

VI. THE PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

In 2011, the Tonasket City Council adopted an updated Tonasket Parks and Recreation Plan. This Plan, which is adopted as an Element of the Comprehensive Plan, presents the following goals and policies:

A. GOALS

- ≡ Provide a variety of recreational opportunities to meet the need of all ages of citizens of the community.
- ≡ Develop additional recreational resources as the public demands.
- ≡ Maintain recreational facilities for today and in the future.

B. POLICIES

- ≡ The City will strive to improve the operation and maintenance of all park and recreation facilities within the constraints of the City budget.
- ≡ The City will seek to expand use of existing recreation facilities as an alternative to procuring or developing additional recreational lands.
- ≡ Safety shall be a primary consideration for all facilities and projects.
- ≡ The City will strive to design projects and upgrade existing facilities to eliminate barriers to the handicapped.
- ≡ The City will work toward providing suitable restrooms Chief Tonasket and History Parks.
- ≡ The City will work to develop pedestrian access routes linking existing recreational areas to the rest of the community.
- ≡ Partnerships will be sought that coordinate recreational activities/facilities with other public and private entities.
- ≡ Through cooperation and partnerships, the City will encourage continuation of excellent volunteer efforts in recreation by individuals, community organizations, and commercial enterprise.
- ≡ Passive recreation that includes observation and interpretation of fish, wildlife, and natural systems will be included in the mix of recreational options pursued by the City.

A map of parks and recreation facilities is included in the Park and Recreation Facilities Map VI-1 in the Map Appendix, while a complete description of the facilities and a detailed Capital Improvement Plan is included in the Tonasket Park and Recreation Plan, 2011 Update.