

10-03-2022 Town Council Meeting

Responses to Council Questions

ITEM #1: Splash Pad and Inclusive Playground Feasibility Analysis Update

Council Question:

Why would annual maintenance of a smaller splash pad cost so much more than a larger splash pad, per slide 24, example 3: Annual operating expense: \$ 18,000-45,000 for maintenance, water and sewer costs?

Staff Response:

Operating expenses are comprised of maintenance, electricity, chemicals, and OWASA water and sewer charges with expected water usage of sample designs. Since Example 3 does not have recirculation equipment and is a flow-through system-using fresh water that goes down the drain into the sewer system, the water bill would reflect a tap being turned on for multiple hours/day. The larger splash pad would be a recirculating system, like a swimming pool. The water gets recirculated and filtered constantly, and therefore there is only the upfront early season filling of the system, with topping off as required due to evaporation.