Witmer Park

Park and Recreation Board...Did You Know?

October 28, 2014
History

- Property was owned by W.S. Witmer
- City was offered property for park in 1900, but refused
- Was too far from existing population
- Was used by public as a park
History

• Taken by County for non-payment of taxes in 1930s
• In 1938 adjacent property owners ask City to levee an assessment to buy park
• 1,200 houses paid $3.25 each to buy 19 acres for park
A PROPOSED GENERAL PLAN
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
WITMER PARK
DES MOINES
IOWA
1940 Comprehensive Plan

EXISTING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

LEGEND

- School Board Property
- Parks
- Other Public Property Available for Recreation

DES MOINES
IOWA

CITY PLAN & ZONING COMMISSION

AREA: 30.75 SQ. MILES

DELOREY, RYDER & ASSOCIATES

CITY PLANNING CONSULTANTS

ST. LOUIS
Witmer Park

- 19 Acres
- Playground
- Pond with trail
- Tennis courts with pickleball
- Backstop
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- Open play field
- Detention basin
- Picnic areas
- Parking lot