Spring 2021

Dear Friend,

Outdoor spaces have never been more prized. Imagine a place where the entire community can enjoy outdoor activities every season of the year. The Vergennes Parks & Recreation Committee, together with the Vergennes Partnership, is pleased to share a project with you that will provide such a place!

Take a walk to Veterans Park and the site of the ice-skating rink/basketball court—just steps from Vergennes Union Elementary School. A popular recreation spot for all ages in every season, you’ll find community members playing basketball, practicing Tai Chi, playing pickleball using portable nets, and ice skating in the winter. Nearby is the skatepark, tennis courts and Sam Fishman Swimming Pool.

Significant financial and volunteer labor investments have been made to the ice rink and basketball court. These improvements, however, are short-lived without protection from the elements. After researching possible options, the Recreation Committee recommends the building of a pavilion that would shelter an improved ice rink from snow and keep rain off the basketball court—the two primary causes of damage to the court surface.

In December 2020, a grant was submitted to the Hoehl Family Foundation requesting financial support of this project. The total cost was estimated at $800,000. We are thrilled that the Foundation has agreed to help fund Phase I of the project. This phase, estimated at $285,000 includes initial design costs, along with a complete upgrade to the site, the leveling and concrete resurfacing, footings installation and an upgrade of the electrical service.

The Foundation is offering a 2:1 match to get the project off the ground.

This means we need to raise $95,950 and the Foundation will donate $191,900.

The pavilion will create a recreational hub—a gathering space for activities such as picnics, parties, performances, and school projects that might otherwise take place indoors. With an improved concrete surface, the recreation space can expand from a single basketball court to three basketball/pickleball courts and include shuffleboard courts as well. With new lighting, activities can be enjoyed into the evening hours and the sheltering roof will make the courts accessible during inclement weather.

We need, however, to act quickly. With your support, we are confident we can achieve this challenge between now and July 1, 2021. 100% of every gift is tax deductible and will greatly benefit this exciting investment in our community. Please consider making a contribution today! Donations can be made two ways:

By credit card: online at www.VergennesDowntown.org

By check, payable to: Vergennes Partnership
PO Box 304, Vergennes, VT 05491

We are all part of this amazing Little City with a Big Heart and are grateful for your consideration of helping us make the pavilion a reality. If you have any questions, or would like further information, please feel free to reach out to either of us. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kathryn S. Rossier
Chair

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The Pavilion at Veterans Park Vergennes
Purpose

The Pavilion at Veterans Park, Vergennes

This proposed pavilion will create a hub for outdoor recreation in our community. This would be a place for athletic activities, educational workshops, picnics, parties, and performances that might otherwise be held indoors.
- Description

The pavilion will be a shelter (see slide) with a roof and that covers the skating rink/courts site on city property (approximately 162’ x 72’).

The pavilion allows for expanded use of the site during inclement weather. It also will prolong the life of the concrete surface and improve the use of the skating rink by protecting it from snow and solar gain. Lighting will enable evening use throughout the year.
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Design possibilities, Phase I
Overlay of Current Rink Dimensions with Ortho View

Skate Park 148.5’ x 42’

Rink/Court
163’ x 73’

Skate Hut
17’ x 42’
Pavilion Gable End
Interior View

- Interior Floor/Rink Area ~ 72’ x 162’
- ~ 5/12 Roof Pitch, 4’ overhang, ice protection @ eaves?
- ~ 15’ Exterior Posts (underside of rafter)
- ~ 17’ clear to rafter over Bball hoops
- Interior span ~ 72’
- 3 Basketball Courts
- 3 Pickle Ball Courts
Potential to cover gable and upper side walls above ~8-10’
Include vents and window panels?
Translucent panels for natural light on North side of roof?
Overlay of Pavilion Roof with New Rink Outline - Basketball and Pickle Ball Courts Layout
Project Components

• Specification

• Design – Civil and Structural Engineering

• Fabrication
  • Rink Slab
    • Remove existing rink slab
    • Excavate to adequate depth
    • Slab foundation stone – 18”

• Site Work
  • Surface Water Drainage
  • Water, Electricity Rough-in
  • Footing holes, slab prep

• ETC........