



2017-2021 MASTER PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department's 2017-2021 Master Plan will serve as a blueprint for our city as we move forward through the next five years.

The planning process included a thorough inventory of existing programs and facilities, the condition of our existing facilities and public and stakeholder input.

Inventory and input was analyzed, prioritized and incorporated into our 2017-2021 Action Plan.

Implementation of all recommendations will require a significant investment by the City of Michigan City. We realize not all recommendations can, or will, be implemented during this five year period, but this document will serve as a guideline to aid decision makers in the task of evaluating projects and purchases that will affect our department's future.

This plan is dynamic and can change based on emerging social, economic, environmental, demographic, and technological trends. This report is reviewed and updated annually and is a tool that helps us create our annual budgets. The plan will be reviewed and updated at least annually to evaluate our progress.



DEFINITION OF PLANNING AREA

The planning area is the same as our service area. The local 46360 zip code is composed of the City of Michigan City and the additional towns of Long Beach, Michiana Shores, Pottawatomie Park, The Pines, and Trail Creek. Coolspring, Michigan, Pine, and Springfield Townships are also included in our service area. We serve an extensive area outside of our municipal boundary which is unsupported by the local tax base. The Michigan City Park Department serves it's residents with 17 neighborhood parks ranging in size from one to thirty acres.

Michigan City Park Department serves the regional community of Chicago, Illinois, LaPorte, Lake, Porter and St. Joseph Counties in Indiana as well as southwest Michigan with Washington Park, a 99 acre lakefront community park on the shores of Lake Michigan, Patriot Park sports complex, The Washington Park Zoo, The Michigan City Municipal Golf Courses, The Michigan City Skate Park, and the Michigan City Senior Center. In total, the Michigan City Park Department maintains over 700 acres of park land.

The planning area also includes over 162 acres of undeveloped natural areas including Bismarck Hill, Karwick Nature Park (owned by City but maintained by Park Department), Krueger Memorial Park (forest preserve), Motts Woods (forest preserve), Ruby Woods (forest preserve), Sheridan Beach Esplanade (natural dune), and Winding Creek Cove. A complete description of these properties is included in Section 5 of this report.

Physical Location

Michigan City, Indiana is located on the southern shore of Lake Michigan adjacent to the Indiana Dunes State Park. The city, which is located in the northern most part of LaPorte County, is 55 miles east of Chicago and 10 miles southwest of the Michigan state line.

Location: Northwest Indiana

County: LaPorte County, 656 square miles

Michigan City: 19.6 square miles

Elevation: 625 feet, Lake Michigan 580 feet

Climate: Annual average temperature is 58.5 degrees

Annual total average rain fall: 24.66 inches

Annual total average snow fall: 39.2 inches

Climate

Michigan City's climate can best be described as "four seasons" and moderate. Lake Michigan has a tempering effect, cooling in the summertime and warming in the winter. The coldest month is typically January with a daily minimum of 14.9 degrees Fahrenheit and daily maximum of 30.4 degrees Fahrenheit. The warmest month of the year is typically July with a daily minimum of 62.3 degrees Fahrenheit and a daily maximum of 82.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

DEFINITION OF PLANNING AREA

Tourism is a key component of LaPorte County's economy. A recent study conducted for the LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau determined that tourism generated more than \$619 million in economic impact in 2014.

The Park Department realizes Washington Park, the Washington Park Zoo, our municipal golf courses, and Patriot Park sport complex are tourism engines and are very important to the economic health of the County and City. Washington Park alone brings an estimated 450,000 visitors to the lakefront annually. This generated over \$483,000 in parking revenue in 2016, or 18% of our total operating budget.

In 2009, we partnered with the LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau to bring the Superboat International Great Lakes Grand Prix to Michigan City. The 2016 event set records for both economic impact and attendance according to a study conducted by Certec, Inc. A total of \$9.6 million in economic impact was attributed to the race and race-related events during the three day weekend. It was reported more than \$2.5 million was in tax revenues for the government. The LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau conducted its own study and estimated more that 145,000 people attended the race events in 2016. We will continue to partner with the LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau to bring this spectacular event to Michigan City.



The 2016 Washington Park Master Plan outlines plans for the construction of high adventure ropes courses, zip lines and alpine slides on Bismarck Hill, adjacent to the Washington Park Zoo. These and other new amenities such as a "destination playground" will add to our vision of making Washington Park and Michigan City a "destination." The Michigan City Redevelopment Commission funded a 26 acre restoration project on Bismarck Hill which will begin in 2017 and allow for the construction of these new tourist attractions.

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Indiana's first fully ADA compliant kayak launch was constructed in Hansen Park on the banks of Trail Creek in 2015. We realize the growing interest in paddling sports in the region and have plans for a second launch on Trail Creek in Winding Creek Cove Park in 2018. Other paddling amenities such as kayak lockers and camping facilities should be investigated.



In 2016, the Park Department partnered with Festival Brands, Inc. to bring a new Blues Festival and Jazz Festival to Washington Park.

New in 2017 will be a food truck festival in Fedder's Alley. Food truck events have seen growing interest in our region in recent years.

We will continue to seek out production companies and partners to plan events at the underutilized Guy Foreman Bicentennial Amphitheater and Fedder's Alley on weekends throughout the summer.

Trails are also an increasing economic driver and draw for tourists. As trail use continues to be a top priority, the Park Department will continue to work with the Mayor, City Controller, City Planners, City Council and Michigan City Redevelopment Commission to complete just under 10 miles of the Singing Sands Trail, which is part of the Illinois, Indiana and Michigan tri-state Marquette Greenway Trail. Complete construction of all three phases is scheduled for 2021.

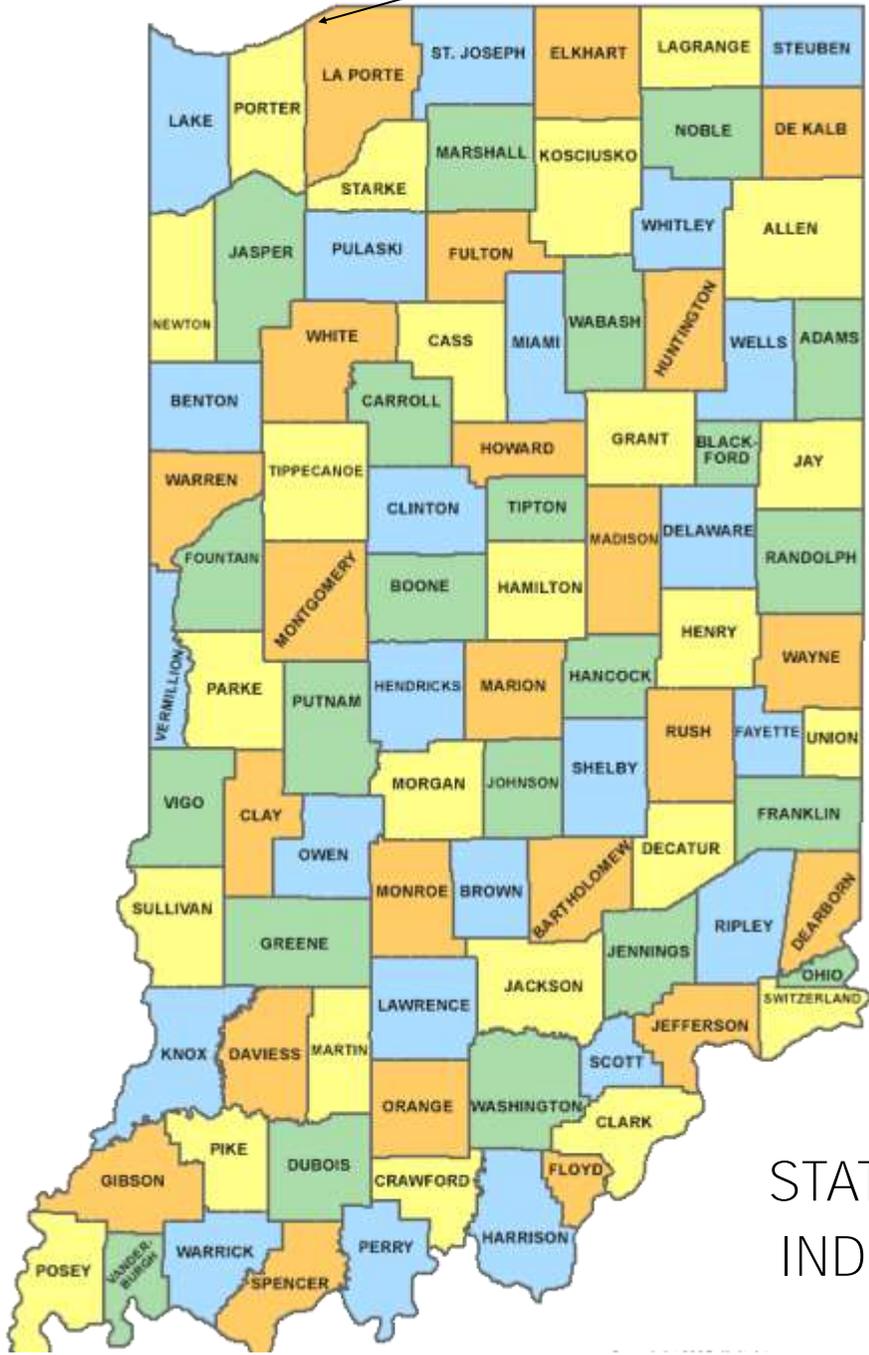


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MICHIGAN CITY

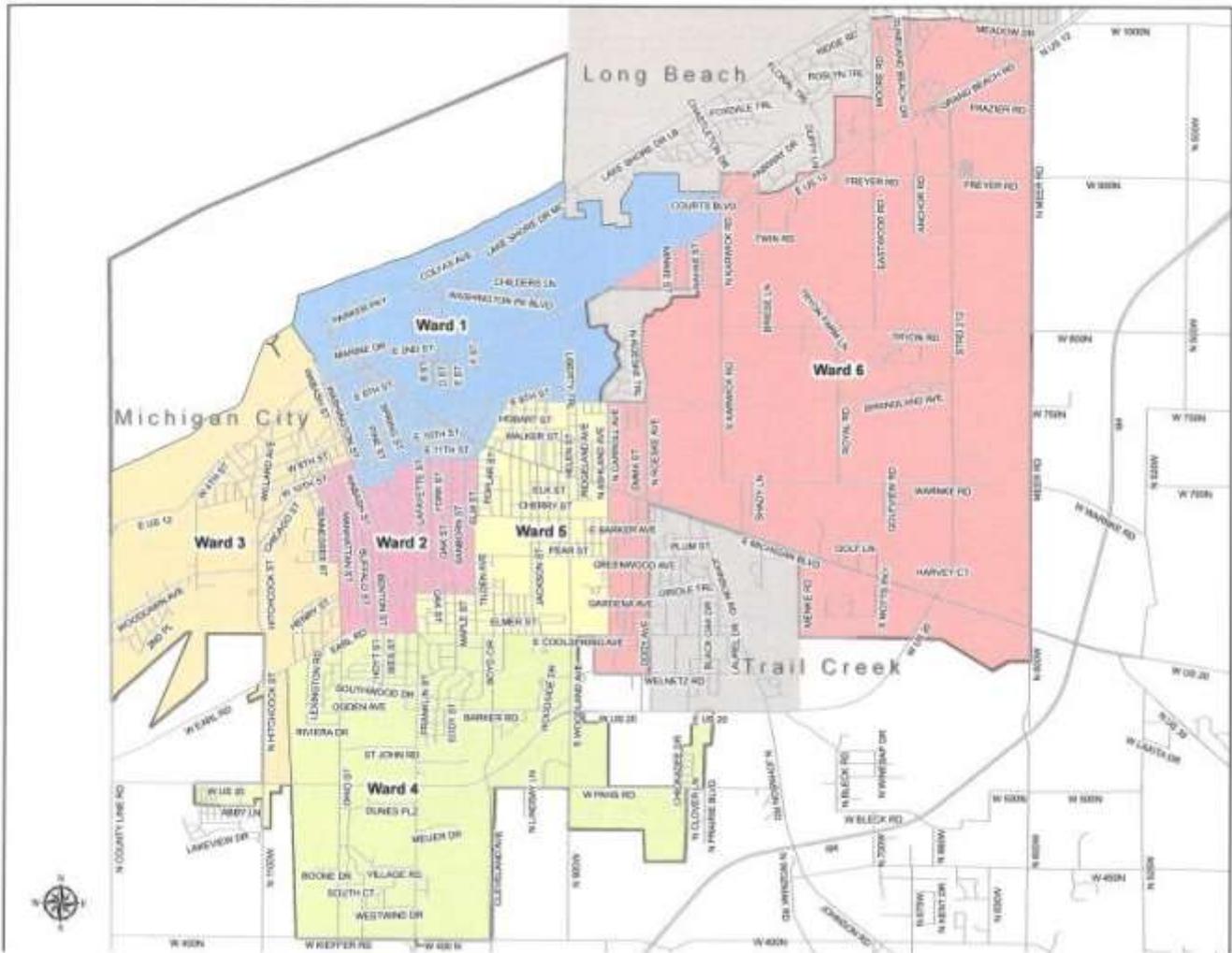


LAPORTE COUNTY



STATE OF INDIANA

Civil City Boundaries



The civil city (tax district) of Michigan City is divided into 6 political districts, or wards. Each district is represented by one City Council member. In addition there are 3 at large council members making up the 9 member council. All properties under the Park Department's jurisdiction are within the civil city boundaries of Michigan City with the exception of Patriot Park, which is located in Coolspring Township, LaPorte County, Indiana.

Park Facilities

Facility	Address	Category	Acres
Sheridan Beach & Esplanade	N/A	Beach	66
Beachwalk	Lake Shore Drive Stop #7	Beach Access	1
Senior Center	2 On The Lake	Community Ctr/Rental Facility	40K Sq Ft
Charles R. Westcott Park	Hwy 12 & Michigan Blvd	Community Park	4
Millennium Plaza	Heisman Harbor Road	Community Park	0.5
Washington Park	6 on the Lake	Community Park	99
Municipal Golf Course - North	675 Warnke Road	Enterprise Facility	66
Municipal Golf Course - South	4000 E. Michigan Blvd.	Enterprise Facility	90
Washington Park Zoo	115 Lake Shore Drive	Enterprise Facility	6
Maintenance Facility	2011 E. Highway 12	Maintenance Facility	3.296
Karwick Nature Park	700 S. Karwick Road	Nature Park	23.5
Krueger Memorial Park	801 Liberty Trail	Nature Park	37
Mott's Woods	2000 Johnrue	Nature Park	20
Ruby Woods	3535 Franklin Street	Nature Park	35
Winding Creek Cove	8th & Dickson Streets	Nature Park	6.67
Pullman Park	550 W. 4th Street	Neighborhood	8
Tall Timbers Park	3100 Springland Avenue	Neighborhood	30
Adams Park	307 Village Road	Neighborhood	12
Canada Park (Sox Park)	300 Center Street	Neighborhood	1
Cleveland Park (Eastport School)	300 Cleveland Avenue	Neighborhood	6
Gardena Park	900 Gardena Street	Neighborhood	12
Hansen Park (formerly Sycamore)	100 E. Street	Neighborhood	17.5
Joe Hawkins Memorial Park	1501 W. 8th Street	Neighborhood	1
Oak Hills Park	716 Martin Luther King Dr	Neighborhood	5
Ridgeland Park	620 Ridgeland Avenue	Neighborhood	1
Walker Street Park	900 Walker Street	Neighborhood	1
Water Tower Park	301 Broadway	Neighborhood	5.3
Krueger Memorial Hall	801 Liberty Trail	Rental Hall	N/A
Patriot Park	2224 N. 950 W	Sports Complex	120
Trail Creek Greenway Trail	Trail System	Trail System	3200' x 12'w
Bismarck Hill	Lake Shore Drive	Undeveloped	31.2
Henry Lake Area	630 Southwind	Undeveloped	6
Jernegan's Hill Park	801 E. 8th Street	Undeveloped	1
Michigan Blvd Parcel (Billboard)	Michigan Blvd	Undeveloped	0.26

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals included in this Master Plan are a tool to guide parks and recreation planning in Michigan City, even as Board members and staff change. The goals will serve as a guiding force for the continued improvement of the parks and recreation system during the next 5 years.

In addition to being eligible to apply for grants, which we plan to do, the Master Plan will provide the Park Department with a common sense approach to decision making and will help us evaluate available alternatives, set priorities and implement courses of action to meet identified needs. We will continue to incorporate and analyze new information so that our plan will always remain current.

1. Gather information from as many residents, user groups, civic organizations, businesses, service leagues, government officials, etc. Assemble and analyze the data received
2. Adhere to national recreation benchmarks while conducting a thorough needs analysis of our properties and programs
3. Identify priorities for park properties and programming using the following elements:
 - A. An understanding of the demographics we serve
 - B. Awareness and appreciation of our natural resources and the knowledge to preserve and conserve them
 - C. Promote fitness of the mind and body
 - D. Incorporate vision, imagination, creativity, integrity, sensitivity, and common sense
 - F. Community involvement
4. Explore ways to increase revenue streams, especially through tourism related amenities and events
5. Explore ways to decrease expenses while maintaining operating standards
6. Create programming without duplicating existing programs and services of other area agencies
7. Present the plan to local government and citizens and gain acceptance of the plan
8. Submit the 5-year Master Plan to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Outdoor Recreation by January 15, 2017 for initial review, and by April 15, 2017 for final approval
9. Receive approval from IDNR for eligibility to submit grant applications
10. Create a plan which is flexible and dynamic for unknown and unanticipated issues that may be encountered in the future



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SUMMARY:

The Michigan City Park Board was created and established on July 9, 1956 by City of Michigan City, Indiana, Common Council Ordinance No. 1727, pursuant to authority granted by the Indiana Legislature in the 1955 Park and Recreation Law (now known as the 1965 Park and Recreation Law). Under the "Home Rule Law", Indiana Code 36-10-3-3, the Michigan City Common Council ordained on August 30, 1983, that said Board and Department be re-established.

MEMBERS:

The Park Board consists of four (4) members appointed by the Mayor of Michigan City, Indiana. Not more than two members of the Park Board shall be of the same political party. In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the Mayor shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term caused by such vacancy.

TERM OF SERVICE:

Park Board members are appointed by the Mayor to serve a four-year term, which expires on the first Monday in January of the year following the respective term, except that a member whose successor has not been appointed shall continue in office until such successor is appointed and qualified.

MEETINGS:

Park Board meetings are open to the public and are typically held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. The Park Board must meet, by Statute, at least quarterly.

The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department strives to preserve, protect and manage natural, historical and recreational resources and facilities in order to offer professionally managed leisure activities and programming in which ALL citizens can participate.

Our Park Board and Staff are dedicated to fiscal responsibility and efficiency thru proper planning. We will pursue cooperation and partnerships with fellow City Departments, groups and agencies in our community to achieve these philosophies.

Our combined efforts will enhance and ENRICH the quality of life of our citizens, visitors and future generations to come.

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Enjoyment of **Natural Resources** Integrating our **City's History**

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Michigan City Parks and Recreation Staff Structure

The Superintendent and Park Department are governed by a four-member, Mayor appointed Park Board. The Park Board is responsible for setting policy direction, while the Superintendent is charged with carrying out policy and overseeing operations of the department.

The Superintendent is supported by four administrative staff members including an Assistant Superintendent, a Budget Clerk, a Payroll Clerk, and an Office Assistant who are responsible for all administrative duties related to operating the department. There are Directors assigned to each department below and the full time, part time and seasonal staff in each department report directly to the Director. The Directors report to the Superintendent. Approximately 110 various seasonal positions are hired each year to supplement the full time staff during our busy spring, summer and fall seasons.

Full Time Staff Members

5	Administration
8	Maintenance
7	Zoo
4	Golf
<u>1</u>	Senior Center
25	Total

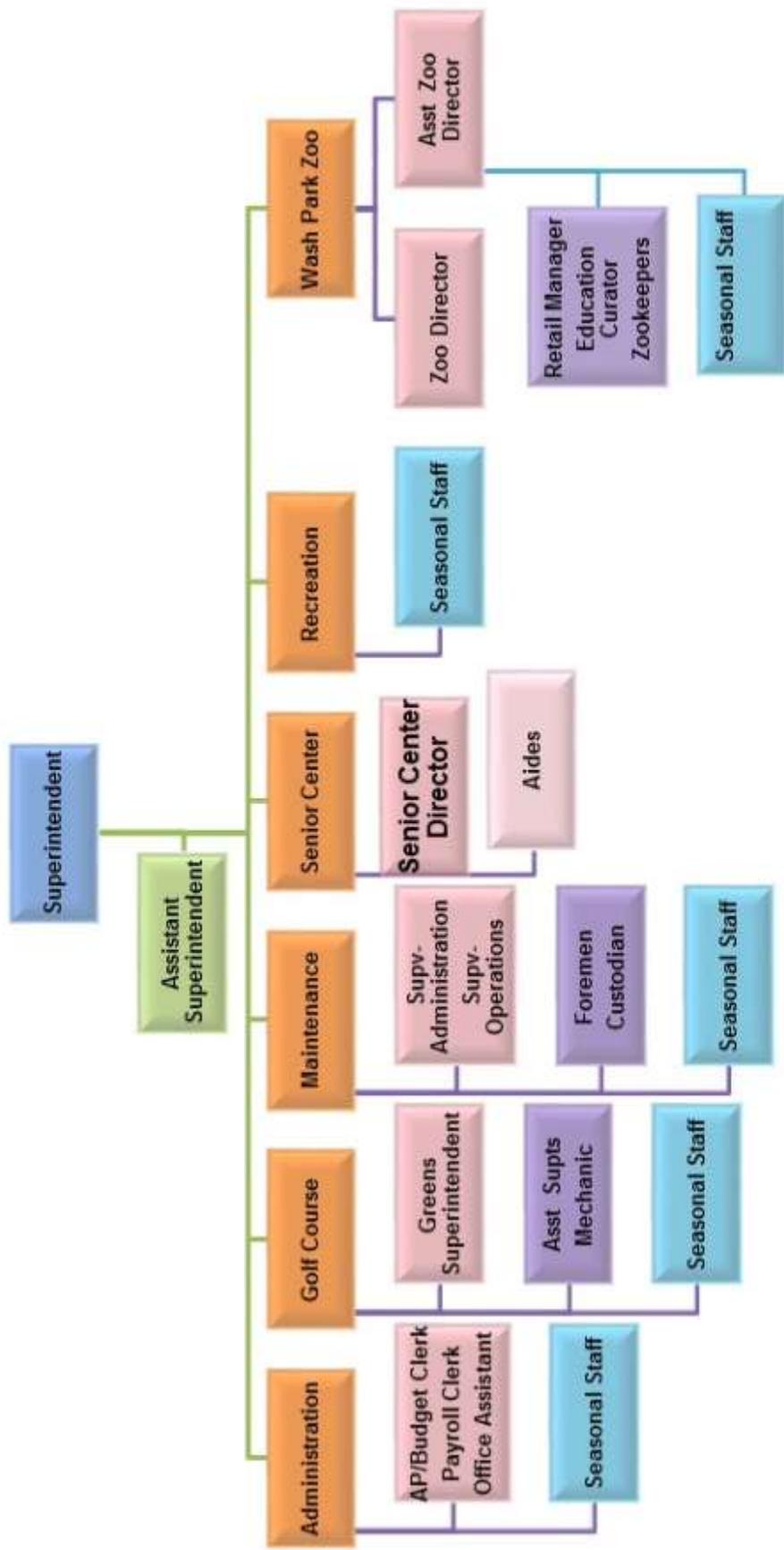
Part Time, Non-Seasonal Staff Members

2	Senior Center Aids
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Seasonal Staff Positions

10	Concession Attendants
12	Day Camp Staff
7	Golf Maintenance Laborers
15	Golf Pro Laborers
15	Lifeguard Team
15	Maintenance Laborers
4	Parking Sticker Clerks
19	Parking Operation Supervisors and Attendants
3	Splash Park Operators
<u>10</u>	Zoo Staff
110	Total

It is important to note, due to tax shortfalls in LaPorte County in 2007 through 2015, 25% of our full time staff, or 9 positions, were eliminated between 2007 and 2016. The City is confident tax collection will resume normal amounts in 2016 and beyond. It will be important to reinstate a Recreation Director position and several maintenance positions if we are going to maintain acceptable levels of services and programming while bringing on new amenities to draw tourists to Michigan City. Support from the Mayor and City Council should be sought during the 2018 budget cycle in May of 2017.



Volunteer Opportunities

The City has experienced considerable budgets reductions during the past five years. While our operating budgets continue to decrease, there has been a substantial rise in insurance and energy costs. We are also struggling with the elimination of 10 full positions, or 30% of our full time workforce.

In this tough economic climate, we realize the importance of our volunteers to help run programs, clean and maintain our parks and beach, assist at events, and coach and officiate our youth sports. With their dedication we are able to provide quality parks and programs for our residents.

Volunteer opportunities:

Adopt-a-Beach event

Festival of Holiday Lights event

Lakeside Correctional Center (labor hours for park maintenance)

LaPorte County Clean it Up Day event

Michigan City Golf Course (free golf for hours worked)

Michigan City Senior Center (reception, program instructors, Advisory Board members)

Michigan City Youth Baseball League (coaches and officials)

Washington Park Zoo (curators, animal care, event staff, internships)

In 2015 we logged 11,500 volunteer hours.



Michigan City Area Schools

The Michigan City Park Department has had a long standing Memorandum of Understanding for the use of school gyms for park programs.

In 2016 we began a new program under an MOU with the Michigan City Area Schools to begin an outdoor learning service program for approximately 100 college bound juniors and seniors in environmental science curriculum. The students are creating a complete restoration master plan for Hansen Park. Invasive species will be identified and removed and the students will add new trees and native plantings. Following year students will learn how to maintain the restored areas. This program will become part of the school's annual curriculum.

Other restoration sites, as identified by Indiana Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division Stewardship Plans in 2011, will be added for future classes including Winding Creek Cove, Mott's Woods, Karwick Nature Park, and Ruby Woods. Annual maintenance will also be needed beginning in 2017 to the 9 acres of restoration work in Fedder's Alley in Washington Park.

Students should consider creating new habitats for endangered species and create a monitoring program to gauge their success.

This partnership offers a great opportunity for students to learn in the field and build their college resumes for environmental science programs.

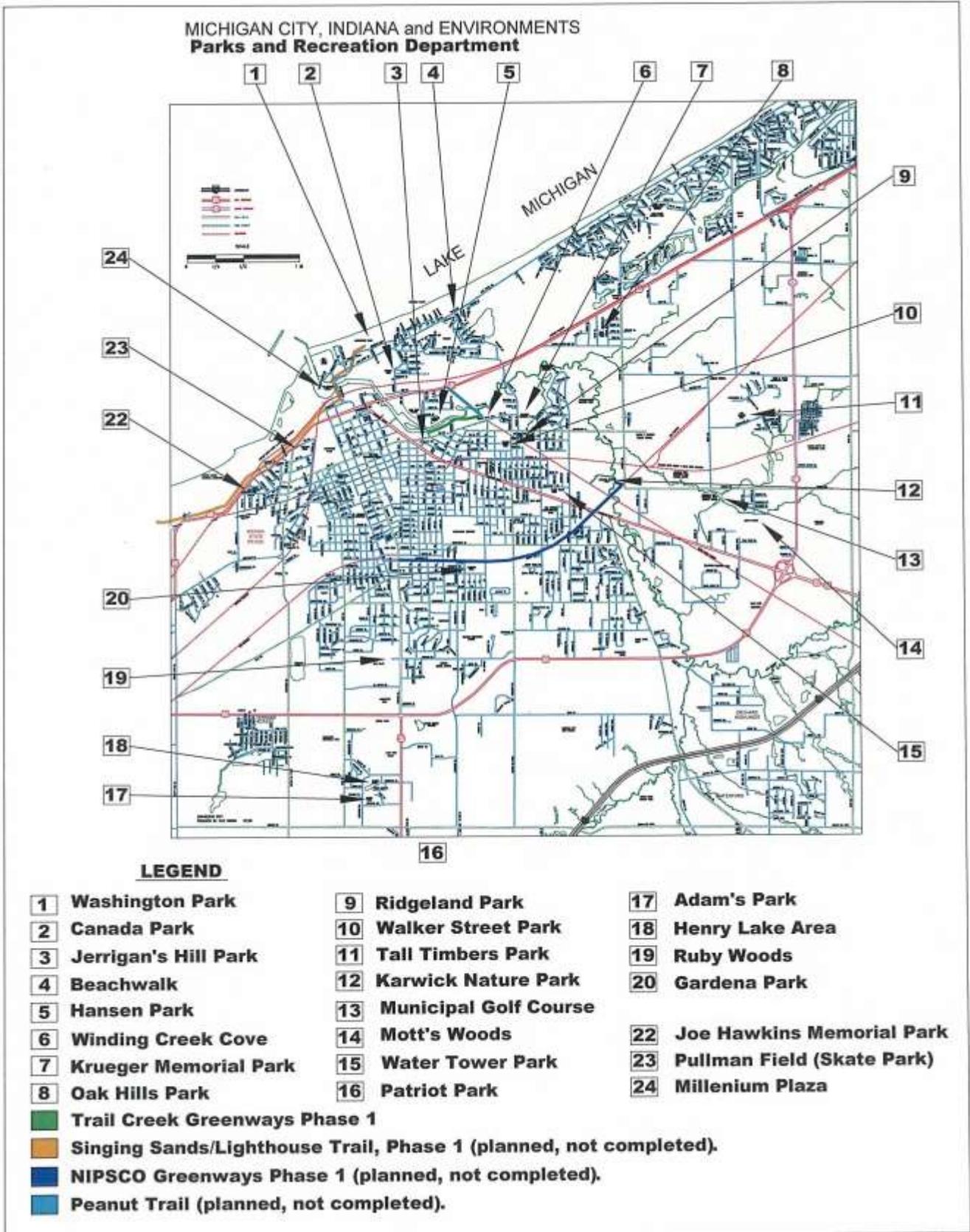
With recent tax shortfalls, the Park Department does not have the labor resources to maintain these natural resources. We have received some capital dollars from the City to match Lake Michigan Coastal Program grants in the past few years. This new program will help us restore and very importantly, maintain our natural resources.

Town of Trail Creek

The Park Board entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Trail Creek to use four of their baseball diamonds in 2017 to expand our youth baseball and softball programs. This is another great example partnering with other agencies to expand programming with little cost to the taxpayers.

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES & PROGRAMS

FACILITIES



ADAMS PARK

307 Village Road

Adams Park is a 12 acre neighborhood park that serves the southern most section of Michigan City in the Southgate neighborhood. The park features two ball diamonds, playground equipment, a picnic shelter, a drinking fountain, a full court basketball court and an 86 space asphalt parking lot.

This park has very poor soil and extensive drainage issues. In 2009 the Michigan City Common Council allocated \$75,000 for preliminary engineering and design work to create a Master Plan for the redevelopment of Adams Park. Input from area residents determined they no longer wanted the ball diamonds or organized play in their neighborhood park. The City Council was approached for funding to move the two existing ball diamonds. Ball diamonds are used 5 days per week for organized sports leagues, so the fields would have to be constructed at Patriot Park prior to commencing work on Adams Park so league play will not be affected. However, funding has not been approved.

ACTION ITEMS: The west diamond fencing needs to be replaced. The north diamond backstop needs repairs where the concrete is exposed creating a trip hazard. Bleachers and player benches are in poor condition and need to be replaced. Wooden timbers south of the west diamond should be removed and backfilled. ADA and playground safety compliance needs to be addressed at this park and are scheduled for 2020. The large playset installed in 2000 can be modified to meet current standards. All other play equipment must be removed and/or replaced and ADA connections made to all amenities. The shelter should be replaced with a steel frame and roof structure. The drinking fountain should be replaced with an ADA, vandal proof fountain. The entrance sign should be replaced. ADA parking spaces need to be added to the parking lot. The park entry sign is missing and needs to be replaced. Rules need to be posted. The sports field lighting cannot be repaired and should be removed including poles, fixtures and wiring.



ADAMS PARK



ADAMS PARK INVENTORY

TAG	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASED	AMOUNT
10330	BLDG	SHELTER - SHINGLED ROOF 24' X 16'	1979	2,000
LAND	BLDG	SHELTER	UNKNOWN	2,100
LAND	BLDG	PUMP HOUSE	UNKNOWN	23,709
LAND	INFRA	LIGHTING	1990	6,584
LAND	LAND	307 VILLAGE ROAD - 12 ACRES	1969	19,756
LAND	LAND IMPRV	FENCE - 8' CHAIN LINK	1990	6,210
LAND	LAND IMPRV	FENCE - 8' CHAIN LINK	1990	10,350
LAND	LAND IMPRV	FENCE - 6' CHAIN LINK	1990	11,600
LAND	LAND IMPRV	ASPHALT BASKETBALL COURT - RESURFACE/REMARK COURT	2003	5,620
LAND	LAND IMPRV	FENCE - 550' 5' HOME RUN FENCE	2005	7,354
LAND	LAND IMPRV	ASPHALT PARKING LOT	UNKNOWN	170,060
10339	PLAYGROUND	BLEACHERS-MULTI COLORED BLEACHERS - 5 TIER - #1	1978	800
10340	PLAYGROUND	BLEACHERS-MULTI COLORED BLEACHERS - 5 TIER - #2	1978	800
10341	PLAYGROUND	BLEACHERS-MULTI COLORED BLEACHERS - 5 TIER - #3	1978	800
10342	PLAYGROUND	BLEACHERS-MULTI COLORED BLEACHERS - 5 TIER - #4	1978	800
10343	PLAYGROUND	BLEACHERS-MULTI COLORED BLEACHERS - 5 TIER - #5	1978	800
10344	PLAYGROUND	BLEACHERS-MULTI COLORED BLEACHERS - 5 TIER - #6	1978	800
10346	PLAYGROUND	BENCH-GREEN METAL PLAYER BENCH #01	1978	300
10347	PLAYGROUND	BENCH-GREEN METAL PLAYER BENCH #2	1978	300
10348	PLAYGROUND	BENCH-GREEN METAL PLAYER BENCH #3	1978	300
10349	PLAYGROUND	BENCH-GREEN METAL PLAYER BENCH #4	1978	300
10350	PLAYGROUND	BENCH-GREEN METAL PLAYER BENCH #5	1978	300
10351	PLAYGROUND	BENCH-GREEN METAL PLAYER BENCH #6	1978	300
10352	PLAYGROUND	BENCH-GREEN METAL PLAYER BENCH #7	1978	300
10353	PLAYGROUND	BENCH-GREEN METAL PLAYER BENCH #8	1978	300
10345	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT-MEDIUM PLAY SYSTEM - ORANGE/WHITE/BLUE/YELLOW WITH BRIDGE	1991	10,000
11162	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT-4 SEAT SWING SET ITEM 3B (4 SEATS - 2 SECTIONS)	1999	860
11211	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT-LARGE PLAY SYSTEM STRUCTURE ITEM 1D	1999	17,665
11232	PLAYGROUND	BENCH-PARSONS CONTOUR CANTILEVER PARK BENCH 2X4X6' SECOND SITE MAPLE, VS GREEN	1999	855
11233	PLAYGROUND	BENCH-PARSONS CONTOUR CANTILEVER PARK BENCH 2X4X6' SECOND SITE MAPLE, VS GREEN	1999	855
11249	PLAYGROUND	BISON BASKETBALL SYSTEM - 1/2 COURT	1999	465
11250	PLAYGROUND	BISON BASKETBALL SYSTEM - 1/2 COURT	1999	465
LAND	SIGN	SIGN WOODEN ENTRANCE	2001	493

CANADA PARK

300 Center Street

Canada Park is a 1 acre neighborhood park, nestled between two forested dunes, that serves the north most section of Michigan City in the Canada and Sheridan Beach neighborhoods. The park features one multi-use play set and off street parking for five vehicles.

The Washington Park Master Plan has identified a need for destination playgrounds in Washington Park, one block from Canada Park. When the new playgrounds are completed, the outdated playground equipment will be removed from this park.

ACTION ITEM: Remove outdated play equipment, consider a no leash dog park



LAND	LAND	CENTER ST. AT FOGARTY ROAD 1 ACRE	UNKNOWN	0
10355	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT -MEDIUM PLAY UNIT - BURGUNDY W/YELLOW & BLUE	1985	8,000
LAND	SIGN	SIGN WOODEN ENTRANCE SIGN	2011	188

GARDENA PARK

900 Gardena Street

Gardena Park is a 12 acre neighborhood park serving the Greenwood neighborhood. Because of its central location in Michigan City and many amenities, it draws people from the entire community. This park features two ball diamonds, one lit for night play, three half court basketball courts, three picnic shelters, a drinking fountain, a Vietnam war memorial, a half mile asphalt walking trail, indoor restrooms open seasonally and a playground. There are 25 parking spaces on the on Wrobel Avenue, 40 spaces in the northwest gravel lot, and 54 spaces in asphalt parking lot on north east side. The park has a Vietnam Memorial for Kenneth L. Scott, a Michigan City resident killed in action in the Vietnam conflict in 1966. The park was renovated in 2016. ADA routes were added to the shelters, restrooms and playground equipment. New playground equipment, a new drinking fountain and a new flag pole were installed.

ACTION ITEMS: ADA parking spaces need to be added to both parking lots on the north side of the park and ADA routes need to be constructed to each ball diamond. East diamond player benches and bleachers need to be replaced. Fence post caps need to be replaced and bottom of fence tied down at east diamond. West diamond player benches need to be replaced. ADA signs for the exterior of the men's and women's restrooms need to be added. Service gates on the north side need to be replaced. The drinking fountain at the west diamond needs to be replaced. Replace roof on north shelter with metal roof. Remove fence on north of northwest parking lot.



GARDENA PARK (continued)

TAG	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASED	AMOUNT
LAND	GARDENA PARK - 900 GARDENA STREET - 12 ACRES	UNKNOWN	65,127
LAND	LIGHTING - ATHLETIC - 50' - 6 FIXTURES	UNKNOWN	55,860
BLDG	SHELTER #1 - PICNIC - WOOD FRAME 12 X 24	UNKNOWN	5,600
10332	BENCH GREEN METAL PLAYER BENCH #10	1978	300
10333	BENCH GREEN METAL PLAYER BENCH #11	1978	300
10334	BENCH GREEN METAL PLAYER BENCH #12	1978	300
10335	BENCH GREEN METAL PLAYER BENCH #13	1978	300
10336	BENCH GREEN METAL PLAYER BENCH #14	1978	300
10337	BENCH GREEN METAL PLAYER BENCH #15	1978	300
10338	BENCH GREEN METAL PLAYER BENCH #16	1978	300
10331	BENCH GREEN METAL PLAYER BENCH #9	1978	300
LAND	ASPHALT BASKETBALL COURT 33' X 100'	1990	9,970
LAND	FENCE - 4' CHAINLINK AT GARDENA	1990	9,430
LAND	FENCE - 6' CHAINLINK AT GARDENA	1990	7,210
LAND	PARKING LOT - GRAVEL - WROBEL & GARDENA STREETS (WEST LOT)	1990	9,900
LAND	FIELD - AG-LIME INFIELD LARGE FIELD	1994	3,500
LAND	ASPHALT PARKING LOT AT GARDENA PARK	1999	63,930
LAND	ASPHALT TRAIL - INSTALL 8' WIDE ASPHALT WALKING TRAIL - 1/2 MILE LONG	1999	78,610
11245	BISON BASKETBALL SYSTEM - 1/2 COURT	1999	465
11246	BISON BASKETBALL SYSTEM - 1/2 COURT	1999	465
11247	BISON BASKETBALL SYSTEM - 1/2 COURT	1999	465
9811	DRINKING FOUNTAIN, WALL MOUNT W/LEG SUPPORTS	1999	1,480
9806	GRILL PEDESTAL MOUNT GRILL W/UTILITY SHELF	1999	99
9807	GRILL PEDESTAL MOUNT GRILL W/UTILITY SHELF	1999	99
BLDG	SHELTER #2 - PICNIC - STEEL BEAM 20' X 28' WITH CEDAR SHINGLES	1999	6,820
LAND	SIGN WOODEN ENTRANCE SIGN - GARDENA PLAYGROUND	2001	493
BLDG	BLDG SHELTER AND RESTROOM	2002	58,899
13895	CAMERA - POWER SUPPLY ALTRONIX AL2416	2007	200
13965	CAMERA - TOSHIBA 6400 W/FUGINON LENS & OUTDOOR HOUSING	2007	350
13963	CAMERA - TOSHIBA 6400 W/TAMRON LENS & OUTDOOR HOUSING	2007	350
13964	CAMERA - TOSHIBA 6400 W/TAMRON LENS & OUTDOOR HOUSING	2007	350
13966	CAMERA - TOSHIBA 6400 W/TAMRON LENS & OUTDOOR HOUSING	2007	350
13896	DVR - DEDICATED MICROS 6-CAMERA DVR	2007	9,174
13969	MODEM - SPEEDSTREAM 5100 EHTERNET ADSL	2007	51
13897	MONITOR - JVC COLOR 13" FOR GARDENA CAMERA SYSTEM	2007	400
LAND	2016 ADA & SAFETY UPGRADE PROJECT	2016	250,000

HANSEN PARK

100 E. Street

Hansen Park is a 17.5 acre neighborhood park serving the extreme northeast section of Michigan City and the Canada neighborhood. The park features a 9 space asphalt parking lot, 1 1/2 acre, spring fed pond, observation deck, ADA playground equipment with safety tile surfacing, picnic shelter with stationary picnic tables and trash receptacles, 2 basketball 1/2 courts, information sign kiosk, walking trail, kayak launch, 2 space ADA launch parking lot, and a parking lot for a truck and kayak trailer.

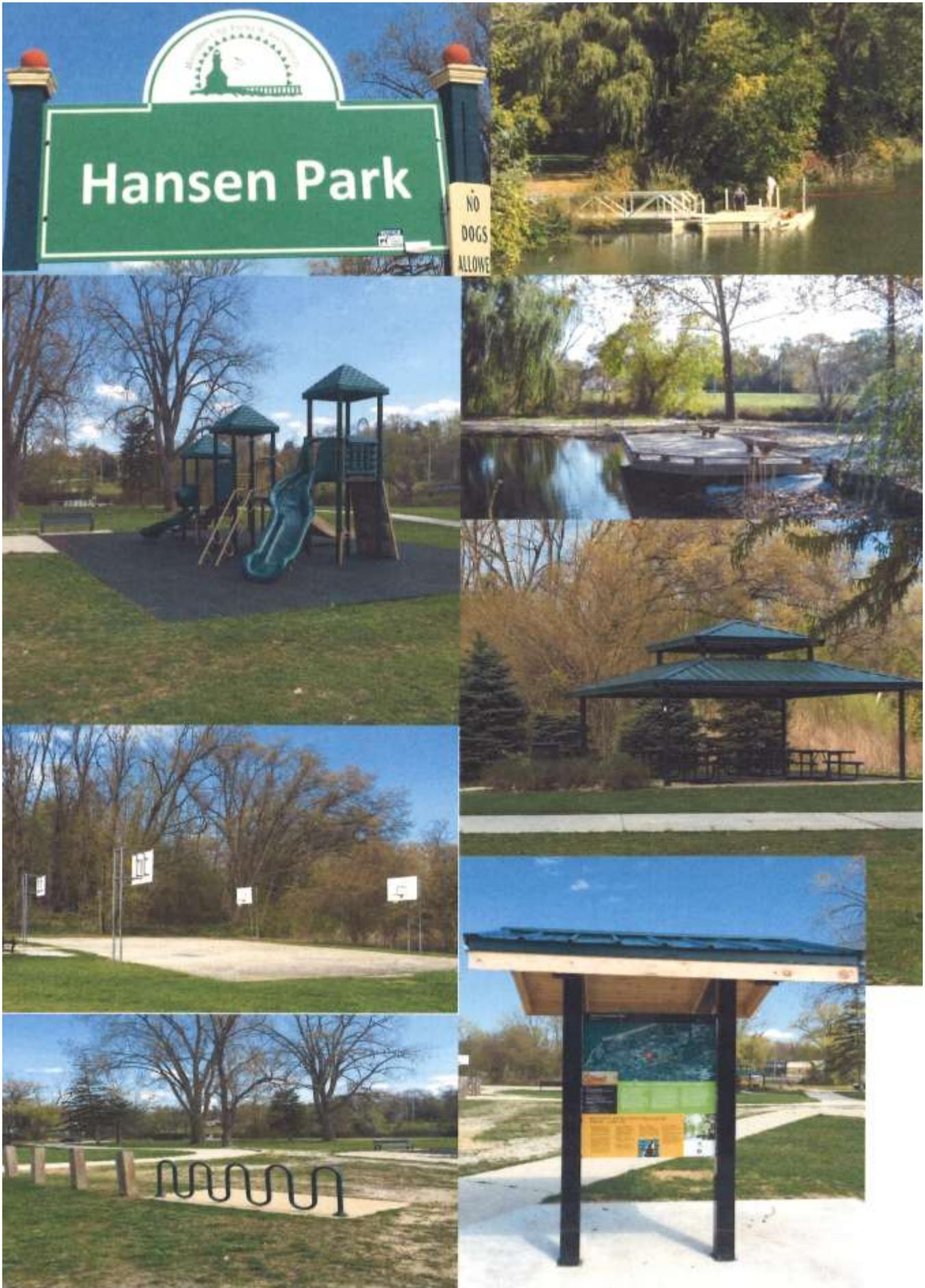
The pond is relatively clean and supports a variety of aquatic fauna and flora. The pond is not deep enough to prevent a total freeze which prevents any substantial fish population from developing. A 1 acre mow zone has been established around the pond to trap pollutants, filter storm water run off, stabilize the soil, prevent bank erosion, and control goose populations.

In 2014, the Michigan City Park Department was successful seeking funding from INDR's Lake Michigan Coastal Program, the Michigan City Council, and the Michigan City Redevelopment Commission to install an ADA kayak launch system on Trail Creek in Hansen Park. A new ADA compliant route was constructed consisting of a 13' wide concrete route from the main parking lot to the launch system, both launch parking lots, one of which is ADA parking only, and back to the main parking lot. Concrete connector routes were added to the existing shelter, playground and observation deck. An informational kiosk was added displaying the history of Trail Creek, paddling safety guidelines and a Trail Creek water quality sign. This project received the Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project Endorsement from the 2016 Indiana Bicentennial Commission.

Hansen Park meets all current ADA standards. The equipment and amenities are all in excellent shape.

ACTION ITEM: Add a rules sign, resurface and restripe basketball court, add kayak lockers.





HANSEN PARK INVENTORY

TAG	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASED	AMOUNT
LAND	HANSEN PARK - 100 E. STREET - 17.5 ACRES	1962	\$19,636
LAND	BARRIER POSTS - BOLLARDS AT HANSEN PARK	1990	\$7,600
9812	FOUNTAIN DRINKING, WALL MOUNT W/LEG SUPPORTS	1999	\$1,480
11165	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT 6 SEAT SWING SET ITEM 3A (2 SEATS - 1 SECTION)	1999	\$1,186
LAND	NEW SIDEWALK, CURB/GUTTER AT HANSEN PARK	2001	\$10,594
LAND	SIGN WOODEN ENTRANCE SIGN - HANSEN PLAYGROUND	2001	\$493
LAND	ASPHALT PARKING LOT AND TURN AROUND (12) REGULAR PARKING SPACES (1) ADA SPACE	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	BENCH - METAL, MOUNTED IN CONCRETE #1	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	BENCH - METAL, MOUNTED IN CONCRETE #2	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	BENCH - METAL, MOUNTED IN CONCRETE #3	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	BENCH - METAL, MOUNTED IN CONCRETE #4	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	BENCH - METAL, MOUNTED IN CONCRETE #5	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	BENCH - METAL, MOUNTED IN CONCRETE #6	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	BENCH - WOOD, MOUNTED ON OBSERVATION DECK #1	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	BENCH - WOOD, MOUNTED ON OBSERVATION DECK #2	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	BIKE RACK MOUNTED IN CONCRETE	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	DECK - OBSERVATION DECK OVER HANSEN PARK POND	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	FISHING PAD - EAST HANSEN PARK	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	FISHING PAD - WEST HANSEN PARK	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	HANSEN PARK/PASSIVE PARK/LWCF TRAIL/ PEANUT BRIDGE GRANT PROJECT 2006	2006	\$824,957
13848	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT 5-12 AGE GROUP	2006	\$29,055
BLDG	SHELTER - PICNIC - OCTAGON - STEEL FRAME	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	TABLE - PICNIC #1, MOUNTED IN CONCRETE IN SHELTER	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	TABLE - PICNIC #2, MOUNTED IN CONCRETE IN SHELTER	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	TABLE - PICNIC #3, MOUNTED IN CONCRETE IN SHELTER	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	TABLE - PICNIC #4, MOUNTED IN CONCRETE IN SHELTER	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	TRAIL - WALKING TRAIL, CRUSHED LIMESTONE, 850- X 6'	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	TRASH RECEPTACLE MOUNTED IN CONCRETE #1	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	TRASH RECEPTACLE MOUNTED IN CONCRETE #2	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	TRASH RECEPTACLE MOUNTED IN CONCRETE #3	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	TRASH RECEPTACLE MOUNTED IN CONCRETE #4	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	TRASH RECEPTACLE MOUNTED IN CONCRETE #5	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	TRASH RECEPTACLE MOUNTED IN CONCRETE #6	2006	AGGREGATE
LAND	ADA ROUTE, PARKING AND KAYAK LAUNCH SYSTEM	2015	\$138,500
LAND	ASPHALT BASKETBALL COURT - 80' X 50' - (4) HALF COURTS, HANSEN PARK	N/A	\$13,300

HENRY LAKE 630 Southwind Drive

Henry Lake is a 6 acre undeveloped water retention area deeded to the Michigan City Board of Works on December 26, 1974. The property is located on the south side of Michigan City in the Southgate neighborhood. A small shallow pond exists but does not support fish. The park department mows this property.



JERNEGAN'S HILL 801 E. 8th Street



Jernegan's Hill is a 1 acre undeveloped parcel, located on a hill overlooking Trail Creek. The property was deeded to the City of Michigan City on April 5, 1887. The property is in close proximity to the North End Development Zone and should be maintained for future use and development as part of the Trail Creek Corridor Plan.

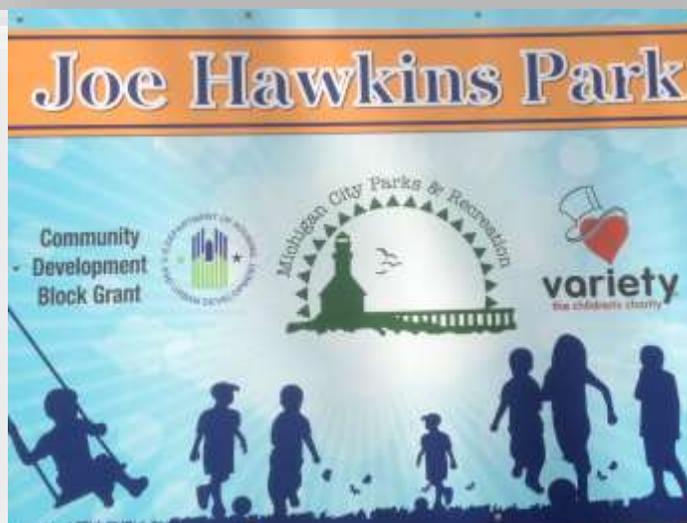
JOE HAWKINS MEMORIAL PARK

1501 W. 8th Street

This 1 acre park serves the extreme northwest section on Michigan City. The park is dedicated to Joe Hawkins, a community activist who spent his life improving the lives of others. A limestone pillar supports a bronze plaque honoring Mr. Hawkins at the entrance of the park.

In 2014 the Michigan City Park Department received a grant from Variety Children's Charity in the amount of \$32,000.00 and a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$70,000.00 for ADA and safety upgrades. Duromat safety tiles were installed under the existing playset for 5-12 year olds. A new toddler play area with safety tile was added as well as a funnel ball toss feature and new swing set. Concrete walks were added connecting all park amenities making the park ADA compliant.

ACTION ITEMS: Add a rules sign.



TAG	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASED	AMOUNT
LAND	HAWKINS PARK - 1501 W. 8TH STREET	1971	\$56,600
LAND	SHELTER STEEL BEAM 16' X 20' CEDAR SHINGLES, REPLACED WITH STEEL ROOF IN 2013	1999	\$3,898
13967	MONUMENT - FLAGSTONE BASE WITH BRONZE PLAQUE	2007	\$1,395
11215	PLAY STRUCTURE - MIRACLE SMALL 1 A	1999	\$8,990
11220	BIKE RACK - GALVANIZED STEEL	1999	\$277
LAND	HAWKINS PARK 2013 ADA & SAFETY RENOVATION PROJECT	2013	\$102,000
LAND	38' X 38' CONCRETE PAD WITH DUROMAT SAFETY TILES - 7' FALL HEIGHT FOR TAG 11215	2013	AGGREGATE
LAND	40' X 40' CONCRETE PAD WITH DUROMAT SAFETY TILES - 5' FALL HEIGHT NEW TODDLER AREA	2013	AGGREGATE
LAND	XCCENT FUSION EC TOD PD CLIMBER W/BOUNCING BRIDGE, WORMHOLE CLIMBERS, PEEKA-BO PANEL	2013	AGGREGATE
LAND	XCCENT TEETERING TULIP, DIZZY DAILY, BLOSSOM BENCH	2013	AGGREGATE
LAND	XCCENT ADA DRIVER PANEL, BALL TURN PANEL, ADA DOUBLE BONGO PANEL	2013	AGGREGATE
LAND	SIDEWALKS - 300' CONCRETE CONNECTING PARK AMENITITES	2013	AGGREGATE
LAND	BENCHES - 1 AT EACH PLAY AREA	2013	AGGREGATE



KARWICK NATURE PARK

700 S. Karwick Road

Karwick Nature Park is a 23.5 acre park located on the extreme east side of Michigan City. The park was created as a Brownfield Demonstration Project in 2006. The park offers public fishing access, walking trails and a pedestrian bridge over Trail Creek. This wooded site is habitat to many species of flora and fauna. In 2011 a pedestrian bridge was constructed to allow access to the park on the west side of Trail Creek. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Division of Forestry presented the City with a 10 year stewardship plan in 2011. The property is owned by the City of Michigan City and is not under the legal jurisdiction of the Park Board. However, the Park Department does assist in maintaining the property by snow plowing, mowing and collecting trash.

ACTION ITEM: Add rules sign



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KRUEGER MEMORIAL PARK

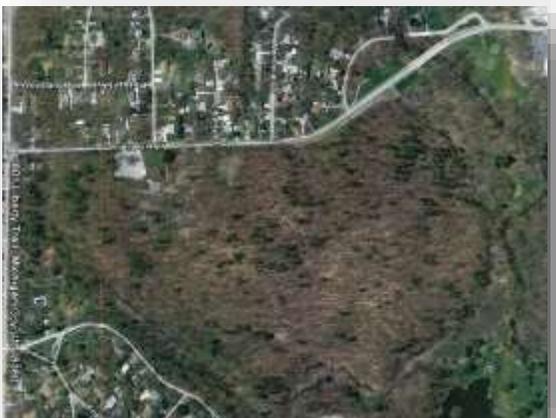
801 Liberty Trail

Located in the northeast section of Michigan City, this 37 acre nature preserve serves the Krueger Neighborhood. The park features nature trails, a basketball court, rental hall and off street parking. The park was given to the City by Mayor Krueger in honor of 17 Michigan City soldiers who died in World War I.

The park provides adequate open space for unorganized play and tree shaded picnic areas on a rolling terrain. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Division of Forestry presented the City with a 10 year stewardship plan in 2011.

The park has a two-level, 300 person capacity, rental hall which features two fireplaces, kitchen, bar and restrooms. The hall is a well maintained log structure built from trees which were cut from the site using W.P.A. funds during the Great Depression. The hall hosts gatherings ranging from family reunions, club meetings, showers and wedding receptions. In 2008 the facility was renovated with new electric, plumbing, HVAC, doors and windows. A concrete ADA ramp was added to the upper level next to the stair case leading to the porch and entry doors. Men's and women's ADA restrooms were added to the upper level, and existing restrooms on the lower level were updated to ADA standards. There is currently ADA access from the parking lots to the upper level and lower level of the hall. However, there is no interior way to transport someone between levels.

ACTION ITEMS: Exterior repairs to the log structure. Resurface and stripe the basketball courts. Remove broken concrete sidewalks and parking area in the back of the hall and replace with new. Post a new rules sign. Add a chair lift or elevator. Purchase a new ice machine.



CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASED	AMOUNT
ART	MURAL - PAINTED ON KITCHEN WALL 4 SEASONS AT MEMORIAL HALL	2008	1,200
BLDG IMPROV	GARAGE RENOVATION - MEMORIAL HALL	2015	62,500
BLDG IMPRV	INSTALL (2) DARK BRONZE ANODIZED ALUMINUM ENTRY DOORS, (4) 4'X4' SINGLE HUNG WINDOWS	2002	6,948
BLDG IMPRV	INSTALL 360 SQ.FT. NEW VELLUM FLOORING AT MEMORIAL HALL KITCHEN	2002	771
BLDG IMPRV	INSTALL TRANE XF90 FURNACES, AND ALL DUCTWORK AT MEMORIAL PARK	2002	33,175
BLDG IMPRV	MEMORIAL HALL RENOVATION PROJECT -RESTROOMS, WINDOWS, FLOOR, ADA ACCESS	2008	232,142
BLDG IMPRV	NEW DOORS & WINDOWS AT MEMORIAL PER CONTRACT W/MEYER GLASS & MIR-	2001	40,848
FIRE EXT	FIRE EXTINGUISHER	1989	50
FIRE EXT	FIRE EXTINGUISHER	1989	60
FIRE EXT	FIRE EXTINGUISHER	1989	60
FIRE EXT	FIRE EXTINGUISHER	2989	50
FURNITURE	CRYSTAL D.J. BALL	UNKNOWN	100
FURNITURE	SHELF - 6 SHELF STORAGE UNIT	UNKNOWN	35
FURNITURE	SHELF - 6 SHELF STORAGE UNIT	UNKNOWN	35
FURNITURE	QTY 10—TABLE 30 X 72 WALNUT FINISH BANQUET	1999	79
FURNITURE	QTY 6—TABLE 8' X 30" FOLDING TABLE, WHITE PLASTIC	2002	50
FURNITURE	TABLE METAL FRAME WITH WOOD 4' X 8', ROLLING FOR KITCHEN	2008	70
FURNITURE	TABLE, "12' BANQUET (CUSTOM MADE)	2008	100
FURNITURE	QTY 20—TABLE, 6', WHITE PLASTIC	2002	49
FURNITURE	QTY 4—60" ROUND PLAYWOOD TABBLE	2002	49
FURNITURE	CHAIRS QTY 160 LIFETIME, PLASTIC, ALMOND, FOLDING CHAIRS	2015	5,040
FURNITURE	CHAIRS QTY 128 LIFETIME, PLASTIC, ALMOND, FOLDING CHAIRS	2016	3,327
IMPRV	FLOORING LOWER LEVEL KRUEGER HALL	2011	7,003
IMPRV	GARAGE RENOVATION, DOORS, WINDOWS, LENTILS, ROOF, TUCK POINTING	2015	62,500
KITCHEN	BEER COOLER REFRIGERATION SYSTEM	2009	3,376
MEDICAL	DEFIBRILLATOR - MEDTRONIC LIFEPAK	2009	0
PLAYGROUND	HALSEY TAYLOR WATER FOUNTAIN	UNKNOWN	300
SMALL TOLLS	HUMIDIFIER	2008	150
SMALL TOOL	13 GALLON HUMIDIFIER	2009	170
SMALL TOOL	13 GALLON HUMIDIFIER	2009	170
SMALL TOOL	AIR CONDITIONER	1998	495
SMALL TOOL	AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEM	2008	20,260
SMALL TOOL	QTY 4—BOX FAN	1998	14
SMALL TOOL	CLARK FLOOR BUFFER	1977	880
SMALL TOOL	CRC COMMANDER REFRIGERATOR	2005	1,200
SMALL TOOL	DRINKING FOUNTAIN	2008	628
SMALL TOOL	DRINKING FOUNTAIN	2008	628
SMALL TOOL	EMERGENCY EXIT LIGHT AND FIXTURE	2001	124

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASED	AMOUNT
SMALL TOOL	HUMIDIFIER 13 GALLON - DIGITAL	2008	150
SMALL TOOL	KEG COOLER	2008	1,185
SMALL TOOL	LACROSSE COOLER (BAR)	2008	1,500
SMALL TOOL	MOP BUCKET	2008	100
SMALL TOOL	PORTABLE PRO STEAMER	2008	100
SMALL TOOL	SOUTH BEND 6 BURNER STOVE	2000	1,500
SMALL TOOL	WATER HEATER	2008	1,293



MAINTENANCE FACILITY

2011 E. Highway 12

The Park Maintenance facility serves as the central hub for all park properties. It houses our fleet and all equipment and serves as storage for holiday lights, picnic tables, trash barrels, barricades, etc. It contains a mechanic shop, wood shop and offices. The facility sits on a 3.2 acre parcel. The building was constructed in the 1960's as a car dealership. The City purchased the building around 1991. The windows and doors are original to the building and need to be replaced.

Recent repairs include 2010 new multi-ply membrane roof, 2010 new oil burning furnace in garage, 2012 building exterior was painted, 2014 new hanging furnace in main garage, 2015 new exterior perimeter fencing was installed on the north side, 2016 asbestos ceiling tiles were tested and removed, 2016 new electric service and lighting was added to the entire facility.

The City has made major investments to this facility in recent years. We need to address the curb appeal of this facility, parking lot, façade improvements. It is located between a regional attraction, International Friendship Gardens, and a Michigan City Fire Station.

ACTION ITEMS: New windows, man doors, overhead doors, asphalt drive and parking lot, replacement of 5 old furnaces.



MICHIGAN BOULEVARD PARCEL

Located in the northeast section of Michigan City, this .078 parcel, just east of Carroll Avenue on the south side of Michigan Blvd. is undeveloped land that serves no purpose to the Park Department. An adjacent property owner has expressed interest in acquiring the property. The Park Board should consider selling this surplus real estate to eliminate our maintenance costs and put it back on the tax rolls.



MICHIGAN CITY MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

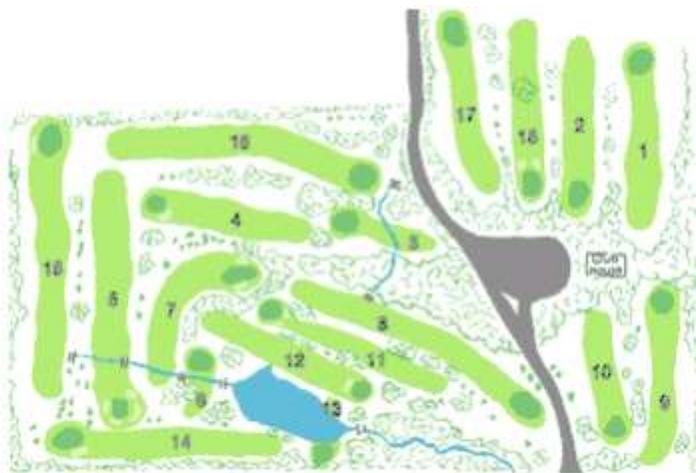
4000 E. Michigan Boulevard

This 156 acre facility is located in the extreme east section of Michigan City in the Golfview neighborhood. The golf course serves the region with two 18-hole courses, the only 36 hole facility in LaPorte County and one of very few in northwest Indiana.

The North Course features executive style golfing, including 3,531 total yards and a challenging par of 60. Featuring an exciting mixture of both par three and par four holes, this course is perfect for the beginner with fewer complex distractions while offering several golfing challenges such as hills, dog-legs, short holes, sand traps and water hazards. The South Course features a challenging 18-hole course, with a par of 72. Playing to a total of 6,169 yards, the South Course is a favorite to all golfers, from the new-comer to the seasoned player. On the South Course, you'll find a mixture of exciting golf challenges such as hills, short holes and long holes, dog legs, sand traps and water hazards. Besides great golfing, we also offer outings, clubs, and junior golf programs.

Recent repairs include 2001 new blacktop parking lot, 2001 remodeled snack shop, 2002 built new snack shop, 2015 South Course Water Control Structure and North Course Culvert Replacement Project. The original drainage and pond development project was completed in 1994. 2016 tree assessment and removal project, 2016 rebuilt irrigation pumps from computerized irrigation system originally installed in 1998.

ACTION ITEMS: Add driving range for revenue generation, replace cart paths, update both pro shops.



SOUTH COURSE



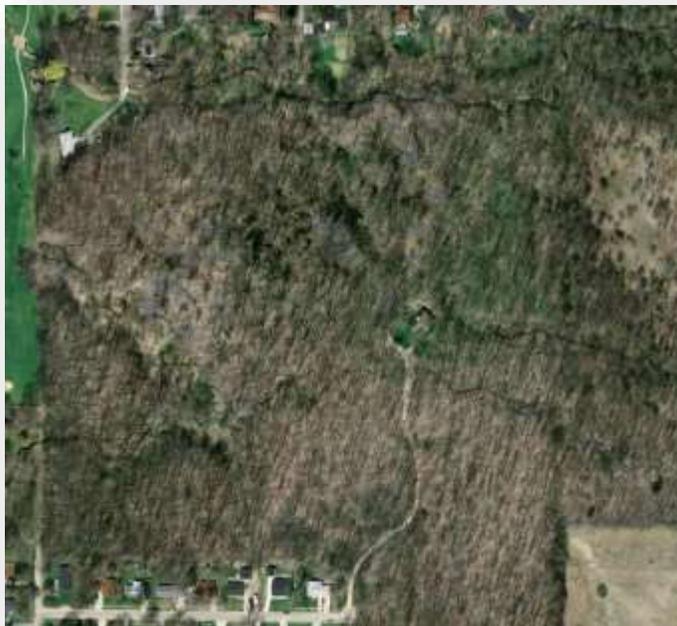
NORTH COURSE

MOTT'S WOODS

2000 Johnrue Avenue

This is a 35 acre undeveloped forest located on the east side of Michigan City. The property has a deed restriction on 20 acres which reads “This property is given to the City of Michigan City as an example of the primeval forest growth which once covered Northern Indiana, and is granted on the express condition that it shall be preserved forever in its present natural state as a forest and wild flower preserve, and that the timber shall never be cut from same; except that dead timber shall be removed when a tree or trees shall have died from natural causes, and driveways may be kept cleared whenever necessary.” The Indiana Department of Natural Resources’ Division of Forestry presented the City with a 10 year stewardship plan in 2011.

This preserve cannot be developed and offers no future recreational opportunities. The Park Department should investigate donating this parcel. Shirley Heinz Land Trust has expressed interest in accepting a donation of this land from the City. The property is in very close proximity to other restoration sites they operate and fits their goals and mission “to protect habitats and ecosystems of Northwest Indiana through acquiring, restoring and protecting environmentally significant landscapes for present and future generations; and to inspire and educate people of all ages about the value of land conservation to protect our natural world and enrich our lives.”



OAK HILLS PARK

716 Martin Luther King Drive

This 5 acre neighborhood park serves the extreme northeast section of Michigan City. Amenities include a ball diamond, basketball court, picnic shelter, drinking fountain, playground equipment, and off street parking. There are many shade trees and plenty of open space. The park is located directly across the street from the Martin Luther King Center and greatly enhances recreational opportunities in the neighborhood. ADA upgrades and playground safety compliance needs to be addressed at this park. Renovation is scheduled for 2018. The large playset installed in 2000 can be modified to meet current standards. All other play equipment must be removed and replaced and ADA connections made to all amenities. \

ACTION ITEMS: Replace the shelter with a steel frame and roof structure. The entrance sign should be replaced. ADA parking spaces need to be added to the parking lot. Needs rules sign.

TAG	CATEGORY	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	PRICE
LAND	LAND IMPRV	MEM PARK	PARKING LOT - MEMORIAL PARK	UNKNOWN	63,500
LAND	LAND IMPRV	OAK HILLS	ASPHALT BASKETBALL COURT - 80' X 50', OAK HILLS	UNKNOWN	11,400
LAND	LAND IMPRV	OAK HILLS	FENCE - 4' CHAINLINK AT OAK HILLS	1988	7,900
LAND	LAND IMPRV	OAK HILLS	ASPHALT - PARKING LOT/BASKETBALL COUR	1999	20,000
LAND	LAND IMPRV	OAK HILLS	FENCE - 217 FT OF 10 FT/9 GUAGE GALVENIZED CHAINLINK BASKETBALL FENCE	2000	4,070
9332	PLAYGROUND	OAK HILLS	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BUNKER HILL 4 WAY CLIMBER	1999	913
9335	PLAYGROUND	OAK HILLS	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT DELUXE MOUNTAIN CLIMBER	1999	1,302
9337	PLAYGROUND	OAK HILLS	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT MEDIUM PLAY SYSTEM DARK GREEN/BLUE/BEIGE	1999	11,162
9805	PLAYGROUND	OAK HILLS	GRILL PEDESTAL MOUNT GRILL W/UTILITY SHELF	1999	99
11163	PLAYGROUND	OAK HILLS	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT 6 SEAT SWING SET ITEM 3A (4 SEATS - 2 SECTIONS)	1999	1,186
11222	PLAYGROUND	OAK HILLS	BIKE RACK GALVANIZED STEEL	1999	277
11243	PLAYGROUND	OAK HILLS	BISON BASKETBALL SYSTEM - 1/2 COURT	1999	465
11244	PLAYGROUND	OAK HILLS	BISON BASKETBALL SYSTEM - 1/2 COURT	1999	465
11155	PLAYGROUND	OAK HILLS	TABLE 6' LONG AMERICAN TABLE WITHOUT BACK, 4"X4" SLATS, PINE, WALNUT STAIN	2000	719
LAND	PLAYGROUND	OAK HILLS	FENCE - PERIMETER FENCE OAK HILLS	2008	20,300



PATRIOT PARK

2224 North 950 West

This 120 acre community sports complex is located 2 miles south of the civil city boundaries. Amenities include (4) fully drained and professionally lit baseball/softball diamonds, (1) additional baseball field, 2 press boxes, a public address system, on-site concession stand, ADA accessible restrooms with infant changing stations, ADA accessible playground, a 1-mile non-motorized asphalt walking trail, picnic shelters, picnic tables, ADA designated parking areas, and an on-site maintenance facility. Fully drained soccer fields were added in 2007.

Opened in 2000, this award winning 120 acre sports complex has quickly become one of the premiere sports complexes in Northern Indiana. Quality tournament play, professionally managed events and recreational class programs draw more and more people to Patriot Park and the greater Michigan City area. The design and engineering invested into this park draws national and regional events as well as media attention.

Patriot Park has received the National Softball Association/Baseball Player's Association's "Outstanding Park of the Year" award every year since opening in 2000. In further recognition of an outstanding facility and programming, the Michigan City Park Department was inducted into the NSA/BPA Hall of Fame in November of 2011.

ACTION ITEMS: Construct two new large ball diamonds, new parking lots and a new building, which will house a concession stand, restrooms and storage for the soccer program. Design and engineering for these projects was completed in 2010. All park signage needs to be replaced.



TAG	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	AMOUNT
1628	TABLE 6' x 30" FOLDING TABLE	2001	50
1629	TABLE 6' x 30" FOLDING TABLE	2001	50
1632	TABLE 6' X 30" FOLDING TABLE	2001	50
7811	JOHN DEERE TRACTOR 770 4 WHEEL DRIVE #96-7	1996	13,900
9989	GAS CLUB CAR #04	2001	3,381
9991	GAS CLUB CAR #06	2001	2,203
9994	GAS CLUB CAR #09	2001	2,203
10316	HEATER OIL FILLED RADIATOR HEATER	2001	70
10412	WRENCH 24" IRON PIPE WRENCH	2001	52
10414	WRENCH 14" IRON PIPE WRENCH	2001	24
10415	WRENCH 10" HD STL PIPE WRENCH	2001	5
10425	SOCKET IMPACT11 PC METRIC 1/2 SOCKET IMPACT SET	2001	17
10426	SOCKET 66 PC COMBINATION SOCKET SET	2001	43
10429	WRENCH 12" STL ADJ WRENCH	2001	7
10430	WRENCH 8" STL ADJ WRENCH	2001	5
10432	COMPRESSOR 5 HP 26 GALLON VER COMPRESSOR	2001	291
10433	WISE 5" HD BENCH VISE	2001	53
10434	JACK 2 1/2 TON HD JACK	2001	72
10435	JACK 21" 3 TON JACK STAND	2001	22
10436	CREEPER "S SLAT	2001	24
10437	LEVER GREASE GUN	2001	10
10438	GRINDER 6" THIN LINE GRINDER	2001	49
10440	HOSE GT 5/8 X 60 RUB VINYL HOSE	2001	15
10442	WRENCH 11 PC COMBINATION WRENCH SET	2001	34
10444	PLAYGROUND EQUP PLAY SYSTEM - 2 DECK - AGES 2-5	2002	6,087
10445	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT MEDIUM PLAY SYSTEM PATRIOT PARK	2002	17,508
10451	WRENCH 6 PC METRIC COMBINATION WRENCH SET	2001	14
10452	TOOL 95 PC MECHANICS TOOL SET	2001	108
10458	WRENCH MM 10" CHR ADJ WRENCH	2001	17
10460	WRENCH MM 8" CHR ADJ WRENCH	2001	5
10463	WRENCH 14" IRON PIPE WRENCH	2001	27
10465	22 PC COM HEX-L KEY SET	2001	13
10466	TOOL BOX MM 15" YEL TOOL BOX	2001	6
10467	TOOL BOX 22" PRO MAG TOOLBOX/TRAY	2001	22
10490	SIGN RECYCLED PLASTIC ENTRANCE SIGN WITH POSTS FOR PATRIOT PARK	2001	4,147

TAG	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	AMOUNT
10491	CORD 150' CORD STORAGE REEL/STAND	2001	8
10492	TAPE 1/2" X 100' FBG TAPE RULE	2001	14
10493	RAKE BOW RAKE	2001	18
10494	SHOVEL LHRP SHOVEL	2001	18
10495	SPADE DH DRAIN SPADE	2001	18
10496	SHOVEL LHSP SCOOP SHOVEL	2001	18
10497	1999 DODGE 1500 2WD - PICK UP TRUCK GREEN - VEH #09	2001	12,300
10499	BLEACHERS - ALL ALUMINUM TRANSPORTABLE BLEACHERS #1	2001	2,599
10500	BLEACHERS - ALL ALUMINUM TRANSPORTABLE BLEACHERS #3	2001	2,599
10501	BLEACHERS - ALL ALUMINUM TRANSPORTABLE BLEACHERS #4	2001	2,599
10502	BLEACHERS - ALL ALUMINUM TRANSPORTABLE BLEACHERS #5	2001	2,599
10503	BLEACHERS - ALL ALUMINUM TRANSPORTABLE BLEACHERS #6	2001	2,599
10504	BLEACHERS - ALL ALUMINUM TRANSPORTABLE BLEACHERS #7	2001	2,599
10526	BENCH 15' TEAM BENCH WITH BACK	2001	299
10530	SIGN RECYCLING SIGN - 30" X 60" BEIGE/GREEN/BEIGE RECYCLED PLASTIC	2001	750
10531	BEDLINER 6 X 4 - FOR GATOR	2001	210
10546	STRIPER - BRITE #5000	2001	6,595
11292	GAS CLUB CAR #17	2001	2,203
11604	TIME CLOCK - KRONOS 480F WITH MODEM	2001	1,050
13092	PITCHING MACHINE	2002	2,095
13110	HEAT AND AIR CONDITIONING UNIT	2003	479
13121	CANOPY TOP, BEIGE, FOR GOLF CARS	2002	162
13122	CANOPY TOP, BEIGE, FOR GOLF CARS	2002	162
13123	CANOPY TOP, BEIGE, FOR GOLF CARS	2002	162
13124	CANOPY TOP, BEIGE, FOR GOLF CARS	2002	162
13125	CANOPY TOP, BEIGE, FOR GOLF CARS	2002	162
13203	WINDSCREEN, DARK GREEN, CLOSED MESH 6' H - 19104 SQ FT	2002	8,788
13323	HEATER HEATWAVE UTILITY HEATER B & D	2002	40
13324	WRENCH MM 6 PC COMB WRENCH SET	2001	15
13337	JOHN DEERE GATOR #01-14	2001	8,000
13475	WHITE WATER COOLER	2015	99
13476	3000 PSI GAS PRESSURE WASHER	2015	284
13477	STIHL 65CC BACKPACK BLOWER	2015	400
13550	LIGHT POLE METAL 60' W/12 FIXTURES	1998	148,428
13551	LIGHT POLE METAL 60' W/5 FIXTURES	1998	26,201
13552	LIGHT POLE METAL 60' W/7 FIXTURES	1998	32,851
13553	LIGHT POLE METAL 60' W/8 FIXTURES	1998	36,176
13627	POWERWASHER, 2300 PSI	2005	299
13689	PUBLIC ADDRESS - (8) SPEAKERS FOR P.A. SYSTEM AT PATRIOT PARK	2005	14,656
13832	GAS GOLF CART # 84	2006	1,350
13849	MOUND MOVER - BUILT BY MAINT DEPT TO MOVE MOUNDS	2004	1,100
13850	SIGN - LIGHTED ENTRANCE SIGN ON CORNER OF 950W&300N	2001	4,000
13851	PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM OWI TRUMPET HORNS, 4 OHM, CROWN AMPS, MIC, CD/CASS DECK, MIK STAND, POWER CONDITIONER, MIXER, EQUALIZERS, SPEAKER WIRE	2003	10,273
13852	PUBLIC ADDRESS - CORDLESS SHURE MIC W/ON & OFF SWITCH - DSP 110	2006	280
13885	SAWS ALL 6.5A SAW	2006	50
13886	DRILL KIT 14 V	2006	100

TAG	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	AMOUNT
13933	WELCOM BASEBALL TEAMS SIGN	2007	1,550
13942	ASPHALT PAD BETWEEN LARGE AND ASPHALT PAD BETWEEN SMALL FIELD	2007	25,000
13943	10' X 20' DELUXE CANOPY #1	2007	109
13944	10' X 20' DELUXE CANOPY #2	2007	109
13951	SPORTPANEL TECHNO-TIP FENCING WITH CONNECTORS	2007	3,685
17009	DEFIBRILLATOR - MEDTRONIC LIFEPAK	2002	2,211
17137	LARGE BLUE RECYCLE BARRELL WITH LID	2008	542
17138	LARGE BLUE RECYCLE BARRELL WITH LID	2008	542
17139	LARGE BLUE RECYCLE BARREL WITH LID	2008	542
17140	BLEACHERS ROYAL BLUE 3 ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	1,000
17141	BLEACHERS ROYAL BLUE 3 ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17142	BLEACHERS ROYAL BLUE 3 ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17143	BLEACHERS ROYAL BLUE 3 ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17144	BLEACHERS ROYAL BLUE 3 ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17145	BLEACHERS ROYAL BLUE 3 ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17146	BLEACHERS NAVY 3ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	1,000
17147	BLEACHERS NAVY 3ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17148	BLEACHERS NAVY 3ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17149	BLEACHERS NAVY 3ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17150	BLEACHERS NAVY 3ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17151	BLEACHERS RED 3 ROW 15' SEAT COLORS	2007	1,000
17152	BLEACHERS RED 3 ROW 15' SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17153	BLEACHERS RED 3 ROW 15' SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17154	BLEACHERS RED 3 ROW 15' SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17155	BLEACHERS RED 3 ROW 15' SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17156	BLEACHERS FOREST GREEN 3ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	1,000
17157	BLEACHERS FOREST GREEN 3ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17158	BLEACHERS FOREST GREEN 3ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17159	BLEACHERS FOREST GREEN 3ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17160	BLEACHERS FOREST GREEN 3ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17161	BLEACHERS FOREST GREEN 3ROW 15' IN SEAT COLORS	2007	0
17200	WET/DRY 12 GALLON 5HP VACCUUM		100
17206	10.1MP DIGITAL CAMERA WITH MEMORY CARD	2009	163
17222	PRINTER - HP OFFICEJET 6500 ALL-IN-ONE (FAX, COPIER, PRINTER, SCANNER)	2010	181
17274	TORO GROUNDSMASTER MOWER- BAT WING	2010	46,906
17311	SPREADER WFR	2009	1,300
17841	18" RYAN SODCUTTER	2011	4,981
18017	TORO UTILITY SPRAY WAGON	2012	30,000
18020	STIHL 65CC BLOWER	2012	500
18037	FORTINET FORTIGATE 60D W/1YR 8X5 FC	2013	747
18038	BRITE GAS RIDING STRIPER #6500	2013	9,545
18055	PORTOLITE GAME MOUND YOUTH 6" REDUCED LENGTH	2014	800
18056	PORTOLITE GAME MOUND YOUTH 6" REDUCED LENGTH	2014	800
18057	PORTOLITE GAME MOUND YOUTH 6" REDUCED LENGTH	2014	800
18058	PORTOLITE GAME MOUND YOUTH 6" REDUCED LENGTH	2014	800
18059	PORTOLITE GAME MOUND YOUTH 6" REDUCED LENGTH	2014	800

TAG	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	AMOUNT
18065	WATER REEL TURBINE DRIVE	2014	8,300
18066	PRESSURE WASHER	2014	199
18067	ZERO TURN MOWER 7200	2014	20,883
BLDG		2006	1,835
BLDG	DUGOUT - BANNWART #2	2006	1,835
BLDG	DUGOUT - DOYLE #1	2006	1,835
BLDG	DUGOUT - DOYLE #2	2006	1,835
BLDG	DUGOUT - KARSTENS #1	2006	1,835
BLDG	DUGOUT - KARSTENS #2	2006	1,835
BLDG	DUGOUT - LAROCCO #1	2006	1,835
BLDG	DUGOUT - LAROCCO #2	2006	1,835
BLDG	WATER SOFTENER TANK - C SERIES CARBON FILTRATION UNIT	2003	1,947
BLDG	WATER SOFTENER TANK - C SERIES IRON FILTRATION UNIT	2003	2,288
LAND	BASEBALL FIELD DUGOUT - LAROCCO	2012	2,000
LAND	BASEBALL FIELD DUGOUT- LAROCCO	2012	2,000
LAND	BLDG 30' X 10' POLE BARN, 10' EVES, 4" CONCRETE, STEEL ROOF & SIDES	2000	70,299
LAND	BLDG CONCESSION AND RESTROOM BUILDING PATRIOT PARK	2000	158,496
LAND	BLDG PATRIOT PARK STAFF OFFICE	2003	6,500
LAND	BLDG PRESS BOX #1 DOYLE/BANNWART FIELDS	2003	28,805
LAND	BLDG PRESS BOX #2 KARSTENS/LAROCCO	2006	25,000
LAND	SHELTER - MESSAGE CENTER 6' X 9' DOUBLE SIDED BOARD, HUNTER GRN	2002	12,506
LAND	SHELTER - PITTSBURGH HEXAGONAL SHELTER, 28', HUNTER GREEN METAL ROOF #1	2002	19,460
LAND	SHELTER - PITTSBURGH HEXAGONAL SHELTER, 28', HUNTER GREEN METAL ROOF #2	2002	19,460
LAND	SHELTER - PITTSBURGH HEXAGONAL SHELTER, 28', HUNTER GREEN METAL ROOF #3	2002	19,460
LAND	BLDG PRESS BOX #2 - SMALL FIELDS	2008	25,000
LAND	IRRIGATION REEL 80 X 380' #1	2001	5,065
LAND	IRRIGATION REEL 80 X 380' #2	2001	5,065
LAND	IRRIGATION REEL 80 X 380' #3	2001	5,065
LAND	PATRIOT PARK - 2224 N 950 W - 100 ACRES		398,400
LAND	PATRIOT PARK - 2224 N 950 W - 20 ACRES		81,600
LAND	PATRIOT PARK FIELD RENOVATION	2009	47,310
LAND	ASPHALT PARKING LOT - PAVING ASPHALT - PATRIOT PARK	2004	94,340
LAND	ASPHALT PARKING LOT - PAVING ASPHALT - PATRIOT PARK - 100 PARKING SPACES	1998	767,010
LAND	ASPHALT SERVICE ROAD BETWEEN CONCESSION BLDG TO PRESSBOX #1	2005	35,525
LAND	ASPHALT WALKING PATH - 8' WIDE ASPHALT - 1 MILE	2003	46,265
LAND	BRICK PAVERS AND LANDSCAPING AT 4 ORIGINAL FIELDS (BLEACHERS/ FIELD ENTRANCE AREA)	2006	37,750
LAND	DRAINAGE - INSTALL UNDERDRAIN AND ANIMAL GUARDS UNDER SOCCER FIELDS	2005	23,400

TAG	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	AMOUNT
LAND	ELECTRIC - INSTALLED ELECTRIC FROM CNCSSN BLDG TO PRESS BOX 2	2004	13,420
LAND	ELECTRIC & LIGHTING FOR PLAYGROUND	2006	3,100
LAND	ELECTRIC HOOK TO MAINT POLE BARN AT PATRIOT PARK	2001	5,882
LAND	ELECTRIC HOOK UP TO SCOREBOARDS AT PATRIOT PARK	2001	21,155
LAND	FENCE 30' CHAIN LINK FENCE AT PATRIOT PARK - BACKSTOP	1998	12,224
LAND	FENCE 4' CHAIN LINK FENCE AT PATRIOT PARK	1998	11,340
LAND	FENCE 6' CHAIN LINK FENCE AT PATRIOT PARK	1998	28,390
LAND	FIELD - DUNLAND FIELD - PATRIOT PARK - CONSTRUCTED 2004	2004	110,000
LAND	FIELD LIGHTING AT PATRIOT PARK	2001	342,302
LAND	FIELD LIGHTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PATRIOT PARK	2001	16,115
LAND	FIELD RECROWNING - DOYLE-BANNWART-KARSTENS-LAROCCO FIELDS	2009	75,576
LAND	FLAG POLE 110' STEEL FLAGPOLE W/BALL, ROPE, WINCH, COLLAR	2001	13,400
LAND	LIGHTING - SPOT LIGHT ON FLAG POLES AT PATRIOT PARK	2001	1,000
LAND	SCORE BOARD INSTALLATION OF (4) SCORE BOARDS AT PATRIOT PARK	2002	11,920
LAND	SCREENINGS/LIMESTONE FOR BASE OF BLOCK FLOORS IN SHELTERS	2001	825
LAND	SOCCER FIELDS - 35,000 CU YARDS SANDY FILL FROM SANITATION DEPT. EARL RD BASIN PROJECT	2005	75,250
LAND	SOCCER FIELDS - PATRIOT PARK	2006	299,478
LAND	TREES - RIVER BIRCH - (18) SMALL AND (42) LARGE		7,500
LAND	WELL - 2" WELL LOCATED BETWEEN MTCE BARN & OFFICE	1999	23,204
LAND	FIRST AID - POCKET MASK, PED COLLAR, BACKBOARD, PEDI SPLINT KIT, HEAD IMMOBILIZER	2010	0
LAND	FLAG POLE 20' (USED FROM FRANKLIN SQUARE) #1	2001	175
LAND	FLAG POLE 20' (USED FROM FRANKLIN SQUARE) #2	2001	175
LAND	ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD	2002	8,000
LAND	SCOREBOARDS - ELECTRONIC - #1	2001	2,500
LAND	SCOREBOARDS - ELECTRONIC - #2	2001	2,500
LAND	SCOREBOARDS - ELECTRONIC - LED #1	2001	2,995
LAND	SCOREBOARDS - ELECTRONIC - LED #2	2001	2,995
LAND	SIGNS - RULES/FIELD NAMES	2003	10,573
TAG	HAND DRYER - WHITE 110/120 V	2011	381
TAG	HAND DRYER - WHITE 110/120 V	2011	381
TAG	HAND DRYER - WHITE 110/120 V	2011	381
TAG	HAND DRYER - WHITE110/120 V	2011	381

PULLMAN PARK

550 West 4th Street

Pullman park is a 8 acre community park located in the northwest section of Michigan City. Pullman Park is unique in our park system as it serves the neighborhood and is used widely by the community for reunions and community gatherings. The Michigan City Skate Park is one of the largest in the Midwest. The 22,000 square foot park was opened in 2005 and features 35 ramps and rails and has a regional draw. Amenities include (2) lit and professionally surfaced basketball courts, playground equipment, drinking fountains, four picnic shelters, benches, a bike rack, year round restrooms, a skate park and off street parking.

In 2015, the Park Department received a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$251,160 for ADA and safety compliance upgrades to the park. The existing play set purchased in 1999 was updated for safety compliance. All other park amenities were removed. ADA sidewalks were poured connecting all amenities in the park and providing a walking trail. A new picnic shelter was constructed with security lighting. We installed new swings and three new play features. All play areas have rubberized tile surfaces. In June of 2015 the basketball courts were dedicated to Herman Lee Wilson and a monument was constructed in his honor

ACTION ITEMS Roof over skate park, repair skating equipment, needs rule signs, upgrade camera system.

BEFORE 2015 UPGRADES



TAG	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASED	AMOUNT
LAND	PULLMAN FIELD 4TH STREET AT WILLARD AVE.-10 ACRES	UNKNOWN	68,292.69
LAND	ASPHALT BASKETBALL COURT PULLMAN PARK	1990	8,300.00
LAND	FENCE - 6' CHAINLINK AT PULLMAN	1990	22,000.00
LAND	ASPHALT - PARKING LOT 6TH STREET/ 2 BASKETBALL COURTS	2002	17,404.00
LAND	ASPHALT BASKETBALL COURTS-RESURFACE EXISTING 1990 COURT PROFESSIONAL SEALING/MARKING SYSTEM	2002	4,715.00
LAND	ASPHALT RESURFACED EXISTING BASKETBALL COURT BUILT IN 1990	2002	17,403.98
11760	GOAL BASKETBALL GOAL UNIT #1	2002	591
11765	GOAL BASKETBALL GOAL UNIT #2	2002	591
11766	GOAL BASKETBALL GOAL UNIT #3	2002	591
11767	GOAL BASKETBALL GOAL UNIT #4	2002	591
11768	GOAL BASKETBALL GOAL UNIT #5	2002	591
11769	GOAL BASKETBALL GOAL UNIT #6	2002	591
13270	SHELTER - STEEL BEAM/GABLE END, 16' X 20', BLACK ENAMEL FRAME/GREEN METAL ROOF	2003	4,632.00
13271	SHELTER - STEEL BEAM/GABLE END, 20' X 28', BLACK ENAMEL FRAME/GREEN METAL ROOF	2003	7,728.00
LAND	BARRIER POSTS - BOLLARDS AT PULLMAN PARK - QTY 26	2004	910
LAND	LIGHTING - BASKETBALL COURT LIGHTING	2005	21,765.00
13681	PHONE - ADA COMPLIANT EMERGENCY PHONE - PULLMAN SKATEPARK	2005	1,245.00
13680	SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM (2) STATIONARY (1) PTZ (1) BULLET W/DVR PULLMAN SKATE PARK	2005	10,244.50
LAND	SKATE PARK AT PULLMAN FIELD	2005	777,898.82
LAND	ASPHALT - PARKING LOT TRIANGLE BETWEEN 4TH ST/HWY 12	2006	268,117.00
LAND	BLDG RESTROOM BUILDING AT PULLMAN SKATE PARK	2006	27,529.00
LAND	SHELTER - PICNIC SHELTER AT SKATE PARK	2006	4,700.00
LAND	TREE - EIGHTEEN RED MAPLE TREES, LARGE GROWING SPECIES, 90' AT MATURITY	2006	0
LAND	TREE - NINE SYCAMORE TREES, LARGE GROWING SPECIES, 90' AT MATURITY	2006	0
LAND	TREE - ONE ZELKOVA TREE	2006	0
LAND	TREE - SEVEN SWEETGUM TREES, LARGE GROWING SPECIES, 90' AT MATURITY	2006	0
LAND	TREE - SIXTEEN LOW GROWING SPECIES, 30' AT MATURITY	2006	0
LAND	TREE - THREE PEAR TREES	2006	0
LAND	TREE - TWELVE GINKGO TREES	2006	0
LAND	TREE - TWO CRABAPPLE TREES	2006	0
LAND	TREE - TWO HACKBERRY TREES	2006	0
NO TAG	BENCHES - QTY 4 XCCENT BENCHES	2015	1,412.00
LAND	BRICK PAVERS	2015	1,313.42
LAND	CONCRETE PAD FOR SHELTER 22' X 22'	2015	3,875.00
LAND	CONCRETE SURFACE FOR PLAY AREA SAFETY TILES 48' X 116'	2015	28,000.00
LAND	ELECTRIC & LIGHTS	2015	7,800.00
LAND	FOUNTAIN & WATER INSTALLATION	2015	6,000.00
LAND	MONUMENT - HERMAN LEE WILSON BASKETBALL	2015	3,200.00
NO TAG	PLAY EQUIP XCCENT 3 BAY SWING	2015	6,100.00
NO TAG	PLAY EQUIP XCCENT ATOM	2015	6,320.00
NO TAG	PLAY EQUIP XCCENT F4 SPINNER	2015	7,000.00
NO TAG	PLAY EQUIP XCCENT GYRO	2015	6,750.00
NO TAG	SAFETY TILE SURFACING 6,100 SQ FT	2015	54,900.00
LAND	SERVICES - D & E AND PLAY TILE & EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION	2015	44,800.00
NO TAG	SHELTER - AMERICANA ILLINI SERIES 20' X 30' GABLE GREEN SHELTER	2015	17,500.00
LAND	WALKING TRAIL - 1,000' X 6' CONCRETE	2015	20,900.00

RIDGELAND PARK

620 Ridgeland Avenue

Serving the northeast section of Michigan City, this 1 acre park features playground equipment, a full basketball court, benches, a bike rack and a picnic shelter.

The shelter was built with materials from the Urban Enterprise Association using free labor from a court sponsored offenders program in 2005.

ACTION ITEMS: This park is scheduled for ADA and safety upgrades in 2018, needs rules sign



TAG	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASED	AMOUNT
LAND	LAND	600 BLOCK RIDGELAND AVENUE - 1 ACRE	UNKNOWN	0
LAND	LAND IMPRV	ASPHALT BASKETBALL COURT 47' X 70' RESURFACE	1999	11,010
LAND	LAND IMPRV	FENCE - 200 FT OF 10 FT/9 GAUGE GALVANIZED CHAIN LINK BASKETBALL FENCE	2000	6,557
11166	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT-6 SEAT SWING SET ITEM 3A (6 SEATS - 3 SECTIONS)	1999	1,186
11213	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT-MEDIUM PLAY SYSTEM STRUCTURE ITEM 1C	1999	12,108
11217	PLAYGROUND	BIKE RACK-GALVANIZED STEEL	1999	277
11225	PLAYGROUND	BENCH-PARSONS CONTOUR CANTILEVER PARK BENCH 2X4X6' SECOND SITE MAPLE, VS GREEN	1999	855
11226	PLAYGROUND	BENCH-PARSONS CONTOUR CANTILEVER PARK BENCH 2X4X6' SECOND SITE MAPLE, VS GREEN	1999	855
11239	PLAYGROUND	BISON BASKETBALL SYSTEM - 1/2 COURT	1999	465
11240	PLAYGROUND	BISON BASKETBALL SYSTEM - 1/2 COURT	1999	465
LAND	SIGN	SIGN WOODEN ENTRANCE SIGN	2001	493



TALL TIMBERS PARK

3100 Springland Avenue

This 30 acre neighborhood park serves the extreme eastern section of the city in the Lakeland area. Amenities include walking trails, playground equipment, park benches, full basketball court and a bike rack. The majority of Tall Timbers serves as a nature preserve with several trails winding through the 29 wooded acres of the park.

In 2016, the Park Department received funding from the City Council for ADA and safety compliance upgrades to the park. The existing play set purchased in 1999 was updated for safety compliance. All other park amenities were removed. ADA sidewalks were poured connecting all amenities in the park and providing a walking trail. A new picnic shelter was constructed. We installed new swings and a 2-5 year toddler play area. All play areas have rubberized tile surfaces.

ACTION ITEM: Needs a rule sign

TAG	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASED AMOUNT	
LAND	TALL TIMBERS PARK - 3000 BLOCK SPRINGLAND AVE.- 10.186 ACRES	1969	22,016.73
LAND	ASPHALT BASKETBALL COURT 33' X 100'	1990	9,970.00
11241	BISON BASKETBALL SYSTEM - 1/2 COURT	1999	465
11242	BISON BASKETBALL SYSTEM - 1/2 COURT	1999	465
9336	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT MEDIUM PLAY SYSTEM DARK GREEN/BLUE/BEIGE	1999	11,162.30
LAND	BENCHES - QTY 4 PLAYCRAFT BENCHES GREEN	2016	1,299.00
LAND	PLAY EQUIP - F4 SPINNER	2016	6,950.00
LAND	PLAY EQUIP - FUNBALL	2016	817
LAND	PLAY EQUIP - PLAYCRAFT 2 BAY SWING	2016	3,559.00
LAND	PLAY EQUIP - PLAYCRAFT SPIN MAX	2016	5,012.00
LAND	SHELTER - AMERICANA 16' X 20'	2016	10,531.00
LAND	SIDEWALKS & PADS FOR PLAY EQUIP & SHELTER	2016	5,512.00
LAND	TRASH RECEPTACLES QTY 3 SURFACE MOUNT GREEN	2016	4,050.00
LAND	WALKING TRAIL - CONCRETE 600' X 6'	2016	4,982.00

BEFORE 2016 UPGRADES



TALL TIMBERS PARK UPGRADES



SHERIDAN BEACH ESPLANADE

The esplanade contains approximately 66 acres and lies between the Dunescape complex and Long Beach and between Sheridan Beach and Lake Michigan.

The Esplanade was gifted to the Park Department under the stipulation that it remained a pristine and natural dune environment. Aside from efforts to halt construction or encroachments on the property, its natural health has degraded over the past seventy years due to the invasion of exotic shrub, tree and vine species. This has occurred because of development on the private lots north of Lake Shore Drive, which has altered natural succession. If nothing is done, the esplanade will soon be a tangle of weed trees, grape vine and poison ivy on its southernmost section.

This department recognizes that native trees, shrubbery, bushes, dune grass and other plants are a significant and valuable resource for the entire Michigan City community. The preservation of native species is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Michigan City in order to preserve scenic beauty, prevent erosion, counteract pollutants in the air, maintain the climatic balance and decrease wind velocities. We understand the proliferation of exotic non-native plant species threatens the existence of native plant species and the integrity of the dune environment. The Park Department offers a restoration license to individuals who own property adjacent to the dunes which allows them to remove exotic non-native species and plant native species under the guidance of the City Forester. Since the inception of this program in 2005 (revised 2012), 25 property owners have obtained licenses to restore park property adjacent to their property.



In 2011, the City was awarded a Lake Michigan Coastal Program Grant from the Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$20,000, with the City providing matching funds in the amount of \$20,000. The grant was used to provide an ecological assessment of the Esplanade in 2012. In 2014 the Sheridan Beach Esplanade Dune Restoration Committee was formed to oversee the creation of the Sheridan Beach & Esplanade Public Access, Land Management and Implementation Plan. The plan was funded by a Lake Michigan Coastal Program grant in the amount of \$13,500 with a City match of \$13,500. The plan addresses access, safety and proper care of the dune ecosystem.



In 2013 the department was successful in obtaining a Lake Michigan Coastal Program grant in the amount of \$20,000 with a City match of \$25,000 for the Fedder's Alley Secondary Dune Habitat Restoration Project.

The purpose of this project was to complete the restoration efforts that are ongoing by the Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department on approximately 9 acres of Lake Michigan coastal secondary dune habitat. The Park Department in conjunction with the Urban Forester has performed an extensive invasive species removal project on this property leaving a clean slate for the installation of native dune species. This project installed approximately 2 acres of *Ammophila Breviligulata* (marram grass) and approximately 7 acres of a transitional Coastal Savannah. The project was successful in establishing new secondary dune flora and fauna. Establishment was not consistent across multiple vegetative installation units. However, adequate establishment was achieved across the total 9 acre project area. It is anticipated that these establishment areas will naturally infill over time.

ACTION ITEMS: Continue to seek grant and City funding to further implement the plan.

BEFORE RESTORATION



AFTER RESTORATION



TRAIL SYSTEMS

2006 TRAILS AND GREENWAYS MASTER PLAN

The City of Michigan City recognizes the many benefits of non-motorized, multi-use trails. Benefits include economic development, alternate modes of transportation, social, civic, recreational, health, environmental and education. Quality of life issues are a high priority in people's lives today.

In 2006 the Michigan City Park Department contracted with consulting firm Butler, Fairman and Seufert to write The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Trails and Greenways Master Plan which is attached to this plan as Appendix "D." The plan outlines seven non-motorized, multi-use trails that connect to schools, parks, Friendship Gardens, the Uptown Arts Districts, breweries, wineries, restaurants, the Library, City Hall, the County Courthouse and various other businesses. The Singing Sands Trail will become a part of the Marquette Greenway Trail, a tristate trail between Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. The Trail Creek Greenway Trail has been completed and will become a part of the Singing Sands segment of the Marquette Greenway Trail.

Other planned trails include:

Michigan City / LaPorte Trail

Monon Trail

NIPSCO Greenway Trail

Peanut Trail

South Shore Trail



The goal of the plan is to provide as many non-motorized trails as possible by utilizing existing right of ways from NIPSCO and the railroads. Once constructed, the seven trail corridors add up to almost 30 miles.

We recognize the safety issues that exist where trails cross Highway 12, Amtrak Railroad, South Shore Railroad, and Michigan Blvd. The Park Department is working INDOT, NIRPC, the City Planner, and City Engineer to design and construct safe crossings whether at grade or by pedestrian bridges. Phase I of the Singing Sands Trail will have an at grade crossing of Highway 12. The crossing will include rapid flashing beacons (RFB's) for added safety.

TRAIL SYSTEMS

TRAIL CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL

Serving the Canada and Krueger neighborhoods, this multi-use asphalt trail was constructed in 2006 in conjunction with the renovation of Hansen Park and the acquisition and construction of Winding Creek Cove Park which was partially funded by a \$200,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. The trail is 3,200 feet long and 12' wide with 2' shoulders on both sides and runs between Hansen Park and Winding Creek Cove Park along the banks of Trail Creek. The trail also features the Peanut Bridge, an old railroad bridge on the old Nickel Plate rail line, which was renovated as part of the trail system in 2006. The bridge now serves as a pedestrian way across Trail Creek and features two observation decks with benches overlooking the creek.

ACTION ITEMS: need trail marking signs, rules signs.



SINGING SANDS TRAIL

Singing Sands Trail is an integral segment of the Marquette Greenway tristate trail.



- Singing Sands Phase I (Calumet Trail to Washington Park)
Fully funded through a Transportation Enhancement grant (80%) and city funds (20%).
Scheduled letting date of January 19, 2017.
- Singing Sands Phase II (2nd Street at City Hall to Highway 12 at Liberty Trail)
The City of Michigan City awarded \$1,831,238 in Federal Surface Transportation Program funding with matching funds provided by Michigan City Redevelopment Commission. Butler, Fairman and Seufert was selected as the project consultant and have began design and engineering in 2016.
- Singing Sands Phase III (Liberty Trail to Highway 12 at Karwick Road)
The City of Michigan City was awarded Surface Transportation Program fund in the amount of \$886,362. We are negotiating a contract for design and engineering of this phase.

WALKER STREET PARK

900 Walker Street

This 1 acre neighborhood park is centrally located in Michigan City. Amenities include playground equipment, a full basketball court, a picnic shelter, a drinking fountain, mounted picnic tables, benches and a bike rack. Funding in the amount of \$100,000 was secured through a Community Development Block Grant in 2016 for ADA and safety upgrades. Construction is planned for April 2017.

ACTION ITEM: Needs rules sign.



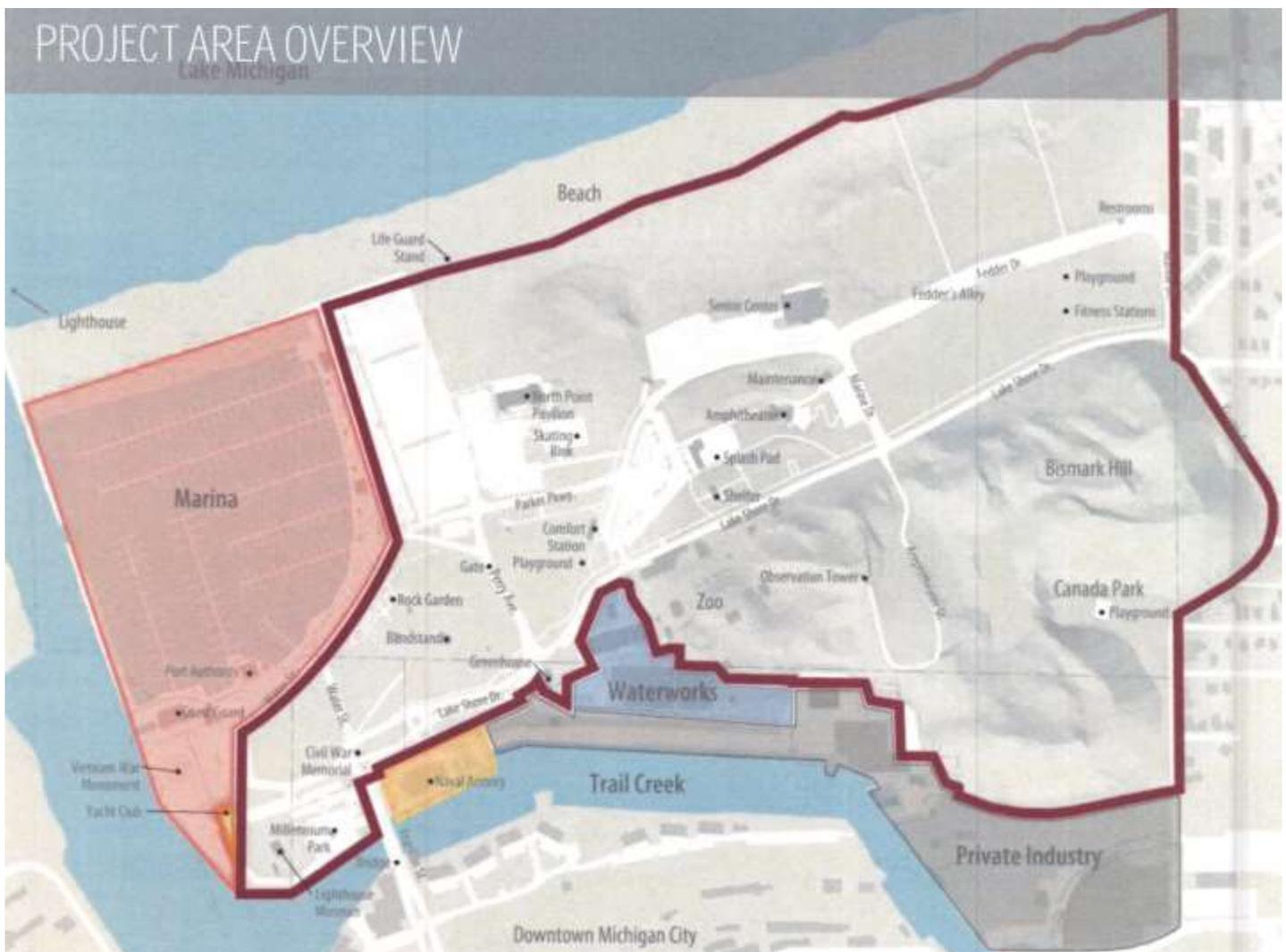
TAG	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	YEAR
LAND	LAND IMPRV	ASPHALT BASKETBALL COURT 33' X 100'	1990
LAND	LAND IMPRV	ASPHALT - PARKING LOT/BASKETBALL COURT	1999
LAND	LAND IMPRV	FENCE -60 FT OF 10 FT/9 GAUGE BASKETBALL FENCING	2000
10326	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT-MEDIUM PLAY UNIT - BURGUNDY W/YELLOW & BLUE	1985
7773	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT-HEAVY DUTY SWING W/SEATS #1004	1995
LAND	PLAYGROUND	BISON BASKETBALL SYSTEM - 1/2 COURT	1999
11214	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT-MEDIUM PLAY SYSTEM STRUCTURE ITEM 1C	1999
11234	PLAYGROUND	BENCH-PARSONS CONTOUR CANTILEVER PARK BENCH 2X4X6' SECOND SITE MAPLE, VS GREEN	1999
11235	PLAYGROUND	BENCH-PARSONS CONTOUR CANTILEVER PARK BENCH 2X4X6' SECOND SITE MAPLE, VS GREEN	1999
11248	PLAYGROUND	BISON BASKETBALL SYSTEM - 1/2 COURT	1999

WASHINGTON PARK

6 on the Lake

This 144 acre regional park is located along the southern shore of Lake Michigan directly north of the Uptown Arts District, Blue Chip Casino and Lighthouse Place Premium Outlet Mall. Amenities include an outdoor amphitheater, (5) picnic shelters, playground equipment, (3) restroom buildings, lifeguarded swimming beach, public access fishing, fish cleaning station, boat launch, and 1,200 paved parking spaces with the capacity for 300 for overflow parking for special events. Washington Park hosts many events including festivals, sporting events, and weekly summer concerts by the Michigan City Municipal Band. Features of Washington Park are outlined in this report from the west end to the east end of the park.

Michigan City residents are justifiably proud of this park. City officials recognize the importance of this unique and beautiful park and understood the need for it's own comprehensive Master Plan which is attached as Exhibit "A."



Lighthouse

On the west end of the park is the lighthouse pier. Built in 1904 the lighthouse is the most popular symbol of Michigan City. It is the only public operating lighthouse in the State of Indiana and is under the jurisdiction of the United States Coast Guard. The pier itself, which is under the jurisdiction of the Army Corp of Engineers, is a favorite spot for fishing and watching sunsets and is frequently painted and photographed by local artists.

Marina

Also to the west and adjacent to Washington Park is a 30 acre marina containing approximately six hundred boat slips. The marina is operated by the Michigan City Port Authority.

Old Lighthouse Museum

The Old Lighthouse Museum built in 1858 is on the National Register of Historical Places and is located on the southwest side of Washington Park directly north of the marina. The Old Lighthouse is owned by the Michigan City Park Department who leases the building to the Michigan City Historical Society who operates the museum.

Millennium Plaza

This 5 acre community park was constructed in 1999 and opened to the public in 2000 to celebrate the Millennium. The park was built by the City on the former site of the Smith Brothers Cough Drop factory. The park is located on the south west side of Washington Park and features a stage with Greek style theater seating, a water fountain, four built in picnic tables with checker/chess board tops, benches along the creek, two bike racks, and off street parking. The parkland portion of Millennium Plaza was assigned and placed under the jurisdiction of the Park Department for administration and maintenance on December 20, 2004 by The Michigan City Board of Public Works and Safety. Located along north bank of Trail Creek the plaza is a favorite spot for fisherman. The plaza features beautifully manicured gardens. Millennium Plaza is also home to the Michigan City Firefighters and Police Officers Memorial. The monument was erected in 2006 to commemorate the 5th anniversary of 9/11. The life size bronze statues of a kneeling firefighter along with a standing police officer consoling a child are the creation of artist Ron Pekar. The monument also features two individual podiums with bronze plaques depicting the badge of each department accompanied by the department's prayer. Behind this honorable display are five flag poles; the tallest displaying our Nation's flag which is lit continuously. The remaining flags are of our State, City, Firefighters and Police. Paving bricks can be purchased and inscribed with personal names and messages and have been incorporated into the plaza walkways. All amenities in the park are in good condition.

ACTION ITEMS: Repair fountain, paint railings, consider taking landscape maintenance in house.



W.P.A. Naval Armory

The Naval Armory stands at the base of the drawbridge. It was constructed in 1932 at the entrance to the park as a W.P.A. project.

Old Band Stand

The historic band stand was designed by H.M. Miles and was built in 1911. Today it is used primarily for weddings and the Michigan City Municipal Band's annual Independence Day concert. Since 1972 the Marquette Questers Chapter 139 have donated in excess of \$165,000 for restoration projects. The structure is in need of stripping and repainting and the lighting on the dome roof and ceiling needs to be removed and replaced with energy efficient fixtures.



Works Progress Administration Historic Structures



The Works Progress Administration, commonly known as the WPA, was established in 1935 and put 8.5 million Americans to work on public works projects throughout the United States during the Great Depression. Washington Park and the Washington Park Zoo have a significant collection of WPA buildings, such as the Rotary Castle, which is a replica of the Army Corps of Engineers insignia, the Greenhouse, and the Observation Tower, and architectural elements, such as Monkey Island, the Rock Garden, and Zoo Gardens and Pathways, designed and built by WPA workers. This collection of structures has significant historical and cultural importance to the City and the country and foster civic pride in the accomplishments of working people. Because of the

number of WPA historic structures and architectural elements, Washington Park was added to the National Register of the Historic Places in 1991. The Washington Park Zoo is thought to be the only zoo completely designed and landscaped by the WPA. Many of the buildings and elements have suffered a loss of integrity due to neglect are threatened with demolition. The City understands it is in their best interest to preserve landmarks and areas of historical and cultural significance in order to promote the economic, cultural, educational, and general welfare of the public. The Michigan City Common Council adopted Resolution No. 4651 on July 19, 2016, stating for all of the reasons stated herein, the City Council supports the preservation of these structures and recognizes the historical, architectural, and cultural significance and encourages the stabilization, restoration, and rehabilitation of these features and buildings such that it will guarantee the survival of these structures for the enjoyment of future generations.



Beach Management

The Michigan City Park Department has jurisdiction of 1.9 miles of beach. We have a lifeguarded swimming area delineated by buoys which is 440' long and 220' deep. Lifeguards are on duty every day from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Water quality is tested daily for E-coli by the Michigan City Sanitary District and notifications are posted daily by park staff between Memorial Day and Labor Day. In an effort to reduce E-coli, in 2009 the City adopted an ordinance prohibiting the feeding of wildlife on park property, we covered our trash cans to prevent foraging by animals and birds and we changed our beach sanitizing method to a deep tine method to dry the sand quickly. In 2010 we began a goose eradication program which has proved to be very successful. In 2011 we began



a program with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association to observe and record water data specific to rip currents. In 2012 the Park Department established a beach location flag system to assist patrons in identifying their location on the beach in emergency situations. Signage was added in 2012 with rip current and shelf ice safety information, park rules and beach safety tips. In 2013 we began a program with the United States Geological Survey to establish a predictive model for E-coli. Each year we conduct education and outreach with local news paper feature stories, our annual Beach, Pier and Water Safety Expo, and several Adopt-a-Beach volunteer clean up events.

