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City of Garden Plain receives funding for playground equipment at Ternes Park

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This week the City of Garden Plain was granted \$3,500 in Community Reinvestment Funds from [Garden Plain State Bank](#) for the purchase of two new pieces of playground equipment for Ternes Park.

The new equipment includes monkey bars and 12 pebble-path pods, both sized for children ages 2-12 - the target age group for the park. The pebble-path consists of individual step climbers that can be adjusted in height. Children jump from pod to pod, improving strength, coordination, and balance.

“We are always looking for ways to give back and support the community and customers that we serve” said Bank President/CEO Patrick Walden.

Mayor Kevin Hammond stated his appreciation for the grant. “We are very grateful for our strong and long-standing partnership with our hometown bank and their ongoing investment in our community. Our citizens continue to request new amenities, but public funds are very precious and limited. It’s often difficult to prioritize recreational projects over mandatory public services such as streets, utility lines, maintenance. Generous contributions such as this helps us provide for both services and recreation.”

The new equipment is expected to arrive and be installed in the next few months. A dedication/ribbon cutting will be held following the installation.

“Our team is constantly on the hunt for alternative resources such as grants and foundations to help pay for projects; meet local grant matching requirements; provide for improvements” said City Administrator Kelly McElroy. “We are incredibly thankful to the Bank.”

Bank Cashier Amy Hammond noted their excitement for the park improvements. “It’s not only a great investment in our hometown, but provides for healthy, outdoor, family-friendly activities for all to enjoy. We look forward to seeing our youth playing on the new equipment and enjoying the park.”

Community Reinvestment Act: Enacted in 1977 by federal legislation, Community Reinvestment funds are a requirement of many lending institutions associated with federal banking regulators. Its purpose is to encourage financial institutions to help meet community development needs and improve the quality of life for the communities they serve.

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