Environmental Issues: Portion of historic railroad at property

Site Name: Irving Park

Site Address: 20–22 S 57th Avenue W; 118 S 56th Avenue S; 120 S 56th Avenue W

Current Use: Municipal Park

Photographs



View of property from Central Ave (looking west)



View across the property from Main Street parking lot (looking south)



Rec center in western portion of property (looking east from S 57th Ave)



Southwest portion of property (looking east from S 57th Ave)





Southeast portion of property (looking west from Central Ave)

2012 aerial photograph from Bing Maps

Historical Summary

Year	Use	Source (↑ North)	
1892	The northern half of the property is occupied by a vacant structure, a dwelling, and a store room. The central portion of the property is occupied by the Duluth Belt Line railroad; Central Station platforms are present in the eastern portion of the property. The southern half of the property contains Keene Creek, A livery, a steam laundry facility, a stable, a store, and a laundry facility.	Fire insurance map, historic plat map	1892 fire insurance map
1908	One additional residence is present in the northwest portion of the property. The vacant structure previously noted at the property is no longer present, and a store is present in the northeast portion of the property. The steam laundry and livery structures previously noted in the southwest portion of the property are no longer present. The southeast portion of the property is occupied by four dwellings.	Fire insurance map	1908 fire insurance map
1930- 1939	No structures are present at the property with the exception of a structure in the northwest portion of the property and dwellings present in the southeast portion of the property. City directories indicate that the property is occupied by residences.	Aerial photographs, city directories	1939 aerial photograph

Year	Use		Source (↑ North)
1940- 1953	The northwest portion of the property is occupied by an L-shaped building depicted as a recreational hall. Three dwellings are depicted in the southern portion of the property. City directories indicate that the property is used for residential purposes, although the recreational hall is not listed. Fire insurance maps note the presence of railroad tracks; however, railroad tracks are not visible on aerial photographs for this time frame.	Aerial photographs, city directories, fire insurance maps	1948 aerial photograph 1949 fire insurance map
1955- 1961	Partial coverage was provided for the property. Land use at the property remains unchanged, although the railroad previously noted on fire insurance maps is no longer depicted at the property.	Fire insurance map, city directories	1955 fire insurance map
1963	Land use at the property remains unchanged. Irving Playground is listed at the property beginning on the 1966 city directory.	City directories, fire insurance map	1963 fire insurance map
1966- 1972	Land use at the property remains unchanged. Baseball fields are present in the central portion of the property, and a rink is present in the northwest portion of the property.	Aerial photographs, city directories	1966 aerial photograph

Year	Use	Source (↑ North)		
1976- 1986	Land use at the property remains unchanged. A third baseball field is present in the northeast portion of the property.	Aerial photographs, city directories	1980 aerial photograph	
1991- 1997	Land use at the property remains unchanged. The baseball field previously noted in the northeast portion of the property is no longer present. A rink is visible in the southwest portion of the property.	Aerial photographs, city directories		
2004	Land use at the property remains	A cried photographs	1992 aerial photograph	
2001-2006	Land use at the property remains unchanged. A rectangular-shaped structure is present in the northnorthwest portion of the property.	Aerial photographs, city directories	2005 aerial photograph	
2009- present	The eastern portion of the property is covered with grass. The property appears developed with existing features.	Aerial photographs, city directories	2010 aerial photograph	

Regulatory Review

This property was not identified on the regulatory databases reviewed.

Map ID#

Property Description Data

Land-Based Classifications Standards

Dimensions	Code	Classifications
Activity	7100	Active leisure sports and related activities
Function	5300	Amusement, sports, or recreation establishment
Structural Character	3000	Public assembly structures
Site Development Character	7120	Community park
Ownership 4		City, Village, Township, etc.

Property Attributes

Category	Comments	
PID	010-4470-06620, 010-4470-06940, 010-4470-06490, 010-4470-06650, 010-4470-06810, 010-4470-06970, 010-4470-09060, 010-4470-08810, 010-4470-08590, 010-4470-08430, 010-4470-08670, and 010-4470-08510	
Legal Description	Block 40, 41, 42, 43, 55, 54, 53, 52 West Duluth 1st Division	
Acres	8.26	
Parking	Asphalt parking lot in northern portion of property	
Topography	Level in central portion of property, moderate slope upward along north, east, and southern boundaries of property	
FEMA Flood Zone	Central portion of property is in Zone A, areas subject to 100-year flood, and zone B, areas subject to 500-year flood	
Census Tract	34	
Proximity to Highway Access	Within 0.16 mile of Interstate 35	
Existing Buildings	One rec center building constructed by 1948	
Previous Investigation	None	