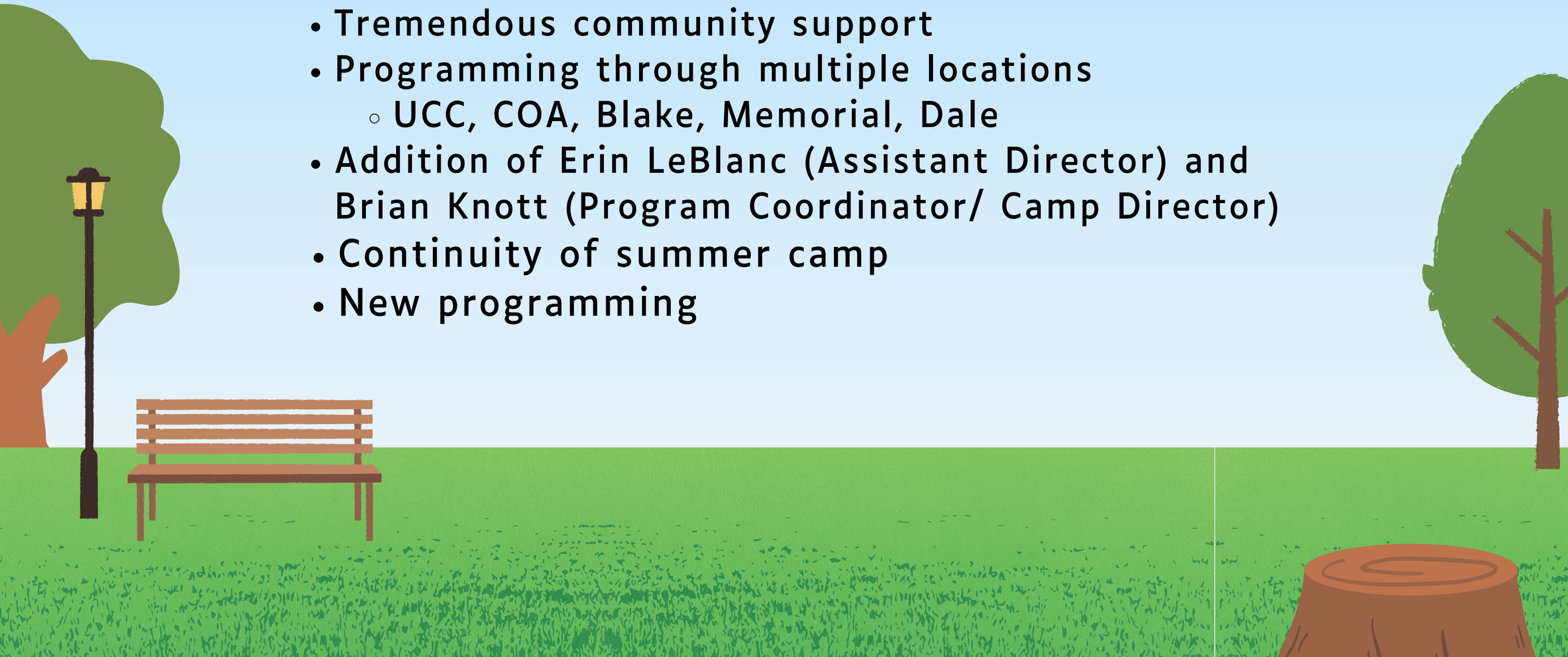
MEDFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION



