

Amusement & Water Park

The east side of the park includes a variety of water based amenities and outdoor recreation opportunities. The water slide and water wars attraction has been moved from the Medora Foundation site to the pool area. A splash pad has been included south of the swimming pool. These are becoming an increasingly popular attraction for toddlers and young children. By consolidating all water based attractions, it may be possible to reduce staffing and improve overall usage of the site.

The climbing wall and trampoline attraction has also been relocated closer to the basketball and tennis courts to create a more comprehensive "amusement park" atmosphere. Additional amenities, such as shuffle board, table tennis, and pickleball has been included. The existing picnic tables have been relocated to this amusement park area.

The existing pool house could be expanded to include equipment rental for basketball, tennis, pickleball, table tennis, shuffleboard, and sand volleyball.

To keep profits equitable between all parties involved, I would envision a basic entrance fee for the pool and park. Amenities that were previously operated by the Foundation, could be used through the purchase of tickets. Equipment rental profits could be split equally between the Foundation and the city, or however deemed appropriate by the various entities involved.

By consolidating this facility, it may be possible to reduce staffing needs and improve the overall user experience.



outdoor movie



pickleball



splash pad



table tennis



shuffleboard

Bark Park

A dog park would be an amenity unique to Medora. These parks generally consist of a fenced enclosure with large open lawn areas for dogs to run without a leash. The parks can be divided into separate areas for large and small breeds. Alternatively, a separate enclosure could be included for less social animals. A variety of obstacles could be included for animals to explore. Dog waste bags are usually included. It is also a good idea to include irrigation for lawn areas to keep the lawn healthy.

The picnic tables in place could remain as is in this scenario. There also appears to be a storage shed that could remain.

Drive-In Movie Theater

The Medora Musical is the main evening attraction for the city. It is important that any additional evening amenities do not compete with this attraction. However, adding an additional family orientated evening event may cause visitors to stay in Medora an additional night, increasing city-wide revenues. A drive-in movie theater may be a unique draw. The concept above has enough parking for approximately 45 cars and could include additional open lawn seating. The movie screen could be an inflatable outdoor movie screen, or could be a fixed permanent structure. The main building in this location offers restrooms which could serve the theater. Concessions could be added to the building. Alternatively, a bell-hop service could be considered for concessions. A small ticketing booth could be added at the entrance to the theater space. The badlands visible to the north would make an outstanding backdrop for this type of amenity.

Multi-Use trail

The main form of transportation within Medora appears to be walking. Bicycles also appear to be popular for people traveling between the camp grounds and the city. Including a trail spur between the camp grounds and the existing trail system seems like an important linkage to make. Grading, fence relocation, and potentially some tree removal may be necessary to construct this trail spur.

