

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20021187

**1. REQUESTED MOTION:**

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Authorize staff to proceed with the implementation of the master plan for the Estero Community Park.

**WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:** To obtain Board approval prior to implementing the master plan for the Estero Community Park.

**WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** Provides Board approval of the master plan for the Estero Community Park. The park will include a community building, soccer fields, playgrounds, a water playground and horseshoe and bocce ball courts.

**2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:**

02 Construction and Design  
COMMISSION DISTRICT #

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**3. MEETING DATE:**

November 5, 2002

**4. AGENDA:**

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

**5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:**  
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

**6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:**

- A. COMMISSIONER
- B. DEPARTMENT Construction & Design
- C. DIVISION

BY: Jim Lavender, PW Director

**7. BACKGROUND:**

On August 21, 2001, the Board awarded a Professional Services Agreement to Parker/Mudgett/Smith Architects and on May 7, 2002, awarded construction management to J.L. Wallace, Inc for the design, permitting and construction of the Estero Community Park project.

County staff has met with Estero residents and the Estero Chamber to discuss features they would like to have included in the 55 acre Estero Community Park. Based upon those meetings, the master plan has been developed to include a community building, two soccer fields, playgrounds for different age groups, a water playground, horseshoe and bocce ball courts, a 5K cross-country course and bike/walking trails along with picnic pavilions.

Funds are available in account string: 20199918608.506540

**8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:**

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
<i>J. Lavender</i> 10-18-02		N/A	<i>ADP</i>	<i>[Signature]</i> 10/21/02 P.M.	OA 10/22/02	OM 10/22/02	Risk 10/23/02	GC 10/23/02	<i>J. Lavender</i> 10-18-02

**10. COMMISSION ACTION:**

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

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PROJECT HISTORY

ESTERO COMMUNITY PARK

JAN 9, 2002: PUBLIC MEETING NO. 1

Lee County, Lee Co. Parks and Recreation, and the design team poll the community on program elements to include in the park.

MARCH 7, 2002: PUBLIC MEETING NO. 2

A working program of elements is developed from initial public input and conceptual plans are discussed.

APRIL 2, 2002: PUBLIC MEETING NO. 3

The program is finalized, Recreation Center is discussed in detail, discussion about conceptual plans continues and a name is picked for the Park.

MAY 20, 2002: PUBLIC MEETING NO. 4

Progress report given to the Estero Community Planning Panel. It is agreed that the Park's buildings will be subject to Estero's newly approved Design Review process.

MAY 20 - OCTOBER 15: STAFF WORKSHOPS, COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Input is gathered from representatives of numerous community groups. Input is gathered from over twenty members of the Lee County Parks/Recreation staff and the Construction/Design staff.

AUGUST 6, 2002: PUBLIC MEETING NO. 5

Preliminary Master Plans are presented for review and comment.

OCTOBER 15, 2002: FINAL MASTER PLAN COMPLETE

NOVEMBER 5, 2002: PRESENTATION OF MASTER PLAN TO BOCC

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BRIEF REVIEW OF PROJECT GOALS – ESTERO COMMUNITY PARK

PASSIVE RECREATION vs. ACTIVE RECREATION:

Active and passive recreation areas organized around a much larger and mostly passive Central Lawn. Emphasis away from organized sports with the exception of Youth Soccer.

LIMITED TRAFFIC IN PARK:

Drives and parking at perimeter of site, with no major activity areas too distant from entry points. No vehicular "shortcuts" through park.

MAXIMIZE PEDESRIAN AND BICYCLE TRAFFIC THROUGH PARK:

Miles of paths for walking, running, rollerblading and bicycling with numerous connections to adjacent paths and properties.

VIEWS INTO AND ACROSS PARK:

Placement of lakes and hills to create impressive vistas and spectator opportunities.

SECURITY AND PRACTICALITY:

Restroom facilities, maintenance facilities, parking and activity areas strategically placed for security, observability and practicality.

ENTIRE PARK PLANTED AS AN ARBORETUM:

Massive tree planting with labels and signs describing the scores of species that grow at the very specific latitude of this location.

CENTER OF COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY:

In addition to specific activity areas, there will be places for birthday parties, concerts, meetings, impromptu musical gatherings, parades, fun-runs, picnics and bar-b-q's...

