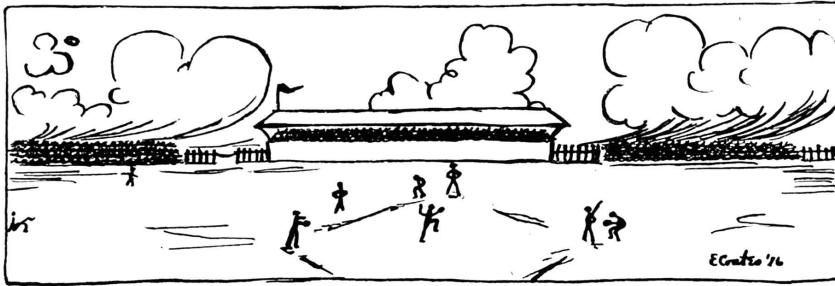


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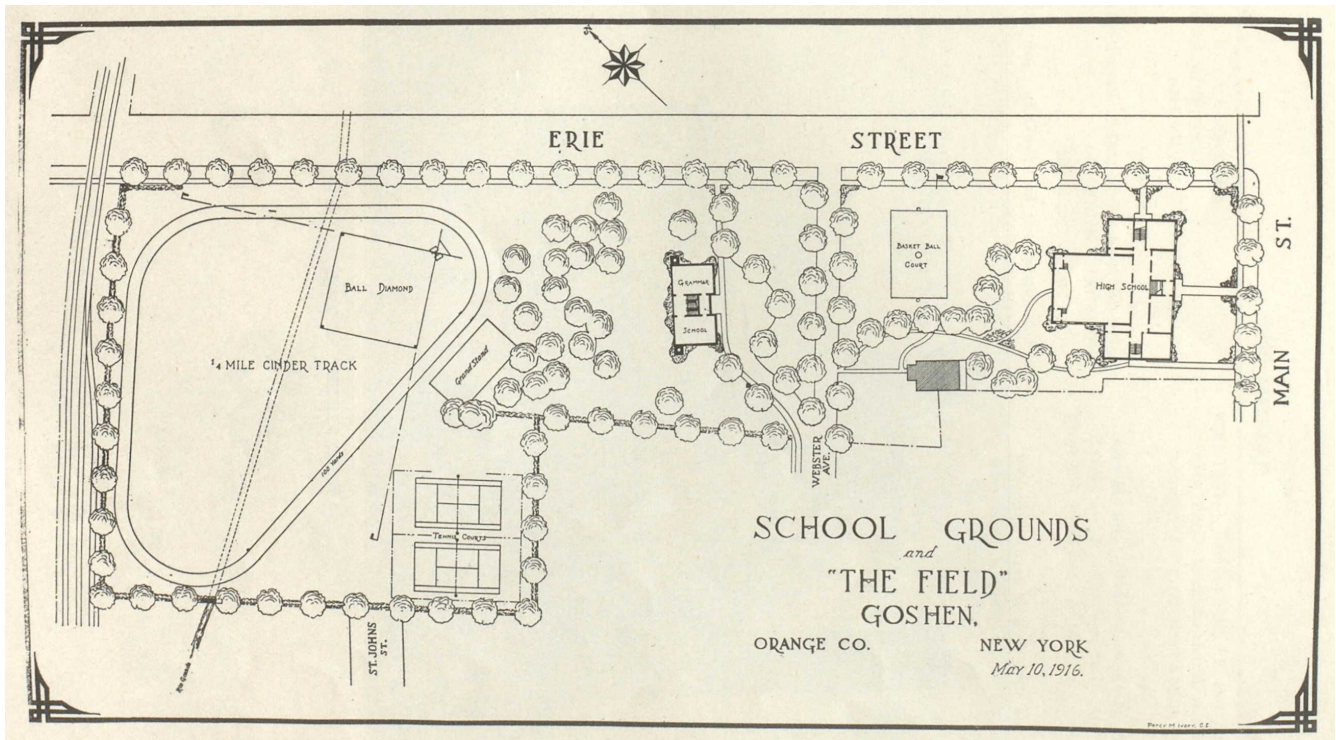


Joint
Recreation
Commission

Proposed Erie Street Park Recreation Expansion

October 1, 2024

A BRIEF HISTORY OF RECREATION ON ERIE STREET



'The Goshen Athletic Field' was established in the Spring of 1916 when A. S. Murray and Dr. James Coleman donated a tract of land behind the Erie Street grammar school.