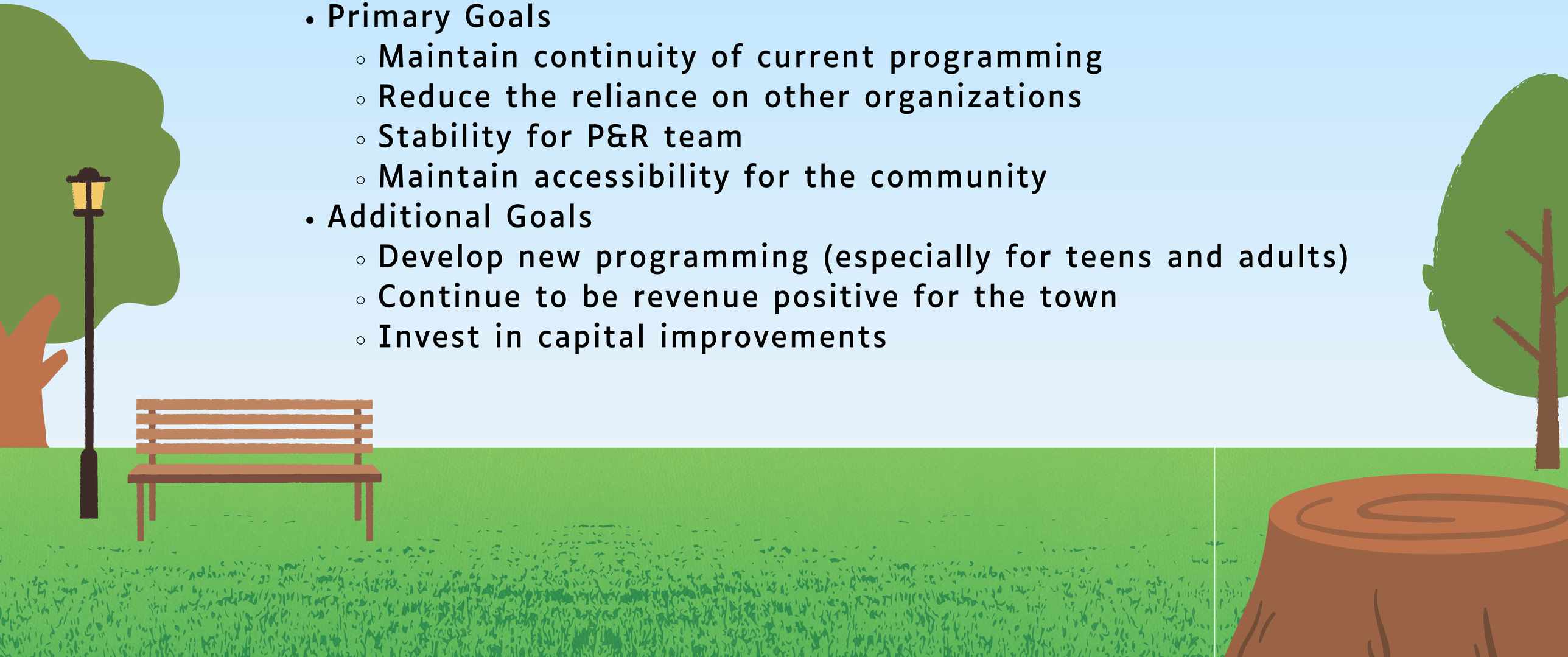
P&R- 2025

- Tremendous community support
- Programming through multiple locations
  - UCC, COA, Blake, Memorial, Dale
- Addition of Erin LeBlanc (Assistant Director) and Brian Knott (Program Coordinator/ Camp Director)
- Continuity of summer camp
- New programming



THE FUTURE

- Primary Goals
  - Maintain continuity of current programming
  - Reduce the reliance on other organizations
  - Stability for P&R team
  - Maintain accessibility for the community
- Additional Goals
  - Develop new programming (especially for teens and adults)
  - Continue to be revenue positive for the town
  - Invest in capital improvements



IMMEDIATE NEEDS

- Pre-fabricated building at Hinkley Pond
- Why Hinkley?
  - Available space
  - Become a destination with pond and playground
  - Adequate parking
  - Easy in and out
- What happened with the last warrant?
  - Initial proposals were $165,000
  - After the RFP went out, bids came in at over $500K

