

Strawberry Hill Skatepark Renovation Project Dateline

Nov. 2021

The Park district established a project agreement with BI Parks Foundation.

Began gathering list of interested potential committee members.

Posted a Request for Proposals for Skate Park Design Firms.

Received favorable responses from 5 companies:

Board & Vellum

Dreamland

Grindline

AHBL/ Eworks

Newline

Created a 2-phase evaluation scoring sheet to help us select the suitable design firm.

First phase was for District and Foundation staff to reduce the field to 2 finalists.

Second phase was to be used by two "Design Firm Interview" voting members that would be selected from a skate park committee.

Nov. 29, 2021

Park and Foundation staff completed evaluation scoring sheets and selected two finalists.

Grindline and Newline

Dec. 8, 2021

First informational zoom meeting with potential committee members.

- a. Selected 7 committee members
- b. Elected chair, co-chair, and secretary
- c. Selected a Design Firm Interview voting pair.

Dec 14, 2021

Park Foundation executive committee approved 7 member skate park committee.

Jan. 21, 2022

"Design Firm Interview" members and Park Staff zoom-interviewed and scored the two finalists.

Jan 28, 2022

Scoring was tabulated and Grindline was selected - primarily due to their local connection to the park and knowledge of the community and local regulatory agencies.

Feb 10, 2022

The Park District completed reference checks, verified Grindline's qualifications, and completed the contract.

Mar. 3, 2022

Zoom introductory presentation by Grindline to Committee.

Worked with the committee to create a community wide survey. Created graphics to use on web sites and social media

April 5, 2022

Committee member, Gary Bedel, created a logo for the project.

The Parks Foundation created flyers and postings for the community event.

April 19, 2022

Public meeting held at Strawberry Hill Center. Grindline presented concept ideas and gathered information from the committee and community. Over 100 community members were present, including a Youth Advisory Group. Surveys were on hand and circulated. Each attendee was invited to give their "wish list". A tour of the site was offered after the meeting and resulted in an impromptu skate party.

June 2, 2022

Two members of the Skate Park Committee, the Parks Foundation, and Park District reviewed a preliminary concept layout for the skatepark and recommended further visual presentation improvements before a presentation is made to the larger committee.

June 15, 2022

Grindline contracted with Associated Earth Sciences to survey and drill bore the site for soil samples.

June 28, 2022

Zoom meeting presentation of proposed design by Grindline to full committee.

August 30, 2022

In person presentation of proposed design to committee by Grindline at Strawberry Hill Center.

September 13, 2022

Grindline met with youth advisory group to gather comments and opinions of proposed design.

September 28, 2022

Grindline added changes to proposed plan to reflect requests of youth committee.

October 19, 2022

Final review of updated design by committee. Committee voted to approve the design and move forward with community review and fundraising.

November 17, 2022

Grindline presented the design to the Park District Board of Commissioners and the community at the regularly scheduled November 17 board meeting. After taking a number of suggestions from members of the skating community present, Grindline agreed to incorporate these changes into the design.

December 2, 2022

Grindline presented the design to the Parks and Trails Foundation board meeting.

January 25, 2023

Grindline provided a revised skate park design that incorporated the suggestions made at the November 17 community meeting. The plan view drawing was shared with the committee. As it was somewhat difficult for the committee to see the changes in a two-dimensional plan view, the District requested a 3D rendering of the revised plan.

February 8, 2023

Grindline requested an amendment to the contract to perform the additional 3D rendering.

March 15, 2023

The District returned the signed contract amendment.

April 18, 2023

Grindline provided a 3D rendering of the design revisions. The 3D rendering was shared with the Committee.

April 19, 2023

The skate park committee approved the revised plan.

April 20, 2023

Grindline presented the revised design to the Park District Board of Commissioners and the community at the regularly scheduled April 20th board meeting. The board voted to approve the revised design.