“No one can tell to what extent this field will benefit not only the High School, but also the town but, that great benefit will be derived from it, there can be no doubt.”
— Goshen High School Yearbook (1916)

Once the Goshen Central School District built a new high school and demolished the grammar school on Erie Street, district use of these athletic fields gradually decreased.

By the mid 1990s, this scholastic recreational area became a municipal park after a section of the tract was transferred to the Village of Goshen.

Today, the Goshen Central School District no longer uses this recreational area for any athletic or other programs.

Currently, maintenance of the two parcels that make up the park is shared between the district and the Goshen Joint Recreation Commission.

GOSHEN JOINT RECREATION COMMISSION

According to the Town and Village of Goshen codes, the purpose of the Joint Recreation Commission is to provide recreation facilities and programs for the inhabitants of the Town, Village, and Goshen School District.

The JRC maintains five parks – Salesian, Bruen, Lions, Erie Street, Craigville Park – and provides recreational activities with an annual budget of \$175,000. Currently the Town contributes \$100,000 and the Village contributes \$75,000.

The JRC budget is used to employ staff, purchase insurance, provide recreational activities and events, and other costs associated with general maintenance of the parks.

Capital improvement projects are undertaken by the Village and the Town. Each year, the JRC makes recommendations for projects to the municipalities.

These recreational projects are funded by fees collected by the municipalities when new homes are constructed. These are “payment in lieu of parkland” fees, or more commonly referred to as “parkland fees.” Parkland money can only be used for the addition of recreational amenities, such as fields, playground equipment, etc.

In the spring of 2019 the JRC recommended that the Village of Goshen construct bathroom facilities at Erie Street Park. Once it was determined that the bathroom would have to be constructed on land that was owned by the school district, the JRC initiated a series of meetings with the District, and representatives from the Village.



FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS AT ERIE STREET

When it was first proposed, the Village was not in a position to finance the construction of bathroom facilities or other park improvements at Erie Street, nor the cost associated with paying for the district to have a referendum on a transfer of property.

Many new housing developments have been constructed in the Town over the past few decades, while little housing has been added to the Village. Because of this, the Town has accumulated a substantial amount of parkland fees while the Village has not. This has complicated efforts for the municipalities to jointly construct park improvements because the Town and the Village had a policy of splitting the cost of park projects 50/50.

Recently, Town Supervisor Joe Betro has approached the Village and offered to finance improvements to Erie Street Park using money from the Town's parkland budget, without requiring the Village to provide a matching contribution.

Mayor Molly O'Donnell has been actively engaged with the District in an effort to find a solution to the issue of district ownership of the section of the park under discussion.

