Short Course to Use Idle Park Space

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Freeport (Ill.) Park dept. is giving favorable consideration to installing in an infrequently used area of one of its parks a 9-hole approaching and putting course that may provide a pattern for many park departments. Very few parks in small cities provide these entertaining and instructive facilities although experience at San Francisco where a park approaching and putting course is heavily used plainly indicates a big demand for this recreation.

Freeport’s population is about 23,000. It has a private country club but its 300 or 400 fee course golfers all have to go out of town to play.

The Freeport park area that the board is eyeing for the small course has been lying virtually unused and has good bluegrass turf. It is not expected that construction of a satisfactory approaching and putting course and its maintenance would cost much. But in the short playing time such a course would require and the pleasant training in short game fundamentals such a course would give golf enthusiasts and newcomers to the game the course should prove to be a delightful asset to the progressive city.