#### United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

#### 1. Name of Property

historic name Egan Park

other names/site number Egan Sportsman Club, Zeth Stombaugh Park

## 2. Location

street & number Second St			reet				not for p	oublication	<u>N/A</u>	
city or	town	Ega	<u>n</u>						Vicinity	<u> </u>
state	SD		Code	SD	county	Moody	code	101	zip code	57024

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide x locally. ( \_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official 05-02-2003

Date

State Historic Preservation Office State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Egan Park	
Name of Property	

4. National Park Service Certification	Λ	
I hereby certify that the property is: entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register. other, (explain:)	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action

## 5. Classification

## **Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply)

- \_\_\_\_ Private
- x public-local
- \_\_\_\_ public-State
- public-Federal

## Category of Property (Check only one box)

- \_\_\_\_ building(s)
- \_\_\_\_ District
- x Site
- \_\_\_\_ Structure
- Object

## Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

11	0	Buildings
1	1	Sites
0	0	Structures
2	2	Objects Total
4	3	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register <u>0</u> Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) <u>Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota: 1929-1941</u>

## 6. Function or Use

## **Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Recreation/Culture Sub: Outdoor recreation, park Social Clubhouse

#### **Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Recreation/Culture Sub: Outdoor recreation, park

#### 7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: WPA

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Cement Roof Wood shingle Walls stone

**Narrative Description** (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

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#### 8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- x A Property is associated with events that have made a significant Contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
  - **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- x C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a Significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations** (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- **B** removed from its original location.
- **C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- **F** a commemorative property
- **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture Entertainment/Recreation

**Period of Significance** 

1933-1952

Significant Dates 1933

Significant Person N/A

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Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder PWA

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

## Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- Preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- Designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

## **Primary Location of Additional Data**

- x State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Public Works Administration

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 3 acres

#### **UTM References**

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	14	689317	4874371	3	14	689386	4874360
2	Zone 14	Easting 689389	Northing 4874241	4	Zone 14	Easting 689335	Northing 4874240
					See continuation sheet		

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

#### 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Pierre	

#### **Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### **Continuation Sheets**

#### Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Moody County, South Dakota County and State

## **Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

nameCity of Egan	
street & number PO Box 42	telephone N/A
city or town _Egan	state SD zip code57024-0042

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.0. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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## **Narrative Description**

Egan Park is located on the east edge of the town of Egan, Moody County, South Dakota, where Second Street intersects the Big Sioux River. Second Street forms the northern border, with the Big Sioux River forming the western and southern borders, while the eastern side is bounded by private property. The park covers approximately three acres and contains a bathhouse, privy, four picnic tables and a sand volleyball court.

## **Architectural Description**

#### Bathhouse (1)

The contributing bathhouse is centered on the western edge of the park bordering the Big Sioux River. The building was constructed in c.1933. It has a wood shingled gabled roof with two chimneys; one brick off centered within the roof on the southeast elevation and one exterior stone masonry centered on the gable end of the north elevation. All elevations are of stone with the façade (east elevation) having a single off center entry with window openings on both sides. The north elevation is divided by the exterior chimney and has matching window openings on either side. The west elevation has two symmetrical entries with three window openings. The south elevation has a single central window opening. The bathhouse rests on a foundation of concrete. Field stone steps lead west to the river from the southwest corner of the building. The inside of the bathhouse is one large room. All windows and doors are removable as the Big Sioux River floods.

## Stone Picnic Tables (2)

Two contributing stone picnic tables lie directly east of the bathhouse. The tables were constructed at the same time as the bathhouse and reflect a similar workmanship. There are two tables with a bench surrounding each side for a total of eight benches. Both tables and benches are of stone masonry and capped with concrete slabs.

#### Picnic Tables (3)

Two non-contributing picnic table lie east of the stone picnic tables.

## Privy (4)

One contributing round stone masonry privy lies to the south of the stone picnic tables at the south edge of the park. The privy was constructed around 1933. The west half of the privy is collapsed while the east half is intact. The entire structure is of stone masonry rubble stones. The façade

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faces the river to the south. The conical roof overhangs the elevations slightly. There is a single window opening facing east.

Volleyball Court (5)

Located east of the privy at the south end of the park is a non-contributing sand volleyball court.