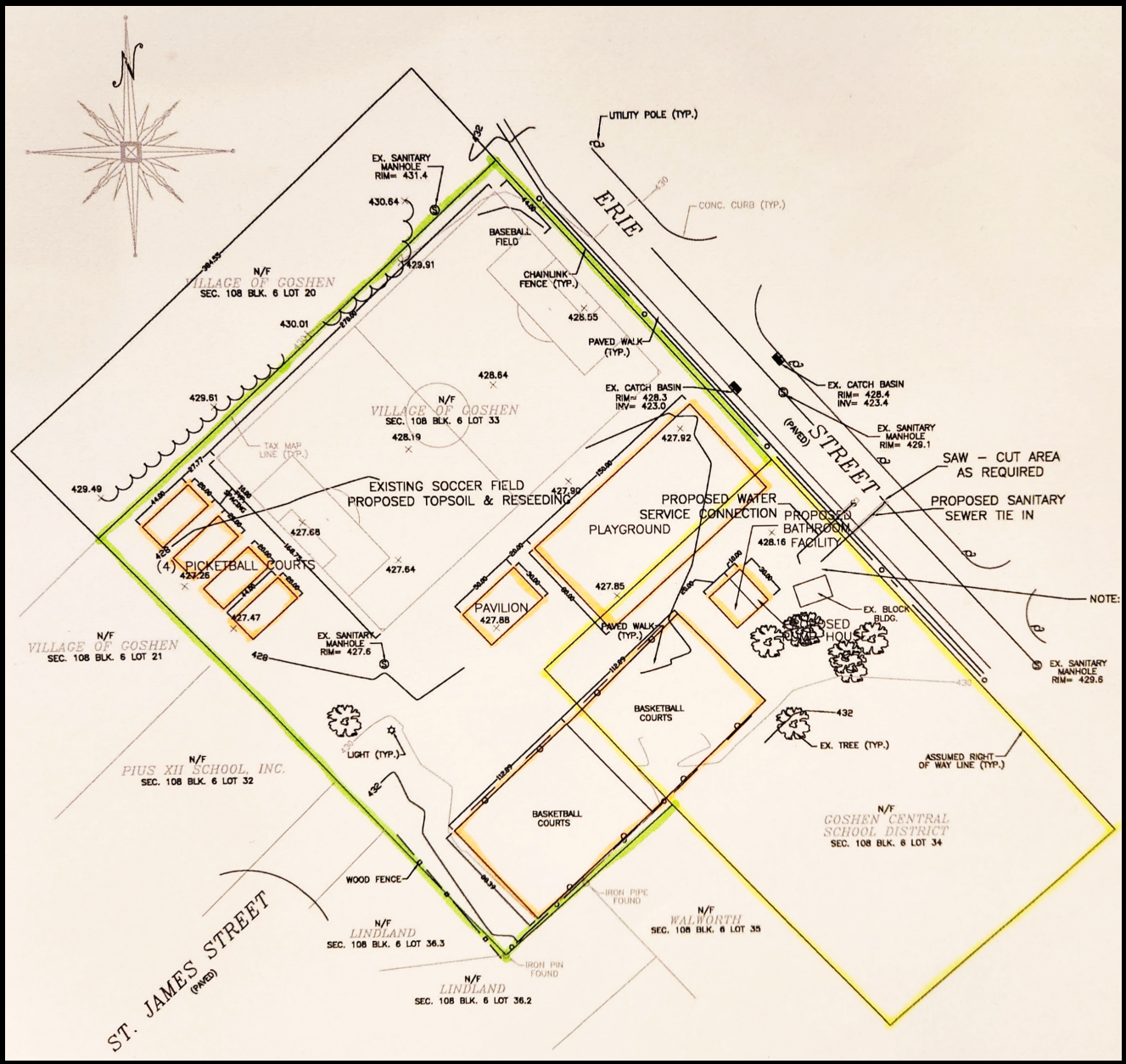
The Town has engaged TAM Enterprises to develop a site plan for the combined Village and School District lots based on the needs identified by the Town, Village and JRC. The plan is still evolving, but the site plan provided is our latest version.

Both the Mayor and the Supervisor have been working to submit documentation to the state of New York to cover the cost of these improvements. If grant money is awarded, it will enable the Town to save the parkland fees that would have been used for the proposed improvements, and they can be used for other amenities at Erie Street or other parks in Goshen. If we are unable to secure grant money, the plan can still move forward using parkland fees.

ERIE STREET PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Proposed recreational amenities (locations can be adjusted):

- Bathroom facility
- New playground equipment in an expanded playground area
- Four basketball courts (fenced) replacing the two existing courts.
- Four pickleball courts (fenced)
- Pavilion (30' x 50')



SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY ON ERIE STREET

The Goshen Central School District has described three options for the property the district owns at the Erie Street Park:

1. The District can **transfer ownership of the parcel to the Village/Town of Goshen**, subject to approval by a district-wide referendum.
2. The Board of Education could opt to **sell the property to the highest bidder**.
3. The District could **keep the property** and maintain the status quo.