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PROGRAM                      ESTERO COMMUNITY PARK                      15 OCTOBER 2002

SOCCER / MULTI-PURPOSE FIELDS	Two full size soccer fields Convertible to multiple youth fields Convertible to other uses such as softball, football, ultimate disc, lacrosse, field hockey, etc.
CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING COURSE	Regulation course with variable terrain For high school meets and public use
HORSESHOE PITS	9 pits of tournament quality
MULTI-PURPOSE PAVED SURFACE	100' X 150' Paved area with shade structure and basketball hoops
DISC GOLF COURSE	9 holes to be arranged near perimeter of site
BOCCE BALL GROUND	2 runs with clay surface of regulation size
VOLLEYBALL COURT	Two sand "beach style" courts with regulation nets and boundaries
WET PLAYGROUND	3,600 square feet of water spouting, spraying and pouring play features arranged over a cushioned surface
BIKE PATHS	Paved paths linked to existing or planned paths outside the park
INTERPRETIVE NATURE TRAIL	The site for this project has been completely cultivated in years past resulting in a lack of diversity of ecosystems. The interpretive nature trail can be planned and more "natural" areas can be initiated but it will take much time for this feature to fully develop.
WALKING PATHS	Paved path system with clearly identified distances running throughout the park
PLAYGROUNDS	Three major playground areas Playground areas will be provided for different age levels in different types of spaces throughout the park
PICNIC AREAS	Numerous picnic areas will be developed for large and small groups Picnic areas will be provided in different types of spaces

LARGE OPEN AREA	Trees and grass in a central lawn Seating area for performances on the stage at the back of the recreation center
QUIET AREAS	Areas with no programmed activity, out of the way of main park circulation, provided with shade Could be created in conjunction with demonstration gardens
DEMONSTRATION GARDENS	Native Plant Garden - native plants and trees to be utilized throughout the park.  Massive tree planting with labels and signs describing the scores of species that grow at the very specific latitude of this location.
OFF-LEASH DOG PARK	Adjacent to parking with waste and water station +/- 1.5 acres fenced Shade structures provided
LAKE(S)	Stocked with fish Large water jetting aerators as accents
HILL(S)	Built of material from the digging of the lakes
HISTORIC BOOMER CARETAKER HOUSE	Location for structure within park with adjacent parking and utility hookups as required
LARGE PAVILION	1,800 square foot, covered open-sided structure for gathering and group activities
GAZEBO / BANDSTAND FOCAL POINT	Decorative raised platform with roof 150 to 200 square feet
RESTROOMS	Located throughout the park