## **Inventory of Park Features**

Name	Map Code	Date	Classification
Bathhouse	1	c. 1933	С
Stone Picnic Tables	2	c. 1933	С
Picnic Tables	3	С.	NC
Privy	4	c. 1933	С
Volleyball Court	5	С.	NC

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## **Narrative Statement of Significance**

The bathhouse, privy and stone picnic tables located in the Egan Park are eligible under Criterion A for their association with the Public Works Administration (PWA). The structures were built with federal assistance and utilized local labor. The structures are also eligible under Criterion C for their PWA style construction affiliation.

#### Background

The Great Depression had fully gripped the nation by the time Franklin D. Roosevelt became president in 1933. The inability of his predecessor, Herbert Hoover, to rebound the flailing economy won Roosevelt the election. The impetus was now on him to produce. During the first three months of his administration, a cooperative Congress passed an impressive number of legislative acts designed to provide immediate relief. The Public Works Administration was just one of several programs initiated by Roosevelt's New Deal during the first "Hundred Days" of his presidency.

The PWA was created by the National Recovery Act of 1933 and continued to be the primary public works funding agency until mid 1935.<sup>1</sup> The program funded a variety of projects designed to serve the public. During the first two years, the PWA allotted more than six million dollars for projects in South Dakota.<sup>2</sup> The lack of stipulations regarding architectural styles produced a diverse group of public buildings and structures that reflected regional variations of styles, but produced sound utilitarian results. The PWA was extended through acts of Congress to run through mid-1941, however, the Emergency Appropriations Act of 1935 created a number of new agencies that operated under a new public works program. These programs, most specifically the Works Progress Administration, assumed the majority of the workload and funding thereafter.

Egan Park is located in Egan, Moody County, South Dakota. Egan was incorporated in 1880 when the Milwaukee Railroad pushed west through Dakota Territory. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Company established the second largest coaling station west of Lacrosse, Wisconsin, at Egan

<sup>1</sup>Dennis, 28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ibid, 29.

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and built extensive railroad buildings to accompany the facility.<sup>1</sup> By the fall of 1881, the town boasted a population of 500 people. With the railroad came waves of immigrants who poured into the area during the Great Dakota Boom of the 1880s in pursuit of cheap land. Once the railroad and agricultural economies were established, service industries characteristic of town life began to appear. Farming and small-scale livestock production continue to be the main economic activities of the area.

The land for the park became the property of the City of Egan in June of 1925. Bordering the Big Sioux River, the area has been a popular gathering spot for Egan residents since before the turn of the century. Offering easy access to the river as well as an abundance of trees, the park provided a needed oasis in an otherwise flat and uniform landscape.

The agricultural economy of South Dakota was in trouble even before the stock market crash of 1929. The economic slowdown that followed World War I had diminished farm prices as well as land values. By the early 1930s, many communities in South Dakota were in desperate need of assistance. New Deal programs employed local labor in the construction of public works that would otherwise be unaffordable to the majority of small communities.

Over the years the park and its facilities slowly fell into disrepair. Disuse, lack of upkeep and periodic flooding of the Big Sioux River combined to diminish the park's features. The bathhouse was repaired and renovated in 1959 by a local sportsman club who turned it into a clubhouse. It was during this time that the interior of the building was altered. The walls separating the men and women's sections were removed creating a single open room with a large fireplace at the north end. Club meetings, potluck suppers and a variety of other social gatherings were held in the clubhouse.

In recent years, new non-contributing picnic tables and sand volleyball court were added to the park. These additions, however, do not affect any of the historic features of the park.

The contributing structures in the Egan Park were built by local labor employed by the Public Works Administration. The fieldstone masonry structures are an excellent example of typical PWA construction in South Dakota. The structures are eligible under Criterion A for their association with the PWA and under Criterion C for the PWA era style construction.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Moody County, 12.

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## **Bibliography**

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Moody County Historical Society. *Moody County History Book*. Taylor Publishing Co., Dallas: TX, 1986.

## **Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary is an imaginary line encompassing the Egan Park. Starting at a point at the northwest corner of the park where the 2<sup>nd</sup> street intersects the Big Sioux River the line runs east to a point at the northeast corner of the park where a fence runs south. The line then runs south along the fence to a point at the southeast corner of the park where it meets the Big Sioux River. The line then runs west to a point at the southwest corner where it meets the Big Sioux River. The line then runs north along the river to the original starting point.

#### **Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes the property that has been historically part of the Egan Park



Egan Park Second Street Egan, Moody County, South Dakota



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