Oasis Splash Park

The Oasis Splash Park was identified as a desired amenity in the 2006 Washington Park Master Plan and the 2007-2011 Park Department Master Plan. In 2009 and 2010 the park was constructed on the site of the former tennis courts at a cost of \$950,000. The Oasis Splash Park opened to the public on May 28, 2010. The 15,000 square foot park features 31 water features, a concession stand, public restrooms, outdoor showers and a shaded picnic area. The park represents an average annual loss to the department of \$2,400. The 2016 Washington Park Master Plan outlines plans to remove the splash park and replace it with a festival area and public restrooms. The Lake Michigan Gateway Implementation Strategy suggests a downtown plaza with water features near the Uptown Arts District.



North Pointe Pavilion

The North Pointe Pavilion was constructed in 2014/2015 at cost of \$3,477,000. The project was funded entirely by the Michigan City Redevelopment Commission. The building opened to the public on August 3, 2015. The building features an upper level observation deck, with an elevator for ADA access, overlooking the lighthouse and beach. The lower pavilion offers a covered patio with a stage and outdoor patio seating. The Park Department leases the concession area to Fire and Water Restaurant. There are outdoor beach showers and public restrooms. The building also supports Park Department operations with a lifeguard office, parking operation office, break room, locker room, and restrooms with showers. The project added a 146 space parking lot to Washington Park. In 2016 the Michigan City Common Council funded restaurant and lounge furniture at a cost of \$150,000.



Michigan City Senior Center

The Michigan City Senior Center is a 14,000 square foot facility located in Washington Park. It was constructed in 1997/1998 using a \$500,000 Community Focus Fund Grant received from the Community Development Division of the Indiana Department of Commerce along with Special Taxing District Bonds. It opened in August of 1998. The Park Department entered into a 50-year lease with Michigan City Seniors, Inc. giving them primary use of the facility on weekdays from August 1998 through August 2048. Michigan City Seniors, Inc. is a non-profit group organized on a non-exclusive membership type basis for the purpose of providing social, recreational and educational activities as well as social services and volunteer activities. The center is rented in the evenings and on weekends for fundraising events, weddings, showers, and other gatherings. The revenue from the rentals is held in a non-reverting fund that is used for repairs and maintenance to the facility. ACTION ITEMS: Replace the floor, move offices to the south side of building, construct a new boardwalk for beach access, construct an observation deck and trellis.



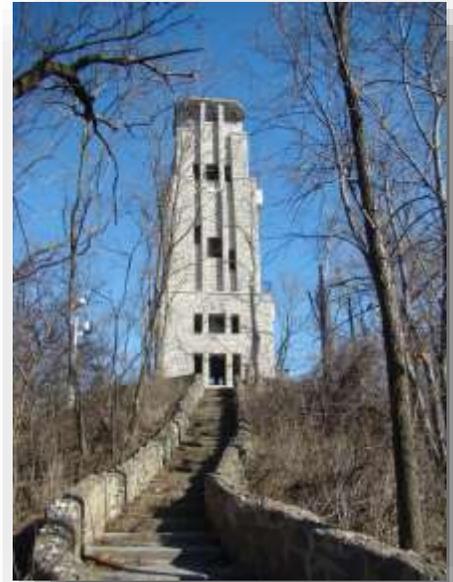
Washington Park Zoo

The first official Zoo Board was appointed in 1928 to create a zoological garden to furnish wholesome and free entertainment to Michigan City families and thousands of summer visitors. The zoo was further developed during the Works Progress Administration (WPA) era in the early 1930's. Projects included monkey island, the observation tower, the primate house and the engineer's castle, a replica of the Army Corps of Engineers insignia, along with many stone buildings, walkways, benches, and walls.

The observation tower was designed by Fred Ahlgrim in an Art Deco style. It was dedicated on May 6, 1937. The tower is 110' tall and sits atop a 180' sand dune offering spectacular views of the lakefront and city from it's summit. In January 2002 the WPA observation tower was closed to the public due to crumbling masonry and falling stones which created a public safety hazard. In 2005 the City spent \$700,000 to repair the tower and the tower was open for public use on April 1, 2006. Sacrificial anodes were installed to prevent the steel frame from rusting and stressing the limestone. The anodes are Sentinel-GL self-generating cathodic protection bars that are designed to deliver beneficial protective current for 10 to 20 years.

Today, the Washington Park Zoo exhibits over 220 animals of over 90 different species found throughout the world. The zoo has a gift shop, concession stand, safari train ride, public restrooms, and stroller and wagon rentals. We offer private rentals, birthday parties, camps, and after hours and outreach programs. The Washington Park Zoo "2016-2021 Strategic Plan, Guidelines for Redevelopment—Swinging into Action," attached as "Appendix D," identifies opportunities and concepts for improving, adding and expanding facilities and operations to meet the needs, goals and mission of the Washington Park Zoo as it develops from a local family attraction into a regional destination.

ACTION ITEMS: Inspect sacrificial anodes in zoo tower and replace if necessary. Hire consultants to complete an assessment of all WPA structures. Create and implement a rehabilitation plans and secure funding so as not to lose these unique and valuable structures.



Bismarck Hill

Bismarck Hill consists of 26 acres of wooded sand dune just east of the Washington Park Zoo on the south side of Lake Shore Drive. The area is not developed except for a maintenance access road that leads to the observation tower. In 2015, with funding from The Michigan City Redevelopment Commission, the Park Department hired SmithGroup JJR to complete a vegetation, wildlife assessment and restoration plan for Bismarck Hill. The assessment was considered when developing the 2016 Washington Park Master Plan which suggests development of ropes courses, zip lines, trails and cabins.

Guy Foreman Bicentennial Amphitheater

The Guy Foreman Bicentennial Amphitheater was built in 1977 and is dedicated to Guy Foreman who directed the Michigan City Municipal Band for 62 years. The amphitheater is home to the Michigan City Municipal Band who conducts free Thursday night concerts from June through August. The amphitheater is available for rent for weddings, music festivals and other fundraising events. In 2010 the Park Department completed a renovation project at a cost of \$465,000 which included the addition of a practice and storage area for the municipal band, blasting and repainting the entire structure, the installation of 300 individual seats on lit tiers, the installation of a new concrete ADA accessible route, installation of a sound pad, electrical upgrades including a new sound panel, and new retaining walls to shore up the dune north of the structure. All amenities are in excellent condition.



Fedder's Alley

The eastern 35 acres of Washington Park, north of Lake Shore Drive, is known as Fedder's Alley. Fedder's Alley has a small restroom facility, playground, fitness trail and a picnic shelter. Fedder's Alley has 140 parking spaces and the ability to park approximately 300 cars in the grass during major events. There are 3 sand paths from the parking lot to the beach. Following our 2014 Public Access, Land Management and Implementation Plan, in 2016 the Park Department completed a seven acre secondary dune habitat restoration project with funding from the Indiana DNR Lake Michigan Coastal Program. All amenities in Fedder's Alley are outdated and are being addressed in the 2016 Washington Park Master Plan.

Monuments

Civil War "Victorious Peace" Monument



At the entrance to Washington Park stands the Civil War Monument "Victorious Peace", dedicated May 31, 1893. The inscription on the north side reads "In memory of the Soldiers of the Civil War who gave their services to perpetuate the union of the States." The inscription on the south side reads "This monument is the gift of John H. Winterbotham to Michigan City." John H. Winterbotham was a local manufacturer, bank director and senator in the late 19th century. The sculpture was designed by M. Muldoon of Louisville and sculpted by William O'Donovan and Jonathan Hartley, both New Yorkers. The monuments it made of the finest quality Vermont grey granite weighing 76 tons and standing 65' from the ground to the top of the olive branch. Above the tablets is a cylindrical bronze belt cast in figures representing scenes of the war including shields of the United States and Indiana. Above the belt in Latin reads "It is sweet and glorious to die for one's country." ACTION ITEM: in need of masonry restoration, cleaning and mortar pointing.

WWI Doughboy Monument

The WWI Monument sponsored by the Service Star Legion War Mothers depicts a WWI "doughboy" in battlefield attire. The monument was unveiled on Armistice Day, November 11, 1926. The 13' tall shaft consists of three stones made of Northern Pearl granite on a base of Bedford marble. The top is a 6', bronze, life-size figure of "doughboy." The upper inscription reads "Lest we forget 'our boys' who answered their country's call in the World War 1917—1918." The lower inscription reads "Sponsored by the Service Star Legion War Mothers of Michigan City, IND A.D. 1926." A double copper lined box was placed in a chiseled opening in the base. It contains the names of the servicemen, names of Michigan City's Gold Star Mothers and War Mothers of the Service Star Legion along with the history of the monument all written in water proof ink on parchment.



Memorial Plaza

The Memorial Plaza, dedicated to all Veterans by a grateful community, was dedicated on Veterans' Day, November 11, 1994. The plaza is located south of the United States Coast Guard Station in Washington Park.



PFC Daniel D. Bruce Monument

At the center of Memorial Plaza stands a monument honoring Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipient PFC. Daniel D. Bruce, erected in the 1980's.. The front of the large center monument stone reads "PFC DANIEL D. BRUCE, May 18, 1950—March 1, 1969 and displays his Marine Corps Medal of Honor. The back reads "THESE OUR BOYS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY DURING THE VIETNAME CONFLICT FROM AUG. 5, 1964 TO AUG. 15, 1973." Under the inscription reads the names of those who lost their lives in Vietnam.

Around the circle are 8 monuments honoring all branches of service. The first is the citation dedicated to PFC. Daniel D. Bruce. The other monuments read "Dedicated to all men and women who have serviced their country as active or reserve members of the United States Marine Corp., United States Army, United States Air Force, United States Merchant Marine, United States Coast Guard, and Untied States Navy. One monument dedicated to the POW-MIA reads "Dedicated to the men and women of all branches of U.S. Military service who have suffered enemy imprisonment . . And to those whose fate is still unknown."



Spanish War Veterans Memorial

Located on the grounds of the Old Lighthouse Museum, this memorial was erected in 1936 by Sheldon Morris Durbin Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans. The tablet displays an image of a Spanish-American War soldier ready for battle in front of the battleship Maine. The inscription reads “You triumphed over obstacles which would have overcome men less brave and determined. President McKinley.”



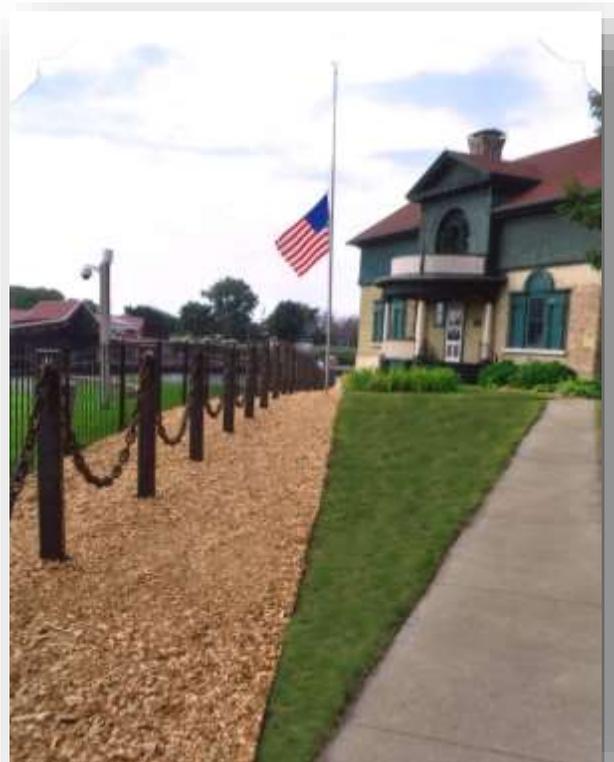
Grand Army of The Republic Memorial

Located on the grounds of the Old Lighthouse Museum, this plaque on the small stone reads “In memory of The Grand Army of the Republic by Lucretial Williams Tent 38 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865.” Inscribed at the top of the plaque is “D of U V,” or Daughters of Union Veterans.

S.S. Eastland Disaster Memorial

The memorial, located on the grounds of the Old Lighthouse Museum was dedicated on July 24, 2015 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Eastland Disaster. The Hawthorne Club made up of employees of the Western Electric Company's Hawthorne Works in Cicero Illinois chartered several excursion ships to carry approximately 7,000 employees and family members to Michigan City Indiana's Washington Park to enjoy the annual picnic. The SS Eastland was to be the first of the ships to depart Chicago for Michigan City. Tragically, the Eastland rolled over onto its port side in about 20 feet of water while still partially tied to the wharf in the Chicago River. Eight hundred forty four of the 2,501 passengers on board perished. The victims included mostly young women and children. Twenty two entire families were lost on that fateful day. To this day, the Eastland disaster represents the single greatest loss of life in Great Lakes maritime history.

The 265’ long monument is made of (844) 6” chain links representing each life lost in the tragedy. There are bronze plaques on the north and south ends of the monument with information related to the Eastland Disaster.



Roger J. McKee Memorial Fountain

The fountain in Millennium Plaza was dedicated in honor of Roger J. McKee on October 6, 2007, authorized by Park Board Resolution No. 640. A bronze plaque was installed at the fountain which reads “Roger McKee was a talented and visionary civic leader. This fountain is dedicated to his decades of public service and humanitarian causes. His proudest accomplishments were the preservation of the land on which this Millennium Plaza is located and the public acquisition of the west beach area, including Mount Baldy. His tenure of public service encompassed four years of duty in the U.S. Merchant Marines, twenty-seven years as postmaster, two terms on the city council, and five years as council president. He left an indelible mark on Michigan City by establishing numerous foundations and diligently serving on more than twenty different boards, commissions, and service organizations. Above all, Roger McKee was a tremendous advocate of Michigan City and all the people who live here. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”



Schoenemann Memorial Fountain

Located west of the Old Bandstand is a short, solitary, glossy black marble column that used to serve as a drinking fountain. The plaque reads “In memory of William H. Schoenemann, one of the first Trustees of Washington Park.” It is well placed in the midst of the Old Bandstand and Rock Garden.



1950-2000 Time Capsule

The Park Department has no information on these two concrete stones stamped 1950 and 2000. The 1950 stone has two handprints embedded in the concrete. We assume this is a time capsule but have not been able to find any information related to the stones. The Park Department should investigate these markers.



Rotary Centennial Monument and Time Capsule

The Michigan City Rotary Club erected a Rotary Centennial Monument marking the location of a time capsule in Washington Park on April 1, 1957 in between the Oasis Splash Park and Lake Shore Drive. The capsule is to be opened in 2057.



Dickinson Memorial

The W. J. Dickinson Memorial is a quaint flower garden with a smooth concrete wall behind a concrete bench in art deco style with rubble concrete walkways. The memorial is dedicated to a man who was instrumental in the construction of the zoo and parts of Washington Park. Mr. Dickinson served on the Park Board and the Zoo Board during the years 1928 to 1937 including the Depression Years and saw the Federal Works Progress Administration (WPA) work done that forms much of the zoo and park that we still see today. The bronze plaque centered on the wall reads "W.J. DICKINSON MEMORIAL, PARK BOARD, ZOO BOARD 1928-1937."



Public Art



Washington Park is home to artist Doug Gruizenga's sculpture "Duet." the piece is a replica of two neck and head sections representing string instruments. Gruizenga's work seeks to aesthetically please and engage viewers without limiting the observer's creative ability to interpret the subject matter. The sculpture was leased from June 2013 through June 2015 by The Michigan City Public Art Committee as part of the city's "Sculptfusion" rotating art collection. In 2015 the Michigan City Redevelopment Commission purchased the sculpture for \$15,000.00 and gave it a permanent and fitting home in front of the Guy Foreman Bicentennial Amphitheater. The wooden mounting base was made as a temporary mounting structure.

ACTION ITEM: The Park Department or Michigan City Public Art Committee should investigate a permanent concrete base to preserve the sculpture, the piece should also be cleaned at least annually.

WATER TOWER PARK

301 Broadway Street

This 5.5 acre neighborhood park serves the northeast section of Michigan City. The park has two baseball diamonds, one basketball court, two tennis courts, drinking fountain, shaded picnic area and playground. Renovation of this park is scheduled for 2020. However, there are many action items that can be completed with in house labor that should be addressed prior to 2020.

ACTION ITEMS: Remove or replace tennis courts, ADA and safety upgrades to play equipment, replace outfield fencing, replace player benches, replace entrance sign, crack seal and stripe basketball courts, replace surface mount picnic table, remove dam-



TAG	LOCATION	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASED	AMOUNT
LAND	WATER TOWER PARK	INFRA	ASPHALT BASKETBALL COURT WATER TOWER PARK	1990	6,200
LAND	WATER TOWER PARK	LAND IMPRV	ASPHALT WALKING TRAIL - ASPHALT - BETWEEN DIAMONDS & TENNIS COURTS	UNKNOWN	25,000
LAND	WATER TOWER PARK	LAND IMPRV	TENNIS COURTS AT WATER TOWER PARK	UNKNOWN	38,000
11221	WATER TOWER PARK	PLAYGROUND	BIKE RACK GALVANIZED STEEL	1999	277
9816	WATER TOWER PARK	PLAYGROUND	FOUNTAIN - DRINKING, WALL MOUNT W/LEG SUPPORTS	1999	1,480
11170	WATER TOWER PARK	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT LARGE PLAY SYSTEM STRUCTURE ITEM	1999	17,665
11156	WATER TOWER PARK	PLAYGROUND	TABLE 6' LONG AMERICAN TABLE WITHOUT BACK, 4"X4" SLATS, PINE, WALNUT STAIN	2000	719
LAND	WATER TOWER PARK	PLAYGROUND	BACKSTOP, BASEBALL	UNKNOWN	5,200

WINDING CREEK COVE PARK

8th & Dickson Streets

Winding Creek Cove Park is a 6.5 acre parcel which was acquired and constructed in 2006 in an effort to preserve the Trail Creek corridor. The park was constructed in conjunction with the Trail Creek Greenway Trail and upgrades to Hansen Park which was partially funded with a \$200,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. The passive park serves the north central section of the city. The park serves as a trail connection to the Trail Creek Greenway and Peanut Bridge. The park has a small paved parking lot with 3 regular parking spaces and 1 ADA parking space. There are two hiking trails through the heavily wooded area down to Trail Creek, one leads to an observation deck looking out over Trail Creek.



In 2015, the Alliance for the Great Lakes hired Global Engineering to complete a feasibility study to address water quality in Trail Creek at the Winding Creek Cove site. The study was completed funded by a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant and the study was completed in September 2014. The study identified four phases of Best Management Practices:

Phase I—Storm Water Management. Manage storm water run off from the parking lot and surrounding area with an engineered bio swale. This was completed in 2015 at a cost of \$15,800. This phase was completely funded by a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant through the Alliance for the Great Lakes.



Phase II—Bank stabilization. Stabilize approximately 175' of bank at the site of the observation deck. Engineering for this project was completed in June 2016 and permits are being sought. Construction is planned for 2017. Funding was provided by a Donnelly Foundation grant, a Lake Michigan Coastal Program Grant and city funding.

Phase IV—Public Access. Construct an launch area with permeable pavers on the bank for access to the Trail Creek Water Trail. Add a pedestrian path from the Singing Sands Trail to the west path. Improve parking lot with permeable pavement and bio swale landscaping. The Park Department will apply for a Lake Michigan Coastal Program grant and ask for city matching funds in 2016.

Phase IV—Forestry Management. Remove invasive species and plant native species to relieve sedimentation, reduce nutrient loading and stabilize the bank. This phase has been funded by an Urban Waters Initiative Grant and city funding.

PROGRAMS

The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department currently provides a variety of recreational opportunities. We strive to create and provide the community with programs offering recreational competition and opportunities in a family orientated atmosphere without duplicating the services and programs offered by other organizations in our community. We offer adult and youth activities ranging from organized leagues to camps and classes.

Prior to 2015 the department had a full time Recreation Director. Due to unforeseen tax shortfalls affecting all city budgets, the department was reorganized in 2015 and the Recreation Director position was eliminated. The recreation department responsibilities currently lie mainly with the Park Superintendent, supported by office staff and a summer intern. This position should be reinstated to allow the Superintendent to concentrate on running the department.

It has been through public input, information gathering and speaking to those involved in our programs that suggestions were made for some new recreational programs. The findings show that there is a need for new and improved programs for school-aged children and toddlers.

SPORTS PROGRAM	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Adult Basketball Teams	11	12			
Ballroom Dance		55	18	30	73
Beach Volleyball Camp	0	0	20	18	
Beach Volleyball League	8	5	16	4	
Beach Volleyball Tournament	125	160	274	245	
BPA Travel League Teams	11	15	11	14	11
Coed Softball Teams	14	17	16	12	14
Coed Volleyball Teams	13	14	13	69	
Fall Softball Coed Teams	14	12	16	11	
Fall Softball Men Teams	15	12	14	8	
Men's 12 Softball Teams	16	14	15	11	10
Men's 16 Softball Teams	4	4			
Punt, Pass, & Kick (Local) Participants	6				
Women's Volleyball Teams	14	16	14	14	
Youth Baseball League Participants	209	180	186	149	237
Youth Basketball Participants	123	154	156		
Youth Travel Baseball Participants	24	49	23	56	31
NON-SPORTS PROGRAM	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
City Kids Day Camp Participants	58	59	46	75	69
Beach Safety Expo Participants	200	200	200	200	200

ADULT AND YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAMS

In 2014 the LaPorte County YMCA took over Elston Middle School where our basketball programs were held. The YMCA took over this programming.

BALLROOM DANCING

This new program began in 2013

MEN'S 16" SOFTBALL

This program was eliminated in 2014 due to lack of participation

PUNT, PASS & KICK

This program was eliminated in 2013 due to lack of participation

PARK PARTNER PROGRAMS

Piranhas Swim Club
Michigan City Soccer Club
Church Softball League
City by the Lake Triathlon
Michigan City Elementary Schools Sports Programs

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

ART



Art Space live/work/sell artist lofts
717 Franklin Street
Michigan City, IN 46360

Framing Station
912 Franklin Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.879.2115

Lubeznik Center for the Arts
101 West 2nd Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.874.4900

Michiana Resources Creative Concepts
4315 E. Michigan Boulevard
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.2245

Michigan City Mainstreet Association in conjunction with the Uptown Arts District has brought Michigan City's downtown back to life. The area is now bustling with retail shops, art galleries, taverns, and restaurants. MCMA and UA sponsors many festivals and events all year long including the Farmer's Market (Saturdays between May and October), First Friday Art Walk (year round), Flame & Flair Halloween Street Festival, Super Boat International Great Lakes Grand Prix boat parade, Shelf Ice Brew Fest, and the Taste of Michigan City.

Michigan City Public Art Committee presents "Sculptfusion" a rotating public art program
100 E. Michigan Blvd., Suite 2
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.1506

Southern Shore Art Association
722 Franklin Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.879.4980

The Nest Gallery & Studio
803 Franklin Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.262.5200

Trestle Rustic Modern Furniture & Gallery
622 Franklin Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
269.336.9552

BEACHES



Washington Park lifeguarded swimming beach
6 on the Lake / Washington Park
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.1506

Indiana Dunes State Park and National Lakeshore
1600 N 25 East
Chesterton, IN 46304
219.926.1952

BIKING



LaPorte County Shared Bikeways
20 bike loops totaling 420 miles throughout
LaPorte County
www.laportecountyparks.org

Singing Sands Trail
From Calumet Trail in Porter County to Meer Road
in Michigan City. Construction scheduled for 2017
through 2021.
www.michigancityparks.com

Trail Creek Greenway Trail
Hansen Park to Winding Creek Cove Park
www.michigancityparks.com

BIRDING



Heron Rookery
N. County Road 600 East
Michigan City, IN 46360

Krueger Memorial Park
801 Liberty Trail
Michigan City, IN 46360

Potawatomi Audubon Society
219.785.2765

Washington Park
Six on the Lake
Michigan City, IN

BOATING



B & E Marine
31 Lake Shore Drive
Michigan City, IN 46360
219-879-8301

Michigan City Sailboat Charters
200 Heisman Harbor Road
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.879.7608

Michigan City Port Authority
Trail Creek Marina
700 E. Michigan Blvd.
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.879.4300

Michigan City Port Authority
Washington Park Marina
200 Heisman Harbor Road
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.872.1712

CAMPING



Michigan City Campground
1601 N. U.S. Highway 421
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.872.7600
michigancitycampground.com

Indiana Dunes State Park
1600 North 25 East
Chesterton, IN 46304
219.926.1952

CASINOS



Blue Chip Casino
2 Easy Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.879.7711

Four Winds Casino
11111 Wilson Road
New Buffalo, MI
866.494.6371

DANCE



Dance Arts Unlimited
215 W 10th Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.872.4221

Larry Payne Dance
2501 Oriole Trail
Long Beach, IN 46360
219.879.3845

Soul Steppers Drill Team
1033 Providence Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.874.2607

Studio M
703 Pearl Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219-874.9663

Works in Motion Dance Company
1227 N Indiana 39
LaPorte, IN 46350

DOG PARKS



Bluhm County Park
3855 S 1100 West
Westville, IN 46391
219.325.8315

Creek Ridge County Park
7943 W 400 North
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.325.8315

Luhr County Par
3178 S County Road 150 W
LaPorte, IN 46350
219.325.8315

EQUESTRIAN



Bluhm County Park
3855 S 1100 West
Westville, IN 46391
219.325.8315

Ly-co-ki-we Trail
Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
US Highway 20 and Brummitt Road
Chesterton, IN 46304

Red Arrow Stables
3848 Academy Road
Michiana Shores, IN 46360
219.872.2114

Reins of Life
9375 W 300 North
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.874.7519

State Line Stables
10411 N 200 East
LaPorte, IN 46350
219.778.9020

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

- Mar Trash n' Treasure Sale
- Apr Buffalo Bill Fishing Tournament
Hoosier Coho Classic Fishing Tourney
- May Mother's Day at the Zoo
Beach, Water & Pier Safety Expo
- Jun Municipal Band Concerts every Thurs
Flag Day Ceremony
Kiddie Parade
Father's Day at the Zoo
Columbia Yacht Race
- Jul Parade
Drum & Bugle Corp Show
Skamania Mania Fishing Tourney
Pro Am Beach Volleyball Tourney
Patriotic Program
Spaghetti Dinner at Senior Center
Run Wild for the Zoo 5K Race
Cardboard Boat Dash
Fly in pancake breakfast
Fireworks over Lake Michigan
Skate park Jam
Fun Fair at the Zoo
LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra
Lighthouse Jazz Festival
Soccer in the Sand Tourney
- Aug Great Lakes Grand Prix
DCI World Championship
Reptile Day at the Zoo
MC Triathlon
Taste of Michigan City
Lakefront Art Festival
In Water Boat Show
Fireman's Ball
Labor Dayz Festival
Grandparents Day at the Zoo
Tower Run 5K Race
- Sep Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup
Tri State Yacht Race
Hoosier Farm Day at the Zoo
- Oct Boo at the Zoo
- Dec Festival of Holiday Lights



EXERCISE



Any Time Fitness
4112 Franklin Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.878.8400

Curves
1708 US Hwy 20
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.872.1020

Jazzercise
522 Franklin Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.210.4372

LaPorte YMCA
901 Michigan Avenue
LaPorte, IN 46350
219.325.9622

Michigan City YMCA
1202 Spring Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.221.4055

Northwest Athletic Club
301 W. Kieffer Road
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.879.4401

Temple Total Fitness
1914 E. US Hwy 20
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.879.6224

FISHING, PUBLIC ACCESS



Clear Lake, LaPorte, IN
Kankakee River, Kingsbury, IN
Lake Michigan, Michigan City, IN
Pine Lake, LaPorte, IN
Stone Lake, LaPorte, IN
Trail Creek, Michigan City, IN

FISHING CHARTERS



Michigan City Port Authority
200 Heisman Harbor Road
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.872.1712

Stylin
Captain Darrell Stahoviak
Captain Brad Kreighbaum
WP Slip 7028

Shadow
Captain Ed Svec
WP Slip 7039
219.926.8280
www.shadowland.com

Dialed In
Captain Mike Frank
WP Slip 7034
269.683.6816
dialedincharters@hotmail.com

FISHING CHARTERS (continued)

Pulchritude
WP Slip 7008
219.874.7506

Fuzzy Bear
Captain Carl Stopczynski
WP Slip 7005
574.607.2542
www.fuzzybearcharters.net

Cloud Nine
Captain Bill Wiesemann
WP Slip 7004
219.879.7852
www.fishingoncloudnine.com

Salmon Hunter
Captain Tony Hofstetter
WP Slip 7060
219.861.3681
www.salmonhuntercharter.com

Crorkindill
Captain Steve Kreighbaum
WP Slip 7010
219.879.8885
crorkindill@yahoo.com

Holly Lynn III
Captain Gary Huffman
WP Slip 7020
812.327.4524
glhuffman@sbcglobal.net

Into the Outdoors Charters
Captain Craig Koepke
WP Slip 7018
219.561.3405
craig@itocharters.com

Southern Bell
Captains Jeff & Patty Schmaltz
TC slip 066
574.993.0368
japscj@people.com

Fire Drill Charters
Captain Mike Kail
WP Slip 7036
317.710.0409
Mkail0409@aol.com

GARDENING



Michigan City in Bloom Contest
100 E. Michigan Blvd.
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.1506

GOLF



Beechwood
2222 Woodlawn Drive
LaPorte, IN 46350
219.362.2651

Briar Leaf Golf Club
3233 N. State Rd 39
LaPorte, IN 46350
219.326.1992

Legacy Hills
286 W. Johnson Road
LaPorte, IN 46350
219.324.4777

Michigan City Municipal Golf Course
400 E. Michigan Blvd.
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.1516

HISTORICAL / CULTURAL



Barker Mansion
631 Washington Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.1520

Battle of Trail Creek Marker
801 Liberty Trail in Memorial Park
Michigan City, IN 46360

The Brewery
Michigan Blvd (between 8th & 9th Streets)

Congregational Church (circa 1908)
Northwest corner of 6th & Washington Streets
Michigan City, IN 46360

Door Prairie Auto Museum
2405 Indiana Avenue, Suite 1
LaPorte, IN 46350
219.324.6767

Elston Grove Historical District
elstongrove@gmail.com

First Log Cabin Marker
Southeast corner of 5th & Franklin Streets
Michigan City, IN 46360

German Methodist Church (circa 1889)
8th & Buffalo Streets
Michigan City, IN 46360

Great Lakes Military Museum
360 Dunes Plaza
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.872.2702

Henry House (1904)
Southeast corner of 7th and Pine Streets)
Michigan City, IN 46360

Hesston Steam Museum
1201 E 1000 North
LaPorte, IN 46350
219.872.5055

Hutchinson House (Spiritualist Church) (circa 1870)
220 W. 10th Street
Michigan City, Indiana 46360

Indiana State Prison (circa 1857)
Chicago Road & Hitchcock Road
Michigan City, IN 46360

International Friendship Gardens (circa 1933)
2055 E. U.S. Highway 12
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.878.9885

LaPorte County Historical Museum
2405 Indiana Avenue, Suite 1
LaPorte, IN 46350
219.324.6767

Michigan Central Rail Depot (circa 1850)
100 Washington Street
Michigan City, IN 46360

Michigan City Lighthouse (circa 1904)
Washington Park
Michigan City, IN 46360

Michigan City Public Library (circa 1897)
East 8th Street
Michigan City, IN 46360

Michigan Road Marker (circa 1830)
Michigan Blvd. and Washington Street (on the
courthouse lawn)
Michigan City, IN 46360

Old Lighthouse Museum (circa 1858)
1 Washington Park Marina
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.872.6133

HISTORICAL / CULTURAL (continued)



Porter-Kerrigan House (1895)
Northwest corner of Michigan Blvd. & 10th Street
Michigan City, IN 46360

Sacred Heart Church (circa 1916)
1001 West 8th Street
Michigan City, IN 46360

St. John's Evangelical Church (circa 1856)
(now The Pearl theater)
Southwest corner of 9th and Franklin Streets
Michigan City, IN 46360

St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception Church
(circa 1867)
West 10th and Buffalo Streets
Michigan City, IN 46360

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (circa 1876)
Northeast corner of 9th and Franklin Streets
Michigan City, IN 46360

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church (circa 1892)
Northeast corner of Washington and Ann Streets
Michigan City, IN 46360

South Shore Electric Railroad (circa 1908)
11th Street
Michigan City, IN 46360

Trinity Episcopal Church (circa 1858)
& Barker Hall (circa 1886)
Southeast corner of 6th and Franklin Streets
Michigan City, IN 46360

Washington Park WPA Works
Observation Tower (circa 1937)
Stone walls, pillars, benches (circa 1936)
Rock Garden and Ponds (circa 1936)
Rotary Children's Castle (circa 1936)

Washington Park Monuments
Civil War Monument (circa 1893)
Old Bandstand (circa 1911)
PFC Daniel Bruce Memorial
Soldiers & Sailor Monument (circa 1911)
World War I Doughboy (circa 1926)

LITERARY



Michigan City Public Library
100 E 4th Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.3044

Coolspring Branch of LaPorte County Library
7089 W 400 North
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.879.3272

LaPorte County Library
904 Indiana Avenue
LaPorte, IN 46350
219.362.7128

MARKETS



Garwood Orchard & Farm Market
5911 W 50 South
LaPorte, IN 46350
219.362.4385

Mark's Farm Market & Greenhouse
4374 US Highway 20
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.0624

Michigan City Mainstreet Farm Market
8th & Washington Streets
Michigan City, IN 46360
Saturdays May through October

Radke Orchard & Farm Market
8999 W 200 North
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.872.3140

Rosey's Berry Farm & Market
1066 N 1150 West
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.874.2981

PADDLING



Kayak / Canoe Launches

Trail Creek
Hansen Park—ADA accessible
100 E Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.1506

Lake Michigan
Washington Park
6 on the Lake
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.3873.1506

Clubs

Northwest Indiana Paddling Association
2307 LaPorte Avenue, #2
Valparaiso, IN 46383
219.465.1422

Rentals

B & E Marine
31 Lake Shore Drive
Michigan City, IN 46360
219-879-8301

Overboard at the Marina
12 on the Lake
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.879.3009

PARKS



Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department
100 E Michigan Blvd, Suite 2
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.1506

- ◆ Adams Park, 307 Village Road
- ◆ Beachwalk, Stop 7 Lake Shore Drive
- ◆ Canada Park, 300 Center Street
- ◆ Cleveland Park, 300 Cleveland Avenue
- ◆ Gardena Park, 900 Gardena Street
- ◆ Hansen Park, 100 E Street
- ◆ Joe Hawkins Park, 1501 W. 8th Street
- ◆ Karwick Nature Park, 700 S. Karwick Road
- ◆ Krueger Memorial Park, 801 Liberty Trail
- ◆ Millennium Plaza, 55 Franklin Street
- ◆ Mott's Woods, 2000 Johnrue
- ◆ Oak Hills Park, 716 Martin Luther King Drive
- ◆ Patriot Park, 2224 N 950 West
- ◆ Pullman Park, 550 W 4th Street
- ◆ Ridgeland Park, 620 Ridgeland Avenue
- ◆ Ruby Woods, West Barker Road
- ◆ Tall Timbers Park, 3100 Springland Avenue
- ◆ Walker Street Park, 900 Walker Street
- ◆ Washington Park, Six on the Lake
- ◆ Water Tower Park, 301 Broadway
- ◆ Winding Creek Cove Park, 1400 E. 8th Street

LaPorte County Park Department
0185 S. Holmesville Road
LaPorte, IN 46350
219.325.8315

- ◆ Bluhm Park, 3855 S. 1100 W
- ◆ Creek Ridge Park, 7943 W. 400 N
- ◆ Luhr Park, 3178 S. County Rd 150W
- ◆ Red Mill Park, 0185 S. Holmesville Road

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
1100 N. Mineral Springs Road
Porter, IN 46304
219.926.7561

- ◆ Visitor Center, 1215 N SR 39, Porter, IN
- ◆ Calumet Dune Interpretive Center, US 12 & Kemil Road, Chesterton, IN
- ◆ Mount Baldy, US 12, Michigan City, IN
- ◆ Kemil Beach, Kemil Road, Beverly Shores, IN
- ◆ Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm, Hwy 20 and Mineral Springs Road, Porter, IN
- ◆ Lake View, corner of Lake and Broadway Streets, Beverly Shores, IN
- ◆ Central Beach, Central Avenue, Michigan City, IN
- ◆ Li-co-ki-we Trail, corner of US 20 and Brummit Road, Chesterton, IN
- ◆ Douglas Center, 100 N. Lake Street, Miller,
- ◆ West Beach, N. County Line Road, Portage
- ◆ Heron Rookery, N. County Road 600 East, Michigan City, IN
- ◆ Cowles Bog, N. Mineral Springs Road, Chesterton, IN
- ◆ Inland Marsh, Hillcrest Road and Dunes Highway, Porter, IN

SHOPPING



Lighthouse Place Premium Outlet Mall
601 Wabash Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.879.6506

Marquette Mall
450 St. John Road
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.879.8375

Uptown Arts District—Retail, Boutique, Art, Resale
Franklin Street between 11th & 2nd Streets
Michigan City, IN 46360

SKATING (ICE & ROLLER)



Michigan City Skate Park
Pullman Park, 550 W. 4th Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.1506

Michigan City Community Ice Rink
1201 E. Michigan Blvd. (behind MC Police Station)
Washington Park, Michigan City, IN
219.873.1506

The Ice Box
1421 S. Walnut Street
South Bend, IN 46619
219.288.3300

SKIING (CROSS COUNTRY)



LaPorte County Park Department
0185 S. Holmesville Road
LaPorte, IN 46350
219.325.8315

- ◆ Bluhm Park, 3855 S. 1100 W, Westville, IN
- ◆ Creek Ridge Park, 7943 W. 400 N, Michigan City, IN
- ◆ Luhr Park, 3178 S. County Rd 150W, LaPorte, IN
- ◆ Red Mill Park, 0185 S. Holmesville Road, LaPorte, IN

SPORTS



Frisbee Golf
Creek Ridge County Park
7943 W. 400 North
Michigan City, IN 46360

LaCrosse
219.229.7541

Junior Golf Program
Michigan City Municipal Golf Course
4000 E. Michigan Blvd.
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.1516

Trail Creek Youth Baseball League and Girls Softball League
211 Rainbow Trail
Trail Creek, IN 46360
219.872.2422

Michigan City Soccer Club
219.874.6817

Pop Warner Football
219.874.3244

Pop Warner Cheerleading
219.874.3244

Dunes Volleyball
219.872.7102

Platinum Gymnastics
219.874.7549

SPORTS (CONTINUED)



TENNIS



Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department
100 E. Michigan Blvd., Suite 2
Michigan City, IN 46360

- ◆ Youth Baseball
- ◆ Adult Softball
- ◆ Adult Volleyball

EVP Beach Volleyball
312.287.5988

Piranha Swim Club
219.872.1688

Michigan City Area Schools
408 S. Carroll Avenue
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.2000

- ◆ Basketball
- ◆ Baseball
- ◆ Football
- ◆ Golf
- ◆ Tennis
- ◆ Softball
- ◆ Track,
- ◆ Cross Country
- ◆ Soccer
- ◆ Wrestling
- ◆ Bowling
- ◆ Chess
- ◆ Volleyball
- ◆ Gymnastics
- ◆ Swimming
- ◆ Diving
- ◆ Cheerleading
- ◆ Special Olympics

Northwest Athletic Club
301 W. Kieffer Road
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.879.4401

Outdoor Public Courts

Congdon Park
211 Rainbow Trail
Trail Creek, IN 46360

Elston Middle School
E. Ripley & Franklin Streets
Michigan City, IN 46360

Barker Middle School
319 Barker Road
Michigan City, IN 46360

THEATER



Acting Theater of Michigan City
215 W. 10th Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.872.4221

Dunes Summer Theater
288 Shady Oak Drive
Michiana Shores, IN
219.879.7509

Footlight Players
1705 Franklin Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.874.4035

The Festival Players Guild
807 Franklin Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.879.6377

WALKING TRAILS



Michigan City, Indiana

- ◆ Gardena Park, 900 Gardena Street
- ◆ Patriot Park, 2224 N 950 West
- ◆ Streibel Pond, Hitchcock & Earl Roads
- ◆ Trail Creek Greenway, 8th & Dickson Streets

WATER PARKS



Deep River Water Park
9001 E Highway 30
Crown Point, IN 46307
219.947.7850

Oasis Splash Park
8 on the Lake / Washington Park
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.1506

Splash Down Dunes Water Park
1275 Waverly Road
Porter, IN 46304
219.250.2490

YOUTH SERVING AGENCIES



Boys and Girls Club
301 East 8th Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.2298

Dunes National Lakeshore
1100 North Mineral Springs Road
Porter, IN 46304
219.926.7561

YOUTH SERVING AGENCIES (CONTINUED)

Hope, Inc.
P.O. Box 164
Michigan City, IN 46361
219.874.4606

Hours for Ours
817 LaFayette Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.2026 X: 311

Imagination Station
1200 East Coolspring Avenue
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.872.6723

Leadership LaPorte County
555 Michigan Avenue, Suite 101
LaPorte, IN 46350
219.325.8223

Lubeznik Center for the Arts
101 West 2nd Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.874.4900

Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department
100 E. Michigan Blvd., Suite 2
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.1506

Michigan City Public Library
100 East 4th Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.3045

Minority Health Coalition and the Martin Luther
King Center
P.O. Box 8515
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.879.1712

North Central Community Action Agency
301 East 8th Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.872.1201

Safe Harbor
817 LaFayette Street
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.2026 X:310

The Voyager Program
One Wolf Trail
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.877.7183

Youth Service Bureau of LaPorte County
906 Michigan Avenue
LaPorte, IN 46350
219.362.9587

ZOOS



Blue Spruce Alpacas
6276 W Bleck Road
LaPorte, IN 46350
219.873.5900

Potawatomi Zoo
500 S Greenlawn
South Bend, IN 46615
219.235.9800

Washington Park Zoo
115 Lake Shore Drive
Michigan City, IN 46360
219.873.1510

NATURAL FEATURES AND LANDSCAPE

Most of Michigan City is situated on a nearly level plain that gently slopes toward Lake Michigan. Sandy and organic soils predominate on this plain. Adjacent to Lake Michigan is a series of sand dunes rising 120 to 180 feet above the level of the lake. Most of these dunes are tree covered, however one particular dune, Mt. Baldy, has no tree cover. As a result, winds can move the bulk of the dune several feet per year.

Trail Creek, a significant stream within the City, meanders in a northwesterly direction toward Lake Michigan. Its mouth is located at the western edge of Washington Park. Scattered throughout the City are numerous wetlands. These wetlands are particularly abundant on the west side and in isolated pockets on the far eastern side of the City.

The proximity of Michigan City to Lake Michigan, the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, wetlands, forests and fields has produced one of the richest wildlife areas in the State of Indiana. This combination of physical features, plant life and animal life, continues to thrive. Despite Michigan City's proximity to one of the country's largest urban conglomerations, there are over 1,300 native species of plants in the Indiana Dunes, including arctic plants, desert plants and carnivorous plants.

Michigan City's position at the southern tip of Lake Michigan has contributed to the variety and abundance of birds that sets this City apart from the rest of Indiana. This phenomenon is particularly apparent during the months of September, October and November. Migratory patterns of many birds tend to "funnel" into Michigan City after the long track across Lake Michigan, these migrating birds tend to congregate along the immediate Lakeshore. Literally, hundreds of species of birds can be found in the Michigan City area. The City's lakefront has long been recognized as one of the premier birding sites in the State.

Over ninety species of fish inhabit the cold waters of Lake Michigan. Fish continue to thrive in the lake despite man-induced upheavals in the lake's ecosystem. One of the more significant upheavals was the introduction of the alewife through the Wetland Canal in the mid-1950's. These fish multiplied rapidly, infesting Lake Michigan and threatening the survival of several native fish species. Over the years, predators, such as the salmon, have aided in re-establishing a semblance of a biotic balance in the lake. Numerous fishing tournaments testify to the abundance of fish in Lake Michigan. Most recently, Trail Creek has become an important breeding area of salmon and a very popular fishing site.

Michigan City and the surrounding area is very fortunate to have one of the world's greatest assets, Lake Michigan and the Indiana Dunes, right in our own backyard. Increased interest in the environment has led to the implementation of new beach management practices which have led to reduced e-coli in the sand and water.

NATURAL FEATURES AND LANDSCAPE (CONTINUED)

The Trail Creek Open Space BioBlitz was held on July 15 and 16, 2011, in Michigan City, Indiana. A Biodiversity Blitz, or BioBlitz, is an intensive biological inventory of all species from various taxonomic groups found living within a designated area in a 24-hour period. Motivated by the City's long-term commitment to strategic conservation planning efforts, several municipal properties within the Trail Creek Open Space Project Area were designated as sites for the BioBlitz study. Thirteen areas were designated as locations for the study, which encompassed approximately 1,000 acres.

The BioBlitz was completed within a 24 hour period. More than 50 scientists, professors and experts in multiple biological disciplines convened on Michigan City to conduct the BioBlitz. Led by Weaver Boos Consultants, the groups were divided according to various disciplines, including: Birds, Aquatic, Amphibians, Insects, Mollusks, Vascular Plants, and Fungi. The Field Museum, Ball State University, Indiana University, Purdue University, Taylor University, and the National Park Service, among others, all contributed to the event. A lunchtime presentation was held to highlight any interesting findings. Additionally, a 1 mile hike was conducted by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources at International Friendship Gardens to promote the event.

Upon completing the survey, the BioBlitz data revealed an extensive inventory of biodiversity living within urban natural areas and the Michigan City Parks System. A sample listing of notable findings are as follows:

Amphibian Study Areas: Canada Park, Hansen Park, Trail Creek Cove, and Tryon Farms

Detecting the eastern box turtle was significant as this species is becoming increasingly rare in Indiana.

Aquatic Study Areas: Trail Creek was surveyed at Krueger, Karwick, Hansen, and Winding Creek Cove Parks

Twelve species of fish were detected, of which 25% are invasive.

The presence of Mottled Sculpin, Rainbow Trout, and Round Goby in Trail Creek were detected, which indicates that there are no impediments to fishes from Lake Michigan being able to swim upstream.

The pond in Hansen Park contained Banded Killifish, which is a species only found along the northern edge of the state. The vast majority of fish in the pond were Western Mosquitofish.

Four species of crayfish were found, of which 75% of the species were represented by the genus Orconectes and 25% (one species) was invasive.

NATURAL FEATURES AND LANDSCAPE (CONTINUED)

*The White River crayfish, *Procambarus acutus*, was found in Trail Creek.*

*The Calico crayfish, *Orconectes immunis*, was found in a pond at Hansen Park.*

Of the nine species of decapod crustaceans found in the Chicago region, the team identified four species, with at least two more considered to be of possible occurrence.

Birds Study Areas: Canada Park, Krueger Memorial Park, Long Beach Nature Preserve, and Washington Park

Notable birds spotted: Sandpiper, flock of Caspian Terns, large numbers of Barn Swallows, juvenile Barred Owl, and a Northern Harrier.

Insects Study Areas: Canada Park, Krueger Memorial Park, and Karwick Nature Preserve

*Three of the twelve species noted are rare or nonexistent elsewhere in Indiana: *Anticheta borealis* Foote, *Limnia sparsa* (Loew), and *Pherbellia similis* Cresson. The most interesting find was of the *Anticheta borealis* Foote, which has only been recorded once in Indiana.*

Mollusk Study Areas: Canada Park; Trail Creek, primarily near Karwick Nature Park, and International Friendship Gardens

*At least 40 aquatic gastropod and bivalve species were recorded. No live specimens of the protected freshwater mussels (*Unionidae*) were found, while old shells and fragments of several species were recovered. Canada Park yielded several fresh specimens of the rare *Neohelix albolabris*.*

Fungi Study Areas:

The composition of fungi species is typical for wooded habitats of northwest Indiana.

The results of the BioBlitz indicate that the Trail Creek Open Space Project Area contains a vibrant ecologically rich mosaic of supporting habitats. For an urban setting, Michigan City has maintained a significant level of biodiversity in its open space areas. This data is being used to determine sensitive sites in the study corridor that merit preservation or further ecological improvements. In addition, identifying sites and species as potential education or conservation targets will help foster public support for the City's land conservation efforts.



NATURAL FEATURES AND LANDSCAPE (CONTINUED)

The BioBlitz brought recognition to the diverse natural resources in Michigan City. The Park Department realizes the importance of maintaining these resources. We actively apply for grants and city capital funding. We have, and will continue to, developed new partnerships and funding sources to manage these resources.

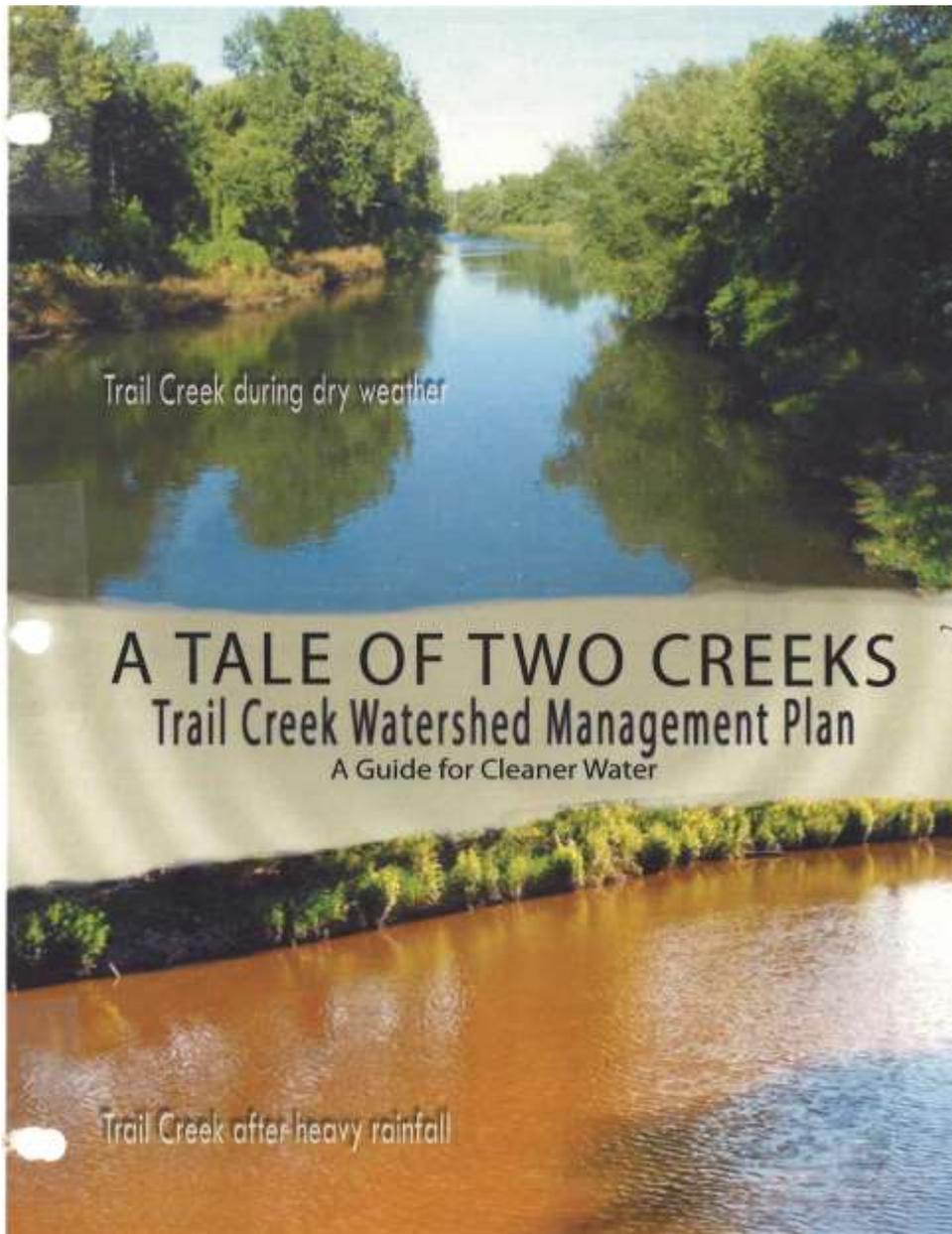
2005 to present—the Park Department offers homeowners adjacent to the Sheridan Beach Esplanade to enter into a license agreement to restore areas of the Esplanade adjacent to their property using methods specified and approved by the Park Board and City Forester. The property owner pays the total cost of the restoration work which enhances their property and views while allowing the Park Department to receive restoration work at no cost. Since 2005, 26 property owners have completed restoration projects.

- 2012 Sheridan Beach Ecological Assessment by SmithGroup JJR
Funding Source—Lake Michigan Coastal Program grant \$20,000, City Match \$25,000
- 2014 Sheridan Beach and the Esplanade Public Access, Land Management and Implementation Plan by SmithGroup JJR
Funding Source—Lake Michigan Coastal Program grant \$13,500, City Match \$13,500
- 2015 Fedder’s Alley Secondary Dune Habitat Restoration Project by LaPorte County Landscaping
Funding Source—Lake Michigan Coastal Program grant \$20,000, City Match \$25,000
- 2015 Winding Creek Cove—Trail Creek Water Quality Improvement Green Infrastructure Feasibility Study by Global Engineering and Land Surveying
Funding Source—Great Lakes Restoration Initiative through the Alliance for the Great Lakes \$20,000, no City match required
- 2015 Winding Creek Cove Phase I—Storm Water Management by Woodruff & Sons
Funding Source—Great Lakes Restoration Initiative through the Alliance for the Great Lakes \$15,800, no City match required
- 2017 Winding Creek Cove Phase II—Bank Stabilization (to be bid during the 1st quarter of 2017)
Funding Source—Lake Michigan Coastal Program \$50,200, Donnelly Foundation grant \$10,000, City match \$40,200
- 2017 Winding Creek Cove Phase III—Bank Stabilization and Kayak Launch
Funding Applied For—Lake Michigan Coastal Program \$35,000, City match \$35,000
- 2016 Winding Creek Cove Phase IV—Forestry Management by Allen Landscape Maintenance
Funding Source—Urban Waters Forestry Grant \$21,412, City match \$21,412
- 2016 Bismarck Hill Vegetation and Wildlife Assessment and Restoration Plan by SmithGroup JJR
Funding Source—Michigan City Redevelopment Commission \$28,050
- 2016 Bismarck Hill Restoration Project (contract to be awarded 1st quarter of 2017)
Funding Source—Michigan City Redevelopment Commission \$300,000

NATURAL FEATURES AND LANDSCAPE (CONTINUED)

- 2017 Fedder’s Alley ADA Accessible Boardwalk Engineering (to be bid during the 3rd quarter of 2017)
Funding Source—Applied For Lake Michigan Coastal Program grant \$50,000, City match \$50,000
The boardwalks will funnel people from the park and parking lot in Fedder’s Alley to the beach and keep them off the newly restored 9 acre secondary dune habitat.

The Assistant Superintendent sits on the Trail Creek Watershed Committee. This committee is comprised of about 25 different agencies and private citizens who work together to implement the goals of the Trail Creek Watershed Management Plan. The goals of the plan include addressing storm water management, green infrastructure, bank stabilization, and water quality in Trail Creek and Lake Michigan. This group has been very instrumental in forming new partnerships and obtaining funding to implement the goals of the Watershed Management Plan as well as the Park Department’s land management plans.



NATURAL FEATURES AND LANDSCAPE (CONTINUED)

We are fortunate to have Lake Michigan, one of the world's greatest natural resources, in our backyard. The Park Department manages just under 2 miles of beach along the shores of Lake Michigan. Our beach management plan includes water quality testing and public notification, public health and safety, methods to reduce E.coli in the lake and on the beach, partnering with other agencies to create predictive models for E.coli and rip currents.

