

## Splash pad pitched for Pewaukee Sports Complex

### Officials still in early stage of planning, fundraiser development

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CITY OF PEWAUKEE — Pewaukee area families with young children could have another place to cool off in summers to come.

Pewaukee city officials are currently considering the prospect of constructing an all-inclusive playground and splash pad at the Pewaukee Sports Complex.

The goal would be to fund the project through a combination of donations, sponsorships, grants, impact fees and city funds, but staff are still hammering out what any fundraising effort would look like and how long it might take to raise the necessary funds. Located at N45W23440 Lindsay Road, the sports complex is currently home to the four baseball diamonds.

The project envisions constructing a 3,000 square-foot splash pad and 15,000 squarefoot inclusive playscape to the west of those ball diamonds.

Different from traditional playgrounds, inclusive playgrounds are designed to be accessible to all children, regardless of physical accessibility, age or developmental appropriateness.

Most efforts at inclusive playgrounds have been aimed at accommodating wheelchair users, but some efforts in recent years have also focused on children on the autism spectrum, who may find typical playgrounds overstimulating.

The city hopes to release information soon on how people can contribute to the effort.

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