Mayor of Simmesport for Forty Years
The park makes up approximately 2.25 acres between Mission Dr., N. Martin Luther King Dr., Murphy LaCour Dr. and Laurel St.
Mr. Leo Ehrhardt was born on February 3, 1908. He came to Simmesport to help build the old railroad bridge. He married Simmesport resident Elanor Roberts. The couple left for a time but moved back to Simmesport in 1936.

Mr. Leo Ehrhardt was first elected Mayor of Simmesport in 1940 and served as mayor until 1992 except for three terms. He was mayor of Simmesport for a total of 40 years.

Mr. Leo Ehrhardt served his last term as mayor from 1988 to 1992. He passed away on August 17, 1997 at the age of 89.
In May of 2017 the Mayor and Simmesport Town Council passed a resolution to name this land described above Leo Ehrhardt Central Park in dedication to Mr. Leo’s long public service to the town.

Mock up of possible dedication plaque.
Possible Enhancements

Not only would we like to place some form of dedication to Mr. Leo, the Town of Simmesport would like to upgrade the facilities at the park. These upgrades include, but are not limited to,

- A covered gazebo or platform to host special events
- Park benches and tables
- Adding sidewalks
- Installing a splash pad for kids
- Adding outdoor workout stations

Area: 2.25 acres

670 ft
Outdoor Platform

A form of covered platform for special events and holiday functions.
Could be used for concerts, public speaking and holiday events.
Splash pads are a popular attraction for kids. That can range from simple...
...to the more elaborate.
There are many grants available to promote health and fitness. Exercise stations are a popular way to get people visiting the park and encouraging healthy exercise.
These stations come in all sizes.
We would like to create a park that not only honors Mr. Leo Ehrhardt, but one that will be an addition to our community. The Town of Simmesport would like to create a space that can be used by all of the citizens of the Town.