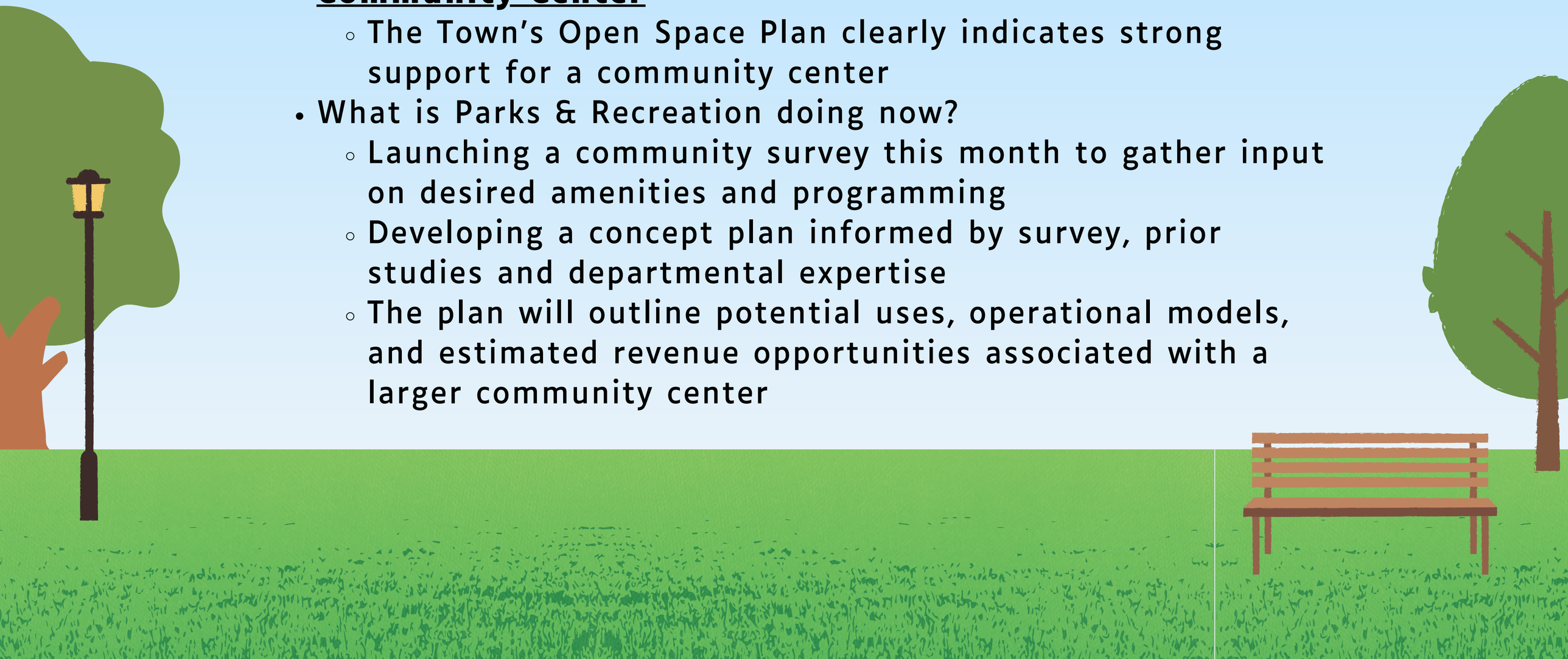
TOWN MEETING

- We are currently pricing out the pre-fabricated building
- We have funds allocated from the previous warrant and savings from other capital expenses
- Asking for a warrant for the balance



LONG-TERM NEEDS

- **<u>Community Center</u>**
  - The Town's Open Space Plan clearly indicates strong support for a community center
- What is Parks & Recreation doing now?
  - Launching a community survey this month to gather input on desired amenities and programming
  - Developing a concept plan informed by survey, prior studies and departmental expertise
  - The plan will outline potential uses, operational models, and estimated revenue opportunities associated with a larger community center



WHAT ABOUT THE SCHOOL?

- There has been significant discussion in town about whether a community center could be built alongside a new school
  - Notably, many of these discussions did not include P&R representation
  - Thoughtful meeting with SBC co-chairs in December

- A community center and a new school would need to proceed as two separate projects

- Parks & Recreation will use previously allocated funds to conduct an independent feasibility study
  - The study will evaluate appropriate locations based on concept needs, including the Dale Street / Pfaff site as viable option

NEXT STEPS



We are working on a pre-fabricated building as a solution to build out the Hinkley Park and Pond space.

We will work on a feasibility study for a new building, using existing funds.

We welcome community feedback.