## RECREATION CENTER

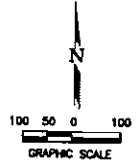
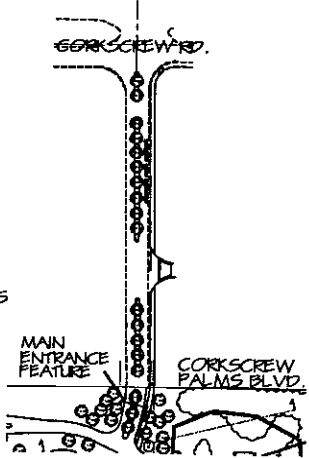
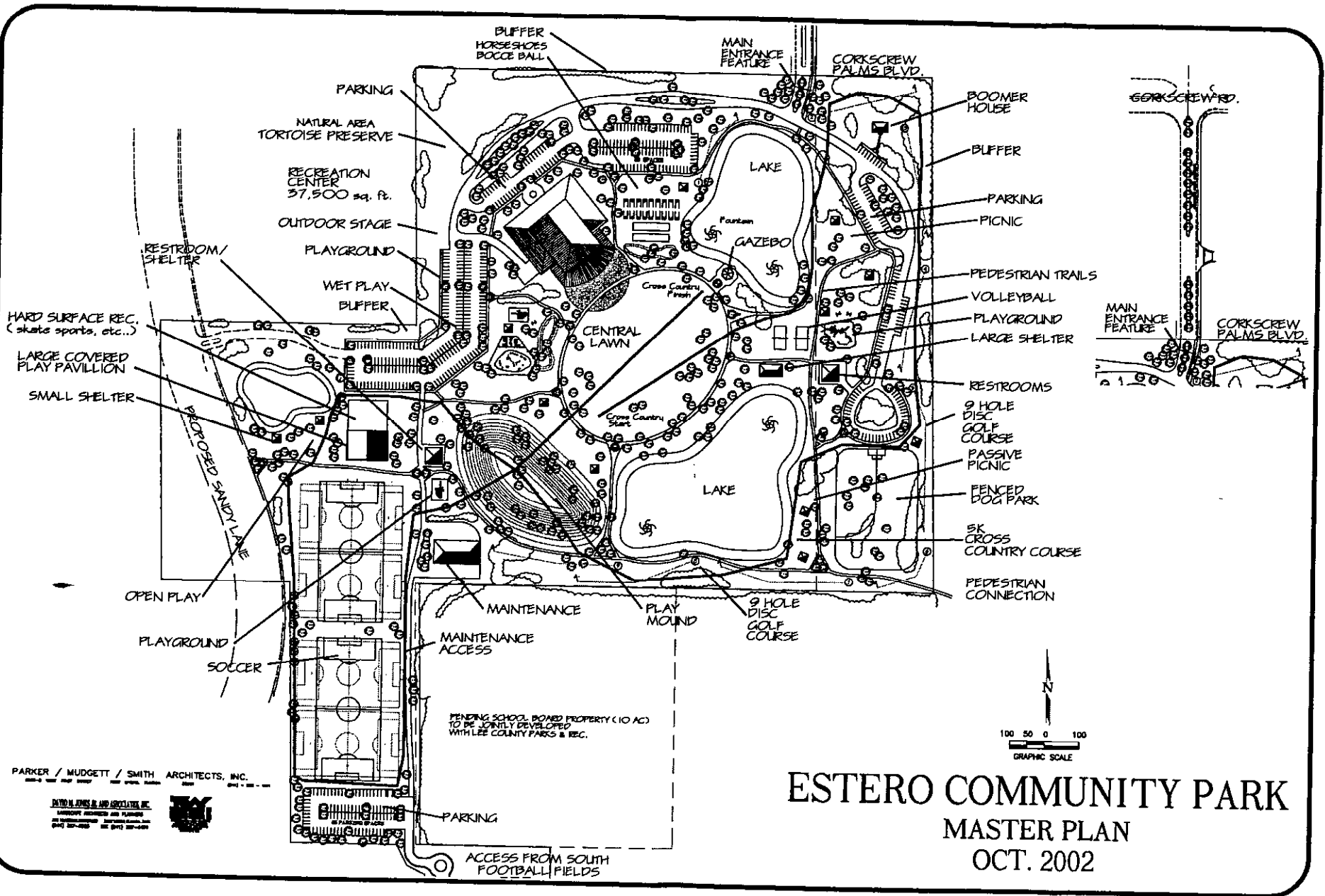
+/- 38,000 square foot building will include (but not be limited to) the following:

COMMUNITY ROOMS	Activity and meeting rooms of various sizes and configurations for the use of community organizations. Rooms shall be used by different groups at different times. Dedicated storage provided for a limited number of individual groups.
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MULTI-PURPOSE GYMNASIUM	Outfitted for all appropriate indoor sports activities and large assemblies. Sized for two full basketball courts.
LOCKER ROOMS	Changing areas and showers included
ARTS INSTRUCTION FACILITIES	A community room specifically designed for the instruction and practice of the arts.
EXERCISE ROOMS	Areas for weight lifting, aerobics, marshal arts, dance, etc.
OFFICE SPACE	For administration of facility

## ACCESS AND SAFETY ISSUES

ACCESS POINTS	The size of this park warrants multiple entrance/exit points. The principal entry shall be from Corkscrew Road. The second entry shall be either from Williams Road through the newly developed park south of this project, or from Sandy Lane once it is improved to the West of this project. Parking shall be provided at each entry but the two entries shall not be connected for vehicular traffic. Foot and bicycle traffic will be allowed to enter the park at multiple locations that are deemed appropriate to the use of the park and the overall nature of the surrounding properties and path systems.
PARKING	The size of this park warrants multiple parking areas. There will be parking provided at numerous locations around the perimeter of the park to specifically service different program elements. Cars will not have access to the interior of the park. Total number of spaces ??????????????
LIGHTING	Parking lots, drives and soccer fields shall be lit to meet or exceed all existing safety and use standards. Other activity areas will be lit to the extent allowed by the budget. All lighting will be appropriately designed to limit light pollution of surrounding areas.
SUPERVISION	Playgrounds, maintenance building, restrooms, parking and drives to be located to facilitate intensive supervision of specific areas, and general supervision of the entire park.



# ESTERO COMMUNITY PARK

## MASTER PLAN

OCT. 2002

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ACCESS FROM SOUTH FOOTBALL FIELDS