

Beach/Oak Park Site Visit 3-16-20

The Beach/Oak park is a small neighborhood park with a playground, small picnic shelter and basketball courts. The main issues relate to the slopes along the walkways and into the different playground areas. Regrading of the playground surface is also necessary to provide accessible slopes. The portable toilet is not on an accessible route and would need to be relocated to one or a new accessible route would need to be created. **Please Note:** This Transition Plan report is a update from the original site visit in 2010. The report will note elements that have been corrected in the "Action Taken" column. If no correction has taken place then the column will be left blank. Also, during the site visit no portable toilets were present as they will be installed later in April. In the staff meeting it was noted that all portable toilets ordered will be of an accessible design.

The report uses two different accessibility codes. The Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) can be down loaded from the Access Board website. The website is www.access-board.gov. In addition, the Illinois Accessibility Code (IAC) was also used in this report. This code can be down loaded from the website, www.cbd.state.il.us/IAC. At the time of these reports, the Department of Justice has approved the New ADAAG standards that include both Play Areas and Recreational Facilities guidelines. These reports reflect the new standards since they will be in affect before all of the accessibility barriers have been removed.

The park district is part of a local government which requires compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Changes to the park district would allow for equal opportunity to participate in programs and activities, effective communication, and program accessibility. Access of programs and activities can be achieved by removal of physical barriers, modification of policies, practices and procedures that discriminate against a person with a disability and relocation to an accessibility facility. In existing facilities, the ADA does allow the relocation of a program from an inaccessible facility to an accessible facility until all access barriers have been removed. See 28 C.F.R. §35.150(a)(1);(b)(1) for additional information.

PLEASE NOTE: Any references for Outdoor Developed Areas is presently not approved by the Department of Justice. However, it would be recommended to follow these standards as "Best Practices" at this point in time. In addition, in existing facilities, the ADA does allow the relocation of a program from an inaccessible facility to an accessible facility until all access barriers have been removed. See 28 C.F.R. §35.150(a)(1);(b)(1) for additional information. ADAAG 206.2 requires that at least one accessible route be provided within the boundary of the site. The reports provide comments on all routes that when upgrades are made in the future modifications can be made to correct the access barrier or in some cases modify to the greatest extent possible.

**Park Redesigned and Opened
4/1/2024 with new equipment and
walkways. SE**

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No accessible route is provided to the portable toilet for 25 feet.	ADAAG 403.3	Relocate to an accessible route or provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	3			Seasonal - Have company deliver portable toilets along an accessible route.
The portable toilet is not of an accessible design.	ADAAG 213.2	For portable toilets provide at least 5% not no less than one accessible portable toilet on an accessible route.	3			Seasonal - Single portable toilets should be of an accessible design.
A Spruce tree branch protrudes into the walkway to the playground at 64 inches.	ADAAG 307	Trim the branch to provide an 80 inches minimum clear head space and back to the edge of the walkway.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20

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The east side entrance into the 2-5 year old playground has too much engineered wood fiber and it creates a running slope too steep at 17.6%	ADAAG 406	Reduce the amount of engineered wood fiber to provide a smooth transitions from the walkway to the playground or using the curb ramp standards remove some engineered wood fiber to provide a running slope no steeper than 8.3% and a cross slope no steeper than 2%. Please Note 3-16-20: Playground surface is in poor condition. New wood fiber is needed to meet playground accessibility surface requirements.	1			
The west side entrance into the 2-5 year old playground has too much engineered wood fiber and it creates a running slope too steep at 10.9%			1			
The sand area appears to have an area for sand digger on an accessible surface but it appears to have been removed.	ADAAG 240.2 & ADAAG 1008.4.3	Consider one or two play components such as a sand digger, raised sand table, etc. that can be used from the accessible route up to the sand play area.	2			
The ramp into the 5-12 year old has a running slope too steep at 9.4%.	ADAAG 406	Provide an accessible route not steeper than 5% for the running slope, or provide a curb ramp with a running slope no steeper than 8.3% and a cross slope no steeper than 2%.	1			
The double spring teeter-totter have running slopes too steep at 13.7% and 17.5% at each seat.	ADAAG 1008.4.2	Provide a regular maintenance to the play surface to provide an accessible route and cross slopes no greater than 2% in all directions for easier transfer to the teeter-totter. Consider a mat under the teeter-totter to provide a kick-out of the surface material.	2			

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The swings at the playground area have a slope too steep at 14.2% and 25.9%.	ADAAG 1008.4.2	Provide a regular maintenance to the play surface to provide an accessible route and cross slopes no greater than 2% in all directions for easier transfer to the swing. Consider a mat under the swings to provide a kick-out of the surface material.	2			
The curved walkway around the 5-12 year old playground has a cross slope too steep at 2.6% to 6.4% for 183 feet.	ADAAG 403.3	Remove and regrade section to provide a cross slope no greater than 2%.	2			
The four benches on the curved walkway have companion seat slopes too steep from 2.7% to 4.3%.	ADAAG 403.3	Reset the benches with companion seating after the sidewalk has been remove and regraded to provide a cross slope no greater than 2%.	2			
The cross slope in front of the basketball entrance to the bench has a cross slope too steep at 2.6% to 3.3% for 16 feet.	ADAAG 403.3	Remove and regrade section to provide a cross slope no greater than 2%.	1			

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Public Sidewalks and Their Issues at Beach/Oak Park						
The east public sidewalk along the fence and up to the entrance has a cross slope too steep at 2.6% to 4.3% for 51 feet.	ADAAG 403.3	Remove and regrade section to provide a cross slope no greater than 2%.	1			
The east curb ramp to the street does not provide truncated domes.	ADAAG 705	Provide truncated domes that go the width of the sidewalk and 24 inches deep where it meets the road. Provide a color that contrast with the walkway surface. Truncated dome tiles are typically a more durable solution.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
The north curb ramp has worn truncated domes that should be replace.	ADAAG 705	Provide truncated domes that go the width of the sidewalk and 24 inches deep where it meets the road. Provide a color that contrast with the walkway surface. Truncated dome tiles are typically a more durable solution.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20