- 2009—The Park Department began new beach management methods to reduce the E.coli in Lake Michigan and on our beaches. We installed a deep tine bar to the back of our beach sanitizer which leaves deep groves in the sand and allows it to dry quickly reducing the growth of bacteria. We received a grant from IDEM to add lids to all of the trash barrels in Washington Park and on the beach to discourage animal foraging and defecation. The Michigan City Common Council adopted Resolution No. 4058 prohibiting the feeding of wildlife on property and waterways under the jurisdiction of the Park Department and Port Authority.
- 2010—We developed a goose eradication program. We use “bird bangers” to discourage large flocks of geese from nesting in Washington Park and the marina. The Port Authority placed fake coyotes in and around the marina, they float a fake alligator head in the harbor during the spring, summer and fall months and they planted tall grasses along the sidewalk of the harbor to discourage geese from entering the harbor from the park. The program has been successful. The average number of geese per day was reduced from approximately 200 to less than one dozen.
- 2010 to present—Annual grant from IDEM for water quality testing and public notification of water quality results. Our grant award has decreased from \$35,837 in 2010 to \$20,703 in 2016, or by 42%. Testing is performed by the Michigan City Sanitary District and while the cost of testing has also gone down, it is important to note that money may need to be added to our annual operating budget in the future to continue this vital service.
- 2011—We partnered with NOAA to help create a predictive model for rip currents. During the beach season our lifeguard team collects and submits beach observation data daily.
- 2012—Implemented a beach marking system using colored flags so beach patrons can identify their location on the beach when calling for emergency services. We also added signs with beach tips and rules, rip current safety information and shelf ice safety information.
- 2013—We partnered with USGS to help create a predictive model for E.coli. Information is collected daily from many sources by our staff and entered into the predictive model which is submitted to NOAA for analysis.
- 2014—Formed a partnership with other beach managers and safety personnel to form the “Southern Lake Michigan Water Safety Task Force.” Through an Indiana/Illinois Sea Grant we were able to purchase rescue throw rings, rescue throw bags, adult and youth life jackets, rescue boards, rescue tubes, and whistles for our lifeguard team and police and fire units who respond to beach emergencies.
- 2015—We partnered with the EPA to conduct a Swimmer Interview and Saliva Health Study (SWISH). SWISH is part of a research project that will help to better understand the relationship between swimming at the beach and people's health.
- 2016—Through a \$13,000 grant from Arcelor Mittal, we purchased and installed 25 life ring cabinets on the east breakwater and along the banks of Trail Creek from the Franklin Street bridge the Coast Guard Station. We are investigating the addition of alarm and camera systems to the cabinets.
- 2017— Investigate a new beach ATV which will have better access to emergencies than our current lifeguard truck

MAN-MADE, HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL

HISTORY



Father Marquette mentioned the site of Michigan City, where Trail Creek empties into Lake Michigan, in 1674 as the place where he met and made friends with the Pottawatomie Indians. The plot for a town at the mouth of Trail Creek was made in 1830. The village became known as Michigan City in 1832, when the Michigan Road from Madison, Indiana, on the Ohio River, terminated at Trail Creek (what is now known as Michigan Boulevard).

Major Isaac C. Elston laid out the town in the early 1830's and it was incorporated as a city by a special act of legislature on February 8, 1836.

Farm products, especially wheat, were shipped out in great quantities during the mid 19th century, and incoming vessels brought salt, manufactured goods and lumber from Michigan forests. Fishing was also an important business.

A need for increased navigation was recognized, the first lighthouse was constructed in Michigan City in 1858. The "Old Lighthouse Museum," under the jurisdiction of the Michigan City Historical Society, is housed in the original structure today. The building is listed on the National Register of Historical Places.

By 1889, the year that Martin H. Krueger became Mayor, the bustling waterfront had deteriorated into a "no-man's land." Railroad had taken over the transporting of most farm products. The huge lumber trade was lost to the larger port in Chicago. The bridge across Trail Creek was gone and lumber yard debris was used for building squatter's shacks.

In 1893, Mayor Krueger envisioned a city park and took the necessary steps to gain political support, legislation and bond issues to fund a new bridge. Each local citizen was invited to bring a tree to plant in the new "Washington Park." The park entrance was dignified when a 60' monument was erected honoring those who serviced in the Civil War. It was a gift from John H. Winterbotham and cost \$15,000, a huge sum considering the public library was built in 1897 for a total of \$30,000.00.

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HISTORY (continued)

The next 25 years saw the flourishing of civic pride and recreational opportunities. Excursionists came by the thousands to enjoy the Indiana dunes and the public facilities in Washington Park. A bath house was installed plus a dance hall, skating pavilion and baseball field. Hoosier Slide, a giant 200' high dune attracted hikers and picnickers. As many as 10,000 steamship passengers would arrive from Chicago each weekend.

During the roaring 20's the Oasis Ballroom brought in big name bands. A large amusement park consisted of a roller coaster, merry-go-round and other concessions. The Washington Park Zoo was constructed in 1928.



Smith Brothers Cough Drop Factory, with its famous bearded figureheads, was constructed just north of the Franklin Street Bridge. More parks were built, including one in memory of four term Mayor Krueger, "Krueger Memorial Park."

By the 1930's much recreational activity had ceased due to the Great Depression and other circumstances. The excursion boat business had suffered from shipwrecks and the loss of thousands of lives. Sand mining eventually leveled the Hoosier Slide. Much of the land was then sold to the Northern Indiana Public Service Company, which operates a coal powered generating plant to the west of Washington Park, which is still in operation today.



Various governmental agencies took part in establishing public services and beautifying the north end of town. The Works Progress Administration put more than 200 unemployed people back to work building the stone park benches, walls, pillars, walkways, animal shelters, the Rock Garden and the Observation Tower at the zoo. In 2016 the Michigan City Common Council adopted Resolution No. 4651, Requesting the Stabilization, Restoration and Preservation of Historic and Culturally Significant Structures Built by the Works Progress Administration in Washington Park and the Washington Park Zoo. An assessment of all WPA works in Washington Park and The Zoo was conducted in 2016. The final report will be completed in the 1st quarter of 2017.

In 1939 the U.S. Naval Armory and LaPorte County Courthouse were built and the U.S. Coast Guard took over the lighthouse service.

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HISTORY (continued)

The voices of environmentalists began to make an impact on land usage. Save the Dunes Council was established in 1952 and was instrumental in the formation of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in 1966. The National park incorporated Mount Baldy and other dune land on the west edge of Michigan City.

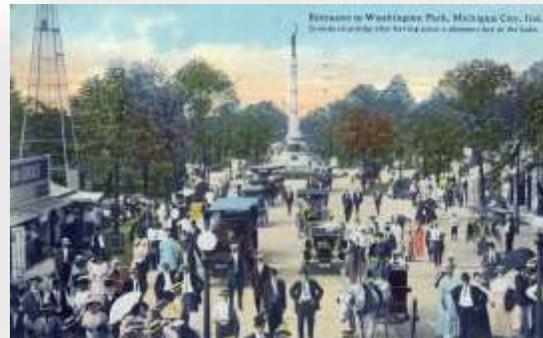


The historic downtown found a new look with urban renewal projects in the 1960's. Franklin Street, which formerly led directly into Washington Park, was closed at the north end and transformed into a pedestrian mall. Several buildings went up in the newly-created space including City Hall and a new public library.

The lake front continues to be the pride of Michigan City and the center of recreational activities. Washington Park is on the National Register of Historic Places. The East Pierhead Light House and Catwalk that were constructed in 1904 are also on the register and are still in use today.



Our past is our foundation and the keystone of who we are as a community. It is present in our parks, which showcase many major works from past generations. It is a profound occasion to be surrounded by our own history, while making history that flows into it, compliments it, and preserves it for future generations to enjoy. A central part of the Park and Recreation mindset is to preserve our history while implementing the most contemporary plan into our public spaces. The Park Board and employees are committed to providing a full-service agency that strives to ENRICH (Enjoyment of Natural Resources Integrating our City's History) the quality of life in our community through preservation of our past. A complete listing of historical places is contained in "Area Recreational Opportunities."



MAN-MADE, HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL

TRANSPORTATION

Michigan City is located on the southern shore of Lake Michigan in LaPorte County, Indiana. Porter County, Indiana forms the western boundary of the City. Downtown Michigan City is located about ½ mile south of Lake Michigan in the 'north end' of the City. Downtown Michigan City is located five miles from the Indiana/Michigan state line, five miles north of Interstate Highway 94, ten miles north of the Indiana East-West Toll Road, twelve miles east of the Port of Indiana, five miles east of the Indiana Dunes State Park, thirty-seven miles east of the Indiana/Illinois state line and fifty-five miles southeast of the Chicago Loop. Mt. Baldy, which is part of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, is located within Michigan City, one mile west of downtown, but is currently closed due to unsafe conditions.

Four expressway interchanges serve Michigan City, two on the Indiana East-West Toll Road (180/190) and two on Interstate 94. In addition, six federal routes (US 35, 421, 20, 12, 6 and 30) serve the City. These highway systems provide Michigan City with superb access to the Midwest and the nearby population centers of Chicago and South Bend. As a result, several million visitors per year utilize the various recreational opportunities in and around Michigan City, including the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Washington Park and the local marinas.

The 2006 Trails and Greenways Master Plan outlines regional and local non-motorized bike trails for safe access to open space, parks and schools.

Michigan City also owns and operates the Michigan City Municipal Airport, a general aviation airport with 50 based aircraft, including business jets and other twin aircraft.

The South Shore Railroad, operated by the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, also serves our community with daily service to South Bend, Indiana and Chicago, Illinois. Plans to construct a double track through Michigan City are underway. This will reduce commute time to Chicago from 1 hour and 40 minutes to just 67 minutes. It is estimated this project will bring in 1,000 new jobs, \$330 million in new taxes and \$670 million in new investment. New investors and the employees they will bring to Michigan City will be looking for quality of life amenities. Michigan City currently has a lot to offer but we need to focus on the expected influx of Millennials to the city in the near future. They will be looking for outdoor recreation including paddling opportunities, multi-use trails connecting to public spaces, shopping and parks, along with dog friendly facilities and parks. The city is currently researching the possibility of a dog park at the Waste, Inc. site on Highway 12. A dog friendly beach should be investigated in Washington Park. Once constructed, the Singing Sands Trail will allow leashed pets. Increased paddling opportunities in Washington Park including rentals and kayak storage lockers should be explored.

Michigan City also has Amtrak passenger service available just south of the Franklin Street Bridge.

MAN-MADE, HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL

CULTURE

Michigan City has many cultural attractions.

The historic north end downtown has experienced recent growth with the establishment of the “Uptown Art District.” The District hosts the “First Friday” art walk on the first Friday of each month, year round, and showcases local talents in a variety of art forms including photography, sculpture and craftsmanship.

The Michigan City Common Council formed the Michigan City Art Committee (MAC) in 2011. The committee consists of 11 voting members, one of which is the Assistant Park Superintendent. MAC has an annual operating budget of \$22,700 and a non-reverting fund for gifts and donations. In 2013 the committee created “Sculptfusion,” featuring a rotating exhibit of sculptures on public property, mainly through the Uptown Arts District. Several pieces have been purchased and are now on permanent display. The committee also offers grants and children’s art scholarships.

In October 2011, the Charles R. Westcott “Art Park” was dedicated by MAC. This gateway park located on U.S. Highway 12 and Michigan Boulevard features local art including hand made tiles which were incorporated into the seating walls, a children’s art kiosk sponsored by Horizon Bank, and a sculpture park.

The City was successful in opening “Artspace” in 2016. Uptown Artist Lofts is a sustainable, mixed-use, community arts project in downtown Michigan City, Indiana. The project transformed the vacant six-story Warren Building into an affordable live/work facility containing 44 units of space for low income artists and their families, as well as ground level community arts, retail and gallery space, and art studios in the locally-designated Franklin Street Historic District of downtown Michigan City.



The Old Lighthouse in Washington Park, constructed in 1958, is owned by the City under the jurisdiction of the Park Department which leases it to the Michigan City Historical Society. The Society operates a maritime and Michigan City history museum in the lighthouse. Although the lease states the Society is responsible for maintenance of the building, it is not feasible for them to do so. The City was able to obtain a Lake Michigan Coastal Program grant in 2014 to reconstruct the lantern room on the lighthouse. The \$95,000 project was vital to saving the contents of the museum. Since then an assessment has been done to the exterior of the building and 2017 city capital funding has been secured for \$250,000 in repairs to the roof, doors, windows, porches, and gutter system.

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CULTURE

The City also offers a wide array of festivals and events during the year which feature music, dance, costumes, crafts and cuisine from a variety of ethnic and religious groups including the Lakefront Art Festival, church festivals, Minority Health Coalition fashion show, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Juneteenth Celebration; Star Spangled Parade, fireworks show, Super Boat International Great Lakes Grand Prix, Soccer in the Sand Tournament, Memorial Day Parade, Veteran's Day Parade, Flag Day Ceremony, City by the Lake Triathlon, Special Olympics; Luau Fish Fry Dinner, and the League of United Latin American Citizens Annual Dinner/Dance. Michigan City also boasts a wide variety of fine eateries featuring Asian, Mexican, German, Middle Eastern, Italian, French, Irish, Greek, and American Southwestern cuisines.

The City hosts a summer concert series every Thursday night in Washington Park featuring the Michigan City Municipal Band. We also host a summer concert each year with the LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra. The Guy Foreman Amphitheater in Washington Park underwent major renovations in 2009. The amphitheater is the home of the annual "Lighthouse Jazz and Ship & Shore Blues Fest" concerts. LaPorte County features an annual "Indiana Idol" competition. The Park Department and Mayor sponsor an annual "Schools Out" concert where local school aged musicians perform in Washington Park. First Presbyterian Church hosts the annual Handel's Messiah. The Michigan City Chamber of Commerce presents an annual music festival in conjunction with area churches. Many taverns and restaurants offer live bands, karaoke and open mic events every week, year round.

Michigan City is also home to five theater groups who perform at various venues throughout the year.

Michigan City also celebrates our rich history with two museums, The Old Lighthouse Museum and Barker Mansion.



MAN-MADE, HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS

Michigan City hosts a variety of events each year. These events draw visitors to our community helping sustain our tourist economy. There is no shortage of entertainment in Michigan City, year round.

53rd Annual Drum & Bugle Corp Show

Adopt-a-Beach

Barker Mansion monthly events

Barker Mansion Movies by Moonlight

Beach, Water & Pier Safety Expo

Boo at the Zoo

Brew at the Zoo

Cardboard Boat Dash

City by the Lake Triathlon

City Golf Tournament

Coho Club Fish Fry

DCI World Championship Quarter Finals

Father's Day at Washington Park Zoo

Fire & Flair Festival

Firemen's Ball

First Friday Art Walk

Flag Day Ceremony at Millennium Plaza

Fly in Pancake Breakfast

Grandparent's Day at Washington Park Zoo

Great Lakers Auto Club Car Cruise & Show

Hoosier Coho Classic Pro Am

Hoosier Farm Day at Washington Park Zoo

In Water Boat Show

Jammin' with Save the Dunes

Kiddie Prom Mardi Gras Mascarade

Kid's Day at Washington Park Zoo

Lakefront Art Festival

LaPorte County Clean it up Day

LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra Concert

Lighthouse Jazz Festival in Washington Park

Maple City Grand Prix Boat Race

Matey's Beach Bash in Washington Park

Mayor's Ball

Memorial Day at Washington Park Zoo

Memorial Day Parade

Michigan City Fireworks

Michigan City in Bloom Competition

Mother's Day at Washington Park Zoo

Movies in the Park

Municipal Band Concert Series Begins

Music Under the Stars at Friendship Gardens

Patriotic Program at Millennium Plaza

Pro Am Beach Volleyball Tournament

Reptile Day at Washington Park Zoo

Runnin' Wild for the Zoo 5K

Samaritan Skedaddle 5K Run

Shelf Ice Brew Fest

Ship & Shore Blues Festival in Washington Park

Skamania Mania Fishing Tourney

Skate Park Shred Fest

Snowflake Parade & Festival of Holiday Lights

Soccer in the Sand Tournament

Soul Steppers Meet & Greet Party

Soul Steppers Show Up & Show Out Competition

Spaghetti Dinner at the Senior Center

Star Spangled Parade

Sticker Saturday / Trash n Treasure Sale

Super Boat International Great Lakes Grand Prix

Taste of Michigan City Food Festival

Veteran's Day Parade

W.G. Jackson Research Vessel Tours

Washington Park Zoo Bear Awareness Day

Zoobilee Fundraiser

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SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

2014/2015 Stats America and 2010 Census

POPULATION

Michigan City Residents 31,412 - median age 37.3 years
 The population in Michigan City has declined from 1980 to 2010 by 5,438 residents, or 14.75%.

GENDER

Males	51.4%	16,182	median age 35.8 years
Females	48.6%	15,297	median age 38.8 years

RACE

American Indian & Alaska Native	78	0.24%
Asian	310	0.98%
African American	8,743	27.83%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Native	8	0.02%
Other race	397	1.26%
Two or more races	1,367	4.35%
White	20,509	65.29%

AGE

Under 5 years	2,192	6.97%
5 to 17 years	4,610	14.67%
18 to 24 years	3,163	10.06%
25 to 44 years	8,485	27.01%
45 to 64 years	8,329	26.51%
65 years and up	4,633	14.74%
Children under the age of 18 years	6,802	21.65%
18 to 64 years	19,977	66.66%
65 years and older	4,633	14.74%

VETERANS

Veteran population	2,026	6.44%
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SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

2014/2015 Stats America and 2010 US Census

HOUSING

Housing units	14,435
Median gross rent	\$706
Owner occupied units	6,895
Median value owned	\$93,300
Renter occupied	5,874
Seasonal Use	679
Number of households	12,769

EDUCATION

18 years and up	24,610	
High school graduate	8,288	31.38%
Some college, no degree	4,833	18.29%
Associate Degree	1,418	5.36%
Bachelor's Degree	2,253	8.53%
Graduate or Professional Degree	1,284	4.86%

HEALTH

Disabled under 65 years	4,029	12.8%
Indiana Obesity		31.8%

ECONOMY

Total labor force	14,506	
Employed	12,258	84.50%
Unemployed	2,248	15.49%
Michigan City unemployment rate		15.50%
Indiana unemployment rate		5.40%
National unemployment rate		4.90%

INCOME

Median household income	\$35,710
Per capita income	\$18,990
Persons in poverty	28.4%

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

GEOGRAPHY

Population per square mile 1,607
Land area in square miles 19.59

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SUMMARY

A substantial percentage of our population is between the ages of 18 and 64. This translate to 63% of our residents who are most likely in the workforce. Consider adding evening and/or weekend programming.

Michigan City has a staggering number of families living in poverty, 28.4%, nearly double the national average of 14.8% and substantially higher than LaPorte County's average of 17.9%. The high number of residents living near or at poverty levels coupled with a higher than State or National average unemployment rate dictates the need to offer free or low cost programming. We also realize the importance of maintaining our neighborhood parks which serve poverty stricken families with no cost recreation without the requirement for transportation. We currently offer a low cost summer day camp at Lake Hills School. The program costs \$35 per week and includes breakfast and lunch. We partnered with the Michigan City Area Schools to serve free meals to all children 18 years old or younger at Gardena Park during the summer when school is out. The Michigan City Park Department serves on The Michigan City Public Art Committee, who offers art scholarships to children of low income families.

Michigan City is more racially diverse than the state of Indiana as a whole. We realize the diverse population of residents and visitors we serve. We have incorporated a bilingual program in our signage and beach safety programs. We offer a variety of festivals and events that celebrate all races and cultures. We are adding Spanish to park signs as we order new ones.

Almost 7% of our residents are Veterans. The Michigan City Park Department partnered with the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association to provide an ADA accessible launch ramp at Hansen Park. In turn, NWIPA partnered with Valparaiso University to start a Chapter of Team River Runners. This program was designed to create an environment of healthy adventure, recreation and camaraderie for healing active duty and veteran service members and their families through adaptive kayaking. Team River Runner envisions a national network which creates innovative paddling programs designed to assist with the recovery of those injured while serving our country. Through paddle sports, TRR volunteers and partners provide local communities unique opportunities for the active, safe and positive support of healing service members and their families.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SUMMARY

The Michigan City Park Department is aware of national trend towards obesity. Nearly one third of Hoosiers are considered obese. We continually strive to create programs and play opportunities that promote physical fitness.

Most recently we created the “Passport to Summer Fun” program. This free program encourages families to visit ten parks in Michigan City and complete various physical tasks to get “stamps” on their passport. Once all stamps have been obtained, they can bring their passport to the park office for a free prize. In 2016 we also started the “Get Out and Play Day,” program at the Washington Park Zoo where children are taught about physical fitness and safety in a fun environment with our animal friends. In 2017 we are partnering with the Department of Natural Resources to host a kids fishing tournament on Trail Creek at Hansen Park to get kids outside and connect them with their natural surroundings. Not only do these programs meet our goal of promoting physical fitness, but they also address the state wide movement outlined in IDNR’s 2016-2020 Indiana Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, to reconnect children with nature and these programs highlight the abundant natural resources and recreational opportunities available in Michigan City.

The City is also actively pursuing the construction of non-motorized, multi-use trails which are detailed in the 2006 Michigan City Parks and Recreation Trails and Greenways Master Plan attached to this report. We expect to have approximately 10 miles of the Singing Sands Trail, a segment of the Marquette Greenway tri-state trail, constructed by 2021.

The Michigan City Park Department has two fitness trails, one in Washington Park and one in Gardena Park. We received funding in 2016 for ADA and safety renovations to the playground at Gardena Park. Phase I will include the removal of the outdated and unsafe fitness trail. Phase II is not funded at this time but does include plans and designs for a new fitness trail. The fitness trail in Washington Park is also outdated and unsafe and is being addressed in the 2016 Washington Park Master Plan, attached to this report. The Michigan City Senior Center is located in Washington Park so we are looking for a multi-generational fitness trail.

During four recent playground renovation projects, we focused on play equipment that builds core strength, balance and agility. We still incorporate post and deck structures, but have added spinners, climbers, and balance events as well.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SUMMARY

Partnering with the Michigan City Area Schools allows us to reach children who may not be able to participate in events and programs outside of school due to the cost or lack of transportation.

We partner with the Michigan City Area Schools and the Trail Creek Watershed Committee to host Trail Creek Week. This week long program is held annually in October at Hansen Park on the banks of Trail Creek. In 2016 nearly 600 school children were able to experience the creek and develop a sense of ownership of this shared natural resource. Four interactive learning stations featured hands on learning activities that allowed students to engage in the topics. Topics included Water Quality and Assessment Methods, Michigan City History and the Significance of Trail Creek and Lake Michigan, Water Safety, and Great Lakes Fisheries-Stream Morphology, Native Fish and the Threat of Invasive Species.

After completing all four stations, students were able to paddle Voyager replica canoes down Trail Creek. Six 24' canoes were supplied by Wilderness Inquiry. While paddling down Trail Creek the staff aboard the canoes points out sources of pollution, wildlife and fish habitats so the students can apply the knowledge they learned earlier in the day. The combination of hands-on, inquiry based learning and physical activity creates a high quality learning experience.



In 2016 we partnered with The Alliance for the Great Lakes and Michigan City Area Schools to host several Adopt-a-Beach clean up events in Washington Park. Over 150 students, teachers and parents cleaned up the beach, logged the items they picked up and learned about pollution sources that affect the health of our beaches and Lake Michigan.



SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SUMMARY

Parks provide intrinsic environmental, aesthetic and recreational benefits to our city. They are also a source of positive economic benefits. They enhance property values, increase municipal revenue, bring in homebuyers and workers, and attract retirees. The bottom line is parks are a good financial investment for a community.

The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department should develop a close relationship with the Michigan City Economic Development Corporation. MCEDC's website has a "Quality of Life" section. However, the Park Department and our many assets are not featured here. This is a prime opportunity to promote the Park Department and the City as a whole to potential investors, home buyers and retirees.

We will continue our strong relationship with the LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau to promote large sports tournaments and events to bring more tourism dollars to Michigan City.



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ACCESSIBILITY AND UNIVERSAL DESIGN

The Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department provides a variety of programs and activities to the general public. Programs range from youth to adult, sport to hobby. With each of our programs, we strive to create an environment that is inclusive and meets the needs of the individual. We are committed to making reasonable efforts to ensure that our facilities, programs and services are accessible to and usable by the community as well as visitors of all abilities including those with limitations. Park planning and design beyond minimum accessibility towards universal design is a comprehensive approach that considers the unique needs of all individuals.

The city of Michigan City contracted the services of Disability Access Consultants to assess all park property, programs, facilities and services for compliance in 2011. The final reports were issued in 2012 and ADA issued outlined in the reports are being addressed as capital funding becomes available.

All newly built or renovated facilities, parks, trail systems, playgrounds and buildings as well as new programs and services will adhere to the most current standards for accessible design and access. Given the vast size of the Michigan City park system, and lack of available funding, this is an evolving project.

The Michigan City Park Department has been aggressively pursuing and securing funding from a variety of sources to complete ADA and safety upgrades to our parks and playgrounds. Five parks were completed between 2014 and 2016. We plan to address another seven parks during the term of this Master Plan.

Facility	Address	Completed	Planned	Cost	CDBG	CF	LMCP	RDC	VCC
Joe Hawkins Memorial Park	1501 W 8th Street	2014		102,000	70,000	0	0	70,000	32,000
Hansen Park	100 E Street	2015		138,503	0	34,232	44,715	59,556	0
Pullman Park	550 W 4th Street	2015		260,954	251,160	9,794	0	0	0
Gardena Park	900 Gardena Street	2016		250,000	0	250,000	0	0	0
Tall Timbers Park	3100 Springland Avenue	2016		149,900	0	0	0	0	0
Walker Street Park	900 Walker Street		2017	100,000	100,000	0	0	0	0
TOTALS				901,357	321,160	294,026	44,715	129,556	32,000
Washington Park	6 on the Lake		2018	n/a					
Oak Hills Park	716 Martin Luther King Dr		2018	n/a					
Ridgeland Park	620 Ridgeland Avenue		2019	n/a					
Water Tower Park	301 Broadway		2020	n/a					
Adams Park	307 Village Road		2021	n/a					
Canada Park (Sox Park)	300 Center Street		2021	n/a					

FUNDING SOURCES

CDBG = Community Development Block Grant

CF = City Funding

LMCP = DNR Lake Michigan Coastal Program Grant

RDC = Redevelopment Commission

VCC = Variety Children's Charity

ACCESSIBILITY AND UNIVERSAL DESIGN

The following notice is posted on the community bulletin boards on the upper and lower lobbies of City Hall and the lobby shared by the Human Rights and Personnel Departments. The notice is also posted on the Park Department's website at www.michigancityparks.com and on the City's website at http://www.emichigancity.com/pdf/Michigan_City-RD-NOTICE2012-11-18Public-Notice.pdf

NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In accordance with the requirements of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the City of Michigan City will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The City of Michigan City does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under title I of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The City of Michigan City will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the City of Michigan City's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The City of Michigan City will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the City of Michigan City offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the City of Michigan City should contact the office of the ADA Coordinator as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.

Charles G. "Spike" Peller, Jr., PE
City Engineer/ADA Coordinator
100 East Michigan Boulevard
Michigan City, Indiana 46360
T | (219) 873-1426 Ext. 333
F | (219) 873-1580
E | cpeller@michigancity.com

The ADA does not require the City of Michigan City to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the City of Michigan City is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed, in writing, to the ADA Coordinator.

The City of Michigan City will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

PURPOSE

In accordance with Section 35.107(b) of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the City of Michigan City (hereinafter referred to as "the City") has adopted this formal grievance procedure to address any grievances that allege the City is not in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. This procedure should be followed by anyone who seeks to file a grievance alleging disability discrimination by the City pertaining to City services, activities, programs, or benefits. This grievance procedure shall not apply to any claims under Title I of the ADA (employment-related complaints of disability discrimination).

PROCEDURES FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE

1. **Grievance Form/Americans with Disabilities Act:** A grievance shall be made in writing to the ADA Coordinator on a specified form, unless the claimant's disability prevents him or her from filing a written grievance, in which case alternative means of filing a grievance will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request (ie: personal interview, tape recording, etc.). The "*Grievance Form/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*" is attached hereto and incorporated herein as "*Exhibit A.*" The "*Grievance Form/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*" may be obtained online at the City's website at www.emichigancity.com or at the office of the ADA Coordinator, which is located at:

Contact: Charles G. Peller, Jr.
Address: 100 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City, Indiana 46360
Phone: (219) 873-1426 (ext. 333)
Email: cpeller@emichigancity.com

2. **Deadline for Filing Grievance:** A grievance should be filed with the ADA Coordinator as soon as possible, but no later than sixty (60) days after claimant becomes aware of the alleged violation.

3. **Investigation Process:** Within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving the grievance, the ADA Coordinator, or his/her designee, shall contact the claimant to discuss the grievance and possible resolutions. In the event the ADA Coordinator and the claimant cannot agree upon a satisfactory resolution of the matter, the ADA Coordinator shall issue a written response upon completion of the investigation, which shall include a response in a format accessible to the claimant (ie: print, large print, audio tape, etc.), if applicable.

Grievance Procedure-Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-adopted by resolution of Common Council on 2/7/2012

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The written response of the ADA Coordinator shall restate the grievance as received in writing. The report will state the section of the ADA with which the City is alleged not to be in compliance. The report will state the finding of the ADA Coordinator. If the ADA Coordinator finds the City is not in compliance with the provisions of ADA, the report will identify in the transition plan the schedule for compliance, or identify the process and schedule to be used by the City to obtain compliance.

If it is the opinion of the ADA Coordinator, or his/her designee, that compliance has been achieved and the complainant does not agree, or his/her designee does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant may appeal the decision within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the response to the Board of Public Works and Safety by timely filing a written "*Request for Review of Decision of ADA Coordinator*" in the Michigan City Clerk's Office. The "*Request for Review of Decision of ADA Coordinator*" form is attached hereto and incorporated herein as "*Exhibit B.*" In addition, the "*Request for Review of Decision of ADA Coordinator*" form may be obtained online at the City's website at www.emichigancity.com or at the office of the ADA Coordinator.

Upon receipt of the complainant's written "*Request for Review of Decision of ADA Coordinator*," the Clerk's Office shall place the matter on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled Board of Public Works and Safety meeting. The complainant may attend the meeting and may present any additional relevant information to the Board.

The Board of Public Works and Safety will review all relevant information, including but not limited to the decision of the ADA Coordinator, the "*Request for Review of Decision of ADA Coordinator*" filed by the complainant, and any additional information presented at the meeting. The Board of Public Works and Safety will render a decision on the matter within forty-five (45) calendar days and provide the complainant with a response in writing, and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, with a final resolution of the complaint.

4. **Retention of Records:** The ADA Coordinator and the Board of Public Works and Safety shall maintain files and records of all grievances filed under this grievance procedure for a period of at least five (5) years following the date of the resolution or determination of the grievance by the ADA Coordinator.

5. **Other Remedies:** The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the grievance filed under this Grievance Procedure shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of an ADA complaint with the responsible federal department or agency. Use of this grievance procedure is not a prerequisite to claimant's pursuit of other remedies.

Grievance Procedure-Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-adopted by resolution of Common Council on 2/7/2012

"EXHIBIT 1"

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GRIEVANCE FORM AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

Instructions: Please fill out this form completely in black ink or type. Sign and return to the address on the next page. Alternative means of filing a grievance complaint, such as a personal interview or audio recording, will be made available upon request to the ADA Coordinator, whose contact information is listed at the end of this form.

Complainant: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Email address: _____

Person Discriminated Against: _____
(if other than complainant)

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Email address: _____

City Department(s) you believe discriminated: _____

Where alleged discrimination took place: _____

When alleged discrimination took place (date/time): _____

Describe the acts of discrimination providing the name(s) where possible of the individuals who allegedly discriminated (if applicable) or facilities in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Attach additional pages if necessary.

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Has a complaint been filed with another bureau of the Department of Justice or any other federal, state, or local civil rights agency or court? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, with what agency or court? _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date Filed: _____

Do you intend to file with another agency or court? Yes _____ No _____

Agency or Court: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Additional Space for Answers, if necessary: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return to: Charles G. Peller, Jr., Engineer/ADA Coordinator
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REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF DECISION OF ADA COORDINATOR AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

Instructions: Please fill out this form completely in black ink or type. Sign and return to the address on the next page. Alternative means of filing a grievance complaint, such as a personal interview or audio recording, will be made available upon request to the Clerk's Office, whose contact information is listed at the end of this form.

Complainant: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Email address: _____

Date I received written response from ADA coordinator: _____

Reasons why I disagree with decision of ADA coordinator: _____

How I believe compliance can be achieved and this matter resolved:

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Additional Space for Answers, if necessary: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return to: Michigan City Clerk's Office
100 E. Michigan Boulevard
Michigan City, Indiana 46360
Attn: Gale Neulieb
galen@emichigancity.com
(219) 873-1410 (telephone)

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In 2003 the Michigan City Park Department received two beach wheelchairs through a grant from Michiana Resources. At that time we began loaning the chairs to park patrons, free of charge, so they could access the beach. In 2012, one chair was taken out of service because it could not be repaired and was deemed unsafe. We now operate the program with only one chair. On many occasions, especially on weekends during the busy summer months and during special events, we receive several requests to use a beach wheelchair. We can only honor one request with our current inventory. In 2016 we received a Unity Foundation grant to add one more beach wheelchairs to our inventory to increase our service to the public by allowing physically challenged individuals to experience the same access to the beach and lakefront that the rest of us enjoy.



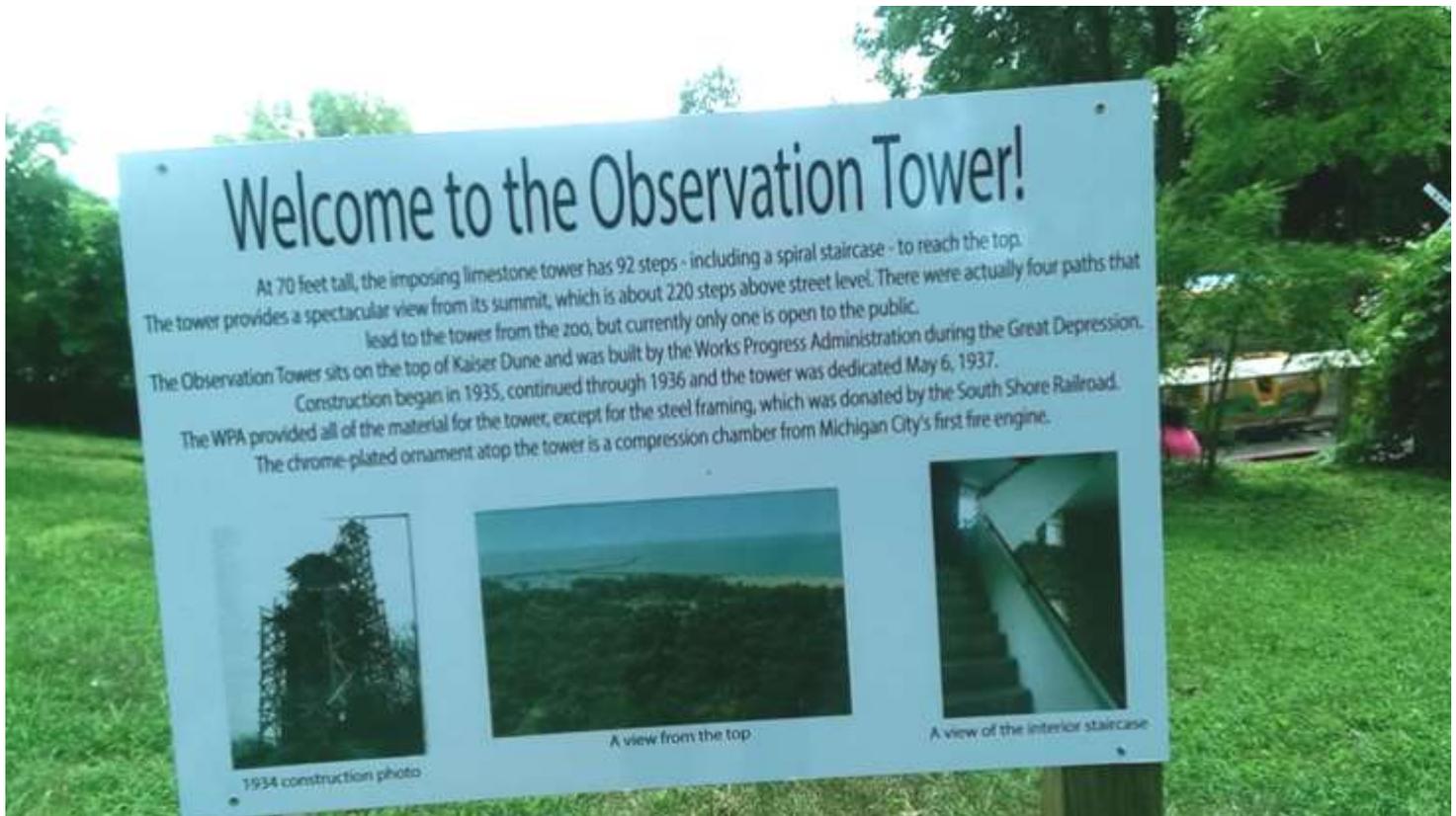
Beachwalk is a boardwalk structure located at Stop 7 in Sheridan Beach between Lake Shore Drive and the beach. The wooden structure is 485' long and 8' wide. There are two ADA parking spaces on Lake Shore Drive adjacent to the boardwalk. ACTION ITEM: additional boardwalks in Washington Park are being planned in the 2016 WPMP. Boardwalks should have a "T" shaped walk at the end to park electric scooters, strollers, permitted golf carts, etc.

Michigan City was extremely proud to install the first ADA accessible kayak/canoe launch in the State of Indiana on Trail Creek at Hansen Park. This project also included construction of an ADA route and ADA parking lots connected to the new launch. The launch was dedicated as the Lori Kovitz Memorial Launch on Saturday, September 26, 2016. The Park Department has shared grant and project information with other communities and six new ADA kayak/canoe launches have been installed in Northwest Indiana, furthering our region's goal of providing access to everyone.



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ADA access is particularly challenging at the Washington Park Zoo. The zoo was constructed on a sand dune and many of the pathways have steep staircases. The 180' tall observation tower was constructed by the Work Progress Administration in 1936. The only access to the tower is through the Washington Park Zoo. There are 220 steps that lead to the top level of the 70' tower. Because access to the tower base is limited by stairs and access to the interior of the tower is also limited by steps and a spiral staircase, the zoo staff erected a sign showing visitors with mobility issues what the interior of the tower looks like. The sign also shows the beautiful view of the lakefront from the tower's top level.



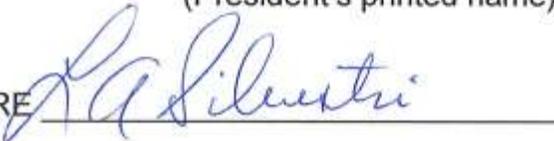
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**ASSURANCE OF ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE WITH:
ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT of 1968 (As Amended);
SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 (As Amended);
AND TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990
(As Amended)**

The Michigan City Park Board (Applicant) has read the guidelines for compliance with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (As Amended); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (As Amended); and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (As Amended) and will comply with the applicable requirements of these Acts.

SIGNATURE 
APPLICANT PRESIDENT

Chris Chatfield, Park Board President
(President's printed name)

SIGNATURE 

Larry Silvestri, Park Board Secretary
(Secretary's printed name)

DATE 

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Michigan City Park Board and staff invested countless hours into the development of the Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department 2017—2021 Five Year Master Plan. We feel it represents a comprehensive and thorough planning document. Extensive efforts were made to gain input from stakeholders and the public.

During the planning process for the 2012-2016 Master Plan, only 194 surveys were returned, less than 1% of our total population. Paper surveys and survey flyers were distributed to over 130 businesses, associations, organizations and clubs and we still received very little input.

We recognize the importance of public input, so we incorporated several new methods including individual stakeholder interviews, online surveys on our website and on Facebook . We added QR codes to our widely distributed flyers, giving smartphone users instant access to the survey.

Public Meetings and Input Sessions

- 10/19/16—The results of the public surveys and stakeholder meetings were presented to the Park Board and public. Public Input Session No. 1 was held, but no public comment was received. At the same meeting notice was given of the availability to review the draft plan on our website and in our office.
- 11/02/16—The draft plan was presented in a PowerPoint presentation at the Park Board’s public meeting. Public Input Session No. 2 was held. Donovan Garletts commented Canada Park is underutilized. He lives in that neighborhood and rarely sees anyone in the park. Mr. Garletts would like the Park Board to consider turning the park into a no-leash dog park. Mr. Garletts estimates the price of fencing to be around \$15,000.00. Mr. Garletts stated he would volunteer his time to paint the wall and remove the backstop fencing. This would be a great amenity on the north side of the city for a small investment. Mr. Garletts’ comments were added to the plan.
- 11/03/16-12/07/16—The draft plan was available on our website and in our office for review and comment. No public comments were received.
- 11/22/16 - The 3rd and final public input session was held at the Park Board’s public meeting. One comment was received regarding the donation of Mott’s Woods to the Shirley Heinz Land Trust. The comment was added to the plan.
- 12/07/16—The Park Board approved the submission of the final draft plan to the Department of Natural Resources. No public comments were received at this meeting.
- 12/08/16 Master Plan Draft submitted to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- 01/18/17 Presentation of the Final Master Plan at public Park Board meeting
- 01/18/17 Final Master Plan adopted by Park Board Resolution No. 852

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Stakeholder Meetings

ORGANIZATION	CONTACT	DATE
LaPorte County CVB	Jack Arnett	9/12/2016
Washington Park Zoo Society	Johnny Stimley	9/12/2016
Trail Creek Watershed Committee	Nicole Messacar	9/12/2016
Michigan City Port Authority	Tim Frame	9/12/2016
Michigan City Area Schools	Dr. Eason-Watkins	9/12/2016
Michigan City Economic Development	Clarence Hulse	9/12/2016
Mayor	Ron Meer	9/12/2016
Fire Chief	Randy Novak	9/13/2016
City Council President	Tim Bietry	9/13/2016
Police Chief	Mark Swistek	9/13/2016
City Planner	Craig Phillips	9/13/2016
Senior Center Advisory Committee	Brownie Robb	9/13/2016
MC Redevelopment Commission	Don Babcock	9/13/2016

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Stakeholder Meeting Responses

1. *As a representative of your organization, what do you believe are the priorities for the Michigan City Park Department over the next 5 years?*

36 comments were received:

- 44% Facilities - improvement existing facilities and safety
- 14% Funding - secure funding outside of the city's operating budget
- 11% Trails - trails are a high priority
- 11% Programming - expand programming to include environmental education and programs in Washington Park and neighborhood parks
- 6% Partnerships - develop more partnerships to increase programming
- 6% Communication - improve communication with way finding signs and park maps listing individual park features
- 3% Patriot Park - finish Patriot Park
- 3% Events - new events in Washington Park
- 3% Dogs - develop dog friendly facilities

2. *What opportunities or needs are there for improvements to the Park Department's existing parks, open space and trails?*

25 comments were received:

- 44% Facilities - improve existing facilities including kayak amenities along Trail Creek and ADA upgrades to parks
- 36% Trails - trail development is a top priority, including fitness trails
- 8% Communication - improve communication with signage and maps
- 4% Programming - need additional staff to provide programming
- 4% Funding - need increased funding to implement plans
- 4% Dogs - there is a need for dog friendly facilities

3. *What opportunities or needs are there for improvements to the Park Department's existing recreational facilities?*

10 comments were received:

- 70% Facilities - improve existing facilities, add deck behind senior center to increase rental revenue, new restroom in Fedder's Alley, upgrades to North Pointe Pavilion for year round use
- 10% Trails - trails are a top priority, connecting Washington Park to the downtown area
- 10% Dogs - need dog friendly facilities
- 10% Patriot Park - give Patriot Park to the county

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Stakeholder Meetings Responses

4. *What opportunities or needs are there for improvements to the Park Department's existing programming?*

13 comments were received:

- 38% Programming - increase programming, bring back neighborhood playground program, hockey, nature based programs, use of Memorial Hall for clubs and programs
- 23% Safety - beach and pier safety training should be part of Michigan City Area Schools curriculum
- 15% Funding - need funding for a Recreation Director and programming staff
- 15% Facilities - need indoor facility for recreation and programs
- 8% Communication - improve marketing for programs and events

5. *Do you think new parks, amenities or facilities are needed? Where and what type?*

23 comments were received:

- 66% Facilities - need winter activities, playground near the beach, observation deck on top of amphitheater garage, upgrade maintenance building, all new facilities need to be high quality, need additional parking for major events in Washington Park, kayak rentals on Trail Creek, zip line attraction
- 13% Trails - construct new trails
- 13% Events - city should have events and programs 250 days per year, need new community events
- 4% Image - all places should create powerful memories
- 4% Dogs - need dog friendly facilities

6. *Are there areas of the community underserved by a lack of parks, trails or facilities?*

4 comments were received:

- 50% Facilities - elderly and handicapped need accessibility to the beach with benches, boardwalks and observation decks. Ward 2 does not have a neighborhood park, open Marsh School to the public to serve Ward 2.
- 25% Programs - need a playground program at neighborhood parks
- 25% Barriers - add bus service to parks for those without transportation

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Stakeholder Meetings Responses

7. *Can you think of any strategic issues facing the Park Department in the next five years that we should be thinking about?*

15 comments were received:

- 40% Funding - funding for replacements, upgrades and personnel, seek corporate donors, investigate public/private partnerships, ask city to increase budget for eliminated positions
- 20% Facilities - add a free sunset drive in Washington Park
- 20% Programming - partner with medical community for health and wellness programs, lack of staff for large events, need a Recreation Director. Consider the impact of the city's revitalization and provide programming and events for Millennials who will be relocating here.
- 13% Patriot Park - finish the park, annex the park
- 7% Fees - eliminate parking fees in Washington Park, charge for other amenities

8. *Any ideas how the Park Department can strengthen or build new partnerships?*

10 comments were received:

- 50% Partnerships - good relationship with school system (previous barriers have been removed), partner with local fishermen and farmers for zoo food, strengthen partnership with LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau, we are already maximizing partnerships
- 20% Funding - create a park foundation managed by the Park Department, not the city
- 20% Image - ring your own bell through media releases, take credit for the good things you are doing
- 10% Programming - use Student Conservation Association and National Park Service to implement projects and programs.

9. *How would you assess the Park Department's efforts in communicating with its residents? Any ideas for improvement?*

14 comments were received:

- Communication – more Facebook posts, regular interviews with local media, update website, write a blog, use Yelp for reviews, host gatherings in neighborhood parks, annual publication of programs and events
- Funding - need better city support of the zoo

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Stakeholder Responses

10. How would you assess the Park Department's image?

20 comments were received:

- 85% Image - importance of the park department is under recognized by residents and city officials, improve your image by educating stakeholders on the return on investment from tourism from your facilities and attractions, historical structures need maintenance
- 5% Programing - need more programming to bring positive attention to your department, you do a lot with few resources, great execution of projects, you portray a practical, get it done philosophy, park administration and Park Board seem disconnected, overall good image
- 5% Communication - public isn't aware of everything you do, parks, events, programs, maintenance, Projects

11. Do you have any ideas for funding maintenance of existing facilities or construction of new facilities?

11 comments were received:

- 55% Funding - create a park foundation, bonds, capture revenue in non-reverting funds for maintenance, hire a city grant writer, increase operating budget
- 27% Facilities - keep improving the zoo and add zip lines and ropes courses for additional revenue, find money to improve maintenance facility
- 10% Partnerships - partner with Michigan City Seniors, Inc. to write grants that benefit the Senior Center

12. Do you have any ideas for new revenue streams?

7 comments were received:

- 100% Revenue - add zip line, ropes course, increase Washington Park daily parking fee to \$10, liquor permit at the zoo, host fundraising events, field rentals, Frisbee golf,

13. Any additional comments?

8 comments were received:

- 100% Comments - address park safety and community policing, allow leashed dogs on walking trails, pay stations and online parking reservations for Washington Park, improve image of North Pointe Pavilion (what is it?), need indoor space for recreation, host educational programs at Old Light house Museum

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Stakeholder Meetings Summary

# Responses	% Responses	Category	Comment Summary
70	36%	facilities	Continue to improve existing facilities, continue with ADA & safety improvements to parks, maximize Trail Creek, add winter activities, add ropes course & zip line, finish Patriot Park
33	17%	funding	Secure funding outside of city operating budget, increase operating budget to replace eliminated positions & add programming
21	11%	image	Create powerful memories, educate the public on return on investment of local tourism, connect with local business, add programming to add positive presence in the community
21	11%	programming	Need environmental and cultural youth education, bring back the neighborhood playground program, need water safety programs, indoor facility for hockey, soccer, etc.
20	10%	communication	Improve website, wayfinding signs, park maps listing park features, improve marketing for programs and events, regular interviews with local media, take credit for the positive things you are doing through press releases
17	9%	trails	Trail connections to Blue Chip, Washington Park and neighborhood parks is very important, quality of life asset, fitness trails should be constructed, connect to beach boardwalks, construct
8	4%	partnership	Partnership opportunities include Michigan City Area Schools, Michigan City Seniors, Inc., Indiana DNR, Michigan City Rotary Club, LaPorte County Convention and Visitor Bureau, local farmers and fishermen for zoo food, partnerships are already being maximized
4	2%	dog	Need dog friendly facilities like trails, a dog park and an off-leash beach area
3	2%	events	Add new events to Washington Park, add community service days, sand castle contest, add traffic counters during Festival of Holiday Lights to see how many visitors ride through Washington Park
1	1%	barriers	There is a lack of transportation to most of our parks, revise the City's bus route

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Press Releases

Issued to our local newspaper and radio stations.



PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

Public Input Sought for Park Department's 5-Year Master Plan

Michigan City, IN (_____)—The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department is currently writing our 5-year Master Plan (2017-2021). Public input is vital to the planning process; we need to know the wants and needs of the community to be able to successfully plan for the future development of parks and programming. The 1st public input session for the 2017-2021 Master Plan will be held in conjunction with the October 5, 2016 Park Board meeting at 5 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 100 E. Michigan Blvd. A survey is available on our website at www.michigancityparks.com. Surveys can also be picked up at the Park Office, City Clerk's Office, Mayor's Office, The Michigan City Senior Center, The Michigan City Public Library, The Michigan City Golf Course, The Washington Park Zoo, and the LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Ideally, the head of household representing your family's opinions should complete and return the surveys. Surveys are due by September 30, 2016.

Please return completed surveys to:
Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department
100 E. Michigan Blvd., Suite 2
Michigan City, IN 46360
Or via fax at (219) 873-1540
Or via email at season@emichigancity.com

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Flyers

We added QR codes to the flyer so smart phone users could instantly access the survey.

The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department is

**SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT
For our 5-year Master Plan
(2017-2021)**

MICHIGAN CITY PARKS & RECREATION

**SURVEYS MUST
BE RETURNED TO
THE PARK
OFFICE NO
LATER THAN
SEPTEMBER 30,
2016 TO BE
INCLUDED IN
THE PLANNING
PROCESS**

Public input sessions will be held in conjunction with Park Board meetings at 5 p.m. on October 5th and 19th and November 2nd at City Hall.

**SURVEYS ARE AVAILABLE ON
OUR WEBSITE AT
www.michigancityparks.com**

Michigan City Parks and
Recreation Departmen
100 E.. Michigan Blvd/Suite 2

Surveys are also located at the Park Office, The Michigan City Senior Center, The Washington Park Zoo, The Michigan City Golf Course, The Michigan City Public Library, LaPorte County Convention and Visitors' Bureau, and Mayor Meer's office in City Hall.

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August 16, 2016

The Michigan City Park Department is currently working on our park system 5-year Master Plan (2017-2021).

Public input is vital to our planning process. Could you help us receive a diverse and meaningful sample of Michigan City residents by posting the attached flyer, distributing paper copies for those without access to the Internet and advertising in your newsletter?

The deadline for returning surveys is September 30, 2016.

Any assistance you can provide to make sure everyone's voice is heard, will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Shannon Eason
Assistant Park Superintendent

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Targeted Surveys

Survey quantities listed as electronic on the table below were emailed. The organization was asked to distribute them widely. We don't have an actual quantity that was distributed. Paper surveys were mailed to the organizations below where quantities are listed.

ORGANIZATION	CATEGORY	QUANTITY
Chamber of Commerce	BUSINESS	electronic
Unity Foundation	CHARITY	electronic
DAV #23	CIVIC	10
Elks Lodge	CIVIC	10
Lions Club	CIVIC	10
League of Women Voters	CIVIC	electronic
Michigan City Public Library	COMMUNITY	25
Michigan City Port Authority	COMMUNITY	25
Park Office	COMMUNITY	25
NIPSCO Community Advisory Panel	COMMUNITY	25
City Clerk's Office	COMMUNITY	50
Senior Center front desk	COMMUNITY	50
LaPorte County CVB	COMMUNITY	100
City Council Members	COMMUNITY	electronic
All City email blast	COMMUNITY	electronic
Michiana Resources Inc.	HANDICAP	10
Golf Course South	LEISURE	25
Golf Course North	LEISURE	25
Oasis Splash Park	LEISURE	30
Washington Park Zoo	LEISURE	50
EVP Tour Volleyball	LEISURE	electronic
Discover Michigan City Facebook	MEDIA	electronic
Michigan City Positive News Facebook	MEDIA	electronic
News Dispatch	MEDIA	electronic
City by the Lake Facebook	MEDIA	electronic
The Beacher	MEDIA	electronic
WEFM	MEDIA	electronic
Facebook	MEDIA	electronic
Best of LaPorte County Life	MEDIA	electronic
LaPorte County Life website	MEDIA	electronic
Sheridan Beach Homeowners Association	NEIGHBORHOOD	25
Dunescape	NEIGHBORHOOD	electronic
Mainstreet Association Facebook	NEIGHBORHOOD	electronic
Questers Chapter #139	NON-PROFIT	electronic
Save The Dunes Council	NON-PROFIT	electronic
Zoo News Letter	NON-PROFIT	electronic
Michigan City Soccer Club	PROGRAMS	electronic
Piranhas Swim Club	PROGRAMS	electronic

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Paper Survey Pick Up Locations

Available beginning March 1, 2016 at the following locations:

- ◆ LaPorte County Convention and Visitor Bureau
- ◆ On our website at www.michigancityparks.com
- ◆ Park Office
- ◆ Mayor Meer's Office
- ◆ Michigan City Clerk's Office
- ◆ Michigan City Golf Course
- ◆ Michigan City Public Library
- ◆ Michigan City Senior Center
- ◆ Washington Park Zoo

Online Surveys

Available beginning March 1, 2016 on our website www.michigancityparks.com and our Facebook Page

Number of Surveys Returned 495

There were a total of 50 paper surveys returned.

There were a total of 445 surveys filled out online.

Future Surveys

Consider a shorter survey to increase response rates. Offer a secondary survey with more detail if citizens want to participate in depth.



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SURVEY RESULTS

MICHIGAN CITY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SURVEY

The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department is seeking public input for our 2017-2021 park system master plan. This survey was specifically created to gather information from residents and park patrons to learn more about their recreational interests and to provide an opportunity to express opinions concerning the programs, activities and quality of parks within the City. Surveys will be received until 09/30/16. For additional information, call the Park Office at 219-873-1506.

Please return survey by SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 to:

Michigan City Park Department, 100 E. Michigan Blvd., Suite 2, Michigan City, IN 46360

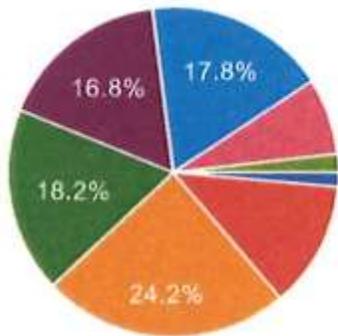
By fax to 21-873-1540

By email to season@emichigancity.com

1. Today's Date: Surveys available March 1 through September 30, 2017

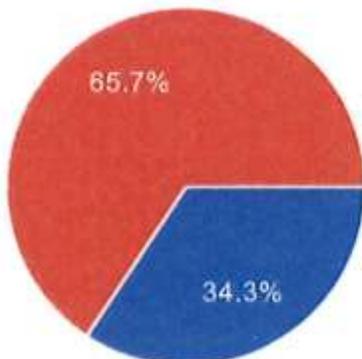
DEMOGRAPHICS

2. Please select your age range, mark only one box.



15-19	7	1.4%
20-29	61	12.3%
30-39	120	24.2%
40-49	90	18.2%
50-59	83	16.8%
60-69	88	17.8%
70-79	37	7.5%
80 and over	9	1.8%

3. Please select your gender, mark only one box.

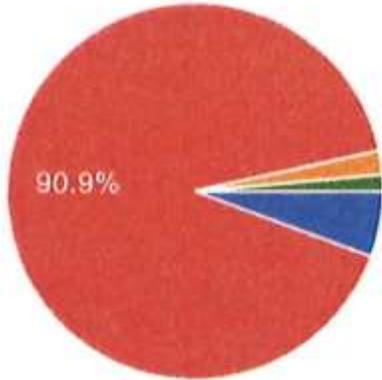


Male	170	34.3%
Female	325	65.7%

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

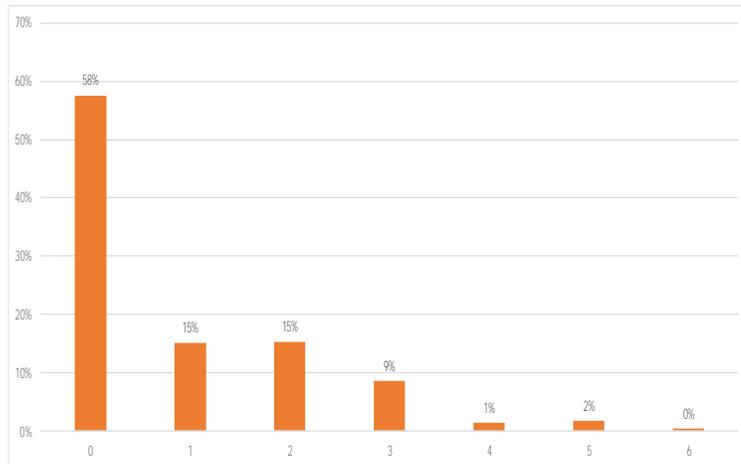
SURVEY RESULTS

0	58%	
1	15%	DEMOGRAPHICS
2	15%	
3	9%	4. Please select your ethnicity, mark only one box.
4	1%	
5	2%	
6	0%	



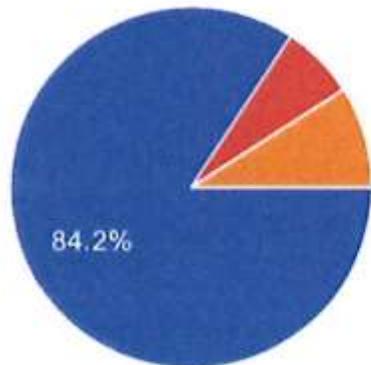
African-American	28	5.7%
Caucasian/White	450	90.9%
Hispanic/Latino	10	2%
Other	7	1.4%

5. How many children under 18 years old live in your home?



# Children	Percentage
0	58%
1	15%
2	15%
3	9%
4	1%
5	2%
6	0%

6. Please select your residential status, mark only one box.



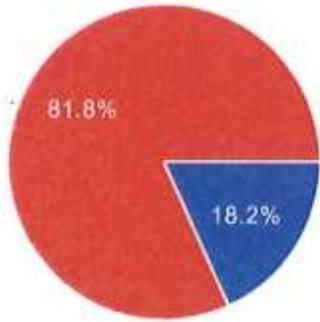
Permanent Resident	417	84.2%
Seasonal Resident	33	6.7%
Non-Resident	45	9.1%

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

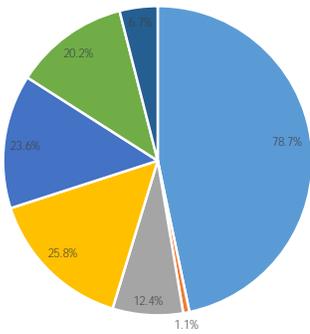
DEMOGRAPHICS

7. Do you or any of your immediate family members have any type of disability that prevents you/them from participating in recreational activities?