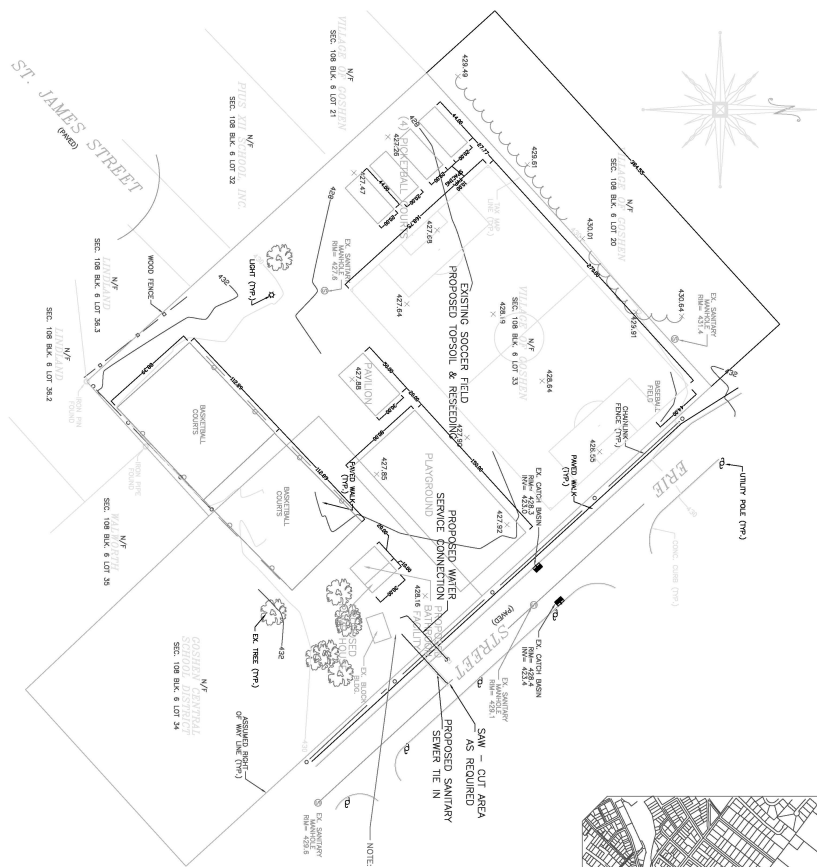
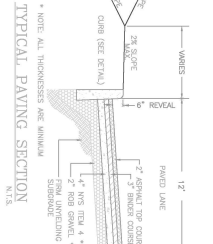
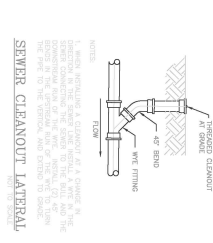
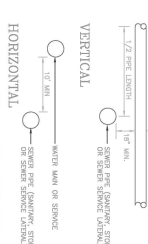
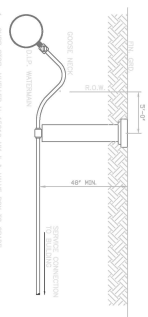
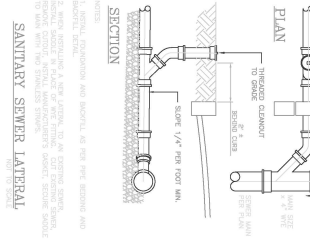
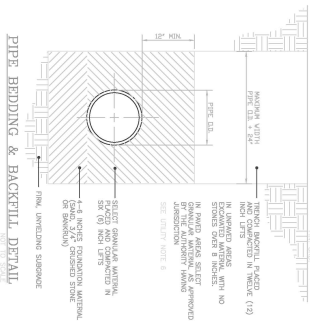
As the agency in charge of the maintenance and operation of parks in Goshen, the JRC hopes the district will transfer the district-owned parcel to the Village and Town. This option will finally allow the JRC and the two municipalities to improve recreational amenities at the park, and give us greater flexibility to add to them in the future.

If the GCSD decided to sell their parcel on Erie Street to the highest bidder, Erie Street Park would never be the same. Not only would we lose the playground and shed used by youth football, it would be extremely difficult to add any additional recreational amenities to what was left of the park.

If the District does nothing with their Erie Street parcel (in other words, keeps their section of the park), this would also leave the JRC with few options for improving Erie Street Park. No structures such as bathrooms, pavilions, etc. could be built on the school district's section of the park, and existing amenities like the basketball courts and the playground could not be expanded.

**Proposed
Erie Street Park
Site Plan and
Playground Equipment**

Site Modifications Proposed by TAM Enterprises, Inc. at the request of the Town of Goshen on 09/05/24



UTILITY NOTES

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GRAPHIC SCALE

1" = 20' (1" = 20')

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Model Number:

PT18316



Canopy Cove Umbra

Canopy Cove Umbra is an exciting PrimeTime play system designed for children ages 5-12. This unit qualifies for National Demonstration Site status and features our Sensory Wave products, three slides, a crawl tube, an overhead climber, and a swing set for additional play value.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS:

- Designed to be more compact in comparison to other product lines to lower cost
- Utilizes our patented TruLoc® DirectBolt connections to assure fast and easy installation
- Promotes balance and coordination development
- Preferred choice for many schools and daycares

SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number:	PT18316
Fall Height:	8' (2.44 m)
Use Zone:	69'-0" x 50'-0" (21.03m x 15.24m)
Age Group:	5 to 12 Years
Number of Children:	65 to 70

GameTime offers a limited lifetime warranty on uprights, hardware, and connections. Visit gametime.com/warranty for full warranty information.



Vortex

Vortex is an exciting PrimeTime play system designed for children ages 2-5. This unit features our musical instruments, sensory panels, Sensory Wave Climber Transfer, two slides, crawl tube, River Rock Climber, and Clover Leaf Climber.

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Model Number:	PT20011
Fall Height:	4' (1.22 m)
Use Zone:	37'-0" x 38'-0" (11.28m x 11.58m)
Age Group:	2 to 5 Years
Number of Children:	50 to 55

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