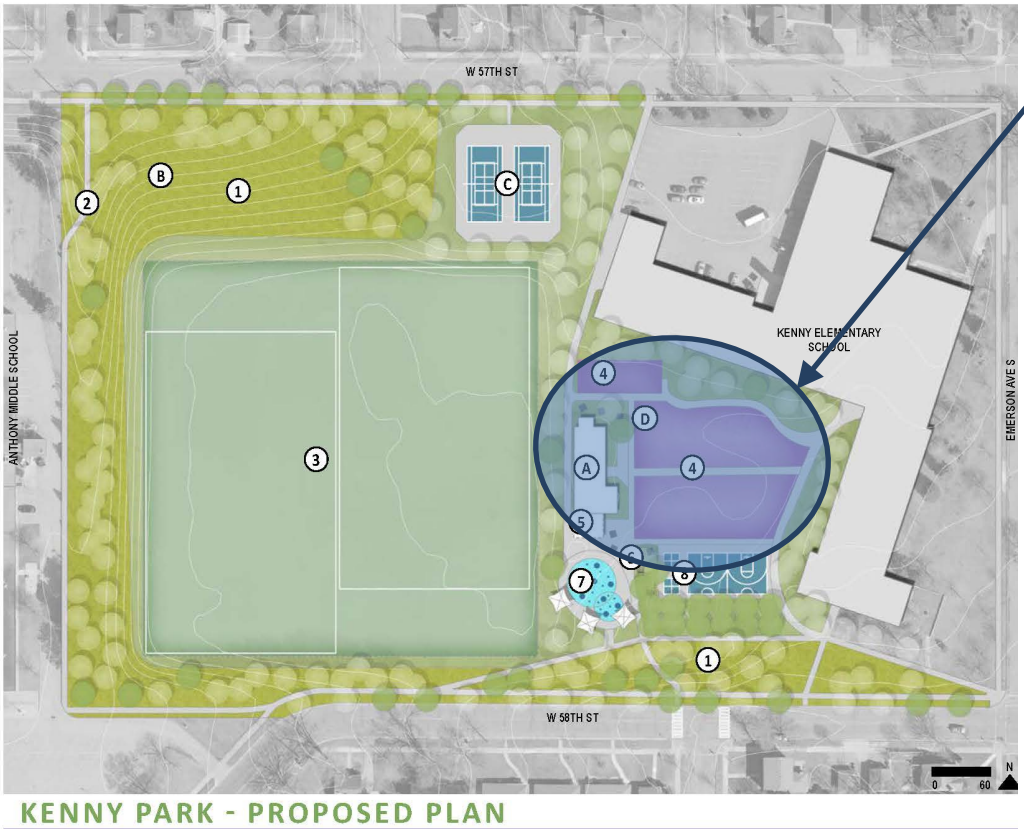
# Community Engagement To Date

- **Six Key Stakeholder Meetings**
  - **Kenny Neighborhood Association**
  - **Kenny Parent Foundation**
  - **Anthony Site Council**
  - **MPS Project Managers and Staff**
- **One On-Line Survey (190 Engagements)**
- **Public hearing mailings, news releases, gov deliveries and project webpage**

Overall, staff engaged with approximately **200 members** of the public.



## PLAYGROUND LOCATION



# Playground Challenges



- High-use playground
- Worn decking and slides requiring replacement
- Inaccessible sand
- No area for true toddler play

# Playground Engagement Results

From the community engagement process, the following themes emerged:

- Concern about the sand in the playground
  - **All new surfacing will be Engineered Wood Fiber and new PIP Rubber Surfacing**
- There was support for the current swings, monkey bars, large structures, and slides
  - **All major features of the existing 5-12 playground will be preserved, with new decks, and slide features and the repainting of faded metal elements**
- There was a desire for new large, climbing structures to be added to the playground
  - **The new playground container will include a new, large climbing structure**
- Concern about the safety and functionality of the existing 2-5 playground
  - **The 2-5 playground will receive new equipment, better suited for this age group**



# Playground Concept Plan



## Overall Playground Concept

- Preserve elements that still function
- Replace all sand surfacing with EWF and provide new PIP rubber surfacing
- Repaint faded metal elements
- Provide new 2-5 equipment better suited for age group
- Expand play area with a new container focused on large climbing structures for school age children



## 5-12 Year-Old Container

- New surfacing
- New decks
- New slides/plastic elements
- Some new connecting features to meet current accessibility requirements
- This Concept Plan generally maintains the existing play equipment, saving money and allowing for the expansion of play in a new container, guided by the Master Plan.



## 2-5 Year-Old Container

- New surfacing
- Retain swing structure
- New equipment better suited to age group, while maintaining functionality for school age children.
- Replace See-Saw with new, accessible unit as school staff noted this was a well used feature.



## New 5-12 Year-Old Container

- With funding from Kenny Parent Foundation making an additional play container feasible, feedback from that group lead to this equipment selection.
- Focus is on expanding large climbing structures for school age children for use during short recess breaks.
- With high-use intensity, new play feature is functional for many youth in a short time period.

## Remaining Project Schedule:

<u>Playground Concept Plan Public Hearing/ Concept Plan Approval (Committee and Full Board?) -</u>	<u>July 7, 2021*</u>
<u>Playground Equipment State Contract Approval -</u>	<u>July 21, 2021*</u>
<u>Playground Improvements Construction Begins -</u>	<u>August 2021*</u>
<u>Playground Improvements Construction Completion -</u>	<u>October 2021*</u>

*\*Efforts are being made to expedite project to limit playground downtime during 2021/22 school year.*

**Questions?**