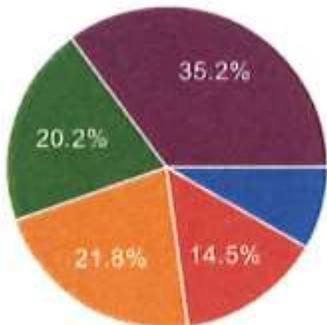
Yes	90	18.2%
No	405	81.8%

8. If yes to previous question, what type of disability do you/they have? Select all that apply.



Walking	70	78.7%
Seeing	1	1.1%
Hearing	11	12.4%
Breathing	23	25.8%
Lifting	21	23.6%
Bending	18	20.2%
Other	6	6.7%

9. To help ensure we have received surveys from an economically diverse group, please indicate the approximate TOTAL gross income of your household. Mark only one box.



Under \$20,000	41	8.3%
\$20,001 to \$39,999	72	14.5%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	108	21.8%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	100	20.2%
\$80,000 and up	174	35.2%

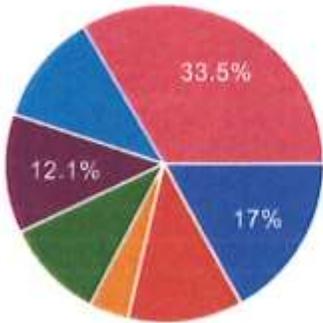
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

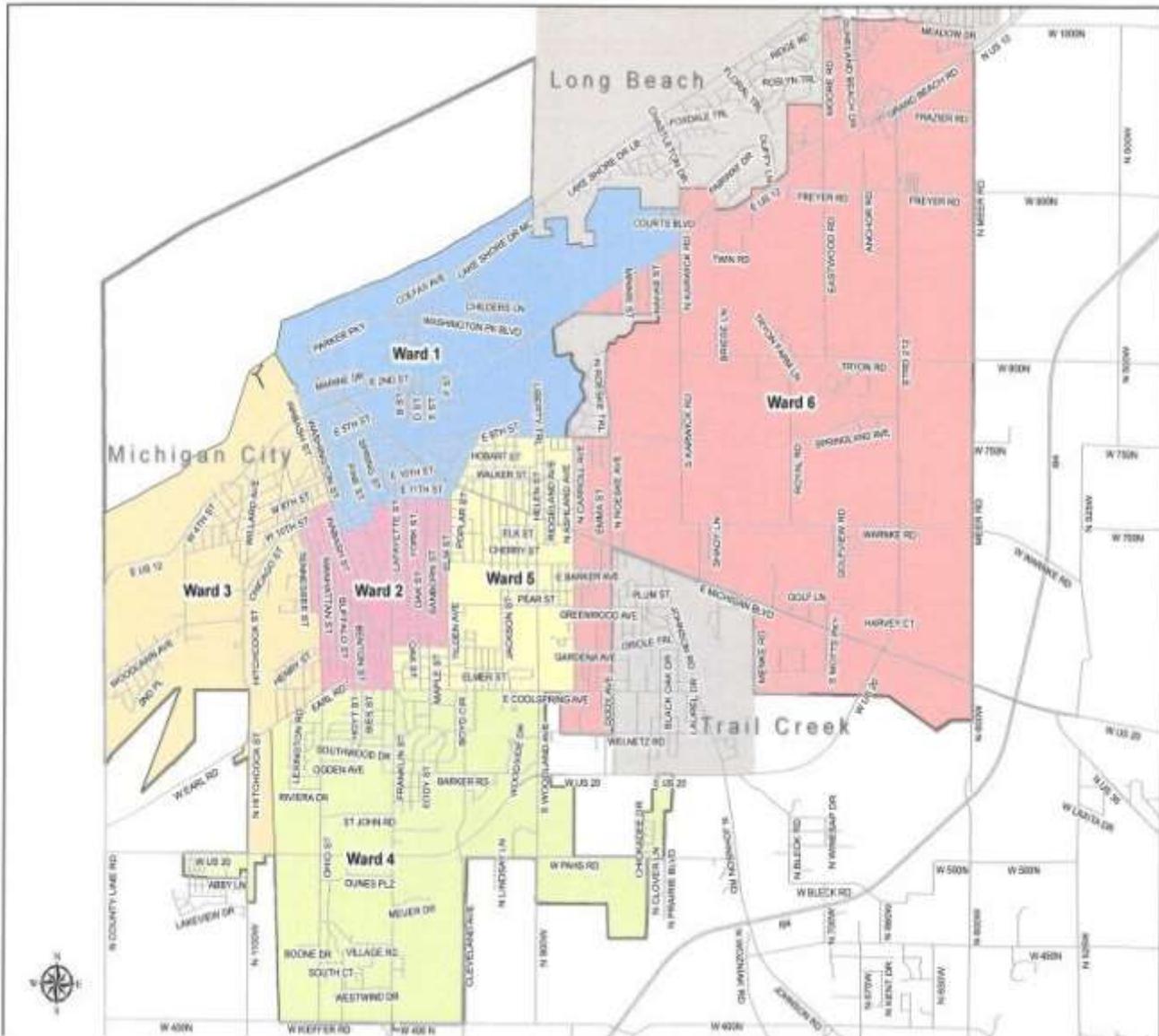
SURVEY RESULTS

DEMOGRAPHICS

7. What ward do you live in?



Ward 1	83	17%
Ward 2	57	11.7%
Ward 3	20	4.1%
Ward 4	50	10.2%
Ward 5	59	12.1%
Ward 6	56	11.5%
Not in Michigan City	164	33.5%



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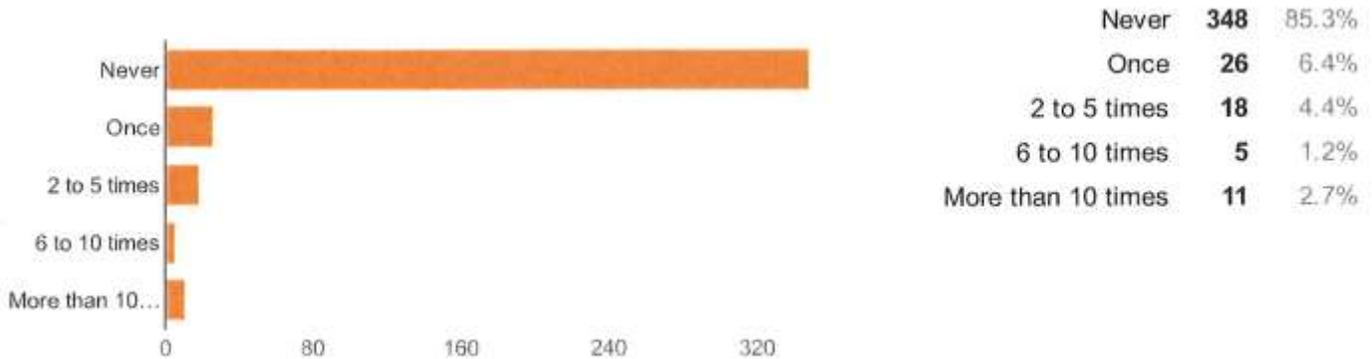
SURVEY RESULTS

FACILITY USE

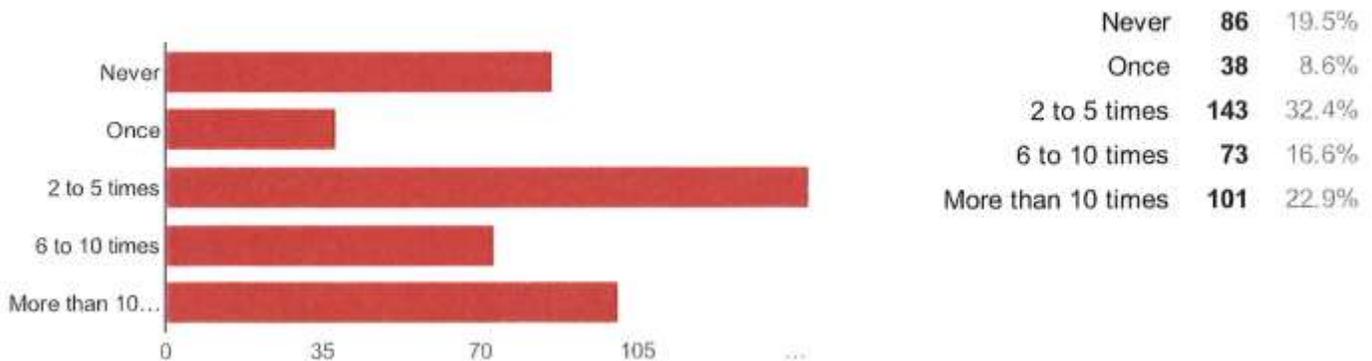
Please indicate by checking the appropriate box how many times in the LAST 12 MONTHS you and/or a family member utilized the following facilities.

11. Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities. Mark only one box per row.

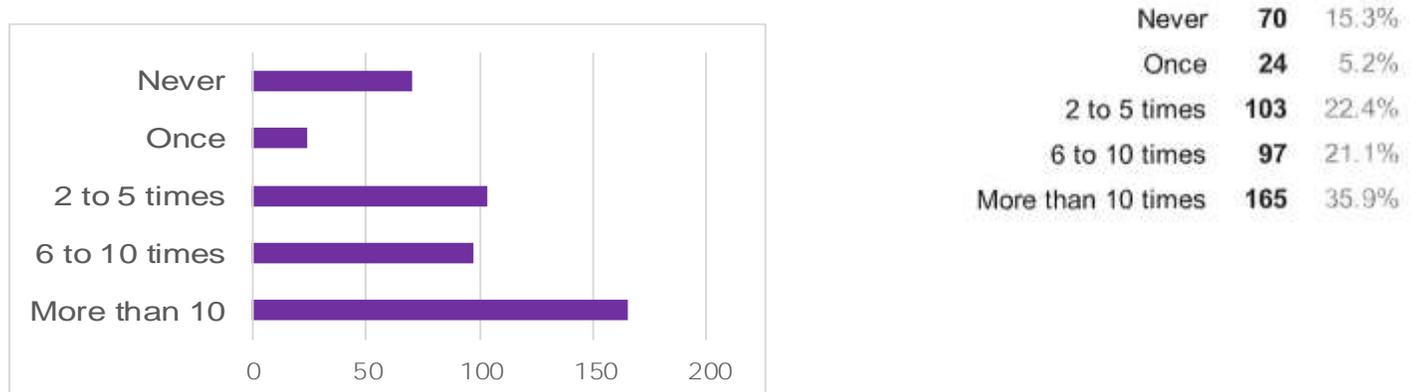
Adams Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



Beach - Lifeguard Area [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



Beach - Outside Lifeguard Area [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



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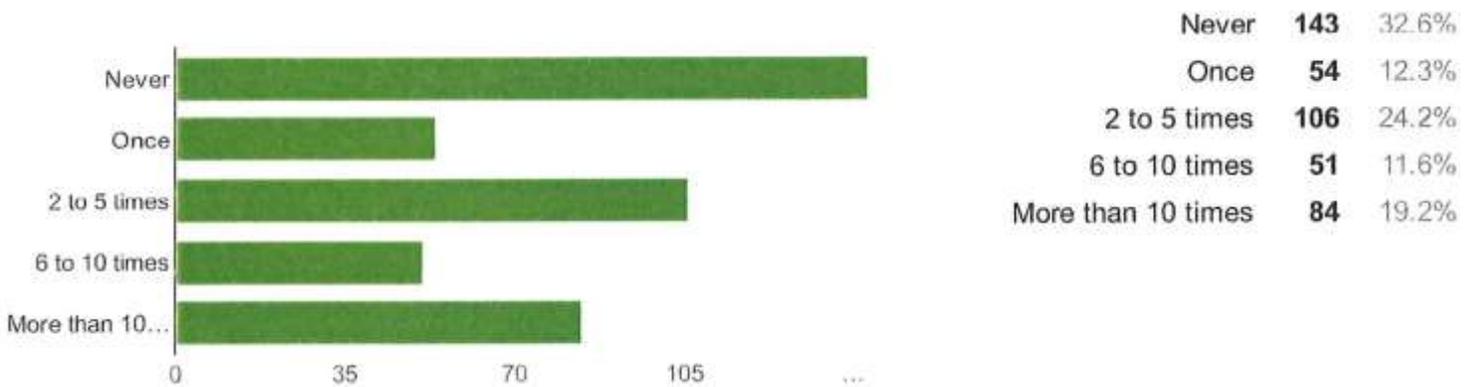
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FACILITY USE

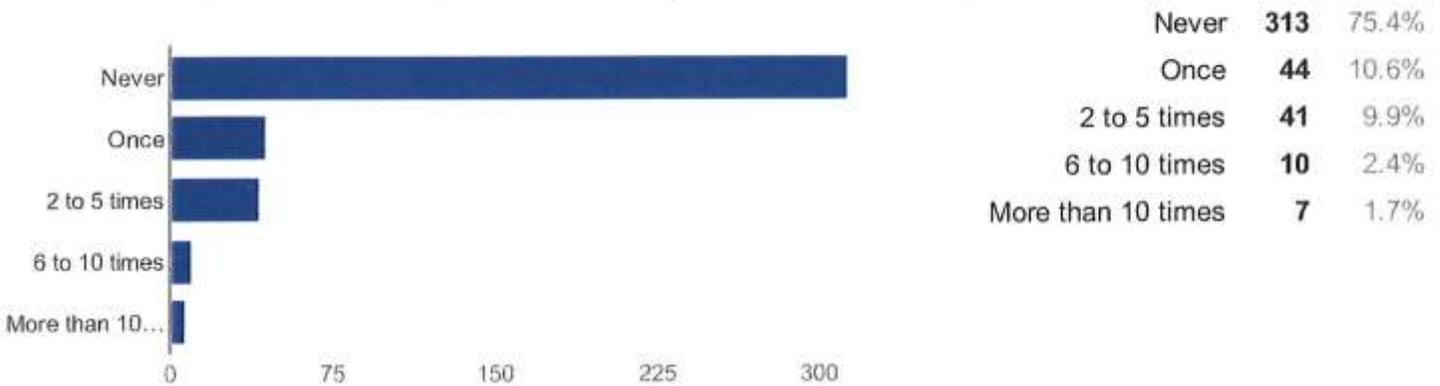
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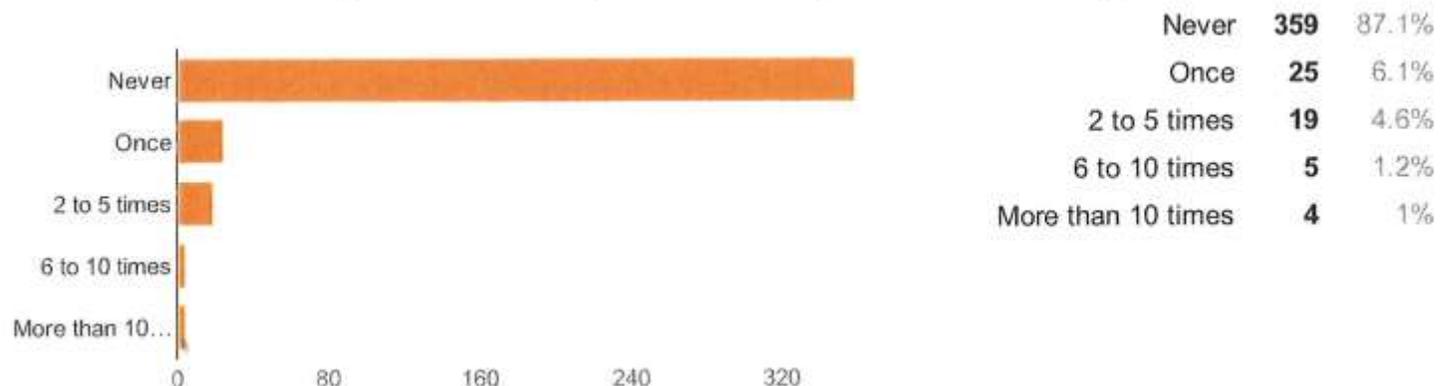
Beachwalk (Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.)



Canada Park (Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.)



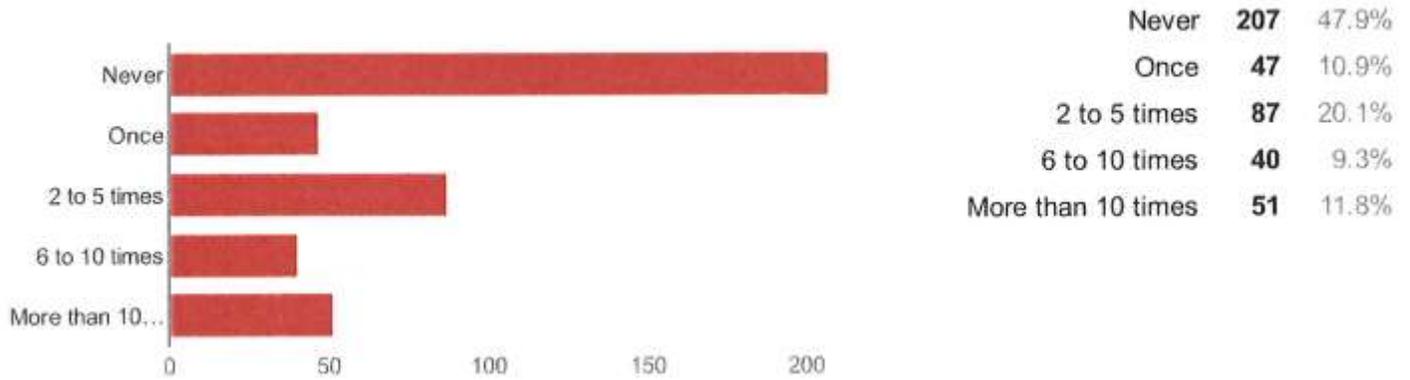
Charles Westcott Park (Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.)



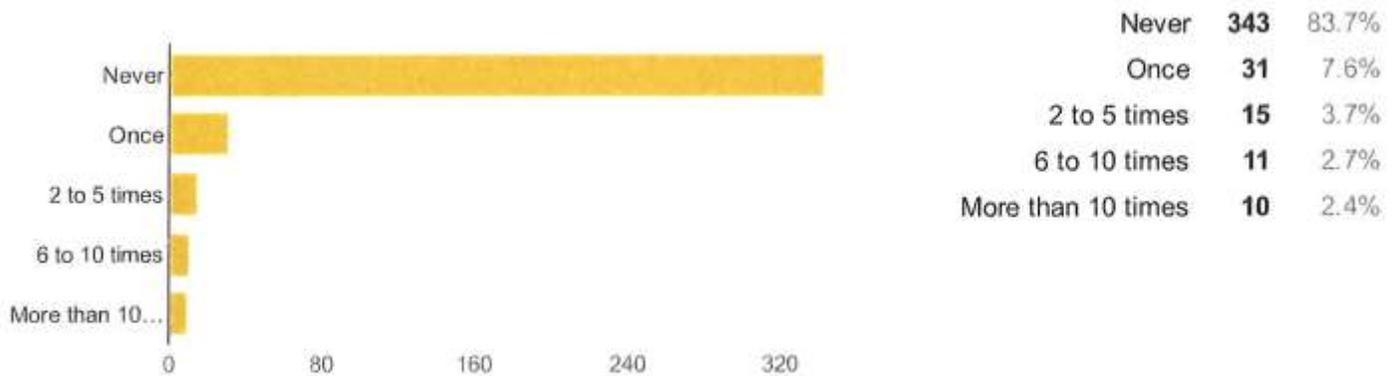
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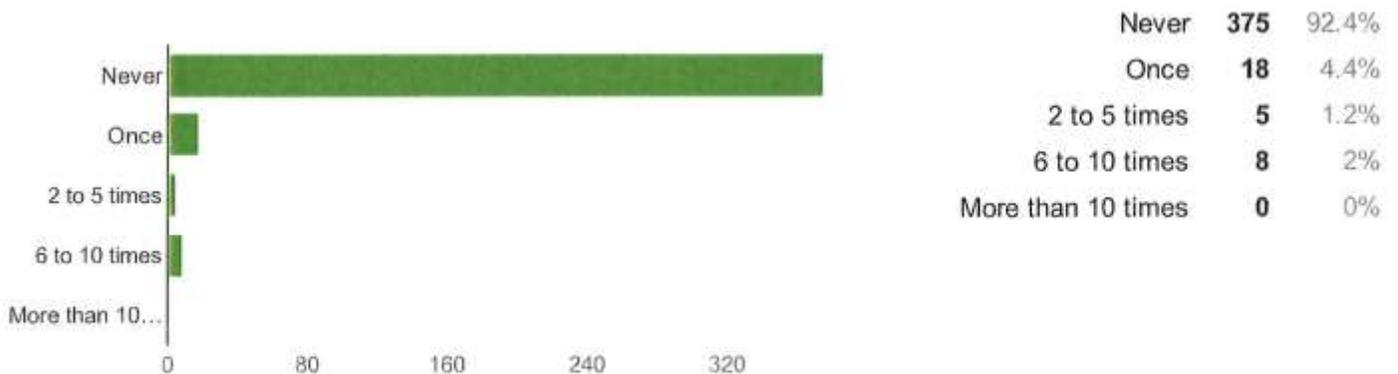
Gardena Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



Hansen Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



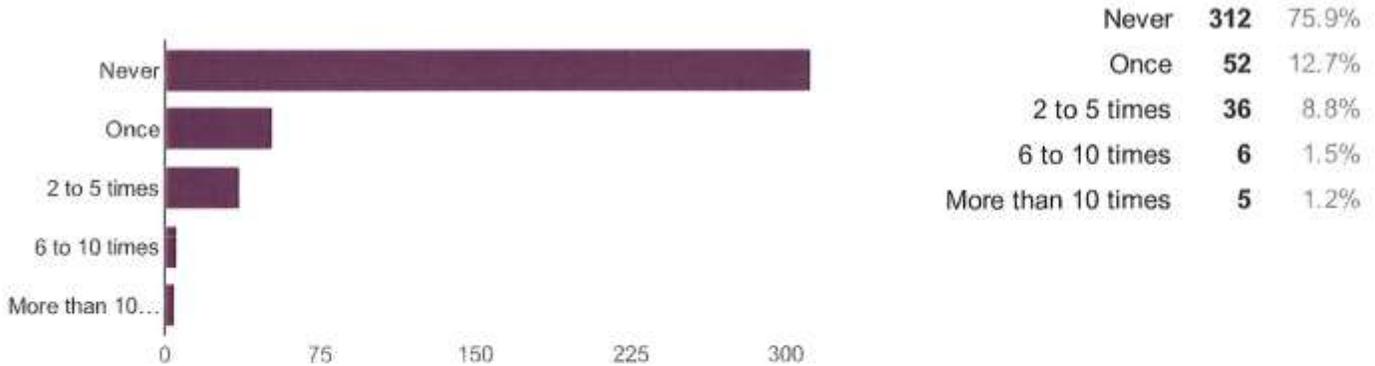
Joe Hawkins Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



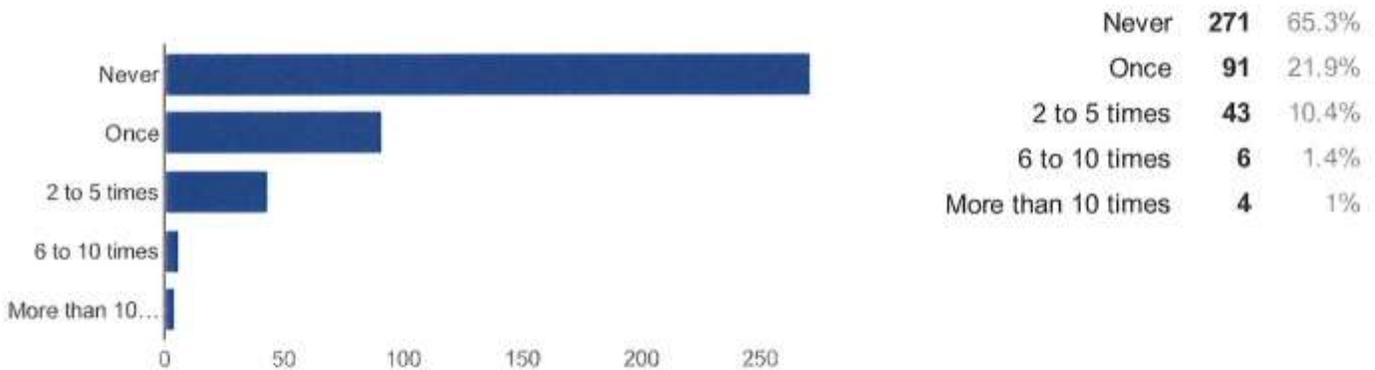
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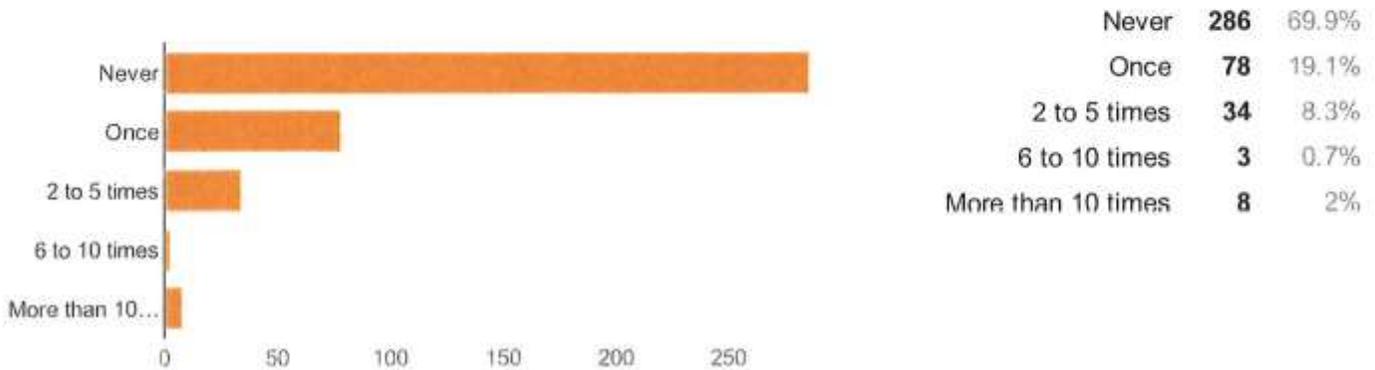
Karwick Nature Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



Krueger Memorial Hall Rental [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



Krueger Memorial Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



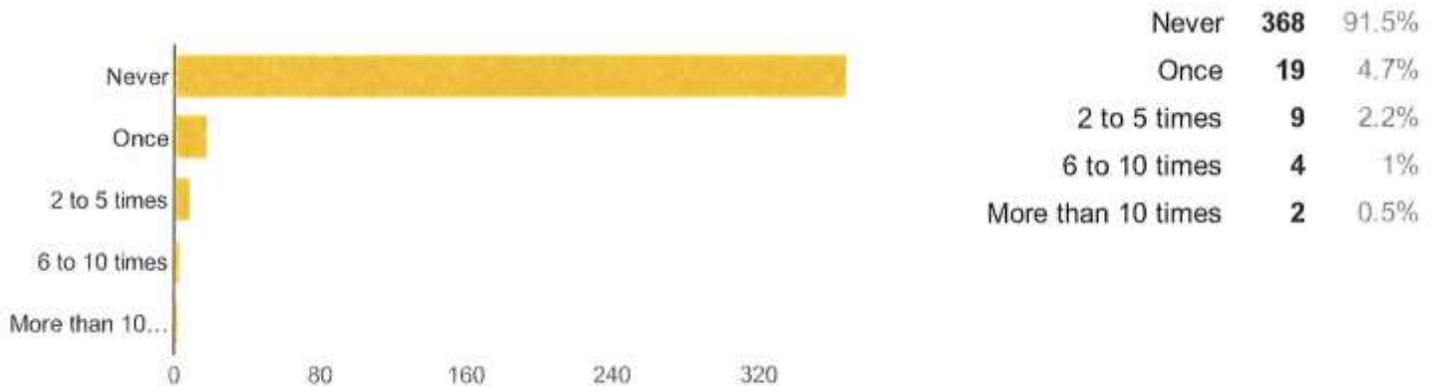
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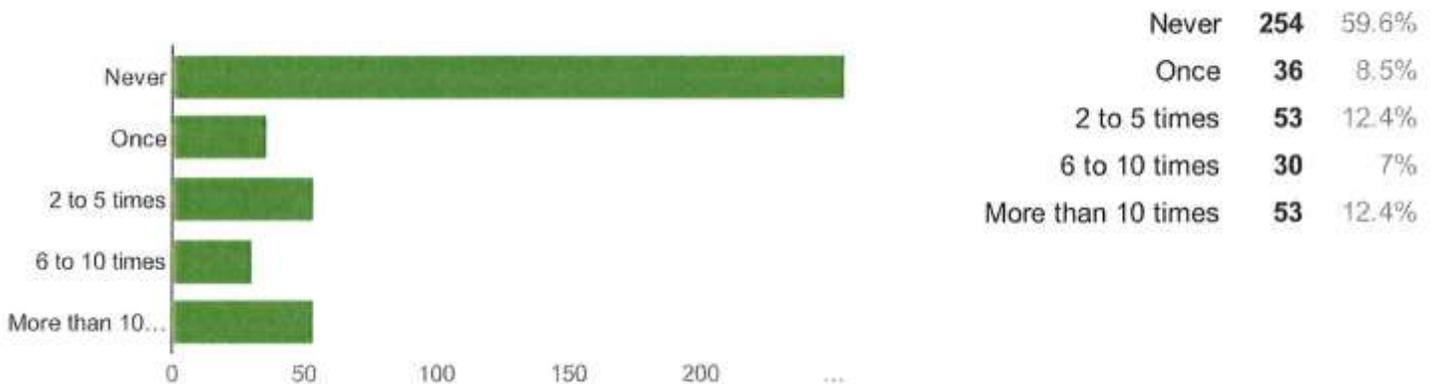
Millennium Plaza [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



Motts Woods (Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.)



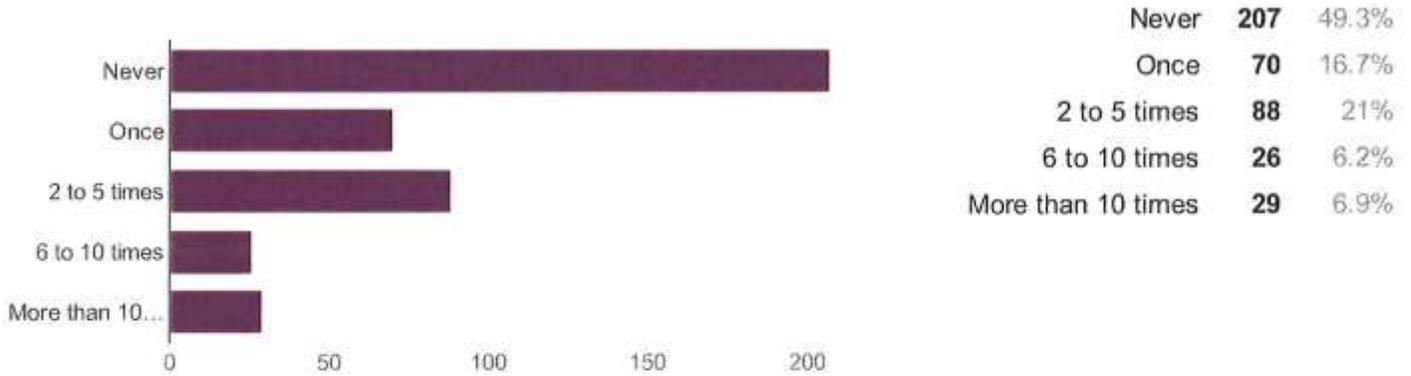
Municipal Golf Courses [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



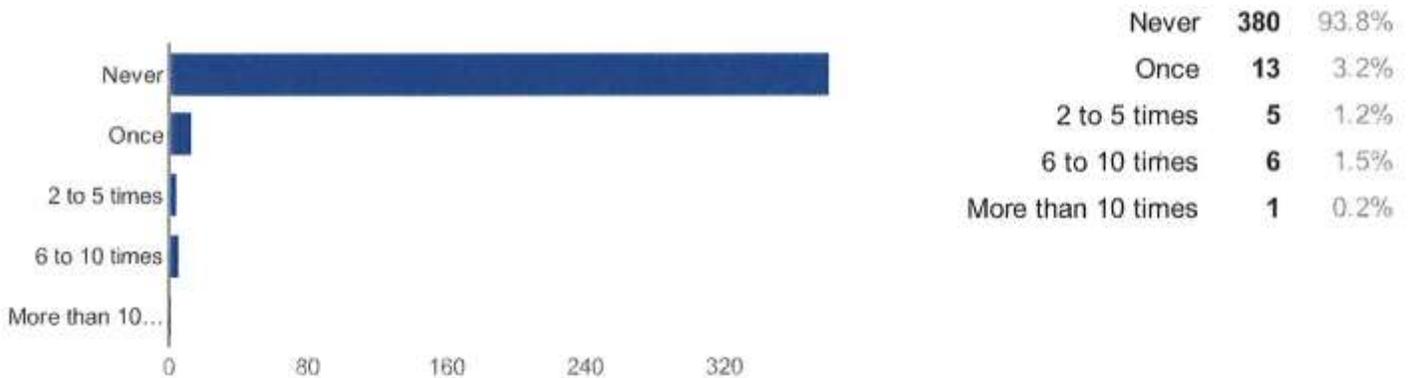
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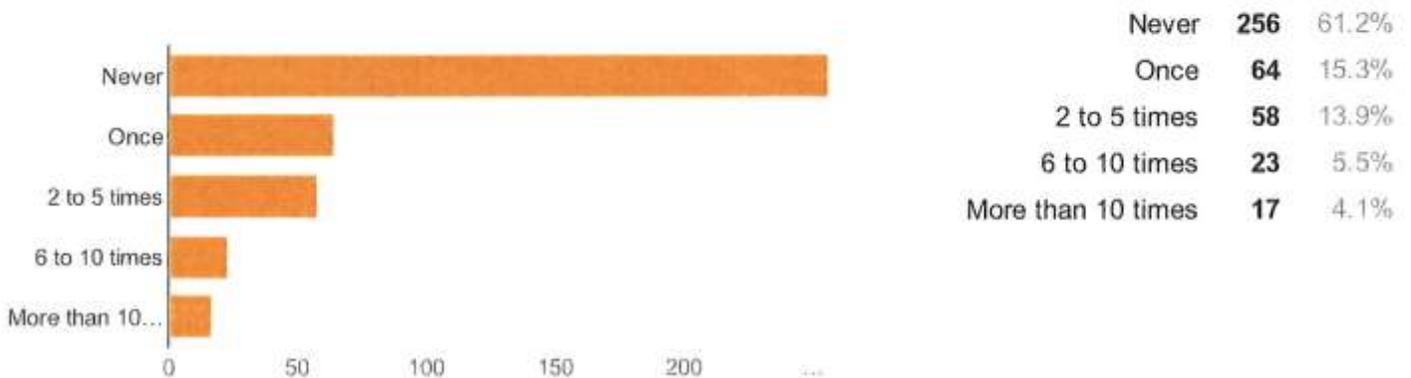
North Pointe Pavilion in Wash Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



Oak Hills Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



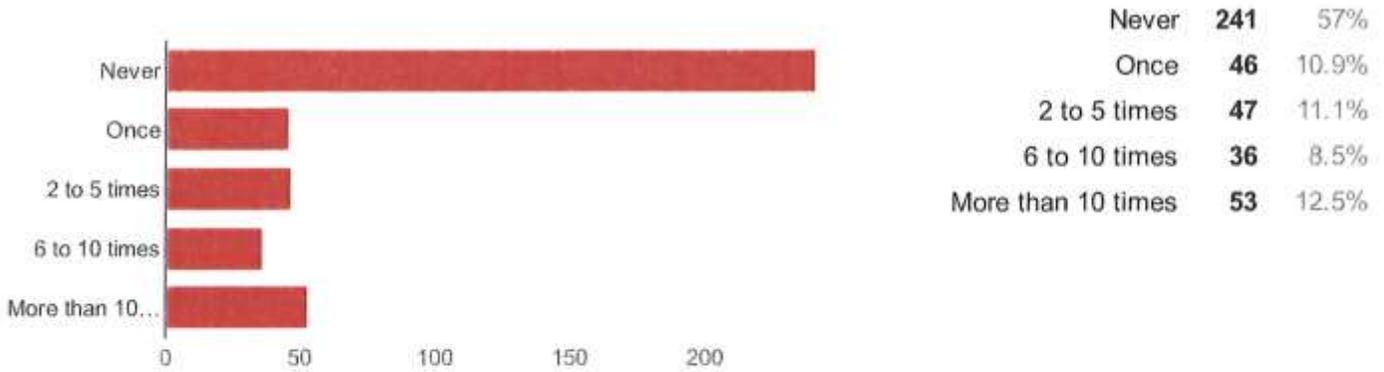
Oasis Splash Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



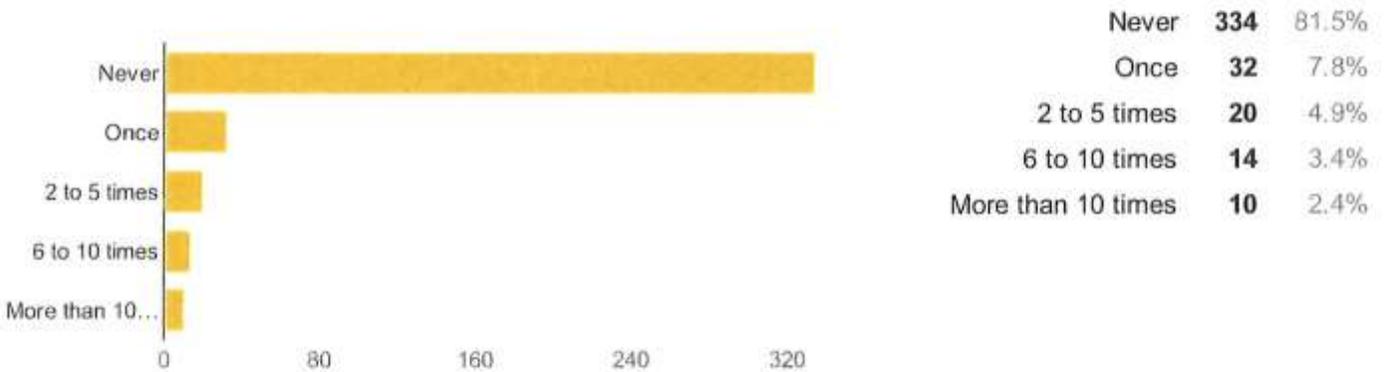
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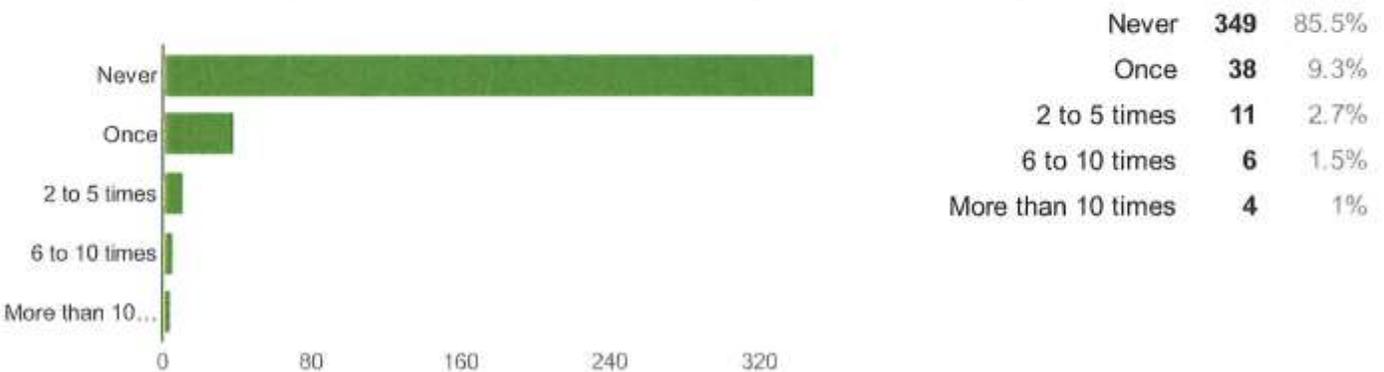
Patriot Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



Pullman Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



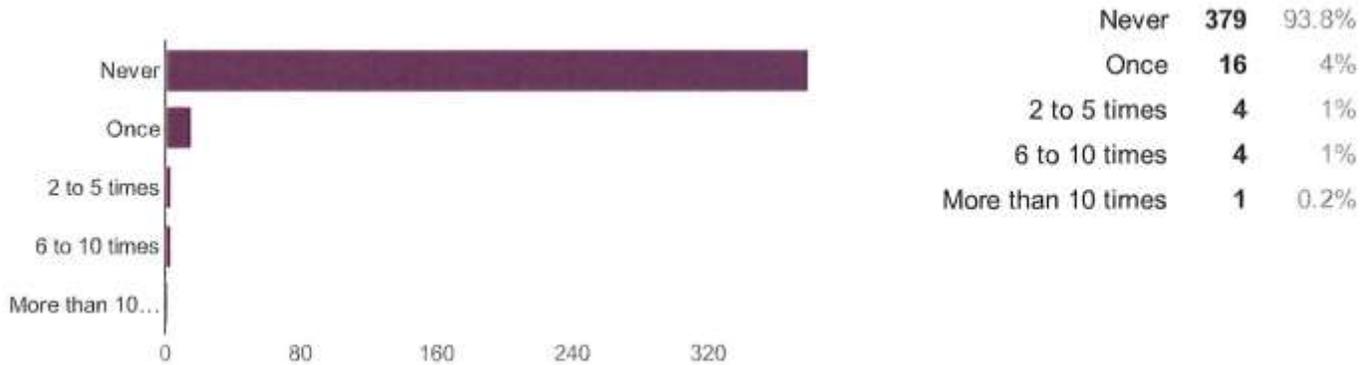
Pullman Skate Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



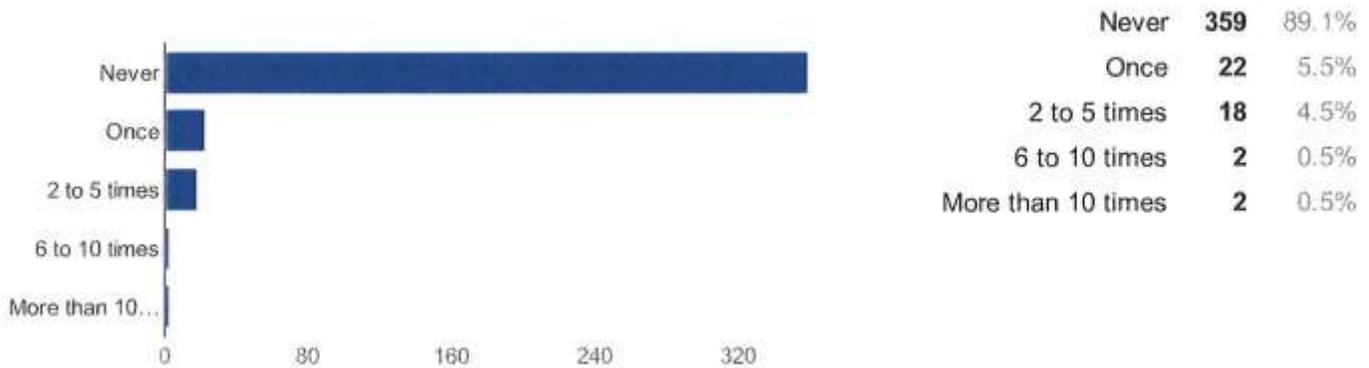
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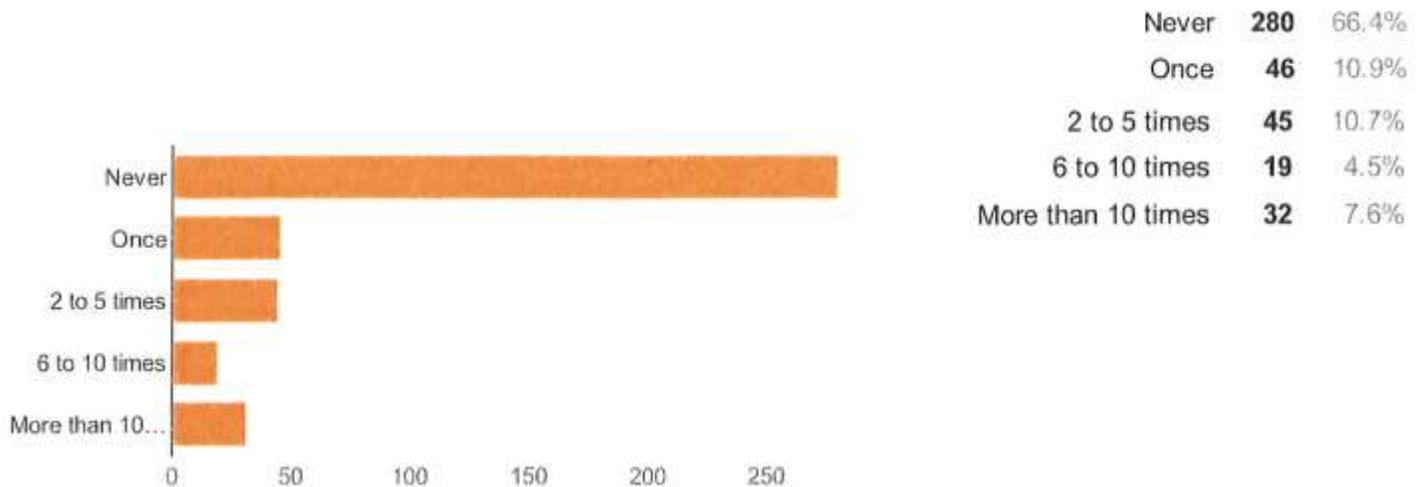
Ridgeland Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



Ruby Woods [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



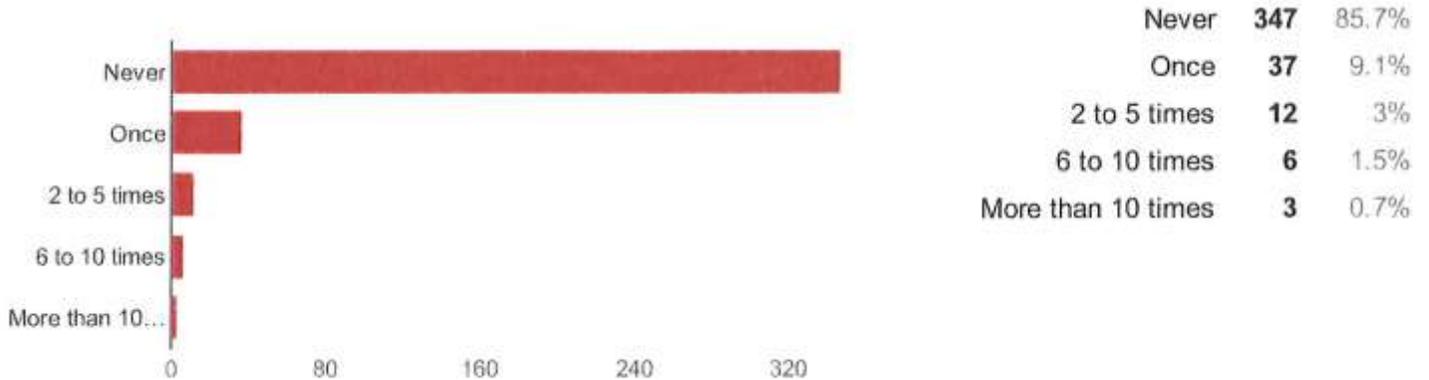
Senior Center Programs [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



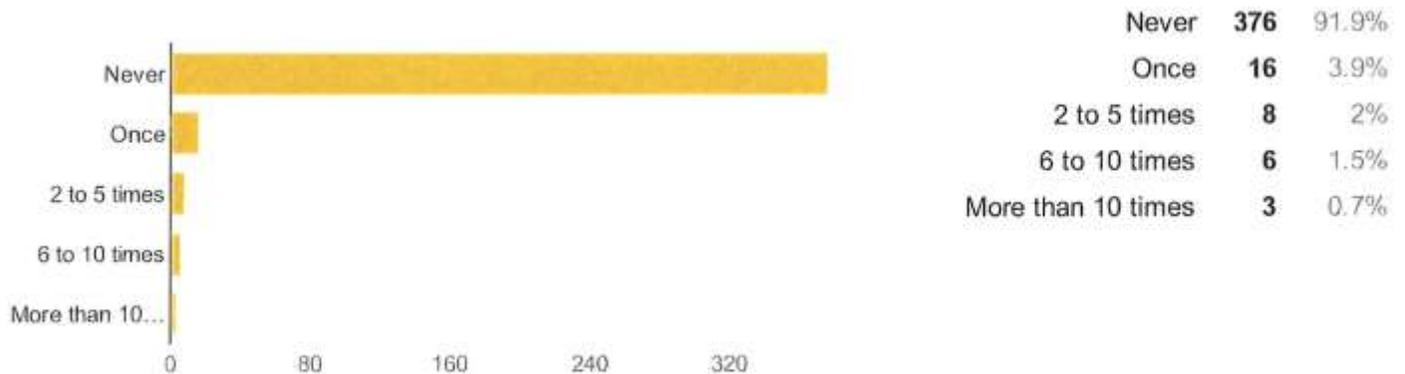
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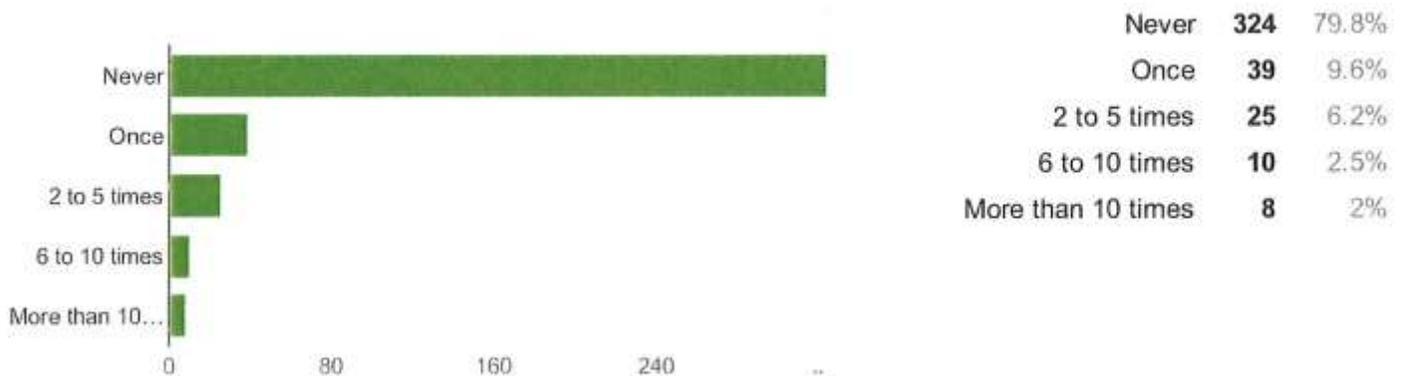
Senior Center Rentals (Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.)



Tall Timbers Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



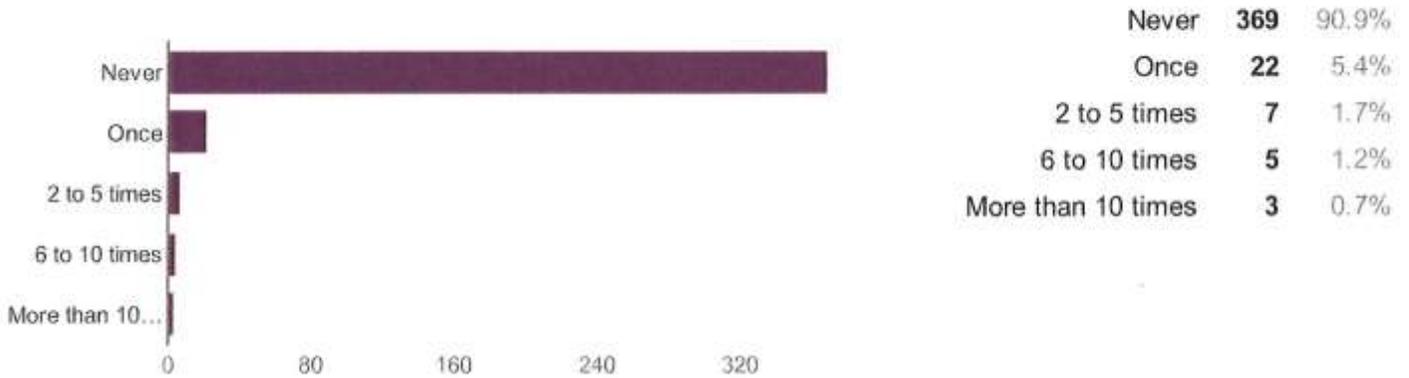
Trail Creek Greenway Trail [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



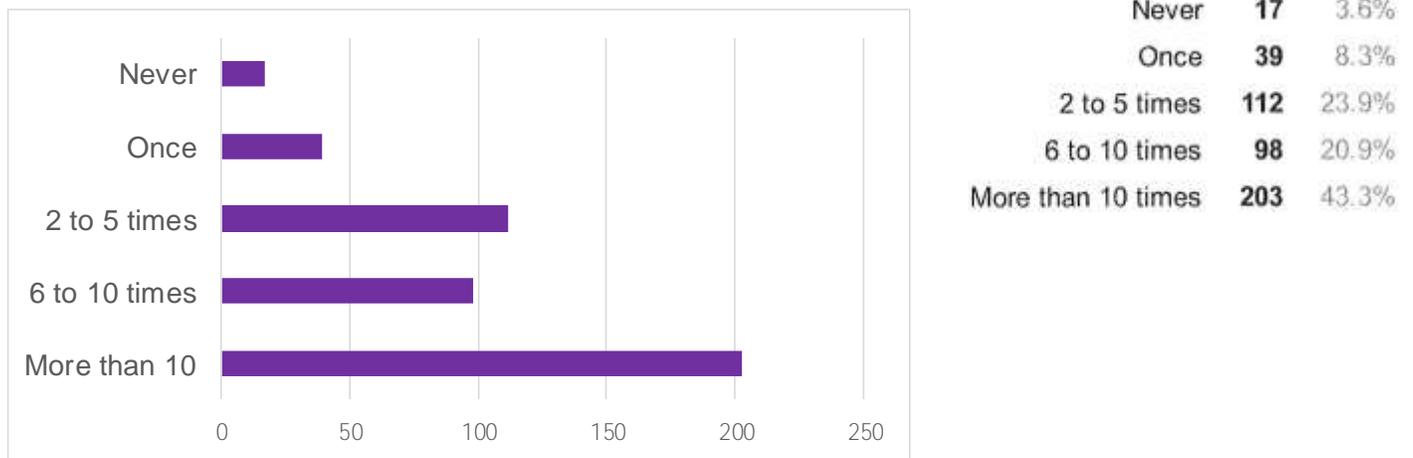
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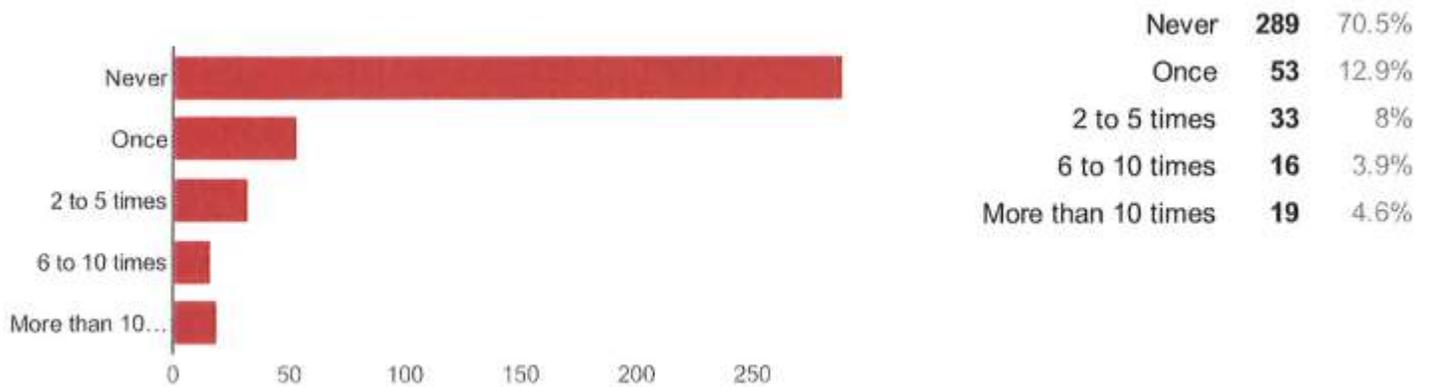
Walker Street Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



Washington Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



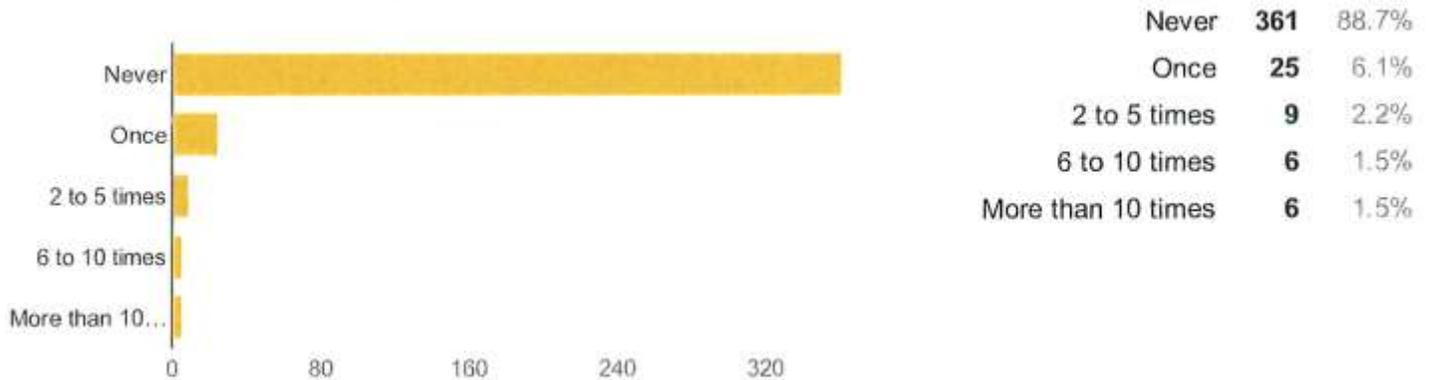
Water Tower Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

Winding Creek Cove Park [Please indicate your use of the parks and facilities.]



FACILITY AND PROGRAM NEEDS

Arboretum [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



ADA Beach Access [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

Archery Range [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Baseball Fields (Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.)



Camping Cabins [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Camping Primitive Sites [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]

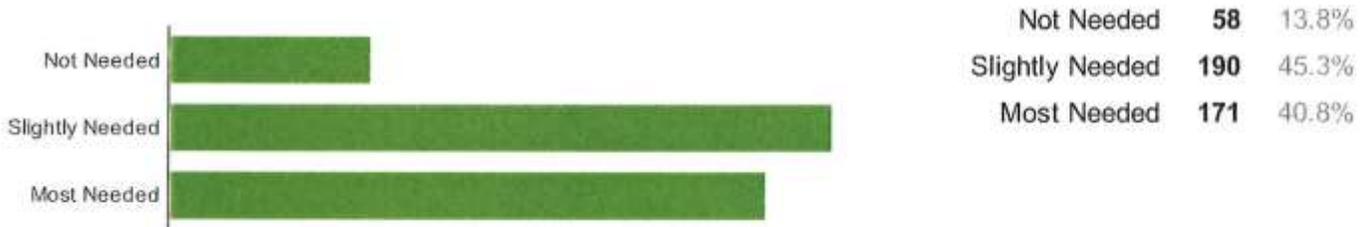


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Concession Stands [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



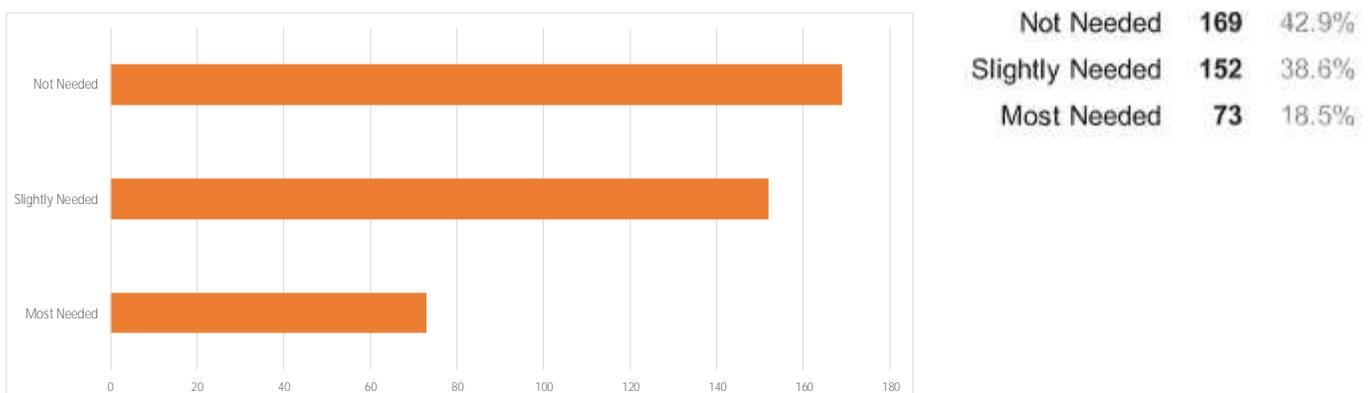
Dog Park [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Fishing Sites [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Football Fields [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



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SURVEY RESULTS

Hockey/Ice Skating Rink [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Miniature Golf [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Mountain Bike Trails [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



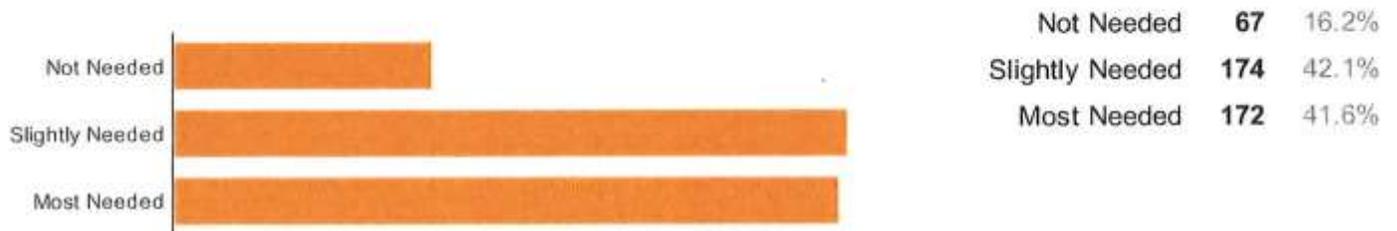
Nature Center/Programs [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

Picnic Shelters [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Playgrounds [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Public Art [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Public Beach Access [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

Recreation Center [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



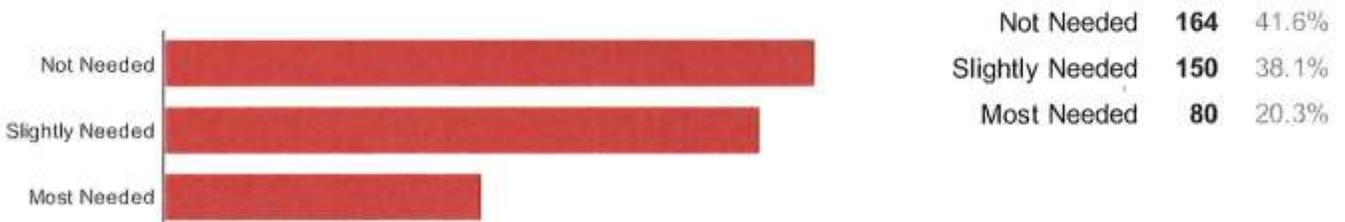
Ropes Course [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Skate Park [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Snowboard Park [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



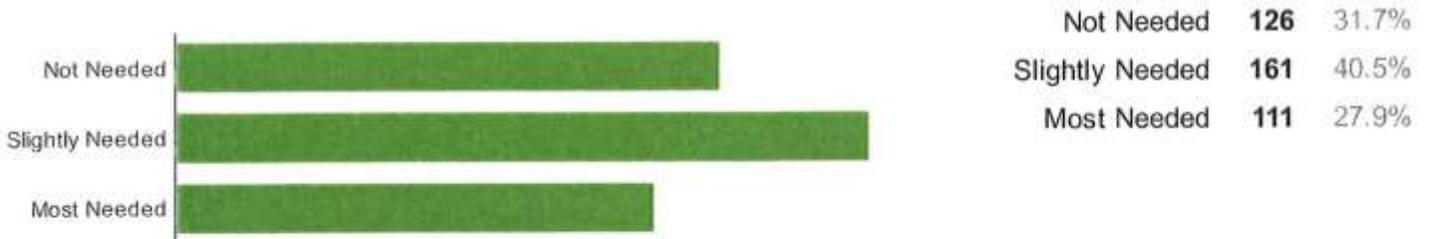
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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Soccer Fields [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Softball Fields [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Splash Pad [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Tennis Courts [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



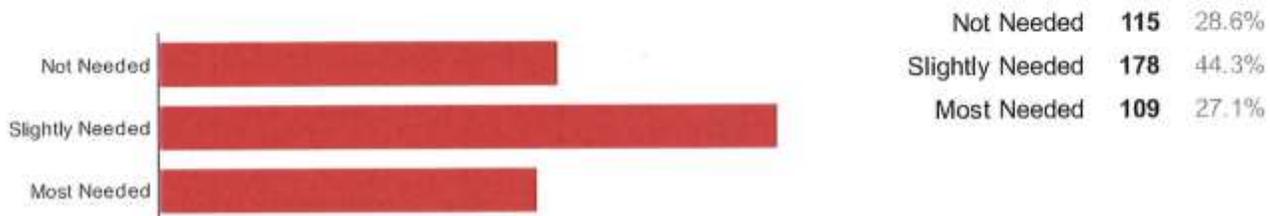
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

Trails and Greenways [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Volleyball Courts [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Wetland Observation Area [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Winter Sledding Hill [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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Winter Toboggan or Luge Run [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Zip Line [Please indicate which of these facilities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Activities for the Disabled (sports, trips, social events) [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Adult Sports [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Adventure (hiking, camping, boating, climbing) [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



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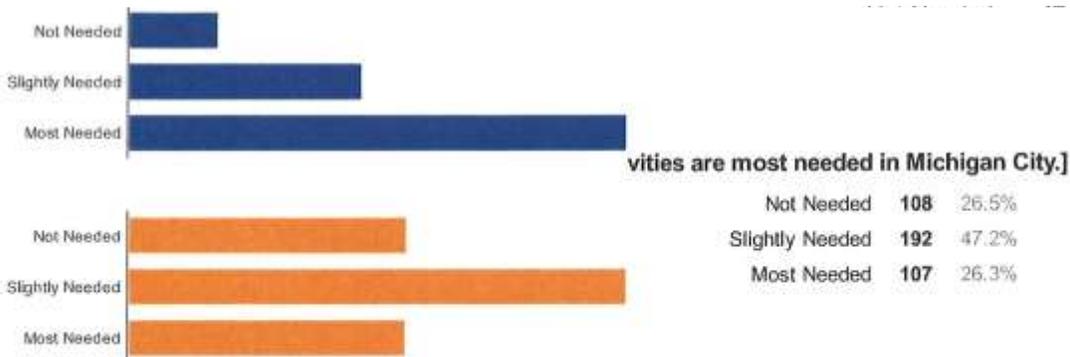
Aquatics (swim club, lessons) [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Arts & Crafts Programs [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Before/After School Programs [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Dance Classes [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Environmental Activities (nature hikes, bird watching) [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

Extreme Sports (BMX, snowboarding) [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Family Programs (dances, family nights) [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Fitness - Indoor [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Fitness - Outdoor [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Gardening/Landscaping (Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.)



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

Hobbies (cooking, models, sewing, chess) [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Kayaking/Canoeing [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



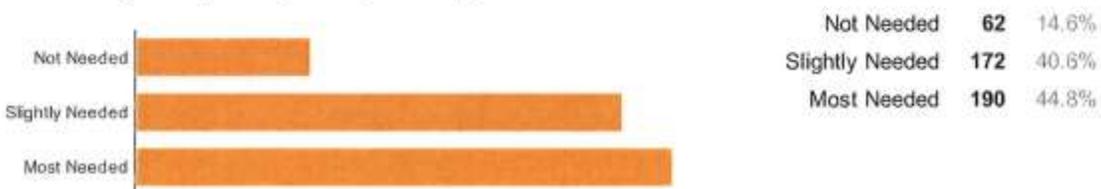
Music in the Parks [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Passive Recreation (enjoying scenery, people watching) [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



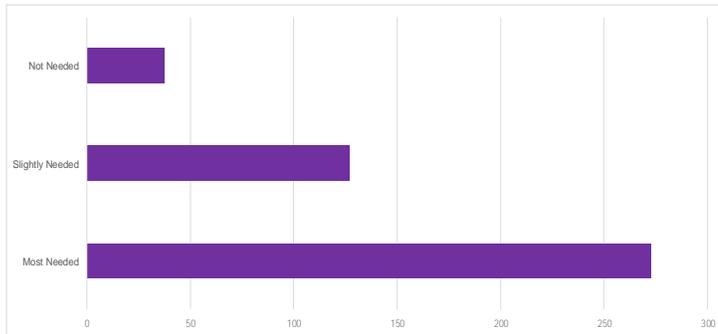
Performing Arts (music, dance, drama) [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

Special Events (fireworks, parade, festivals) [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Not Needed	37	8.5%
Slightly Needed	127	29.1%
Most Needed	273	62.5%

Sports & Athletic Programs (baseball, basketball, volleyball). (Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.)



Not Needed	49	11.7%
Slightly Needed	147	35.1%
Most Needed	223	53.2%

Summer Camps [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Not Needed	38	9%
Slightly Needed	150	35.4%
Most Needed	236	55.7%

Water Based Recreation [Please indicate which of these activities are most needed in Michigan City.]



Not Needed	30	6.9%
Slightly Needed	116	26.7%
Most Needed	288	66.4%

Basketball League [Please indicate your use of the following ADULT programs provide by the Park Department.]



Not at All	400	86.2%
Little Use	49	10.6%
Regular Use	15	3.2%

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

Beach Volleyball League [Please indicate your use of the following ADULT programs provide by the Park Department.]



Softball League [Please indicate your use of the following ADULT programs provide by the Park Department.]



Volleyball Classes [Please indicate your use of the following ADULT programs provide by the Park Department.]



Volleyball League [Please indicate your use of the following ADULT programs provide by the Park Department.]



Baseball [Please indicate your use of the following YOUTH programs provided by the Park Department.]



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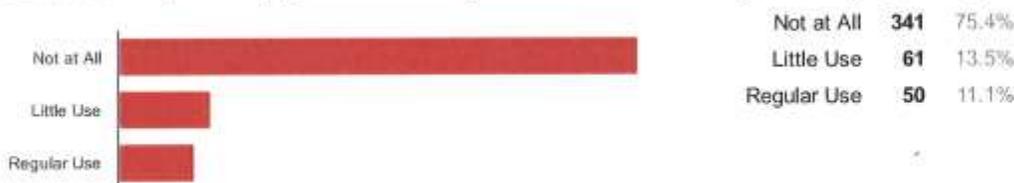
City Kids Day Camp [Please indicate your use of the following YOUTH programs provided by the Park Department.]



Junior Golf [Please indicate your use of the following YOUTH programs provided by the Park Department.]



Learn to Swim (Piranhas) [Please indicate your use of the following YOUTH programs provided by the Park Department.]



Soccer (MC Soccer Club) [Please indicate your use of the following YOUTH programs provided by the Park Department.]



Volleyball [Please indicate your use of the following YOUTH programs provided by the Park Department.]



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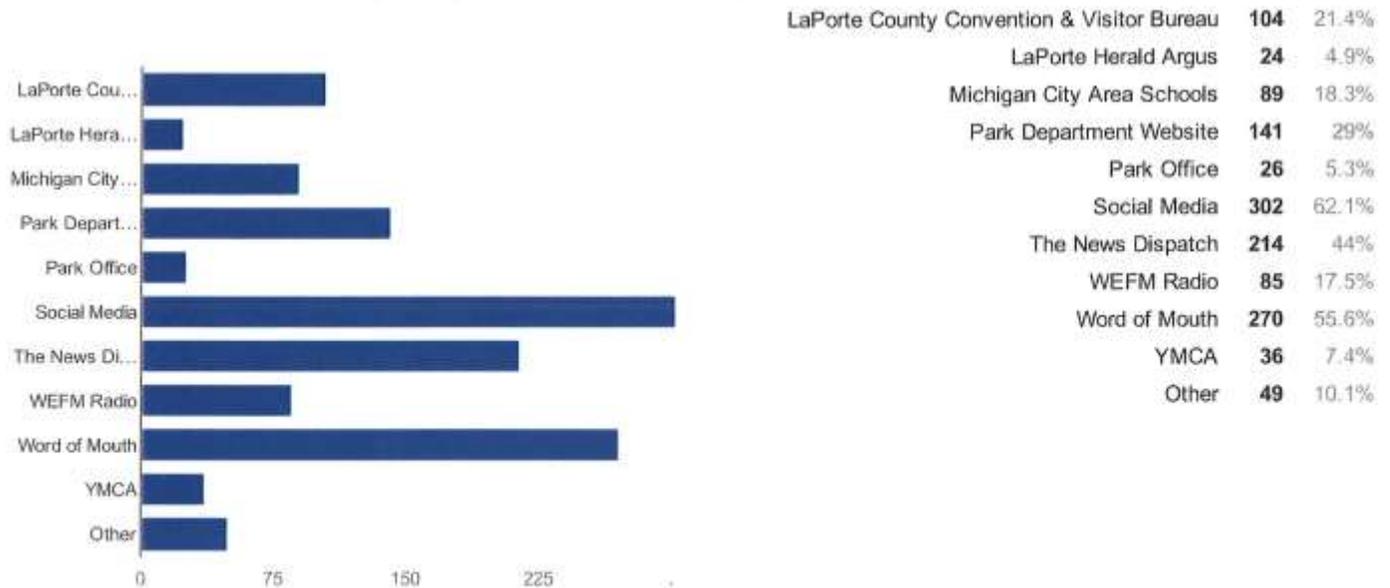
SURVEY RESULTS

Zoo Camp [Please indicate your use of the following YOUTH programs provided by the Park Department.]



MARKETING AND ADVERTISING

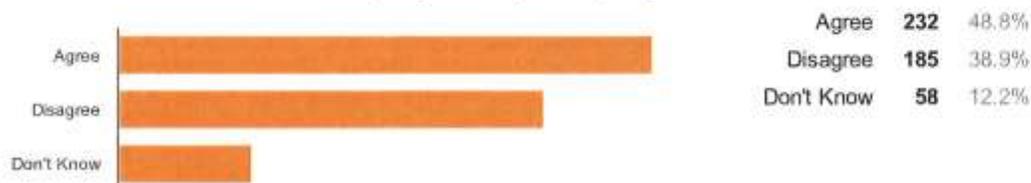
How are you informed of Michigan City Park Department programs and events?



WE WANT YOUR OPINION ON VARIOUS PARK AND RECREATION TOPICS

Please indicate your personal opinion on the following topics.

I am satisfied with the aesthetic quality of the parks. [null]



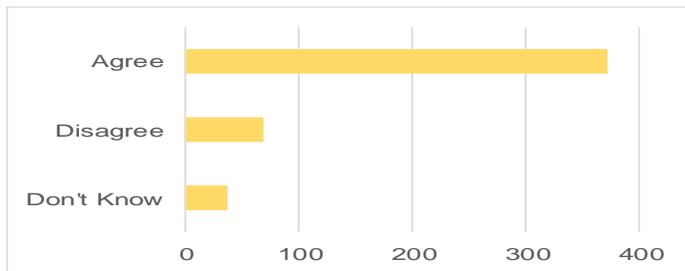
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SURVEY RESULTS

I am satisfied with the current level of recreational opportunities offered. [null]



I am willing to pay reasonable user fees for facilities and programs. [null]



Response	Count	Percentage
Agree	373	78%
Disagree	68	14.2%
Don't Know	37	7.7%

It is important to build new facilities



Response	Count	Percentage
Agree	299	63.1%
Disagree	92	19.4%
Don't Know	83	17.5%

It is important to maintain existing facilities. [null]



Response	Count	Percentage
Agree	459	95%
Disagree	12	2.5%
Don't Know	12	2.5%

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

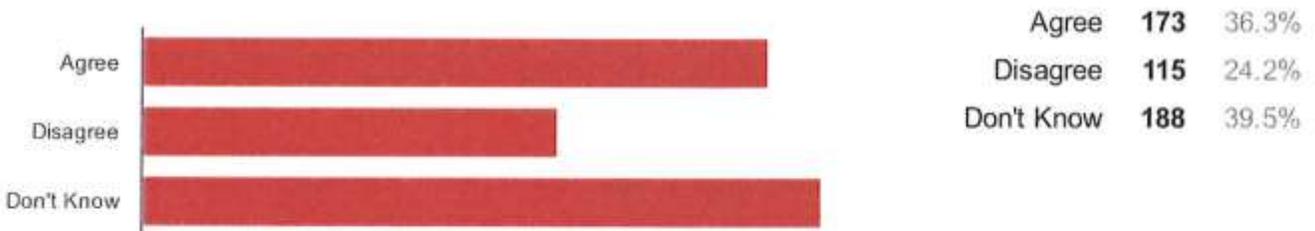
Most of my family's recreation is done outside of Michigan City. [null]



Michigan City should promote recreational activities that attract tourists. [null]



The condition of athletic fields is satisfactory. [null]



The Michigan City Park Department provides essential services to the community. [null]



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

Park Department staff is courteous and helpful.



Park facilities are generally safe.



The quality of leadership in the Park Department is satisfactory.



BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION

Cost of facility or program. [Please indicate if the following are barriers to participation in programs or use of our facilities.]



Lack of accommodations for disabled. [Please indicate if the following are barriers to participation in programs or use of our facilities.]



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

Lack of cleanliness. [Please indicate if the following are barriers to participation in programs or use of our facilities.]



Lack of lighting. [Please indicate if the following are barriers to participation in programs or use of our facilities.]



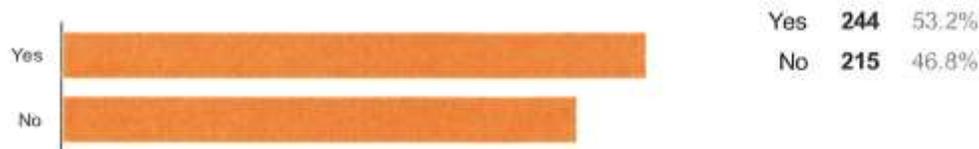
Lack of parking. [Please indicate if the following are barriers to participation in programs or use of our facilities.]



Lack of maintenance. [Please indicate if the following are barriers to participation in programs or use of our facilities.]



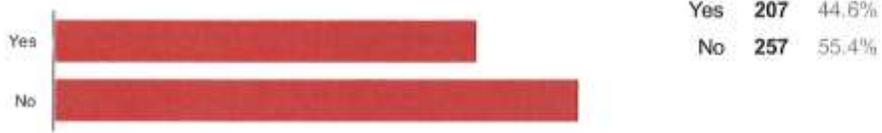
Lack of restroom facilities. (Please indicate if the following are barriers to participation in programs or use of our facilities.)



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

Safety concerns. [Please indicate if the following are barriers to participation in programs or use of our facilities.]



Lack of transportation. [Please indicate if the following are barriers to participation in programs or use of our facilities.]

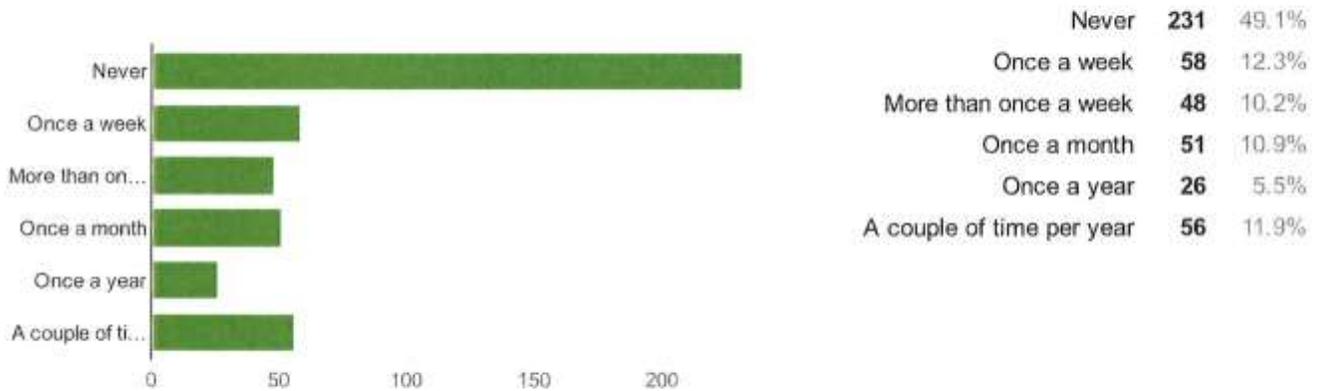


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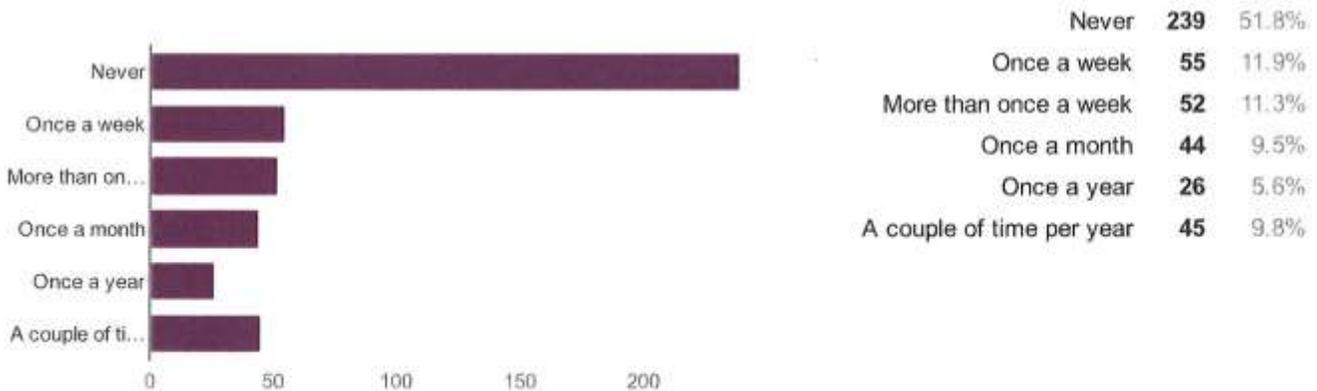
SURVEY RESULTS

HOW OFTEN DO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES?

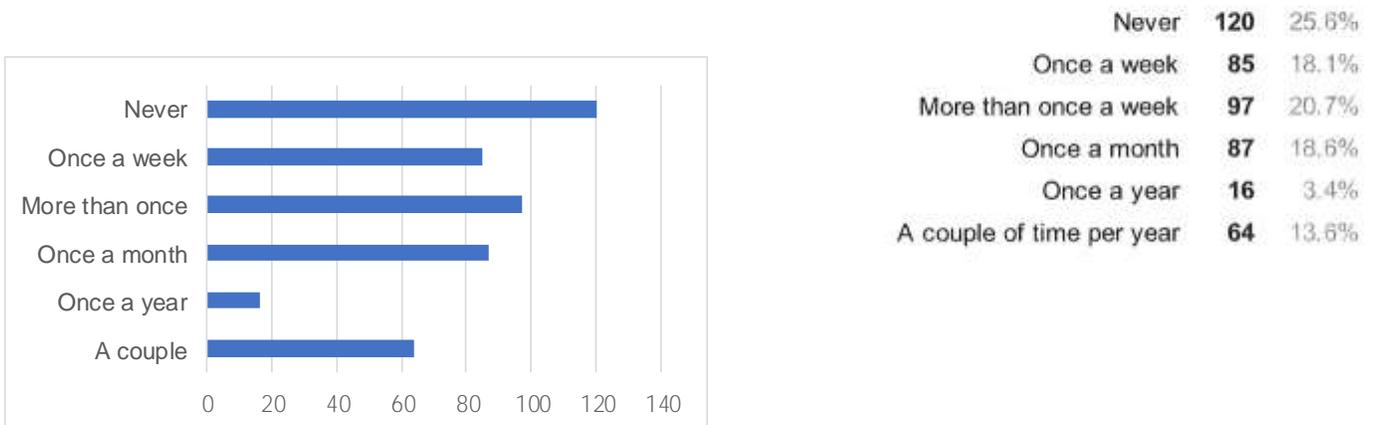
Frequency you participate [Arts & Crafts]



Frequency other household members participate [Arts & Crafts]



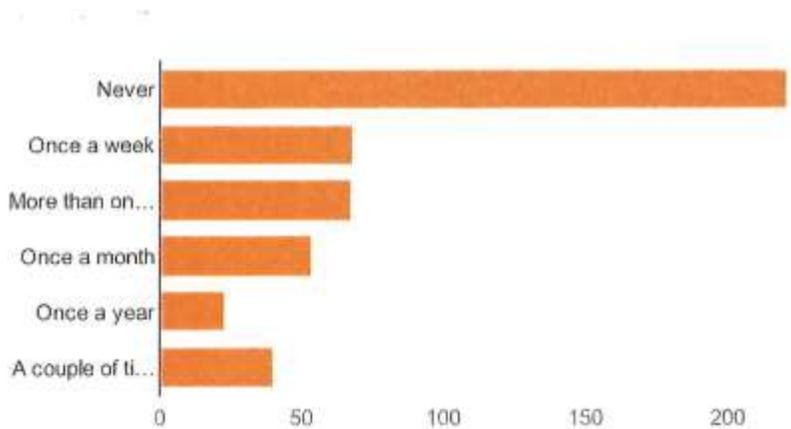
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future [Arts & Crafts]



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

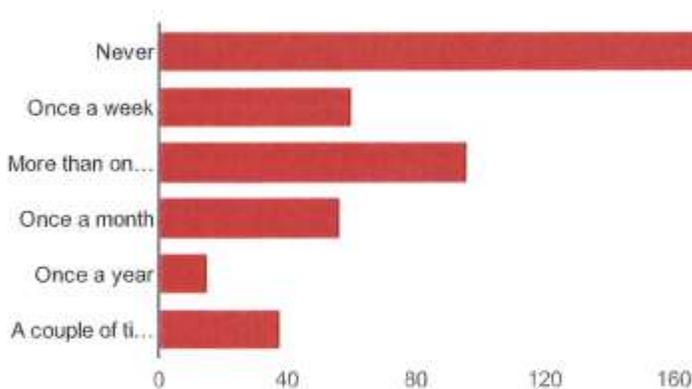
SURVEY RESULTS

Frequency YOU participate (Bicycling)



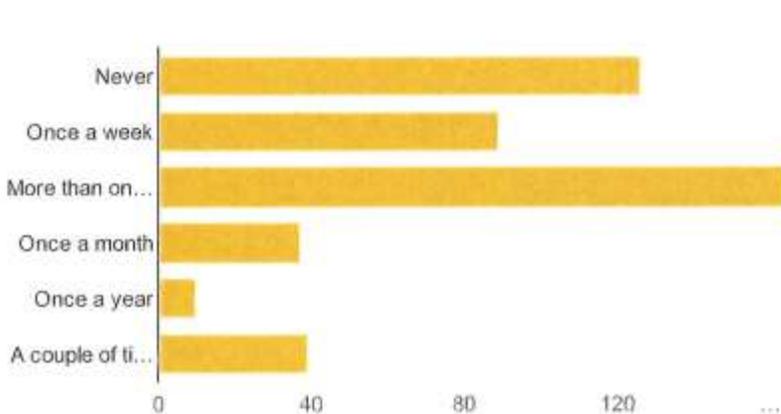
Never	221	46.8%
Once a week	68	14.4%
More than once a week	67	14.2%
Once a month	53	11.2%
Once a year	23	4.9%
A couple of time per year	40	8.5%

Frequency other household members participate [Bicycling]



Never	195	42.4%
Once a week	60	13%
More than once a week	96	20.9%
Once a month	56	12.2%
Once a year	15	3.3%
A couple of time per year	38	8.3%

Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future [Bicycling]

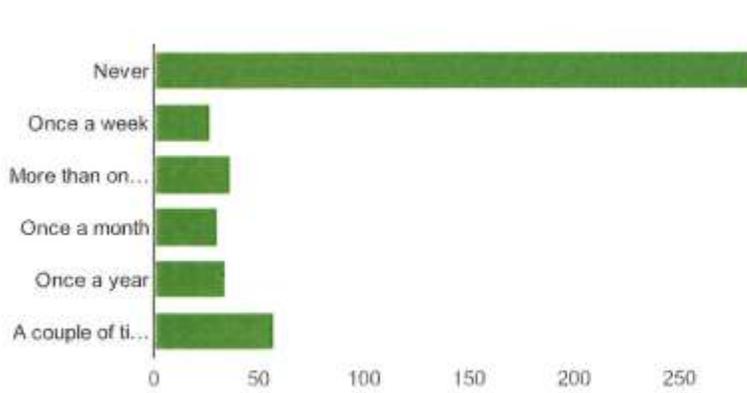


Never	126	27.1%
Once a week	89	19.1%
More than once a week	164	35.3%
Once a month	37	8%
Once a year	10	2.2%
A couple of time per year	39	8.4%

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

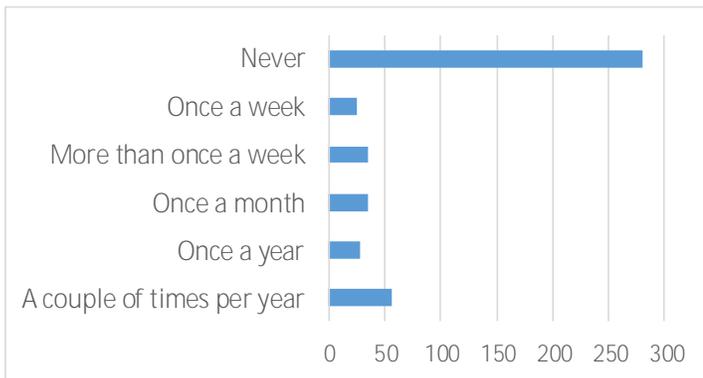
SURVEY RESULTS

Frequency you participate [Boating]



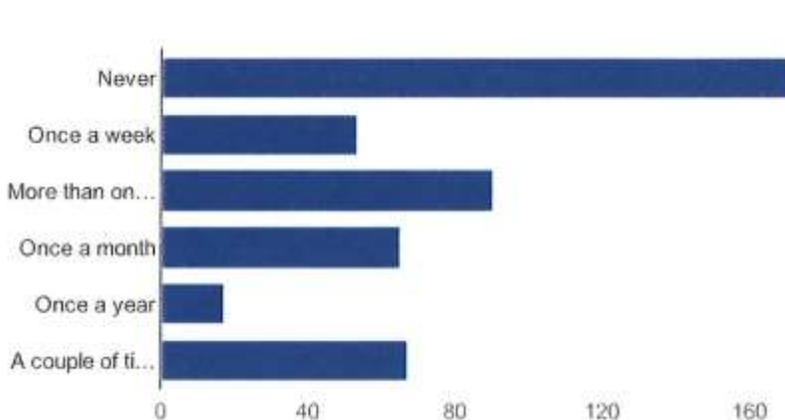
Never	285	60.6%
Once a week	27	5.7%
More than once a week	37	7.9%
Once a month	30	6.4%
Once a year	34	7.2%
A couple of time per year	57	12.1%

Frequency other household members participate [Boating]



Never	280	60.7%
Once a week	26	5.6%
More than once a week	35	7.6%
Once a month	35	7.6%
Once a year	28	6.1%
A couple of times per year	57	12.4%

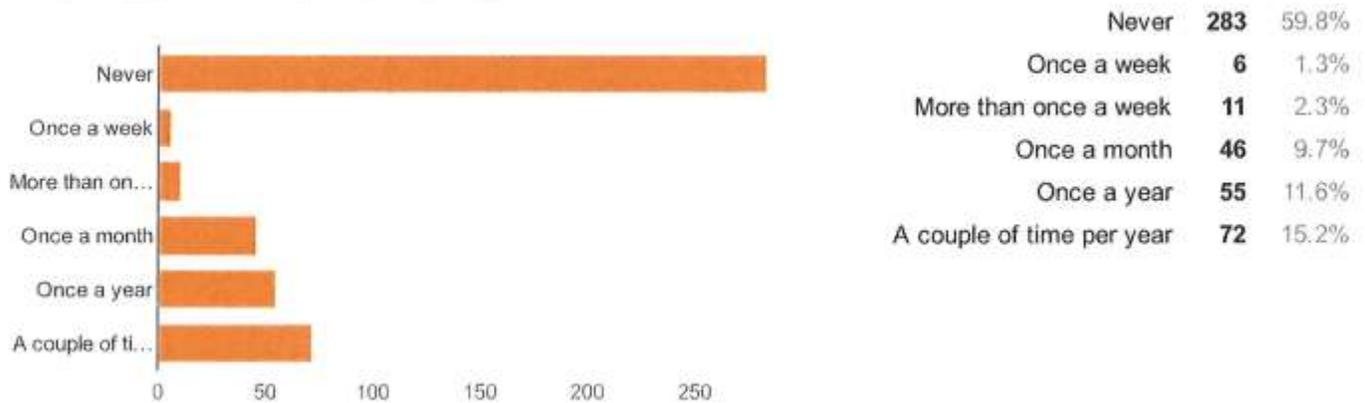
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future (Boating)



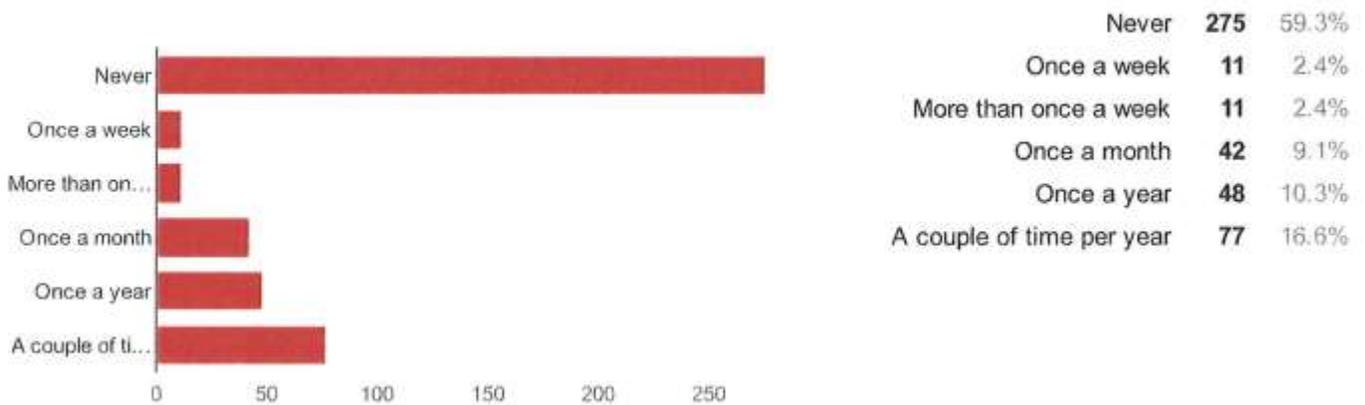
Never	171	36.9%
Once a week	53	11.4%
More than once a week	90	19.4%
Once a month	65	14%
Once a year	17	3.7%
A couple of time per year	67	14.5%

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

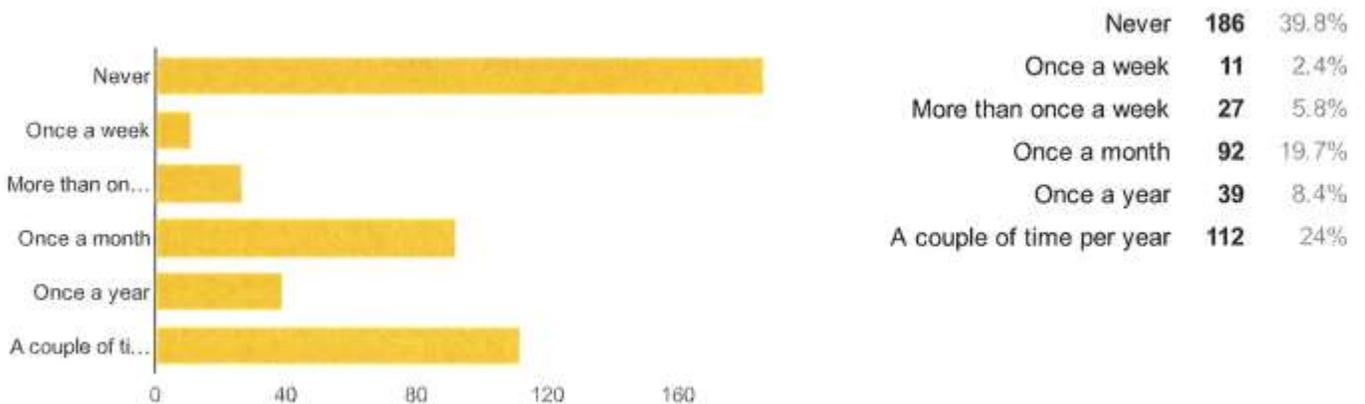
Frequency you participate [Camping]



Frequency other household members participate [Camping]



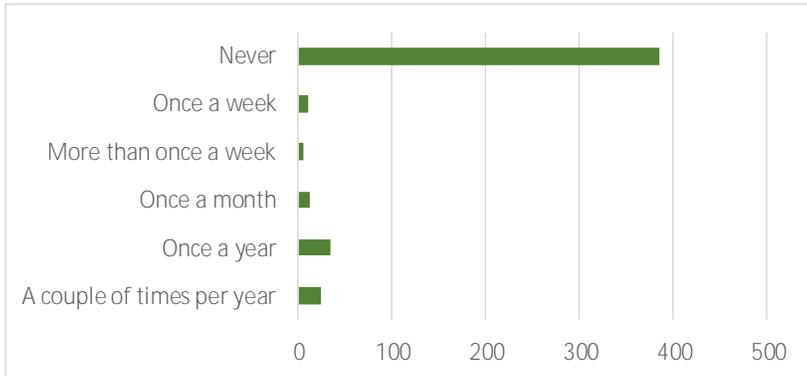
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future [Camping]



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

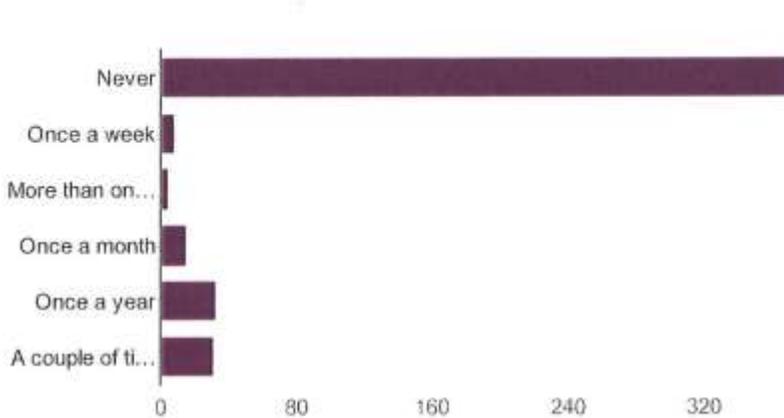
SURVEY RESULTS

Frequency you participate [Cross County Skiing or Snow Shoeing]



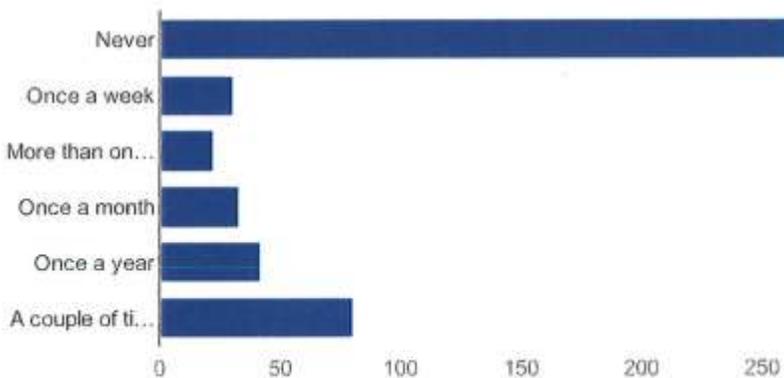
Never	385	81.7%
Once a week	10	2.1%
More than once a week	6	1.3%
Once a month	12	2.5%
Once a year	34	7.2%
A couple of times per year	24	5.1%

Frequency other household members participate (Cross Country Skiing or Snow Shoeing)



Never	370	80.3%
Once a week	8	1.7%
More than once a week	5	1.1%
Once a month	15	3.3%
Once a year	32	6.9%
A couple of times per year	31	6.7%

Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future [Cross County Skiing or Snow Shoeing]

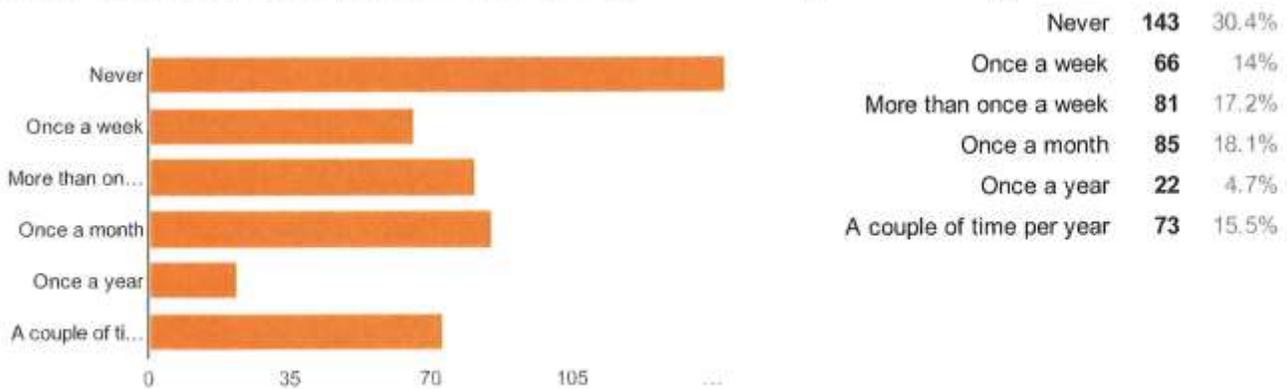


Never	261	55.8%
Once a week	30	6.4%
More than once a week	22	4.7%
Once a month	33	7.1%
Once a year	42	9%
A couple of times per year	80	17.1%

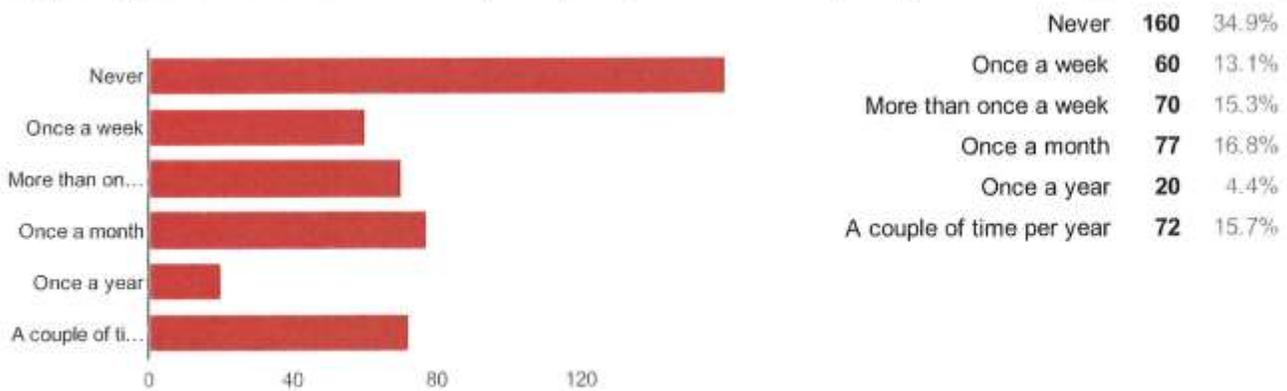
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

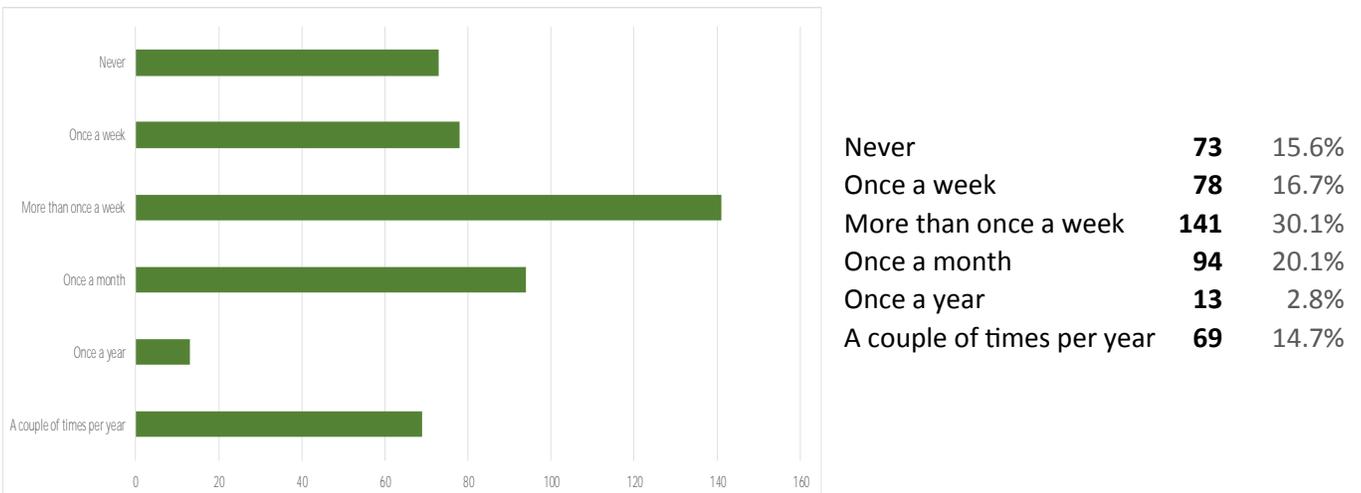
Frequency you participate [Environmental (hiking, bird watching, nature walks)]



Frequency other household members participate [Environmental (hiking, bird watching, nature walks)]



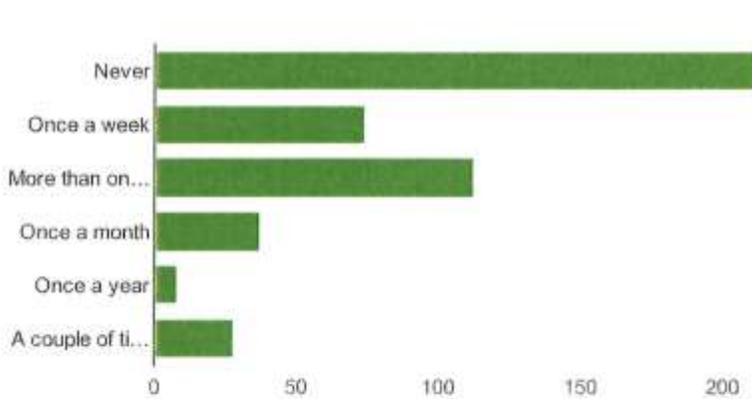
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future [Environmental (hiking, bird watching, nature walks)]



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

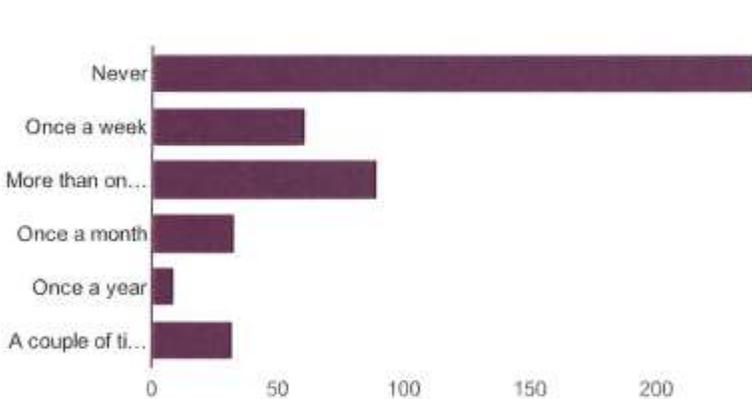
SURVEY RESULTS

Frequency you participate [Gardening]



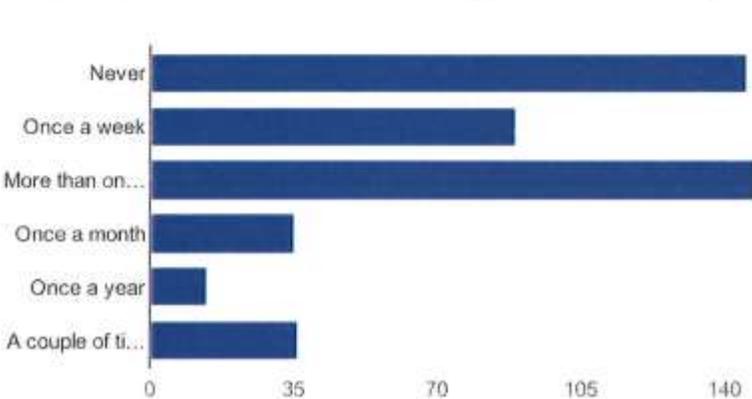
Never	212	45%
Once a week	74	15.7%
More than once a week	112	23.8%
Once a month	37	7.9%
Once a year	8	1.7%
A couple of time per year	28	5.9%

Frequency other household members participate [Gardening]



Never	239	51.6%
Once a week	61	13.2%
More than once a week	89	19.2%
Once a month	33	7.1%
Once a year	9	1.9%
A couple of time per year	32	6.9%

Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future [Gardening]

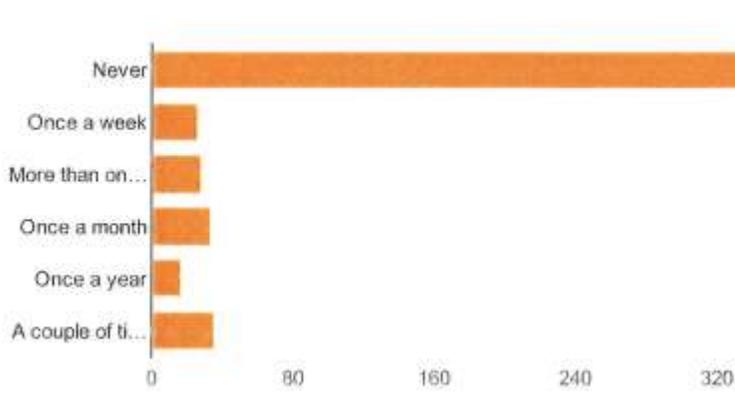


Never	145	31.1%
Once a week	89	19.1%
More than once a week	147	31.5%
Once a month	35	7.5%
Once a year	14	3%
A couple of time per year	36	7.7%

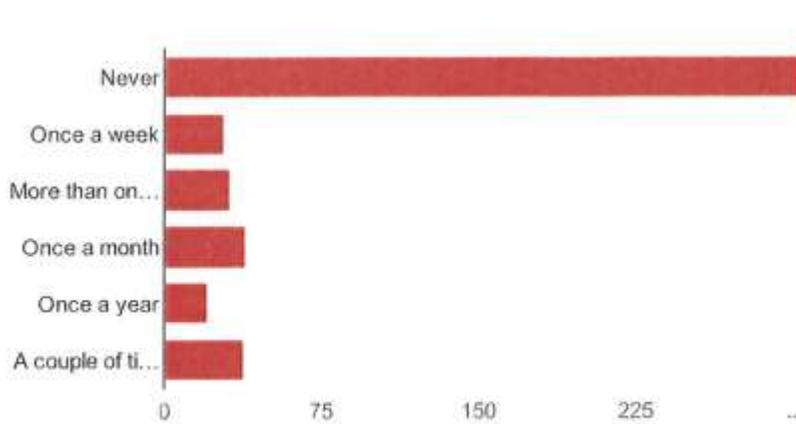
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

Frequency you participate [Golf]

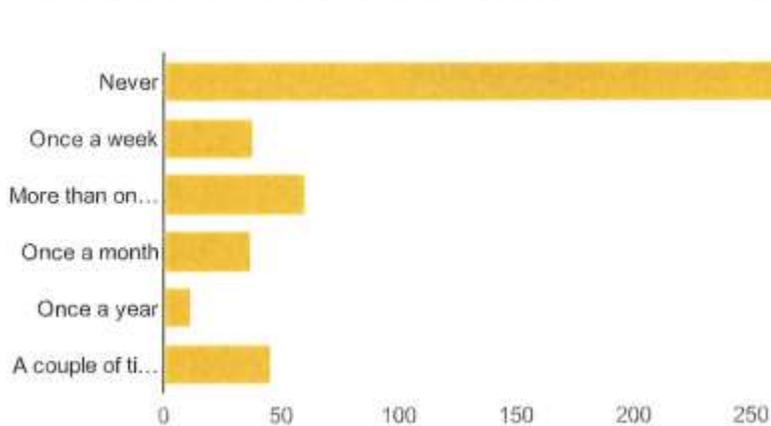


Never	333	70.6%
Once a week	26	5.5%
More than once a week	28	5.9%
Once a month	33	7%
Once a year	17	3.6%
A couple of time per year	35	7.4%



Never	304	65.8%
Once a week	29	6.3%
More than once a week	31	6.7%
Once a month	39	8.4%
Once a year	21	4.5%
A couple of time per year	38	8.2%

Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future [Golf]

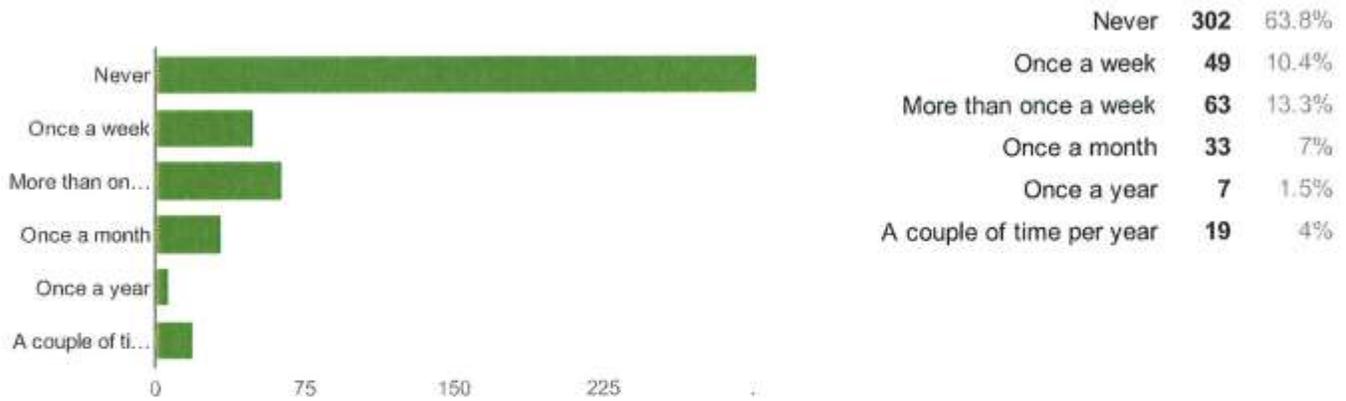


Never	271	58.4%
Once a week	38	8.2%
More than once a week	60	12.9%
Once a month	37	8%
Once a year	12	2.6%
A couple of time per year	46	9.9%

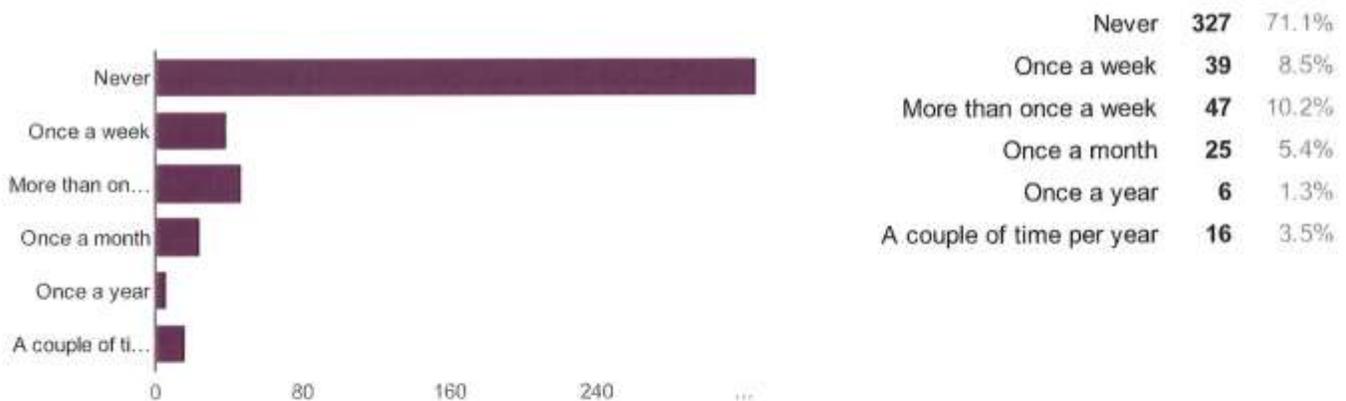
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

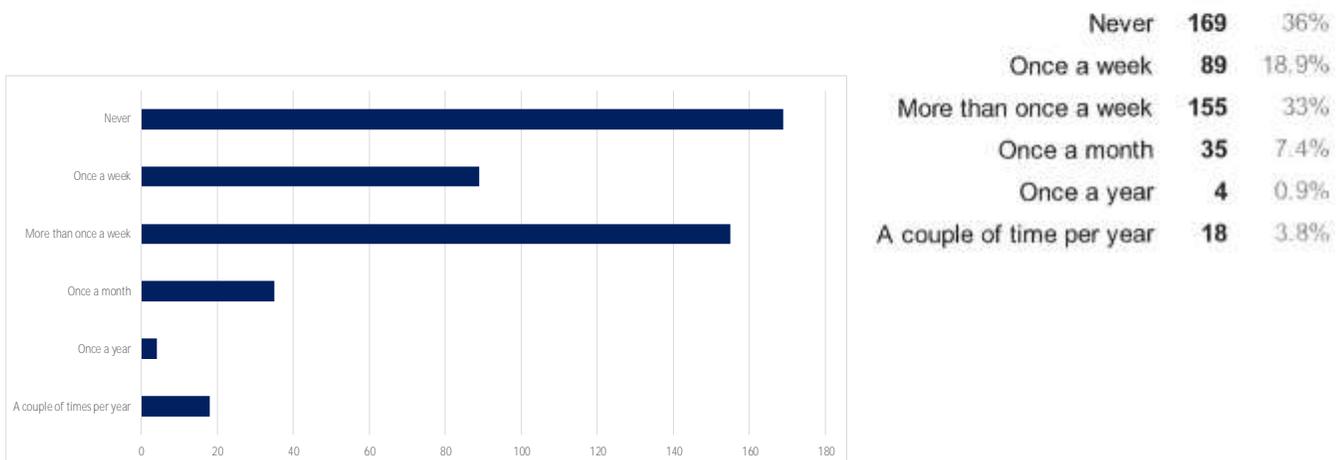
Frequency you participate [Health Related (Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates, etc.)]



Frequency other household members participate [Health Related (Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates, etc.)]



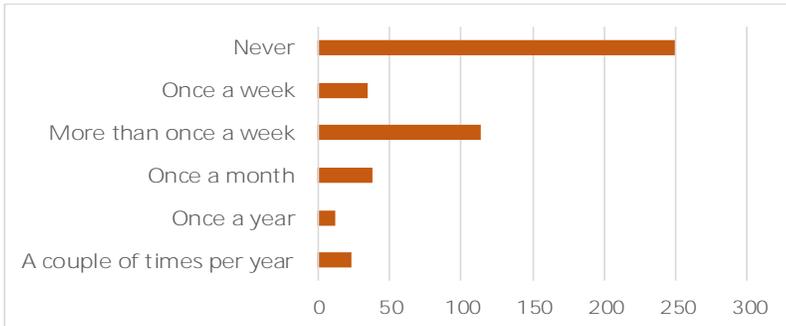
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future [Health Related (Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates, etc.)]



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

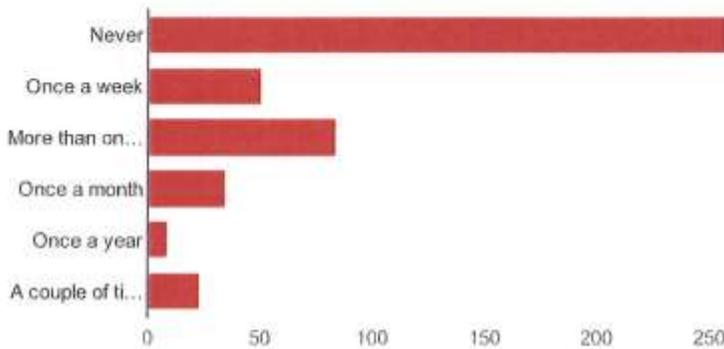
SURVEY RESULTS

Frequency you participate (Hobbies (cooking, models, quilting, sewing))



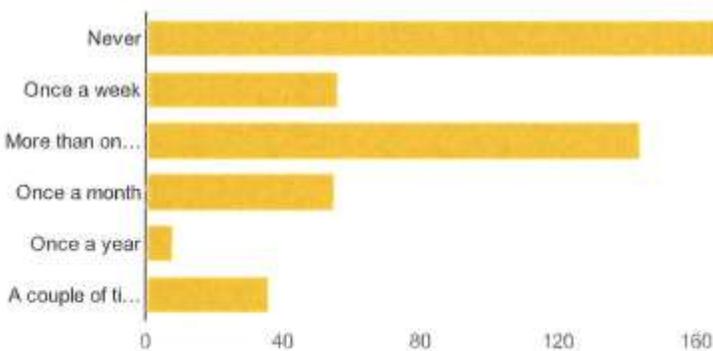
Never	249	52.9%
Once a week	35	7.4%
More than once a week	114	24.2%
Once a month	38	8.1%
Once a year	12	2.5%
A couple of time per year	23	4.9%

Frequency other household members participate [Hobbies (cooking, models, quilting, sewing)]



Never	257	56%
Once a week	51	11.1%
More than once a week	84	18.3%
Once a month	35	7.6%
Once a year	9	2%
A couple of time per year	23	5%

Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future [Hobbies (cooking, models, quilting, sewing)]

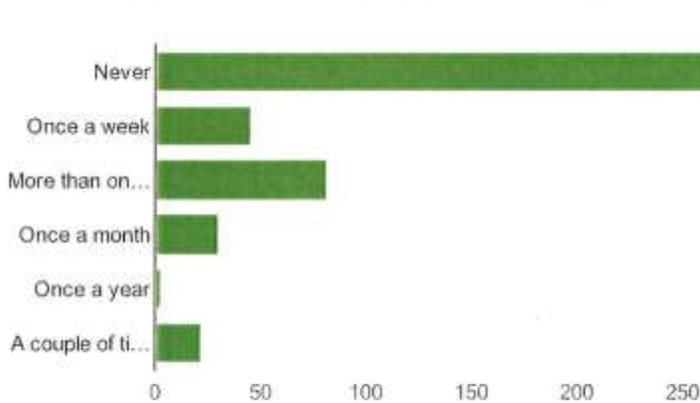


Never	168	36%
Once a week	56	12%
More than once a week	144	30.8%
Once a month	55	11.8%
Once a year	8	1.7%
A couple of time per year	36	7.7%

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

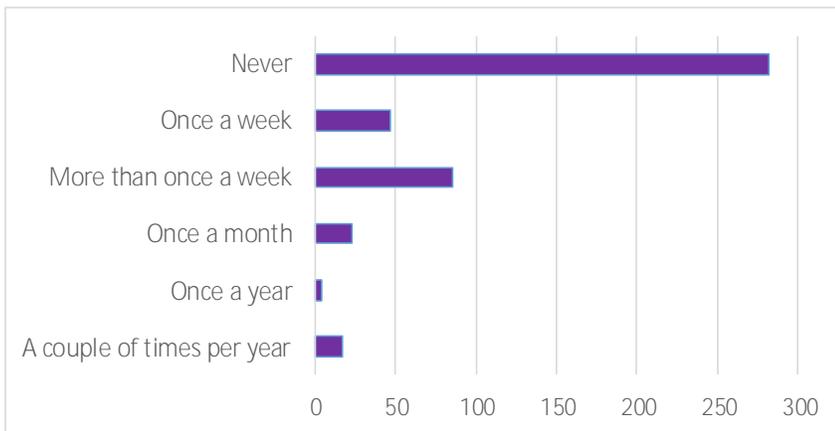
SURVEY RESULTS

Frequency you participate [Jogging/Running]



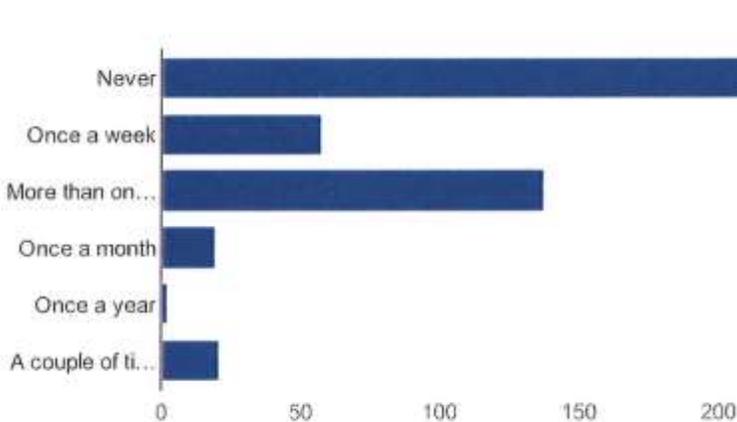
Never	287	61.5%
Once a week	45	9.6%
More than once a week	81	17.3%
Once a month	30	6.4%
Once a year	2	0.4%
A couple of time per year	22	4.7%

Frequency other household members participate [Jogging/Running]



Never	282	61.6%
Once a week	47	10.3%
More than once a week	85	18.6%
Once a month	23	5%
Once a year	4	0.9%
A couple of time per year	17	3.7%

Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future (Jogging/Running)

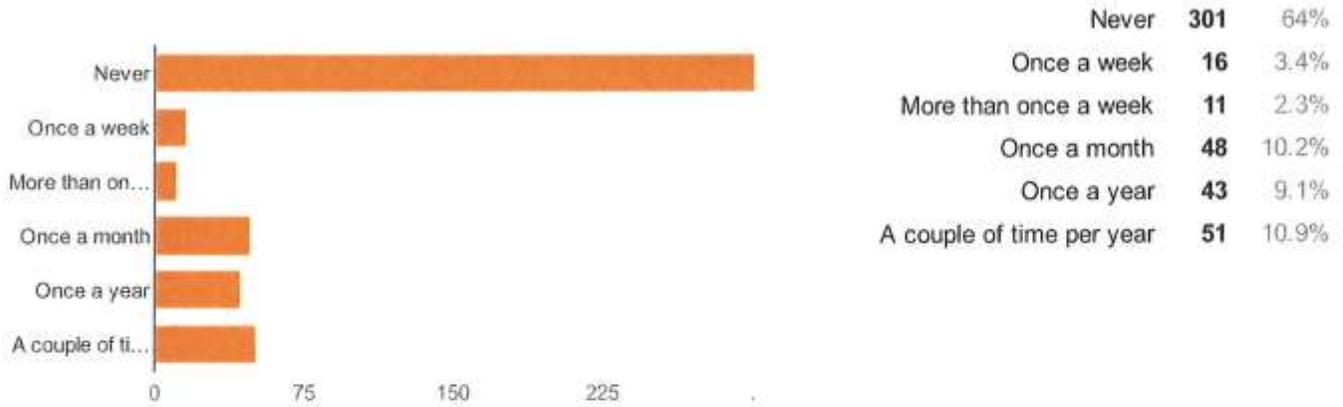


Never	228	49.1%
Once a week	57	12.3%
More than once a week	137	29.5%
Once a month	19	4.1%
Once a year	2	0.4%
A couple of time per year	21	4.5%

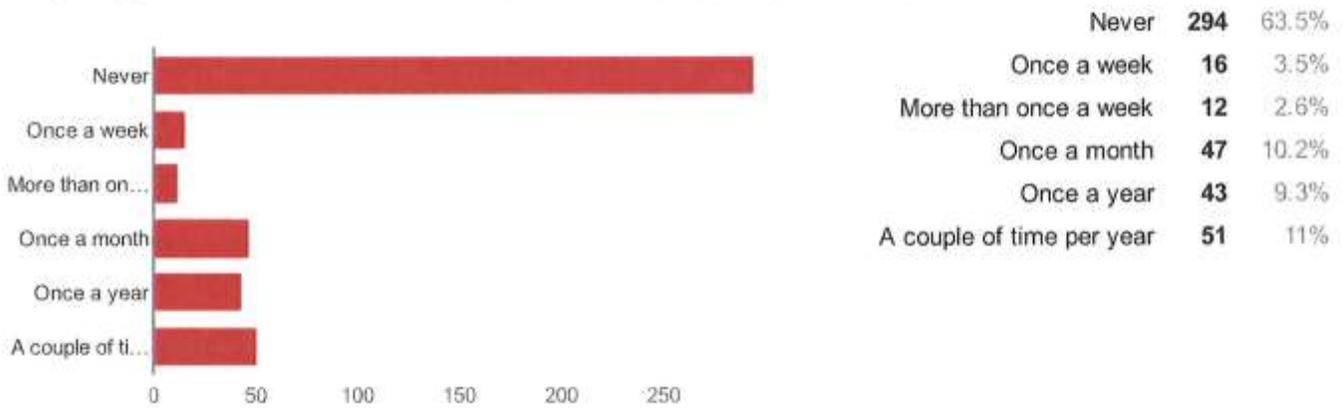
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

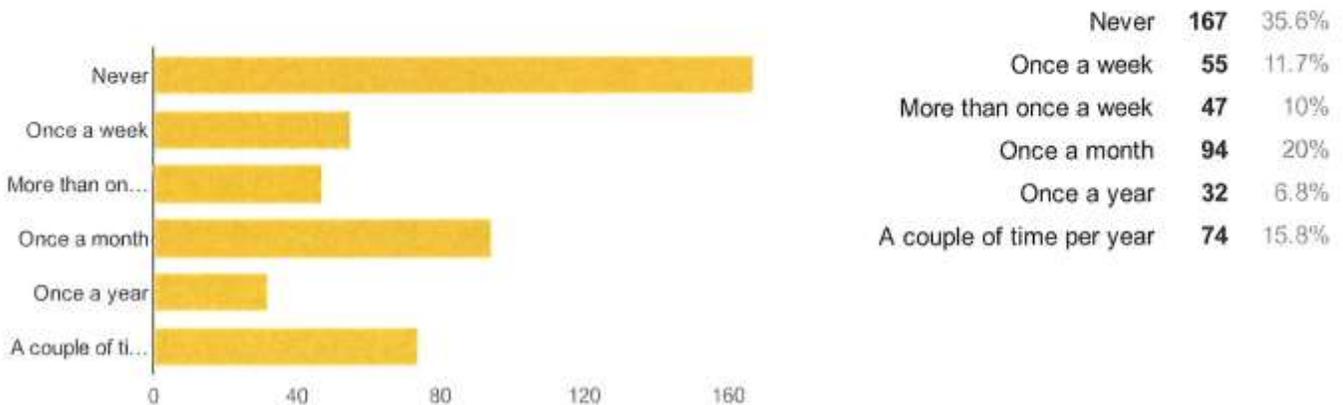
Frequency you participate [Kayaking/Canoeing]



Frequency other household members participate [Kayaking/Canoeing]



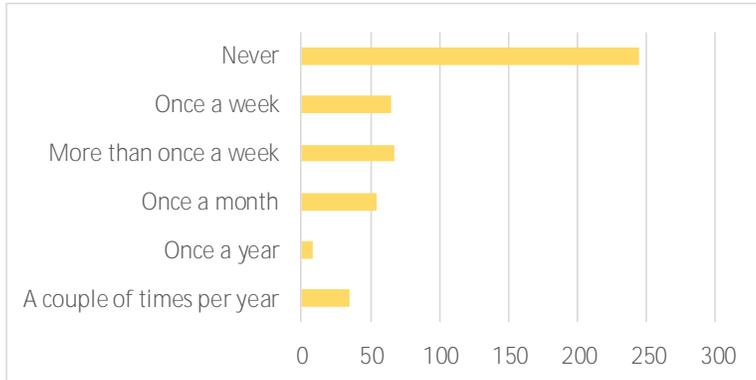
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future [Kayaking/Canoeing]



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

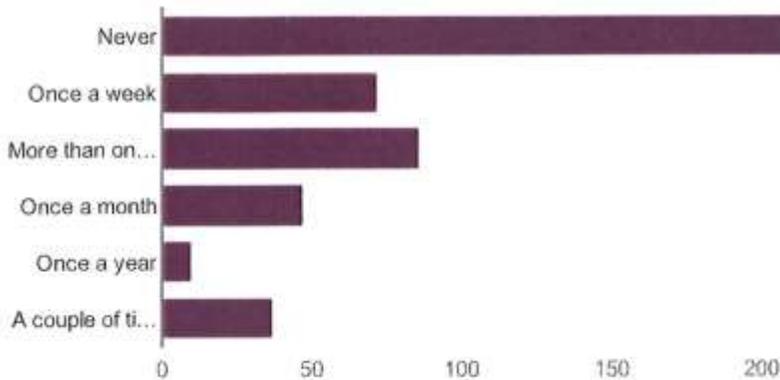
SURVEY RESULTS

Frequency you participate (Playground Use)



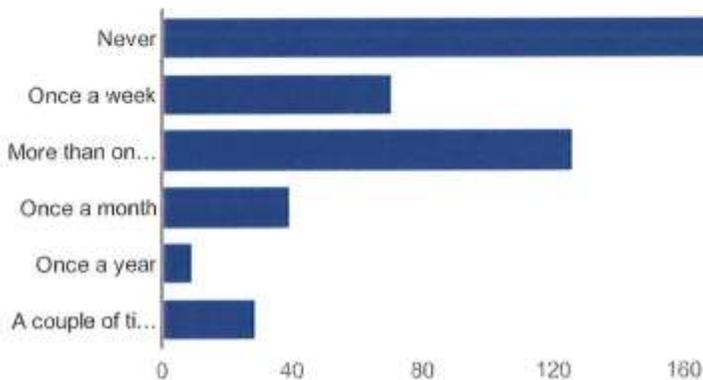
Never	245	51.6%
Once a week	65	13.7%
More than once a week	67	14.1%
Once a month	55	11.6%
Once a year	8	1.7%
A couple of times per year	35	7.4%

Frequency other household members participate (Playground Use)



Never	212	45.7%
Once a week	72	15.5%
More than once a week	86	18.5%
Once a month	47	10.1%
Once a year	10	2.2%
A couple of time per year	37	8%

Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future [Playground Use]

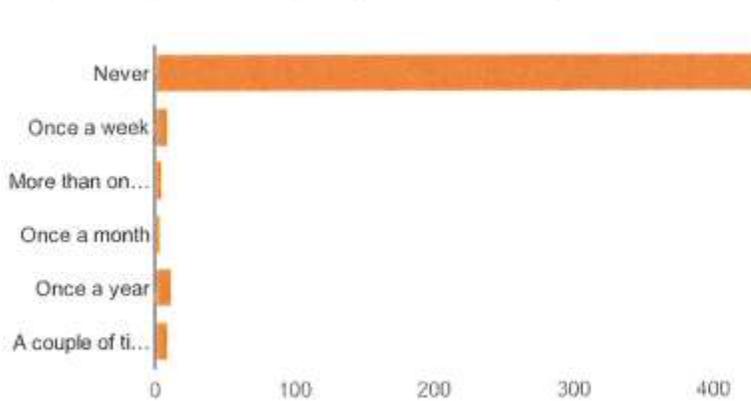


Never	195	41.7%
Once a week	70	15%
More than once a week	126	26.9%
Once a month	39	8.3%
Once a year	9	1.9%
A couple of time per year	29	6.2%

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

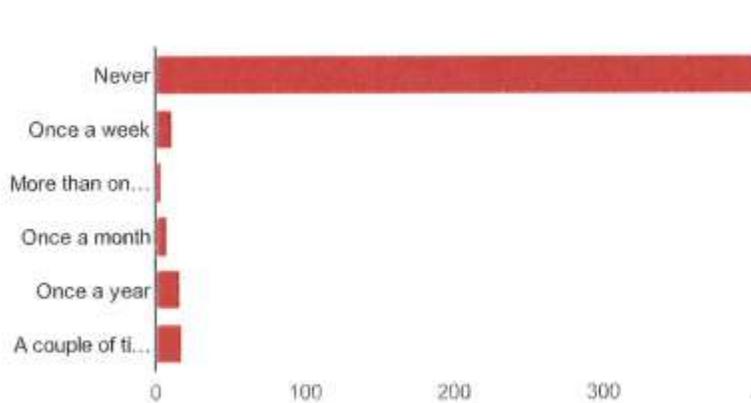
SURVEY RESULTS

Frequency you participate [Snowboarding]



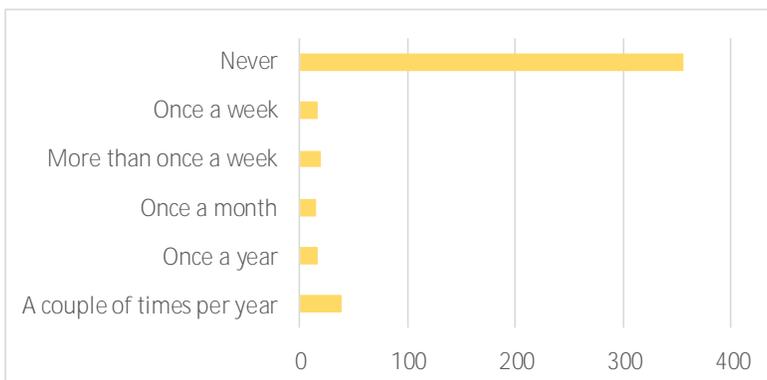
Never	431	91.5%
Once a week	9	1.9%
More than once a week	5	1.1%
Once a month	4	0.8%
Once a year	12	2.5%
A couple of time per year	10	2.1%

Frequency other household members participate [Snowboarding]



Never	403	87.6%
Once a week	12	2.6%
More than once a week	4	0.9%
Once a month	7	1.5%
Once a year	16	3.5%
A couple of time per year	18	3.9%

Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future (Snowboarding)

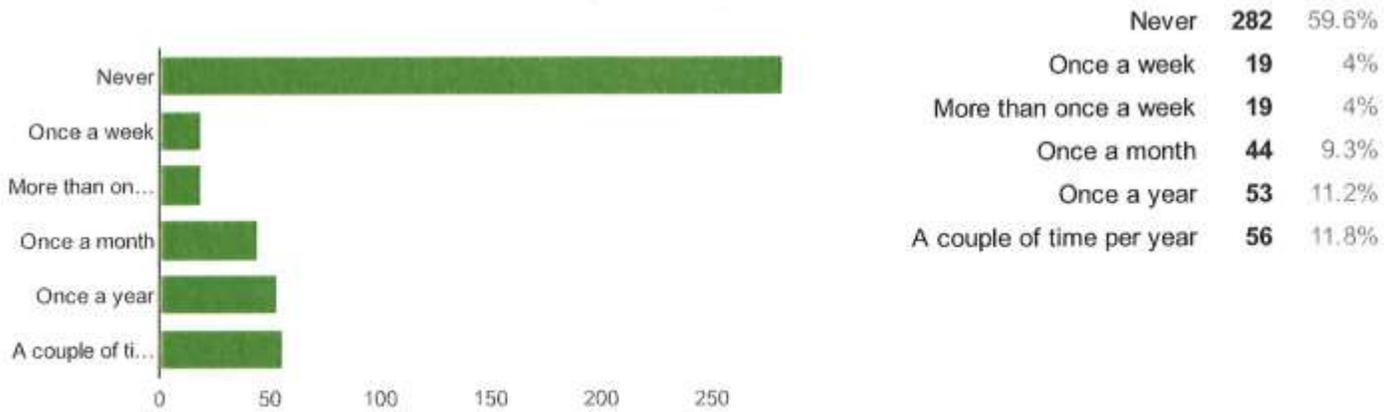


Never	356	76.7%
Once a week	17	3.7%
More than once a week	20	4.3%
Once a month	15	3.2%
Once a year	17	3.7%
A couple of times per year	39	8.4%

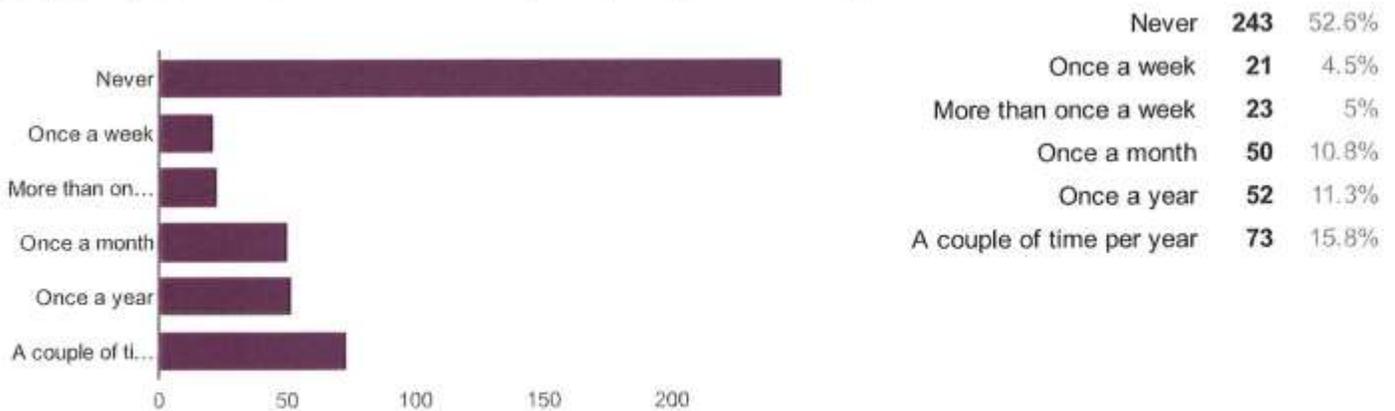
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

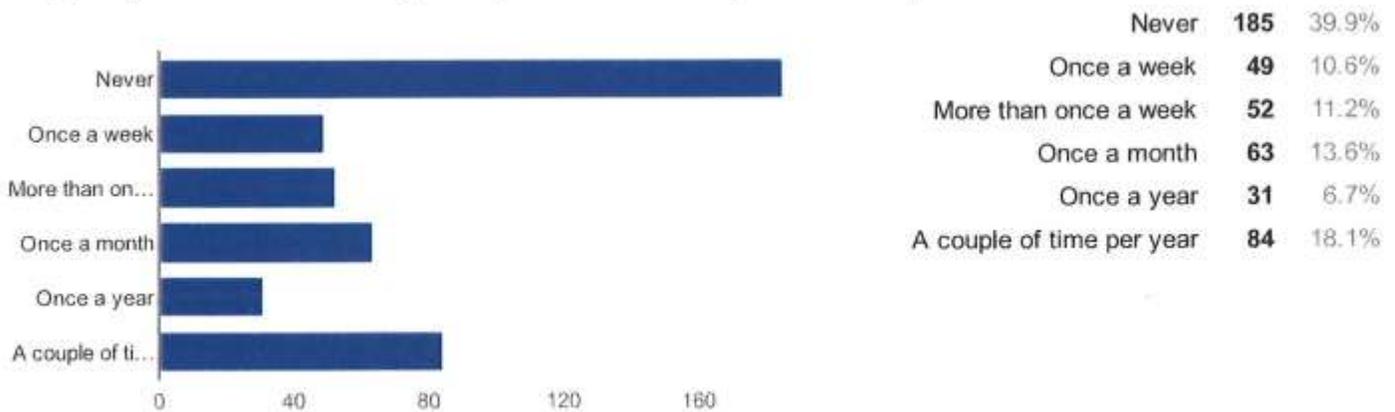
Frequency you participate (Water Sports)



Frequency other household members participate [Water Parks]



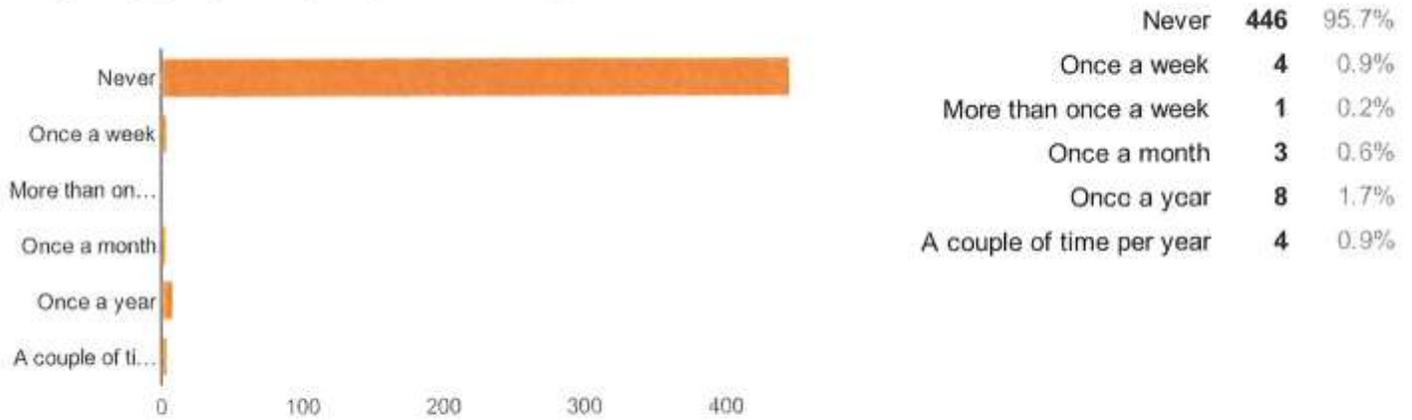
Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future [Water Parks]



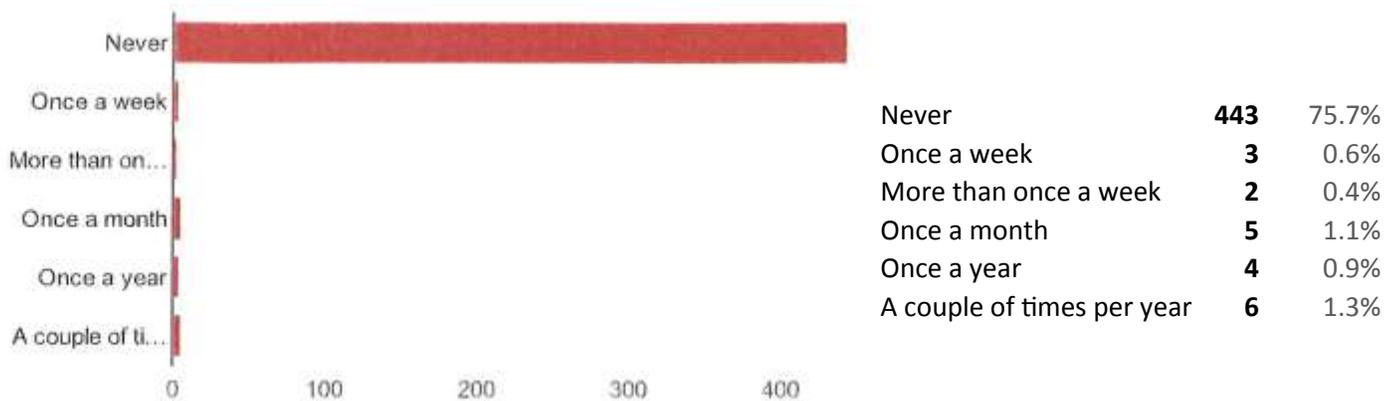
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY RESULTS

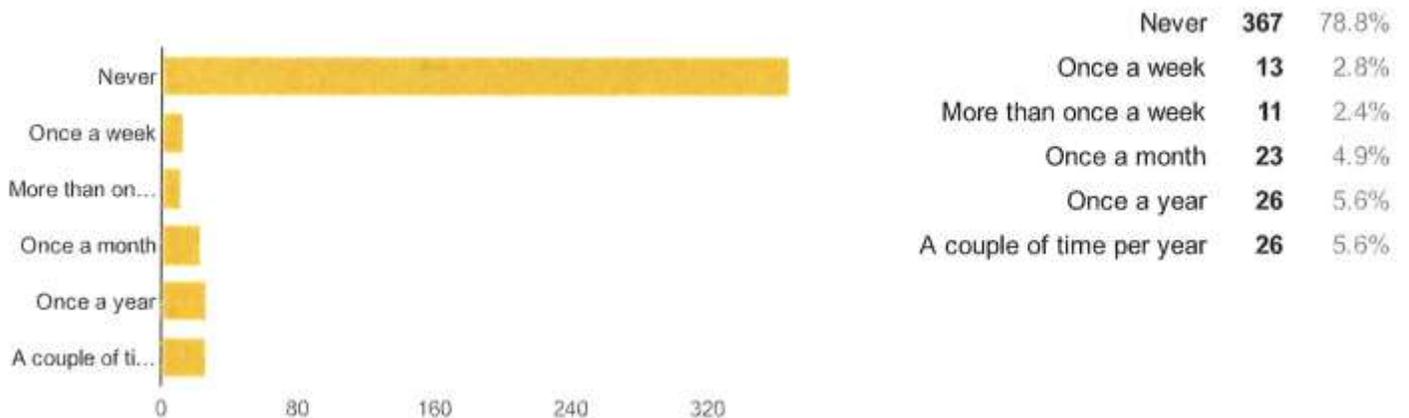
Frequency you participate [Wind Surfing]



Frequency other household members participate [Wind Surfing]



Frequency YOU would like to participate in the future [Wind Surfing]



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

SURVEY SUMMARY

DEMOGRAPHICS	SUMMARY	CONCLUSION
Age Range	Responses represented our age demographics well Although our population is 51% male and 49% female, 66% of responses were submitted by females	none Efforts to reach more male respondents in the future should be considered
Gender	91% of responses were Caucasian and only 6% African American which is not representative of our population of 65% Caucasian and 28% African American	Efforts to reach more African American respondents in the future should be considered
Ethnicity	The majority of respondents did not have children in the household. Michigan City has 7,387 children under the age of 18, only 444 or 6% were represented in the surveys. We had hoped for a higher of number of families taking the surveys to gain input on neighborhood parks and needed programming.	Efforts to reach more families with children should be considered in the future
Children under 18		
Resident Status	84% of respondents are residents, which is the number we expected.	none
Disabilities	13% of our population is disabled, the surveys returned represented 18% of respondents with disability.	This will be valuable information as we move toward ADA accessibility and inclusiveness in future projects
Income	77% of respondents are above the median income of \$35,710 per household. This will not represent financial barriers to facilities and programming well.	Additional efforts to reach lower income families should be made when planning park improvements and programming
Ward	It is evident we serve a large population outside of the civil city (tax district) with 34% of respondents living outside of the civil city limits. All wards within the civil city were well represented.	This warrants additional funding, perhaps through a county park and recreation tax

SURVEY SUMMARY

FACILITY USE	SUMMARY (2 to 5 times through more than 10 times)	CONCLUSION
Adams Park	8% - 34 use out of 408 responses	Low response from families. Neighborhood parks are used primarily by nearby residents.
Beach-Lifeguard Area	72% - 317 use out of 441 responses	Indicates a need for beach safety programming, additional funding is needed for safety equipment
Beach-Outside Lifeguards	79% - 365 use out of 459 responses	Indicates a need for beach safety programming, additional funding is needed for safety equipment
Beachwalk	55% - 241 use out of 338 responses	Shows importance of public access to the beach
Canada Park	14% - 58 use out of 415 responses	Low response from families. Neighborhood parks are used primarily by nearby residents.
Charles Westcott Park	7% - 28 use out of 412 responses	This gateway park is not near residential areas. Programming in this park could increase its use.
Gardena Park	41% - 178 use out of 432 responses	Gardena Park draws visitors from across the city because of the large playground, walking trail, baseball diamonds, and basketball court.
Hansen Park	9% - 36 use out of 410 responses	This is neighborhood park has a regional draw for paddlers with the recent installation of an ADA kayak launch.
Joe Hawkins Park	3% - 13 use out of 406 responses	Low response from families. Neighborhood parks are used primarily by nearby residents.
Karwick Nature Park	12% - 47 use out of 411 responses	Show importance of public access to Trail Creek
Memorial Hall Rentals	13% - 53 use out of 415 responses	The hall is filled most weekends annually. Need to promote weekday rentals for meetings, clubs, etc.
Memorial Park	11% - 45 use out of 409 responses	The park offers trails but no other amenities. It is a nature preserve used mainly by hikers.
Millennium Plaza	46% - 194 use out of 424 responses	Well manicured, well used plaza. Could use additional programming.
Motts Woods	4% - 15 use out of 402 responses	Nature preserve with no amenities or parking.
Municipal Golf Course	32% - 136 use out of 426 responses	Low response from families. Neighborhood parks are used primarily by nearby residents.
North Pointe Pavilion	34% - 143 use out of 420 responses	New in 2016, great use during the first year
Oak Hills Park	3% - 12 use out of 405 responses	Low response from families. Neighborhood parks are used primarily by nearby residents.
Oasis Splash Park	24% - 98 out of 418 responses	Popular amenity in Washington Park
Patriot Park	32% - 136 use out of 423 responses	High use facility that needs investment to complete.
Pullman Park	11% - 44 use out of 410 responses	The skate park has a regional draw. Recent improvements to the park have increased use.
Pullman Skate Park	5% - 21 use out of 408 responses	Regional draw
Ridgeland Park	2% - 9 use out of 404 responses	Low response from families. Neighborhood parks are used primarily by nearby residents.

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Ruby Woods	6% - 22 use out of 403 responses	The park offers trails but no other amenities. It is a nature preserve used mainly by hikers.
Senior Center Programs	23% - 96 out of 422 responses	This facility is programmed to capacity
Senior Center Rentals	5% - 21 use out of 405 responses	Advertising could increase rentals at this facility. Separating rental spaces and creating outdoor rental space would increase revenue.
Tall Timbers Park	4% - 17 use out of 409 responses	Low response from families. Neighborhood parks are used primarily by nearby residents.
Trail Creek Greenway	11% - 43 use out of 406 responses	Trail segment used by the neighborhood. We expect regional use when this trail is connected to the Singing Sands trail in 2018.
Walker Street Park	4% - 15 use out of 406 responses	Low response from families. Neighborhood parks are used primarily by nearby residents.
Washington Park	88% - 313 out of 469 responses	High use regional destination park on the shores of Lake Michigan. See Washington Park Master Plan.
Water Tower Park	17% - 68 out of 410 responses	This was a surprising number for a neighborhood park. This park needs major ADA and safety renovations which are scheduled for 2020.
Winding Creeks Cove	5% - 21 out of 407 responses	This park is a demonstration of Best Management Practices for storm water control and water quality. BMP projects and plans to partner with the school system to use this facility as an outdoor classroom will bring more attention to the park and Trail Creek.

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Arboretum	65% - 350 needed out of 402 responses	This could easily be incorporated in Washington Park
ADA Beach Access	87% - 350 needed out of 402 responses	Addressed in the Sheridan Beach Land Management Plan and Washington Park Master Plan
Archery Range	46% - 182 needed out of 393 responses	This should be investigated
Baseball Fields	70% - 273 needed out of 410 responses	Finish Patriot Park
Camping Cabins	67% - 273 needed out of 410 responses	Addressed in Washington Park Master Plan
Camping Primitive Sites	64% - 252 needed out of 394 responses	Addressed in Washington Park Master Plan
Concession Stands	86% - 361 out of 419 responses	We currently serve Washington Park with Fire & Water restaurant, Oasis Splash Park concessions and Washington Park Zoo Peacock Cafe. We also have a concession stand at Patriot Park. Investigate offering concessions during weekly band concerts through booster clubs, etc.
Dog Park	83% - 356 needed out of 429 responses	Dog friendly facilities should be investigated
Fishing Sites	85% - 347 needed out of 409 responses	2 improved fishing sites will be added to Winding Creek Cove Park in 2017.
Football Fields	57% - 225 needed out of 394 responses	We provide adequate green space for unorganized play
Hockey/Ice Skating Rink	84% - 350 needed out of 417 responses	A portable ice rink is available at the Michigan City Police Department. A permanent rink should be considered by the city.
Miniature Golf	83% - 348 needed out of 422 responses	Not feasible due to our seasonal climate
Mountain Bike Trails	84% - 351 needed out of 417 responses	Krueger Memorial Park would be an ideal location for a mountain bike trail
Nature Center/Programs	87% - 362 needed out of 414 responses	We do not have adequate staff or funding
Picnic Shelters	84% - 346 needed out of 413 responses	New shelters added to Pullman, Tall Timbers and Gardena Parks in 2015/2016. New shelters planned for Washington Park in the WP Master Plan.
Playgrounds	85% - 352 needed out of 415 responses	It is important to continue our playground renovation projects as outlined in the Accessibility and Universal Design section of this report
Public Art	76% - 380 needed out of 429 responses	The Michigan City Public Art Committee has a Master Plan for public art. The Park Department has been the recipient of two public sculptures to date, one in Washington Park and one in front of the maintenance facility. Continue our relationship with the Art Committee
Public Beach Access	89% - 380 needed out of 429 responses	Addressed in the Sheridan Beach Land Management Plan and Washington Park Master Plan
Recreation Center	89% - 372 needed out of 417 responses	We do not have adequate staff or funding
Ropes Course	60% - 239 needed out of 394 responses	Addressed in the Washington Park Master Plan

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Skate Park	60% - 239 needed out of 399 responses	We have one of the largest skate parks in the Midwest. Repairs are needed. Additional features such as a concrete bowl should be investigated. Users have requested a canopy roof to extend annual use.
Snowboard Park	58% - 230 needed out of 394 responses	City should investigate developing a snow park for year round tourism
Soccer Fields	70% - 277 needed out of 399 responses	Patriot Park has 32 soccer fields. Indoor soccer should be explored for year round play.
Softball Fields	68% - 272 needed out of 398 responses	There is a need to finish Patriot Park
Splash Pad	68% - 272 needed out of 402 responses	Popular amenity in Washington Park
Tennis Courts	71% - 284 needed out of 398 responses	Michigan City Area Schools offers an adequate number of tennis courts for our population
Trails & Greenways	88% - 371 needed out of 421 responses	Continue with our trails and greenways master plan
Volleyball Courts	71% - 287 needed out of 402 responses	We have an adequate amount of outdoor courts and utilize school gyms for indoor play
Wetland Observation Area	82% - 337 needed out of 412 responses	We currently have three sites and there is a possibility for a wetland mitigation project at Patriot Park in the near future.
Winter Sledding Hill	89% - 380 needed out of 426 responses	There is a sledding hill at the new Michigan City Police Department.
Winter Toboggan Run	78% - 328 needed out of 419 responses	The city should investigate developing a snow park for year round tourism.
Zip Line	71% - 297 needed out of 421 responses	Addressed in the Washington Park Master Plan
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PROGRAM NEEDS	SUMMARY	CONCLUSION
Activities For Disabled	92% - 394 needed out of 427 responses	Investigate a partnership with Michiana Resources
Adult Sports	90% - 379 needed out of 420 responses	Need adequate and staff and funding to facilitate
Adventure (hiking, camping, etc.)	95% - 414 needed out of 434 responses	Addressed in Washington Park Master Plan
Aquatics	92% - 390 needed out of 422 responses	Offered by Michigan City YMCA
Arts & Craft's Programs	87% - 363 needed out of 418 responses	Need adequate and staff and funding to facilitate
Before/After School Programs	74% - 299 needed out of 407 responses	Adequate programming provided by clubs and school system
Dance Classes	75% - 315 needed out of 418 responses	Currently we offer dance classes
Environmental Activities	91% - 377 out of 416 responses	Continue partnership with Michigan City Area School, IDNR, Soil and Water Conservation District, Trail Creek Watershed Committee
Extreme Sports	64% - 258 needed out of 403 responses	
Family Programs	89% - 381 needed out of 429 responses	Adequate number of programs through school system, YMCA, LaPorte County Parks
Fitness - Indoor	87% - 372 needed out of 429 responses	Need adequate and staff and funding to facilitate
Fitness - Outdoor	88% - 373 needed out of 424 responses	Fitness trails are planned for Washington Park and Gardena Park
Gardening/Landscaping	84% - 350 needed out of 416 responses	Need adequate and staff and funding to facilitate
Hobbies (cooking, sewing, etc.)	83% - 346 needed out of 418 responses	Need adequate and staff and funding to facilitate
Kayaking/Canoeing	88% - 377 needed out of 427 responses	Develop partnership for kayak/canoe rentals at Washington Park or Hansen Park
Music in the Parks	93% - 405 needed out of 434 responses	Need adequate and staff and funding to facilitate
Passive Recreation	81% - 335 needed out of 412 responses	We provide adequate green space for passive recreation
Performing Arts	85% - 362 needed out of 424 responses	There are three local theater groups
Special Events	92% - 400 needed out of 437 responses	City to hire Event Director in 2017
Sports & Athletics	88% - 370 needed out of 419 responses	Need adequate and staff and funding to facilitate
Summer Camps	91% - 386 needed out of 424 responses	Need adequate and staff and funding to facilitate
Water Based Recreation	93% - 404 needed out of 434 responses	Develop partnership for recreational rentals in Washington Park

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USE OF ADULT PROGRAMS	SUMMARY	CONCLUSION
Basketball Leagues	14% - 64 used out of 464 responses	Michigan City YMCA Program
Beach Volleyball Leagues	16% - 75 use out of 465 responses	Partnership with EVP Tour Volleyball
Softball League	19% - 86 use out of 466 responses	Need additional fields, finish Patriot Park
Volleyball Classes	11% - 52 use out of 465 responses	Partnership with EVP Tour Volleyball
Volleyball League - Indoor	13% - 59 use out of 465 responses	Adequate space and staff for program
USE OF YOUTH PROGRAMS	SUMMARY	CONCLUSION
Baseball League	22% - 102 use out of 461 responses	Successful program, need additional fields, finish Patriot Park
City Kids Day Camp	18% - 80 use out of 452 responses	Successful program, could expand capacity with more funding and staff
Junior Golf	15% - 68 use out of 449 responses	Successful program
Learn to Swim	25% - 111 use out of 452 responses	Michigan City Piranhas Program, offered through City Kids Day Camp in the summer
Soccer (MC Soccer Club)	26% - 117 use out of 455 responses	Partnership with MC Soccer Club, successful program, adequate space
Beach Volleyball Leagues	15% - 67 use out of 448 responses	Partnership with EVP Tour Volleyball
Zoo Camp	22% - 98 use out of 451 responses	Try to expand this successful, filled to capacity program - need additional staff

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OPINIONS	SUMMARY	CONCLUSION
Satisfied with recreational opportunities	29% (54% disagreed and 17% didn't know)	Need to increase programming
Willing to pay user fees	78% (14% disagreed and 8% didn't know)	Majority of users agree we need more funding
Build new facilities	63% (19% disagreed and 18% didn't know)	Winter facilities are needed. With a strained budget, we should investigate using indoor space for programs at the community schools
Maintain existing facilities	95% (3% disagreed and 2% didn't know)	We agree it is important to maintain existing facilities and not build new ones unless they are sustainable
Family recreation is in City	64% (19% disagreed and 18% didn't know)	Families are staying close to home for recreation
Promote tourist attractions	79% (28% outside MC and 9% didn't know)	This would include ropes course, zip line, cabins, winter park to attract year round tourism
Athletic fields satisfactory	36% (24% disagreed and 40% didn't know)	Need to complete Patriot Park to keep maintenance of ball fields at one facility
Provides essential services	69% (15% disagreed and 16% didn't know)	Our community recognizes the importance of parks and recreation
Staff is courteous & helpful	63% (10% disagreed and 28% didn't know)	Strain the importance of customer service at staff meetings
Facilities are generally safe	63% (10% disagreed and 28% didn't know)	Continue with scheduled safety upgrades. Investigate community policing.
Satisfactory quality of leadership	49% (13% disagreed and 38% didn't know)	We need to communicate better with our community, more outreach so people know who we are and what we do.
BARRIERS	SUMMARY	CONCLUSION
Cost of programs or facilities	Yes 41% - No 59%	Develop low or no cost programming
Lack of ADA accessibility	Yes 31% - No 69%	There is a need for boardwalks and ADA facilities
Lack of cleanliness	Yes 41% - No 60%	Need additional staff to maintain facilities
Lack of lighting	Yes 36% - No 64%	This is a budget issue, no money for recurring costs
Lack of parking	Yes 40% - No 60%	beach access and Washington Park, especially during major events
Lack of maintenance	Yes 40% - No 60%	Need additional staff to maintain facilities
Lack of restroom facilities	Yes 53% - No 47%	Need additional funding for port-a-pots for neighborhood parks. Washington Park restroom facilities are not adequate and are being addressed in the WP Master Plan.
Safety concerns	Yes 45% - No 55%	Continue with scheduled safety upgrades. Investigate community policing.
Lack of transportation	Yes 19% - No 81%	Consider changing city bus routes to service all park facilities

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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at the hour of 4:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, City of Michigan City, Indiana.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On the call of the roll, the following Board Members were found to be present or absent:

Present: Messrs. Chatfield, Latchford, Freese, and Silvestri (4)

Absent: None (0)

Also present were: Jeremy Kienitz, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Nelson Pichardo, Park Board Attorney; Paul Patrick and Lauren Zielke, NIPSCO Easement Project; Bruce Manner, Michigan City Port Authority Board; Richard Chambers, The News Dispatch; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the October 5, 2016 Park Board meeting.

President Chris Chatfield asked if there were any quotes to be submitted for the zoo SUV or maintenance pickup truck. There were no submissions.

- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board closed the submission period for accepting quotes for the zoo and maintenance vehicle.

Park Board Attorney Nelson Pichardo opened the one quote received from Lakeshore Ford, 244 Melton Road, Burns Harbor, Indiana and read the following quotes:

2017 Ford Explorer 4 x 4 \$27,421
2017 Ford F-250 4 x 4 with 8' box \$33,576

- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the quotes to their November 2, 2016 for review and recommendation by Attorney Nelson.

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- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board removed the 2017 Golf Fees and Contracts from the table.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached 2017 Golf Fees and Contracts.

The Park Board was presented with the attached survey and stakeholder interview results for the Park Departments 2017-2021 Master Plan and asked to provide comments not later than Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

The Park Board President opened the floor to public comment regarding the Park Departments 5-Year Master Plan. There was no comment.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Michigan City Area Schools Corporation for the service learning project at Hansen Park.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled NIPSCO's request for a permanent and temporary easement at Patriot Park.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached 2017 BPA Youth Travel Baseball League and Fees.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Request for Quotes for tree work at the zoo with the modification of removing emergency work and adding a completion date and damages for not completing the work on time.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board instructed Attorney Nelson to review the Concession Agreement with Fire and Water Restaurant and report back to them at a future meeting.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the Park Department's 2016 3rd Quarter Report.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Resolution No. 847 transferring funds in Recreation Fund 1301/0803.

Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz reported on the restoration of the Rotary Centennial monument in Washington Park, fall cleanup, the Festival of Holiday Lights, a vacant Maintenance

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Foreman position, the last day the zoo will be open is October 31, 2016, Trivia Night at the Senior Center, and the approval of the 2017 budgets and salary order.

Attorney Nelson Pichardo reported a letter was sent to Otis Elevator Company regarding our warranty period. They sent back a maintenance agreement with a commencement date of January 1, 2017. Neither date corresponds with the warranty period so he will contact them and report back to the Park Board at their next meeting.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved city claims filed on account of appropriations for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$71,121.77.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #21, 09/25/16 through 10/08/16, in the amount of \$51,867.15.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$1,057.65 out of the Zoo Endowment Fund.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$38,495.10 through the November 7, 2016 Board of Works meeting.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.


Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent


Phil Freese, Park Board Secretary

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason

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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, City of Michigan City, Indiana.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On the call of the roll, the following Board Members were found to be present or absent:

Present: Messrs. Chatfield, Latchford, Freese, and Silvestri (4)

Absent: None (0)

Also present were: Jeremy Kienitz, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Nelson Pichardo, Park Board Attorney; Bruce Manner, Michigan City Port Authority; Lauren Zielke, NIPSCO; Aaron Borngraber, Associate City Planner; Skyler York, Assistant City Planner; Craig Phillips, City Planner; John Rossman, Otis Elevator Company; Kalon Kubik, Mayor's Office; Donovan Garletts; Gabrielle Gonzalez; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the October 19, 2016 Park Board meeting.

John Rossman of Otis Elevator Company gave the Park Board an update on the elevator at North Pointe Pavilion. The speed of the elevator was reduced and there have been no issues since then. Mr. Rossman agreed to either extend the warranty period or suspend payments for service and he will outline that in a maintenance agreement and forward it to Mr. Kienitz.

- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted a quote submitted by Lakeshore Ford for a Ford SUV in the amount of \$27,421.00 and a Ford F-250 with a snow plow in the amount of \$33,576.00.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board removed the NIPSCO easement request from the table.
- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached NIPSCO easement request for property at Patriot Park.

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- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board removed the Park Department's 2016 3rd quarter report from the table.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Park Department 2016 3rd quarter report.
- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for by Mr. Chatfield, the Board agreed to seek funding from the Michigan City Redevelopment Commission to create a project scope and specifications for restoration work on Bismarck Hill and funding to complete the restoration work. Mr. Silvestri recused himself from the vote.
- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the Park Department's 2017/2018 fees and agreements.

Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz presented the first draft of the Park Department's Five Year Master Plan.

President Chatfield opened the floor to public input on the Master Plan.

Donovan Garletts commented Canada Park is underutilized. He lives in that neighborhood and rarely sees anyone in the park. Mr. Garletts would like the Park Board to consider turning the park into a no-leash dog park. Mr. Garletts estimates the price of fencing to be around \$15,000.00. Mr. Garletts stated he would volunteer his time to paint the wall and remove the backstop fencing. This would be a great amenity on the north side of the city for a small investment.

Bruce Manner of the Michigan City Port Authority reported their department recently completed a comprehensive property assessment of their properties. Mr. Manner believes part of the exit drive in Washington Park, across from the marina belongs to the Port Authority and not the Park Department and he asked the Park Board to keep that in mind while working on the Washington Park Master Plan.

- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Request for Quotes for Phase IV of the Winding Creek Cove Best Management Practices Demonstration Project for forestry management.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Resolution No. 848 transferring money in Zoo Fund 1301/0804.

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Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz reported the WPA assessments will begin next week, life rings have been installed along the pier and Trail Creek, the first stakeholder meeting regarding the Franklin Street bridge will be held next week, and the North Pointe Pavilion has been winterized and the furniture stored and maintenance staff are working on cleaning the floor on the upper level.

Mr. Kienitz reported a port a pot at Hansen Park was blown up with an explosive device costing us a \$500.00 insurance deductible and someone kicked in the door on the lifeguard tower resulting in \$400.00 worth of damage.

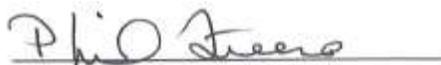
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved city claims filed on account of appropriations for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$26,925.26.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #22, 10/09/16 through 1022/16, in the amount of \$48,394.47.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted a donation in the amount of \$1,400.00 from the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County to purchase a new beach wheelchair.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the following minor transfer:

Zoo Fund 1301/0804

Decrease account no. 02 422.021	Gasoline	\$2,300.00
Increase account no. 02 422.031	Household Supplies	\$2,300.00

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$1,295.00 charged to the Department's credit card.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.


Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent


Phil Freese, Park Board Secretary

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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, November 22, 2016 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, City of Michigan City, Indiana.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On the call of the roll, the following Board Members were found to be present or absent:

Present: Messrs. Chatfield, Freese and Silvestri (3)

Absent: Mr. Latchford (1)

Also present were: Jeremy Kienitz, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Shaw Friedman, Park Board Attorney; Larry Spaeth; Patrick Donoghue; Ken Milo; Gary Wroblewski; Sharon Carnes, City Council; Joel Baldin and Andrew Trimble, Hitchcock Design Group; Pat Boy, City Council; Joanne and Dale Engquist; Skyler York, Craig Phillips, and Aaron Borngreber, City Planning Department; Kathy Munnis; Ross Balling, EVP Academies; Don Przybylinski, City Council; Don Babcock, Michigan City Redevelopment Commission; Gabrielle Gonzalez, The News Dispatch; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the November 2, 2016 Park Board meeting.

Joel Baldin of Hitchcock Design Group presented the Washington Park Master Plan.

Ross Balling of EVP Academies commended the Park Department for this great plan. He suggested the plan should include widening the sidewalk between North Pointe Pavilion and the beach to allow for at least four people to be able to walk side by side in this very congested area.

Michigan City Redevelopment Commission President Don Babcock stated the construction of the North Pointe Pavilion was a great accomplishment. Mr. Babcock asked if the Washington Park Master Plan could address the expected economic impact to the city from the multi-million dollar investments outlined in the master plan. Mr. Babcock believes renovation of the interior of the Senior Center, to capitalize on the beach views, could be done quickly with a modest investment.

City Councilman Don Przybylinski complimented the Park Board for their hard work and effort to develop the Washington Park Master Plan. Mr. Przybylinski asked the Park Board to include

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lighting for the Victorious Peace Monument in the plan. Colored LED lighting could be changed for different holidays and seasons. Mr. Przybylinski would support funding, if available, for the master plan at a council level.

President Chatfield asked if anyone would like to submit a quote for the Winding Creek Cove Forestry Project. There were no submissions and Mr. Chatfield closed the submission period.

Attorney Shaw Friedman opened one quote received from Allen Landscape in Highland, LLC for the Winding Creek Cove Forestry Management Project.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board referred the quote submitted by Allen Landscape in Highland, LLC to Superintendent Kienitz for review and recommendation at their meeting on December 7, 2016.

Park Board President Chris Chatfield opened the floor to the third and final public input session for the Michigan City Park and Recreation Department's 2017-2021 Master Plan.

Dale Engquist of the Shirley Heinze Land Trust expressed an interest in Mott's Woods. The Master Plan reads "this preserve cannot be developed and offers no future recreational opportunities. The Park Department should investigate donating this parcel." Mr. Engquist stated the Shirley Heinze Land Trust would likely accept a donation of this property and they have the resources to restore and maintain it as a nature preserve in accordance with the deed restrictions.

President Chatfield asked Mr. Engquist to meet with Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz to explore the possibility of the city donating the property to the Shirley Heinz Land Trust.

Mr. Kienitz stated the Master Plan draft was posted on our website on November 3, 2016 and the park staff received no comments.

President Chatfield asked for additional comments; there were none and he closed the public input session.

- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board removed the Park Department's 2017 and 2018 fees and agreements from the table.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached fees and agreements for 2017 and 2018.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the attached request submitted by Arcadis to install a ground water monitoring well on park property at 2011 E. U. S. Highway 12.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Restoration License Agreement with Kim Stephens of 1410 Lake Shore Drive, Michigan City, Indiana.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the 2017 schedule submitted by Ross Balling of EVP Academies, LLC and voted to table the agreement to the December 7, 2016 meeting.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the submission of the attached Application for Funding to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for a 2017 Beach Act Grant to fund our annual water quality testing and public notification program.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Request for Quotes for the south golf course pump rebuilding project.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, second by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted the attached proposal submitted by Applied Ecological Services to create the project scope and specifications for the Bismarck Hill Restoration project and approved the attached terms and conditions.

Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz reported leaf cleanup is underway at Gardena Park, the Gardena Playground Renovation Project is on schedule and we'll be planning a ribbon cutting ceremony in the future, the Scott family was very pleased with the care taken while redesigning the Kenneth Scott Memorial at Gardena Park, Patriot Park has been winterized and we are trying to formulate a plan for beautification at the facility including planting new trees, the Festival of Holiday Lights will be held at the Senior Center from 4-6 pm on Saturday, December 3, 2016, we are researching a new lifeguard vehicle for the 2017 season, and someone kicked in the door of the lifeguard tower.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved city claims filed on account of appropriations for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$61,043.18.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #23, 10/23/16 through 11/05/16, in the amount of \$46,264.27.

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- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the following minor transfer:

MAINTENANCE FUND 1301/0805

Decrease account no. 03 436.001	Building Repairs and Maintenance	\$1,000.00
Increase account no. 03 439.011	Contractual Services	\$1,000.00

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$2,040.60 out of the Zoo Endowment Fund.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$53.00 charged to the department's credit card.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent


Phil Freese, Park Board Secretary

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, City of Michigan City, Indiana.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On the call of the roll, the following Board Members were found to be present or absent:

Present: Messrs. Latchford, Freese and Silvestri (3)

Absent: Mr. Chatfield (1)

Also present were: Jeremy Kienitz, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Nelson Pichardo, Park Board Attorney; Jamie Huss and Shawne Sheldon, Washington Park Zoo; Bruce Manner, The Port Authority; Joel Baldin, Hitchcock Design Group; Larry Spaeth; Gabrielle Gonzalez, The New Dispatch; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the November 22, 2016 Park Board meeting.

Vice President Phil Latchford asked if there were any quotes to be submitted for the Golf Course Pump Rebuilding Project. There were no submissions.

Park Board Attorney Nelson Pichardo opened the one quote received from Propump & Controls, Inc. 610 Old Mt Eden Road, Shelbyville, KY 40065 and read the following quote:

Base bid \$74,958.00

Optional bid (water vision cloud) \$6,783

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the quote to their December 21, 2016 meeting for review and recommendation by Attorney Nelson.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the submission of the final draft of the Park Department's 2017-2021 Five Year Master Plan to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for review and comment.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the final Washington Park Master Plan created by Hitchcock Design Group.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Property Access Agreement with Cytec Industries to install monitoring wells on park property at 2011 E. U.S. Highway 12.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached request submitted by Chris Kiser to host the 6th annual Runnin for Prestin 5K run in Washington Park on September 16, 2017 and agreed to waive the shelter rental fee.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted the quote submitted by Allen Landscape Construction in the amount of \$24,292.00 for phase IV of the Winding Creek Cove Best Management Practices Demonstration Project for forestry management.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Agreement between Owner and Contractor and Notice to Proceed with Allen Landscape Construction for phase IV of the Winding Creek Cove Best Management Practices Demonstration Project for forestry management.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the renewal of the Landscape Maintenance Contract for Millennium Plaza with DeLau Landscape Maintenance, Inc.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the 2017 zoo hours, fees, programs and agreements.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Request for Quotes for a new block aviary building at the zoo.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Request for Quotes for a new maintenance workshop building at the zoo.

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- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached bid documents for the Bismarck Hill Restoration Project.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Resolution No. 849 transferring money in Admin Fund 1301/0802.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Resolution No. 850 transferring money in Park Concession Fund 1315/000.

Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz reported Gardena Park is almost finished and we will plan a ribbon cutting ceremony in the spring, the official lighting of the Holiday Lights was held last Saturday at the Senior Center and featured horse and wagon rides and complimentary cookies and hot chocolate, the ice rink has been set up on the corner of 5th and Pine Streets, scheduled Indiana Homeland Security inspections for our 2017 entertainment permits, continued leaf clean up, and the Park Department's assistance with the City in snow removal.

Attorney Pichardo reported he is working on the Memorandum of Understanding with Trail Creek and it should be on the Board's next agenda. He is also working with the Port Authority Attorney regarding ownership of the exit drive in Washington Park.

Zoo Director Jamie Huss gave a presentation on projects completed at the zoo in 2016.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved city claims filed on account of appropriations for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$62,150.37,
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #24, 11/06/16 through 11/19/16, in the amount of \$44,041.42.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the following minor transfer:

Park Maintenance Fund 1301/0805

Decrease account no. 03 436.001	Building Repair & Maintenance	\$1,739.74
Decrease account no. 03 436.002	Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$ 212.09
Decrease account no. 03 436.005	Other Repair & Maintenance	\$ 122.00
Increase account no. 03 439.011	Contractual Services	\$2,073.83

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- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the following minor transfer:

Zoo Fund 1301/0804

Decrease account no. 03 432.002	Postage	\$ 100.00
Decrease account no. 03 432.003	Travel Expenses	\$ 600.00
Decrease account no. 03 432.004	Telephone	\$ 950.00
Decrease account no. 03 436.001	Building Repair & Maintenance	\$1,359.00
Increase account no. 03 439.011	Contractual Services	\$2,059.00
Increase account no. 03 439.060	Bank Charges	\$ 950.00

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$702.76 out of the Zoo Endowment Fund.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$128,200.00 through the 12/05/16 Board of Works meeting.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.


Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent


Phil Freese, Park Board Secretary

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason

NEEDS ANALYSIS

The purpose of the needs analysis is to quantify and understand the recreational programming and facility needs of our community. In order for our department to develop a long range plan for providing the right recreational programs and facilities we must understand our communities recreational desires, actual needs and social makeup.

Needs can be difficult to quantify. A numerical standard does not always reflect a communities makeup, economic situation, history, traditional recreation uses, or political environment. The needs analysis assessed the recreational needs of our community using state and national standards and trends. We analyzed current recreational programming and facilities and looked at other area recreational opportunities to make sure our resources are not being used to duplicate facilities or programs offered by other organizations in or around our community.

Extensive efforts to gain participation from stakeholders and the public were unprecedented. The master plan incorporates input from stakeholders, city officials, park staff, and the public which was methodically solicited and assembled throughout the planning process to determine the demands and needs of our community for recreational programming, green spaces, facilities, and leisure activities in Michigan City.

We tallied results from each identified method of input and the results were prioritized and added to the Action Plan.

The department reviewed the Action Plan of the 2012-2016 Master Plan. Projects which were not completed during the last five years were analyzed. Some projects were moved forward into the new Action Plan and others, which were not deemed to be priorities, or are no longer valid, were deleted.

Park staff prioritized the projects with estimated costs and funding sources to create the 2017-2021 Action Plan. No new facilities were identified in this plan, instead there was a lot of emphasis on maintaining and improving existing facilities.

NEEDS ANALYSIS

NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION

NRPA is no longer publishing “National Standards” for parks and recreation departments stating “a successful agency is one that tailors its services to meet the demands of its community. Knowing who uses your agency’s resources and who may use it in the future (including age, race, income trends) are also factors in shaping the optimal mix of facilities and services to be offered. Every park and recreation agency and the public it serves are unique. Communities look different and so too should their park and recreation agency. It is this reason why NRPA no longer publishes “National Standards.”

Instead, NRPA has developed a comprehensive benchmarking resource called PRORAGIS. This system allows us to customize key metrics to compare characteristics of our agency to those of our peers.

In the following tables, we are comparing our department in the year 2015 with other municipal run park departments throughout the United States with a population between 30,000 and 35,000. The results, which include 21 nation wide park departments, can be found on the following tables.

Agency Summary Effectiveness Ratios	MC Park	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile
Operating expenditures per capita	\$83	\$69	\$102	\$170
Revenue per capita	\$61	\$13	\$29	\$58
Total revenue to total operating expenditures	74.1%	13.9%	38.7%	48.6%
Total tax expenditures per capita	\$21	\$46	\$57	\$89
Operating expenditures per acre of parkland	\$5,825	\$4,640	\$6,106	\$26,793
Operating expenditures per acres of parks and non-park sites	\$3,659	\$4,508	\$5,869	\$18,992
Operating expenditures per FTE	\$41,938	\$64,451	\$72,917	\$105,047
FTE's per 10,000 population	19.74	10.3	14.1	19.7
Acres of parks per 1,000 residents	23.74	5.3	14.2	16.2
Number of residents per park	1,499	1,203.4	1,514.4	2,325

NEEDS ANALYSIS

Agency Operations	MC Park	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quar- tile
Agency's total annual operating expenditures	\$2,606,465	\$2,228,389	\$3,492,671	\$5,415,250
Percentage of agency's total operating ex- penditures for the following categories:				
a. Personnel services	61.0%	56.6%	61.0%	65.0%
b. Operating expenses	39.0%	29.0%	36.6%	40.0%
Percentage of agency's total operating ex- penditures from the following sources:				
a. General fund tax support	44.0%	41.3%	52.5%	67.0%
b. Dedicated levies		0.0%	0.0%	7.5%
c. Earned/generated revenue	53.0%	33.5%	41.0%	50.0%
d. Other dedicated taxes	3.0%	0.8%	4.0%	6.5%
Agency's total annual non-tax revenues	\$1,931,007	\$424,418	\$906,000	\$1,931,007

Personnel	MC Park	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile
Number of funded employees at your agency:				
a. Number of full-time employees	30	14	24	37
b. Number of non-full-time employees	111	42.5	95.5	200
c. Total annual hours worked by non-full-time employ- ees	66,878	26,221	50,500	79,568
Percentage of total full-time equivalents (FTEs) in- volved in the following operational areas:				
a. Administration	17.0%	10.0%	13.0%	16.8%
b. Operations		22.0%	30.0%	35.0%
c. Maintenance	75.0%	21.3%	38.0%	45.5%
d. Programmers	8.0%	10.0%	21.0%	25.5%
e. Capital development		0.3%	1.5%	4.3%
f. Other		1.6%	3.2%	4.8%

NEEDS ANALYSIS

Facilities	MC Park	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile
<i>Jurisdiction population per facility or activity areas within facilities:</i>				
a. Recreation centers		16,112.3	31,000	32,188
b. Community centers	31,479	30,000	31,376	33,282
c. Senior centers	31,479	31,000	31,479	33,664.5
d. Teen centers		31,000	31,000	31,000
e. Fitness center		30,920	31,376	33,800
f. Gyms		11,176.3	15,460	31,000
g. Stadiums		16,500	16,500	16,500
h. Ice rink	31,479	20,925	24,950	28,975
j. Performance amphitheater	31,479	31,376	32,267	33,000
k. Indoor track		10,184.8	17,248.5	24,312.3
l. Nature centers		32,267	32,267	32,267
<i>Jurisdiction population per outdoor facility:</i>				
a. Playgrounds	2,098.6	2,360.7	2,583.3	2,900
b. Totlots		14,208.3	16,582.8	31,256.8
c. Community gardens		31,000	31,688	33,211.5
d. Basketball courts	3,147.9	4,422.9	5,721.8	9,160.3
e. Multiuse courts -basketball, volleyball		6,775	9,838.2	14,044.1
f. Tennis courts (outdoor only)	15,739.5	3,143.8	6,337.6	13,557.5
g. Diamond fields: baseball - youth	5,246.5	3,580.9	5,984.1	7,488.9
h. Diamond fields: baseball - adult		15,707.5	31,000	32,520.8
i. Diamond fields: softball fields - youth		7,210.9	11,000	16,164.5
j. Diamond fields: softball fields - adult	10,493	6,645.7	10,475.8	11,402.3
k. Diamond fields: tee-ball		13,864.7	23,230	33,461.5
l. Dog park		30,460	33,000	33,405.5
m. Ice rink (outdoor only)	31,479	4,627.8	5,500	18,489.5
n. Swimming pools (outdoor only)		15,460	16,500	31,376
o. Rectangular fields: multi-purpose		3,061.1	7,983.3	16,240
p. Rectangular fields: cricket field				
q. Rectangular fields: field hockey field				
r. Rectangular fields: football field		16,823.4	23,960	31,930.3
s. Rectangular fields: lacrosse field		30,920	30,920	30,920
t. Rectangular fields: soccer field - adult		6,755.3	11,094	23,250
u. Rectangular fields: soccer field - youth		3,654.3	5,400	14,485.9
v. Overlay field		9,691	16,767.3	23,843.7
w. Multipurpose synthetic field				
<i>Jurisdiction population per golf facility:</i>				
a. Driving range stations		24,961.3	33,264.5	33,729.5
b. Regulation 18-hole courses	31,479	33,000	33,529	33,800
c. Regulation 9-hole courses		33,000	33,000	33,000

NEEDS ANALYSIS

Facilities	MC Park	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile
d. Executive 9-hole courses		33,800	33,800	33,800
e. Executive 18-hole courses	31,479	31,479	31,479	31,479
Jurisdiction population per swimming facility.				
a. Indoor competitive swimming pools: 50 meters		31,572.3	32,224.5	32,876.8
b. Indoor competitive swimming pools: 25 meters		32,588	33,800	34,065.5
d. Indoor separated diving well		33,800	33,800	33,800
e. Total indoor competitive swimming pools		30,920	31,376	33,529
f. Leisure pool		31,148	31,376	32,588
g. Therapeutic pool		31,262	32,329	33,411.5

NEEDS ANALYSIS

NEEDS IDENTIFIED BY INDIANA DNR'S 2016-2020 STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

1. More and varied kinds of trail or trail-related facilities (especially pedestrian) are needed
2. Natural resource based recreation of many kinds is still a major need among Hoosiers including bird watching, nature photography, camping, swimming, hunting, fishing, wild food gathering, water based recreation such as boating, canoeing, splash pads, and water parks
3. Community and individual health and wellness needs are becoming a greater priority
4. Use of, and demand for local parks and recreation appears to be growing
5. Communities are responding to economic and social pressures and parks and recreation are being viewed as economic engines in local communities
6. Funding is tight for parks and recreation, adaptation and innovation are vital

NEEDS IDENTIFIED BY PARK BOARD, STAFF AND MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

1. Protect and enhance our natural and cultural resources
 - A. Restoration of WPA Works, monuments and Old Lighthouse Museum
 - B. Restoration of dunes, and shorelines of Trail Creek
 - C. Implement green infrastructure projects to improve water quality in Trail Creek & Lake Michigan
 - D. Develop interpretive signage
2. Provide funding and sound administration of parks, programs and operations
 - A. Continue to seek grant funding
 - B. Continue to initiate cost saving initiatives
 - C. Start a park foundation
 - D. Expand volunteer programs
3. Improve and update park facilities and equipment
 - A. Address ADA and safety recommendations at all facilities
 - B. Develop amenities that establish parks as destination sites
4. Develop new programming
 - A. Hire a full time Recreation Director
 - B. Fitness based
5. Construct trails
 - A. Multi-use, non– motorized
 - B. Fitness trails

Challenge: The reduction of our operating budgets in recent years has resulted in the reduction of services such as port-a-pots at neighborhood parks and has resulted in the elimination of nine full time positions resulting in the loss of labor hours for routine maintenance and special projects.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Approved Budget	2,947,298	2,930,082	2,921,020	2,658,900	2,617,896
Actual Expenditures	2,803,340	2,618,902	2,511,817	2,462,547	TBD
YE Balance	143,958	311,180	409,203	196,353	
% unused	5%	11%	14%	7%	

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ACTION PLAN SUMMARY

Items that have been identified in this action plan involve many facets of parks and recreation ranging from infrastructure improvements, park renovations and laws that affect accessibility in outdoor recreation. The city of Michigan City retained ADA consultants to assess all public facilities in 2012. We are utilizing the report provided by the consultants to formulate a plan to logistically make the necessary improvements. The 2017-2021 action plan addresses our top priorities.

The issues identified in the planning process via public and stakeholder input and from analyzing the data and statistics of users and program participation included Washington Park, Washington Park Zoo, neighborhood parks, the municipal golf courses, Patriot Park (sports facility), the Michigan City Senior Center, Krueger Memorial Park and rental hall, the maintenance facility, trails, and budget and financing. There are no recommendations at this time to build new neighborhood parks, but rather the focus is on renovating and improving the assets that we currently manage.

The issues that received the highest priority were placed in the five year action plan for implementation. The following is a summary of the action plan's key issues.

WASHINGTON PARK

In 2016 the Park Department contracted with Hitchcock Design Group to create a master plan specific to Washington Park. The plan is attached as Appendix "A."

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

The needs that are identified with Michigan City's neighborhood parks are primarily ADA and accessibility. All of our parks do not comply with ADA laws that govern outdoor recreation. Playgrounds will need to be replaced or modified to meet the new standards. Accessibility issues concerning accessible routes, benches, picnic tables, restroom facilities, drinking fountains, grills and shelters are being addressed.

Five parks were completed between 2014 and 2016. Seven parks are scheduled for renovation between 2017 and 2021.

Funding for these improvements will come from a variety of sources including capital improvement funds and grant opportunities.

GOLF COURSES

Land within the golf course is limited, so the potential for acquiring adjacent land will always be a priority. A golf cart replacement plan is identified in the Action Plan. Title II and Title III of the

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American with Disabilities Architectural Barriers Act affect some amenities on the golf courses. According to the 2012 Accessibility Survey upgrades at the North Course will cost \$102,000.00 and upgrades to the South Course will cost \$146,000.00.

We recognize the need to update the interior and exterior of each pro shop. New cart paths are needed throughout the course.

The golf courses operate through a non-reverting fund. User fees exclusively pay for operations while the primary source of funding for capital improvements is from city capital dollars. Golf continues to decline nationally. Competition of quality golf courses in our area has increased dramatically in the last decade. Therefore, budgetary and fiscal efficiency (cost containment) and revenue generation along with increased marketing are paramount considerations.

PATRIOT PARK

The completion of Patriot Park was listed as a goal in our previous (2) five-year Master Plans. Due to recent tax shortfalls, it has not been feasible to move forward with the proposed construction of the ball fields, additional parking lots, restroom, concession and storage facilities. The improvements are very important to the Park Department in moving forward. We currently cannot meet the demands for baseball and softball which has forced the spill out to our neighborhood parks. This adds maintenance burden and cost to the department. Until we add additional parking improvements and larger fields we will not be able host the larger, revenue generating tournaments. Patriot Park also has some accessibility issues that will be addressed when funds are available to move forward with the improvements.

In addition to the completion of the ball fields, a fishing pond and natural area was also identified as an improvement to the complex. There may be potential to benefit from a mitigation project required by NIPSCO from the installation of a high pressure gas line near the facility.

GREENWAYS/TRAIL SYSTEMS

The 2006 Trails and Greenways Master Plan is attached as Appendix "B." The City's first multi-use trail, The Trail Creek Greenway Trail, was constructed in 2006. Phases I, II and III of the Singing Sands Trail, part of the tristate Marquette Trail, are under various stages of design and engineering. All three phases are scheduled to be completed by year end 2021. Other trails in the master plan will be pursued as Federal funding becomes available.

The City should investigate building trails in house by acquiring right of way and adding the trail systems to the City's annual paving plan to avoid the timely and expensive process of using Federal Highway funding.

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WASHINGTON PARK ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

The Washington Park Zoo's 2016-2021 Strategic Plan is attached as Appendix "C."

KRUEGER MEMORIAL HALL

Exterior repairs are needed to the log structure. Resurface and stripe the basketball courts. Remove broken concrete sidewalks and parking area in the back of the hall and replace with new. Post a new rules sign. Add a chair lift or elevator for interior accessibility. Purchase a new ice machine.

MICHIGAN CITY SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center generates revenue from rental fees. The fees associated with the Senior Center are kept in a non-reverting fund to offset maintenance expenses. The operating budget for the Senior Center needs to be increased, annual expenses are being paid out of other operating funds.

Improvements to the Senior Center are outlined in the Washington Park Master Plan attached as Appendix "A."

PARK MAINTENANCE FACILITY

The City purchased the building around 1990. The windows and doors are original to the building and need to be replaced.

The City has made major investments to this facility in recent years. The facility is located between the regional attraction International Friendship Gardens and a Michigan City Fire Station so it will be important to address the curb appeal of this facility. Energy efficiency must also be addressed.

Action items include new windows, man doors, and overhead doors. The glass showroom needs to be replaced with a wall and energy efficient windows. The asphalt driveway and parking lots need to be repaired or replaced. Five old furnaces need to be replaced and a new HVAC system is needed in the offices.

SHERIDAN BEACH ESPLANADE

Continue to seek funding for restoration and public access in Sheridan Beach and the esplanade.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING

The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department has seen a steady decline in programming over the past few years. This is related to the Recreation Director position being eliminated

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from the budget. Our current structure places the duties & responsibilities of the Recreation Director on the Park Superintendent. We currently offer Youth Baseball, Adult Volleyball, and Adult Softball. However, we no longer have many of the basic programs and opportunities we once used to offer. Our goal moving forward would be to increase our budget and hire a Recreation Director to increase and provide programming as a Park & Recreation Department should provide to their community.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Adequate funding of parks and recreational programming and development is a continuing challenge for any park and recreation board. The Michigan City Park Department and Park Board should continually search for additional funding sources including grants, public/private partnerships, foundations and other methods of creative financing to assure implementation of the Action Plan to meet the recreational needs of Michigan City. It is with this Master Plan that a five year financial plan is being developed to aid in the guidance for implementation.

Recommendations include:

1. Require many recreational programs to be self-supporting
2. Re-evaluate all rental and user fee schedules annually to ensure that fees cover costs
3. Consider and evaluate public/private partnerships when possible
4. Evaluate leasing opportunities
5. Sponsorships (corporate/private)
6. Pursue grants where applicable and appropriate
7. Investigate the possibility of general obligation bonds for large capital projects when other methods of financing are not available

Limitations to fund a wide array of programs and facilities are challenges to address. Overcoming these limitations and constraints will require use of the various sources of funds available. Below is a brief description of the principal resources available to Michigan City Park and Recreation Department for implementing programs and developing facilities for recreational purposes within the city of Michigan City.

Park Budget - Annual tax allocations from the general city tax levy could be utilized for both operating costs and financing capital improvements. However, general tax dollars are not available for extensive capital improvements.

Unappropriated Balances – Cash balances in non-reverting funds could be used for capital purchases and projects. A request for an appropriation is made by Park Board resolution, with consent of the Mayor, to the City Council.

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NON-REVERTING FUNDS

Zoo Education Fund 1303 – Separate account established for collection of monies from the educational and recreational programs of the zoo, and generated funds are used for educational supplies, camp supplies, candy, craft items, holiday decorations, guest lecture fees, signage, books, and special education programs.

Senior Center Fund 1304 – Separate non-reverting fund established for collection of monies from rentals. Funds can be used for maintenance, repairs, replacement and improvements.

Recreation Fund 1311 – Separate account established for collection of revenues to service recreational programs. Generated funds are used for equipment, materials, awards, improvement of facilities, fees for instructors, umpires, officials, and security personnel.

Golf Fund 1314 – Separate, non-reverting fund with revenue coming from user-generated fees at the golf courses. No tax monies fund the golf budget, currently the courses generate sufficient income to cover expenses for maintenance and operation.

Concession Fund 1315 – Separate account that generates revenue via concession and novelty sales. Funds can be used for operating expenses of the facilities, repairs, equipment and capital improvements.

Gifts and Donations Fund 1316 – Donations of money, land and time are an important resource to any park and recreation board. Donations are important from the point that they can be used to match grants from other sources.

Patriot Park Fund 1320 – Separate account established for revenues from the advertisement/billboard program at Patriot Park. Funds are used for capital and equipment needs at this facility.

General Obligation Bond – General obligation bonds, which are retired by tax money, provide a funding source for implementation of large scale projects. The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Board's bonding power cannot be in excess of two percent (2%) of the assessed valuation of the taxing district. A hearing must be held and approval is required by the City Council.

Public/Private Partnerships – National trends and park services across the country utilize public/private partnerships as a way to fund, enhance, and further develop programs and facilities. An example of this successful approach within our own department was the construction of a planned baseball field at Patriot Park by the Duneland Youth Baseball Association and the construction of soccer fields by the Michigan City Soccer Club that required no city funds or burden to taxpayers to construct.

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Grant Programs

IDNR – Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

Coastal Zone Management (CZM)

Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program (LMCP)

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Indiana Preservation Grant

IDEM – Beach Act Grant for water quality testing and notification

INDOT Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)

INDOT Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)

HUD - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Community Enrichment Foundation

ACTION PLAN MATRIX

The issues of the 2017 – 2021 Action Plan have been identified, analyzed and ranked by priority. The Action Plan plots the probable implementation schedule per priority. The proposed Action Plan will be modified and adjusted depending on available resources. It is intended to be a flexible working document and adjustments should be anticipated.

The following pages reflect the proposed Action Plan matrix for each individual year of the 2017-2021 Parks Five-Year Master Plan. The matrix is organized as follows:

FUNDING YEAR – Action items have been prioritized by year from 2017 through 2021.

LOCATION – Indicates which site, facility or category the Action Plan item relates to.

ACTION ITEM – Identifies the proposed implementation elements established from the priority list.

ESTIMATED COST – Indicates anticipated estimated costs for each element of action. All dollar estimates are a result of certain assumptions, and may not reflect actual cost; they are strictly preliminary estimates to be used as budgeting tools and starting points.

FUNDING SOURCE – Each Action Plan item includes a source(s) of possible funding.

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KEY	FUNDING SOURCE
ACF	Available City Funding
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
GO	Grant Opportunity
MCHS	Michigan City Historical Society
OB	Operating Budget
PD	Private Donation
RDC	Redevelopment Commission
UW	Urban Waters Grant
ZACK	Margaret & Otto Zack Grant
ZE	Zoo Endowment Fund
ZS	Zoo Society

STATUS	FUNDING YEAR	DEPT	LOCATION	ACTION ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE
not funded	2017	Admin	Old Lighthouse Museum	exterior repairs	250,000	ADF
funded	2017	Admin	Singing Sands Ph I	Construct new trail	2,395,905	ACF \$479,181/TE Grant \$2.17M
funded	2017	Admin	Walker Street Park	update equip for safety & ADA	100,000	CDBG
funded	2017	Admin	Winding Creek Cove Ph II	bank stabilization at observation deck	100,400	LMCP, Donnelly, city match
applied for	2017	Admin	Winding Creek Cove Ph III	Public access paths and fishing/launch pad	108,000	LMCP, city match
funded	2017	Admin	Winding Creek Cove Ph IV	forestry management	42,000	UW
not funded	2017	Admin	WPA assessment	Assessment of all WPA facilities	28,500	RDC
funded	2017	Admin	Washington Park	Beach wheelchair	1,400	UF
not funded	2017	All	All	800 mhz radios	5,200	ACF
not funded	2017	Golf	Golf Course	replace 22 carts - year 3 of 4 year replacement plan	70,000	ACF
not funded	2017	Maint	Patriot Park	bunker rake	16,000	ACF
not funded	2017	Maint	Patriot Park	recrown 5 baseball/softball fields	50,000	ACF
funded	2017	Zoo	WP Zoo	Peacock Café	60,000	2016 ZE
funded	2017	Zoo	WP Zoo	Eco Adventure Exhibit	43,500	2014/15 ZE, Grant
funded	2017	Zoo	WP Zoo	feed and bedding barn	143,000	2015/16 ZE
funded	2017	Zoo	WP Zoo	African Watering Hole exhibit	25,000	2016 ZE
funded	2017	Zoo	WP Zoo	American Alligator exhibit - winter holding building	40,000	2017 ZE
funded	2017	Zoo	WP Zoo	Workshop	50,000	2014 ZE
					2017 TOTAL	3,528,905

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STATUS	FUNDING YEAR	DEPT	LOCATION	ACTION ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE
not funded	2018	Rec	Recreation	Hire full time Recreation Director	77,500	ACF
not funded	2018	Admin	Millennium Plaza	security camera system	20,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Admin	Washington Park	security camera system	125,000	ACF/RDC
not funded	2018	Admin	Pullman Park	security camera system	20,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Admin	Trail Creek Greenway	new trail marker signs	2,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Admin	Neighborhood Parks	add new rule signs	20,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Admin	Oak Hills	update equip for safety & ADA	250,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Admin	Old Bandstand	Strip, repair wood, paint - install LED lighting on roof & ceiling	160,000	ACF/RDC/Questers
not funded	2018	Admin	Gardena Phase II	completed ADA updates	250,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Admin	Ridgeland Park	update equip for safety & ADA	75,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Admin	Singing Sands Ph II	2nd Street to Liberty Trail	2,124,631	GO/RDC
not funded	2018	Admin	Washington Park	public access beach paths - mats or boardwalks	unknown	ACF/GO
not funded	2018	Admin	Washington Park	Fedder's Alley RR, repair or replace	65,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Admin	Washington Park	Replacement play equipment	250,000	RDC
not funded	2018	Admin	Washington Park	Replace fitness trail	25,000	RDC
not funded	2018	Admin	Washington Park	rock garden restoration	400,000	ACF/RDC
not funded	2018	Admin	Michigan Blvd Parcel	sell parcel, put back on the tax rolls	2,500	ACF
not funded	2018	Golf	Golf Course	(2) turbine blowers	16,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Golf	Golf Course	front deck rotary mower	30,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Golf	Golf Course	used putting green mower (new \$28,000)	15,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Golf	Golf Course	replace 22 carts - year 4 of 4 year replacement plan	75,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Golf	Golf Course	rough trim mower	30,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Golf	Golf Course	security camera system	35,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Golf	South Pro Shop	replace refrigerator/freezer in snack shop	5,700	ACF
not funded	2018	Golf	Golf Course	resurface south course cart path	100,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Golf	Golf Course	resurface north course cart path	50,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Golf	South Pro Shop	restripe parking lot, pave area around club house & drive	100,000	ACF

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STATUS	FUNDING YEAR	DEPT	LOCATION	ACTION ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE
not funded	2018	Golf	Golf Course	tree work - aerial playability and canopy establishment	250,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Golf	Golf Course	design & engineering of drainage on south course	TBD	TBD
not funded	2018	Maint	Park Maintenance	replace 1 mower with Toro zero turn mower	22,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Maint	Park Maintenance	new flatbed trailer	3,930	ACF
not funded	2018	Maint	Park Maintenance	replace 1 ton dump truck with plow	56,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Maint	Park Maintenance	Powerboss Sweeper	42,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Maint	Park Maintenance	replace 1 pick up truck with plow	41,545	ACF
not funded	2018	Maint	Park Maintenance	(2) Toro zero turn mowers	46,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Maint	Park Maintenance	2 new pick up trucks (less trade in)	ACF	ACF
not funded	2018	Maint	Park Maintenance	replace 5 old furnaces in maintenance facility	12,500	ACF
not funded	2018	Maint	Patriot Park	2 new water reels	20,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Maint	Patriot Park	bunker rake	12,700	ACF
not funded	2018	Maint	Patriot Park	John Deere Tractor	40,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Maint	Park Maintenance	maint bldg pave parking lot (patch & resurface)	100,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Maint	Park Maintenance	Mem Hall fascia, soffits & gutters	ACF	ACF
not funded	2018	Maint	Park Maintenance	Mem Hall back parking lot replacement	ACF	ACF
not funded	2018	Maint	Park Maintenance	heating and air system	10,500	ACF
not funded	2018	Maint	Park Maintenance	new windows, doors for energy efficiency	100,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Maint	Park Maintenance	new asphalt drive and parking lot in front of maintenance facility	100,000	ACF

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STATUS	FUNDING YEAR	DEPT	LOCATION	ACTION ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE
not funded	2018	Maint	Washington Park	restripe parking lots	12,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Senior	Senior Center	remove tile floor, replace with epoxy	129,200	ACF
not funded	2018	Senior	Senior Center	replace wall partition	60,000	ACF
not funded	2018	Senior	Senior Center	construct boardwalk and observation deck	TBD	RDC/ACF
not funded	2018	Senior	Senior Center	move offices to south side of building	TBD	RDC/ACF
not funded	2018	Zoo	WP Zoo	EZ Go golf cart	8,941	ACF
not funded	2018	Zoo	WP Zoo	new transit wagon (trade in 2001 Tahoe)	39,550	ACF
not funded	2018	Zoo	WP Zoo	Australian Avian Adventure exhibit	80,000	City/RDC/Donation
not funded	2018	Zoo	WP Zoo	Castle - exterior repairs	500,000	ZS/Grants
not funded	2018	Zoo	WP Zoo	security camera system	30,000	ACF
funded	2018	Zoo	WP Zoo	Hilltop Aviary block building	25,000	2017 ZE
funded	2018	Zoo	WP Zoo	Hilltop Aviary outer wire and fence	20,000	2017 ZE
funded	2018	Zoo	WP Zoo	Alligator winter enclosure	40,000	2017 ZE
not funded	2018	Zoo	WP Zoo	Inspect sacrificial anodes on observation tower	15,000	ACF
not funded	2020	Zoo	WP Zoo	Pride of Africa Exhibit	1,500,000	AFC/RDC
funded	2018	Zoo	WP Zoo	replace sidewalks north side of zoo and barn	50,000	2018 ZE
funded	2018	Zoo	WP Zoo	Asian Trail	25,000	2018 ZE
funded	2018	Zoo	WP Zoo	North American Raptors	3,800	2018 ZE
2018 TOTAL					7,718,997	

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STATUS	FUNDING YEAR	DEPT	LOCATION	ACTION ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE
not funded	2019	Admin	Karwick Nature Park	forestry management	50,000	ACF/GO
not funded	2019	Admin	Krueger Mem Park	forestry management	50,000	ACF/GO
not funded	2019	Admin	Motts Woods	forestry management	50,000	ACF/GO
not funded	2019	Admin	Pullman Park	add new features to skate park per surveys	15,000	ACF
not funded	2019	Admin	Ruby Woods	forestry management	50,000	ACF/GO
not funded	2019	Admin	Singing Sands Ph III	Liberty Trail to Meer Road	1,120,000	ACF/GO
not funded	2019	Admin	Water Tower Park	update equip for safety & ADA	100,000	ACF
not funded	2019	Admin	Pullman Park	upgrade security camera system	50,000	ACF
not funded	2019	Golf	Golf Course	(2) greens mowers	56,000	ACF
not funded	2019	Golf	Golf Course	equipment lift	20,000	ACF
not funded	2019	Golf	Golf Course	tree work - aerial playability and canopy establishment	50,000	ACF
not funded	2019	Golf	Golf Course	ADA upgrades to south course	145,000	ACF
not funded	2019	Golf	Golf Course	renovate interior of south course pro shop	TBD	ACF
not funded	2019	Golf	Golf Course	replace cart paths	TBD	ACF
not funded	2019	Golf	Golf Course	irrigation system sprinkler head replacement	TBD	ACF
not funded	2019	Maint	Park Maintenance	new Toro zero turn mower	23,000	ACF
not funded	2019	Maint	Park Maintenance	(2) small pick up trucks (less trade ins)	60,000	ACF
not funded	2019	Maint	Park Maintenance	renovate maint building showroom for energy efficiency	TBD	ACF
not funded	2019	Maint	Patriot Park	replace all signage at Patriot Park	20,000	ACF
not funded	2019	Maint	Patriot Park	new Toro zero turn mower	23,000	ACF
					2019 TOTAL	1,882,000

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STATUS	FUNDING YEAR	DEPT	LOCATION	ACTION ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE
not funded	2019	Admin	Karwick Nature Park	forestry management	50,000	ACF/GO
not funded	2019	Admin	Krueger Mem Park	forestry management	50,000	ACF/GO
not funded	2019	Admin	Motts Woods	forestry management	50,000	ACF/GO
not funded	2019	Admin	Pullman Park	add new features to skate park per surveys	15,000	ACF
not funded	2020	Admin	Adams Park	park renovation project	1,000,000	ACF/RDC
not funded	2020	Admin	Adams Park	update equip for safety & ADA	200,000	ACF
not funded	2020	Golf	Golf Course	ADA upgrades to north course	102,000	ACF
not funded	2020	Golf	Golf Course	tree work - aerial playability and canopy establishment	50,000	ACF
not funded	2020	Golf	Golf Course	renovate exterior of south pro shop	TBD	TBD
not funded	2020	Golf	Golf Course	turf sprayer	35,000	ACF
not funded	2020	Maint	Patriot Park	CRS, parking lots, 2 diamonds	3,500,000	ACF
not funded	2020	Maint	Patriot Park	soccer/concession/restroom building	238,282	ACF
not funded	2020	Maint	Memorial Hall	Replace level sidewalks and parking area with new concrete	25,000	ACF
not funded	2020	Maint	Memorial Hall	add an interior chair lift for accessibility	15,000	ACF
not funded	2020	Maint	Memorial Hall	rules sign	1,000	ACF
not funded	2020	Maint	Memorial Hall	exterior repairs to log structure	30,000	ACF
not funded	2020	Maint	Memorial Hall	new ice machine	5,000	ACF
not funded	2020	Maint	Memorial Hall	resurface & restripe basketball courts	15,000	ACF
not funded	2020	Zoo	WP Zoo	South American Island	1,300,000	ACF/RDC
not funded	2020	Zoo	WP Zoo	Asian Highland Exhibit	1,300,000	City/RDC/PD
2020 TOTAL					7,816,282	

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STATUS	FUNDING YEAR	DEPT	LOCATION	ACTION ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE
not funded	2019	Admin	Karwick Nature Park	forestry management	50,000	ACF/GO
not funded	2019	Admin	Krueger Mem Park	forestry management	50,000	ACF/GO
not funded	2019	Admin	Motts Woods	forestry management	50,000	ACF/GO
not funded	2019	Admin	Pullman Park	add new features to skate park per surveys	15,000	ACF
not funded	2021	Admin	Canada Park	remove playground equipment	0	in house labor
not funded	2021	Golf	Golf Course	replace 22 carts - 1 of 4 (second round)	97,270	2019 est plus 10%
not funded	2021	Golf	Golf Course	tree work - aerial playability and canopy establishment	50,000	ACF
not funded	2021	Golf	Golf Course	renovate exterior of north pro shop	TBD	TBD
not funded	2021	Golf	Golf Course	reel/bedknife grinder	35,000	ACF
not funded	2021	Golf	Golf Course	construct a driving range	TBD	RDC/ACF
not funded	2021	Maint	Patriot Park	5 new scoreboards	40,000	ACF
funded	2021	Zoo	WP Zoo	New Gift Shop	80,000	2016/2017 ZE
2021 TOTAL					302,270	

2017	\$3,528,905
2018	\$7,718,997
2019	\$1,882,000
2020	\$7,816,282
2021	<u>\$302,270</u>
TOTAL	\$21,248,454

PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES



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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, City of Michigan City, Indiana.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On the call of the roll, the following Board Members were found to be present or absent:

Present: Messrs. Latchford, Freese and Silvestri (3)

Absent: Mr. Chatfield (1)

Also present were: Jeremy Kienitz, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Nelson Pichardo, Park Board Attorney; Jamie Huss and Shawne Sheldon, Washington Park Zoo; Bruce Manner, The Port Authority; Joel Baldin, Hitchcock Design Group; Larry Spaeth; Gabrielle Gonzalez, The New Dispatch; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the November 22, 2016 Park Board meeting.

Vice President Phil Latchford asked if there were any quotes to be submitted for the Golf Course Pump Rebuilding Project. There were no submissions.

Park Board Attorney Nelson Pichardo opened the one quote received from Propump & Controls, Inc. 610 Old Mt Eden Road, Shelbyville, KY 40065 and read the following quote:

Base bid \$74,958.00

Optional bid (water vision cloud) \$6,783

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the quote to their December 21, 2016 meeting for review and recommendation by Attorney Nelson.

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- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the submission of the final draft of the Park Department's 2017-2021 Five Year Master Plan to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for review and comment.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the final Washington Park Master Plan created by Hitchcock Design Group.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Property Access Agreement with Cytex Industries to install monitoring wells on park property at 2011 E. U.S. Highway 12.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached request submitted by Chris Kiser to host the 6th annual Runnin for Prestin 5K run in Washington Park on September 16, 2017 and agreed to waive the shelter rental fee.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted the quote submitted by Allen Landscape Construction in the amount of \$24,292.00 for phase IV of the Winding Creek Cove Best Management Practices Demonstration Project for forestry management.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Agreement between Owner and Contractor and Notice to Proceed with Allen Landscape Construction for phase IV of the Winding Creek Cove Best Management Practices Demonstration Project for forestry management.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the renewal of the Landscape Maintenance Contract for Millennium Plaza with DeLau Landscape Maintenance, Inc.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the 2017 zoo hours, fees, programs and agreements.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Request for Quotes for a new block aviary building at the zoo.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Request for Quotes for a new maintenance workshop building at the zoo.

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- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached bid documents for the Bismarck Hill Restoration Project.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Resolution No. 849 transferring money in Admin Fund 1301/0802.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Resolution No. 850 transferring money in Park Concession Fund 1315/000.

Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz reported Gardena Park is almost finished and we will plan a ribbon cutting ceremony in the spring, the official lighting of the Holiday Lights was held last Saturday at the Senior Center and featured horse and wagon rides and complimentary cookies and hot chocolate, the ice rink has been set up on the corner of 5th and Pine Streets, scheduled Indiana Homeland Security inspections for our 2017 entertainment permits, continued leaf clean up, and the Park Department's assistance with the City in snow removal.

Attorney Pichardo reported he is working on the Memorandum of Understanding with Trail Creek and it should be on the Board's next agenda. He is also working with the Port Authority Attorney regarding ownership of the exit drive in Washington Park.

Zoo Director Jamie Huss gave a presentation on projects completed at the zoo in 2016.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved city claims filed on account of appropriations for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$62,150.37,
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #24, 11/06/16 through 11/19/16, in the amount of \$44,041.42.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the following minor transfer:

Park Maintenance Fund 1301/0805

Decrease account no. 03 436.001	Building Repair & Maintenance	\$1,739.74
Decrease account no. 03 436.002	Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$ 212.09
Decrease account no. 03 436.005	Other Repair & Maintenance	\$ 122.00
Increase account no. 03 439.011	Contractual Services	\$2,073.83

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- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the following minor transfer:

Zoo Fund 1301/0804

Decrease account no. 03 432.002	Postage	\$ 100.00
Decrease account no. 03 432.003	Travel Expenses	\$ 600.00
Decrease account no. 03 432.004	Telephone	\$ 950.00
Decrease account no. 03 436.001	Building Repair & Maintenance	\$1,359.00
Increase account no. 03 439.011	Contractual Services	\$2,059.00
Increase account no. 03 439.060	Bank Charges	\$ 950.00

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$702.76 out of the Zoo Endowment Fund.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$128,200.00 through the 12/05/16 Board of Works meeting.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.


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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at the hour of 4:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, City of Michigan City, Indiana.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On the call of the roll, the following Board Members were found to be present or absent:

Present: Messrs. Chatfield, Latchford, Freese, and Silvestri (4)

Absent: None (0)

Also present were: Jeremy Kienitz, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Nelson Pichardo, Park Board Attorney; Paul Patrick and Lauren Zielke, NIPSCO Easement Project; Bruce Manner, Michigan City Port Authority Board; Richard Chambers, The News Dispatch; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the October 5, 2016 Park Board meeting.

President Chris Chatfield asked if there were any quotes to be submitted for the zoo SUV or maintenance pickup truck. There were no submissions.

- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board closed the submission period for accepting quotes for the zoo and maintenance vehicle.

Park Board Attorney Nelson Pichardo opened the one quote received from Lakeshore Ford, 244 Melton Road, Burns Harbor, Indiana and read the following quotes:

2017 Ford Explorer 4 x 4 \$27,421
2017 Ford F-250 4 x 4 with 8' box \$33,576

- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the quotes to their November 2, 2016 for review and recommendation by Attorney Nelson.

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- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board removed the 2017 Golf Fees and Contracts from the table.
- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached 2017 Golf Fees and Contracts.

The Park Board was presented with the attached survey and stakeholder interview results for the Park Departments 2017-2021 Master Plan and asked to provide comments not later than Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

The Park Board President opened the floor to public comment regarding the Park Departments 5-Year Master Plan. There was no comment.

- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Michigan City Area Schools Corporation for the service learning project at Hansen Park.
- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled NIPSCO's request for a permanent and temporary easement at Patriot Park.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached 2017 BPA Youth Travel Baseball League and Fees.
- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Request for Quotes for tree work at the zoo with the modification of removing emergency work and adding a completion date and damages for not completing the work on time.
- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board instructed Attorney Nelson to review the Concession Agreement with Fire and Water Restaurant and report back to them at a future meeting.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the Park Department's 2016 3rd Quarter Report.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Resolution No. 847 transferring funds in Recreation Fund 1301/0803.

Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz reported on the restoration of the Rotary Centennial monument in Washington Park, fall cleanup, the Festival of Holiday Lights, a vacant Maintenance

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Foreman position, the last day the zoo will be open is October 31, 2016, Trivia Night at the Senior Center, and the approval of the 2017 budgets and salary order.

Attorney Nelson Pichardo reported a letter was sent to Otis Elevator Company regarding our warranty period. They sent back a maintenance agreement with a commencement date of January 1, 2017. Neither date corresponds with the warranty period so he will contact them and report back to the Park Board at their next meeting.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved city claims filed on account of appropriations for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$71,121.77.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #21, 09/25/16 through 10/08/16, in the amount of \$51,867.15.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$1,057.65 out of the Zoo Endowment Fund.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$38,495.10 through the November 7, 2016 Board of Works meeting.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.


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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, City of Michigan City, Indiana.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On the call of the roll, the following Board Members were found to be present or absent:

Present: Messrs. Chatfield, Latchford, Freese, and Silvestri (4)

Absent: None (0)

Also present were: Jeremy Kienitz, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Nelson Pichardo, Park Board Attorney; Bruce Manner, Michigan City Port Authority; Lauren Zielke, NIPSCO; Aaron Borngraber, Associate City Planner; Skyler York, Assistant City Planner; Craig Phillips, City Planner; John Rossman, Otis Elevator Company; Kalon Kubik, Mayor's Office; Donovan Garletts; Gabrielle Gonzalez; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the October 19, 2016 Park Board meeting.

John Rossman of Otis Elevator Company gave the Park Board an update on the elevator at North Pointe Pavilion. The speed of the elevator was reduced and there have been no issues since then. Mr. Rossman agreed to either extend the warranty period or suspend payments for service and he will outline that in a maintenance agreement and forward it to Mr. Kienitz.

- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted a quote submitted by Lakeshore Ford for a Ford SUV in the amount of \$27,421.00 and a Ford F-250 with a snow plow in the amount of \$33,576.00.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board removed the NIPSCO easement request from the table.
- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached NIPSCO easement request for property at Patriot Park.

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- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board removed the Park Department's 2016 3rd quarter report from the table.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Park Department 2016 3rd quarter report.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for by Mr. Chatfield, the Board agreed to seek funding from the Michigan City Redevelopment Commission to create a project scope and specifications for restoration work on Bismarck Hill and funding to complete the restoration work. Mr. Silvestri recused himself from the vote.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the Park Department's 2017/2018 fees and agreements.

Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz presented the first draft of the Park Department's Five Year Master Plan.

President Chatfield opened the floor to public input on the Master Plan.

Donovan Garletts commented Canada Park is underutilized. He lives in that neighborhood and rarely sees anyone in the park. Mr. Garletts would like the Park Board to consider turning the park into a no-leash dog park. Mr. Garletts estimates the price of fencing to be around \$15,000.00. Mr. Garletts stated he would volunteer his time to paint the wall and remove the backstop fencing. This would be a great amenity on the north side of the city for a small investment.

Bruce Manner of the Michigan City Port Authority reported their department recently completed a comprehensive property assessment of their properties. Mr. Manner believes part of the exit drive in Washington Park, across from the marina belongs to the Port Authority and not the Park Department and he asked the Park Board to keep that in mind while working on the Washington Park Master Plan.

- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Request for Quotes for Phase IV of the Winding Creek Cove Best Management Practices Demonstration Project for forestry management.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Resolution No. 848 transferring money in Zoo Fund 1301/0804.

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Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz reported the WPA assessments will begin next week, life rings have been installed along the pier and Trail Creek, the first stakeholder meeting regarding the Franklin Street bridge will be held next week, and the North Pointe Pavilion has been winterized and the furniture stored and maintenance staff are working on cleaning the floor on the upper level.

Mr. Kienitz reported a port a pot at Hansen Park was blown up with an explosive device costing us a \$500.00 insurance deductible and someone kicked in the door on the lifeguard tower resulting in \$400.00 worth of damage.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved city claims filed on account of appropriations for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$26,925.26.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #22, 10/09/16 through 1022/16, in the amount of \$48,394.47.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted a donation in the amount of \$1,400.00 from the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County to purchase a new beach wheelchair.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the following minor transfer:

Zoo Fund 1301/0804

Decrease account no. 02 422.021	Gasoline	\$2,300.00
Increase account no. 02 422.031	Household Supplies	\$2,300.00

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$1,295.00 charged to the Department's credit card.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.


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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On the call of the roll, the following Board Members were found to be present or absent:

Present: Messrs. Chatfield, Freese and Silvestri (3)

Absent: Mr. Latchford (1)

Also present were: Jeremy Kienitz, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Shaw Friedman, Park Board Attorney; Larry Spaeth; Patrick Donoghue; Ken Milo; Gary Wroblewski; Sharon Carnes, City Council; Joel Baldin and Andrew Trimble, Hitchcock Design Group; Pat Boy, City Council; Joanne and Dale Engquist; Skyler York, Craig Phillips, and Aaron Borngraber, City Planning Department; Kathy Munnis; Ross Balling, EVP Academies; Don Przybylinski, City Council; Don Babcock, Michigan City Redevelopment Commission; Gabrielle Gonzalez, The News Dispatch; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the November 2, 2016 Park Board meeting.

Joel Baldin of Hitchcock Design Group presented the Washington Park Master Plan.

Ross Balling of EVP Academies commended the Park Department for this great plan. He suggested the plan should include widening the sidewalk between North Pointe Pavilion and the beach to allow for at least four people to be able to walk side by side in this very congested area.

Michigan City Redevelopment Commission President Don Babcock stated the construction of the North Pointe Pavilion was a great accomplishment. Mr. Babcock asked if the Washington Park Master Plan could address the expected economic impact to the city from the multi-million dollar investments outlined in the master plan. Mr. Babcock believes renovation of the interior of the Senior Center, to capitalize on the beach views, could be done quickly with a modest investment.

City Councilman Don Przybylinski complimented the Park Board for their hard work and effort to develop the Washington Park Master Plan. Mr. Przybylinski asked the Park Board to include

lighting for the Victorious Peace Monument in the plan. Colored LED lighting could be changed for different holidays and seasons. Mr. Przybylinski would support funding, if available, for the master plan at a council level.

President Chatfield asked if anyone would like to submit a quote for the Winding Creek Cove Forestry Project. There were no submissions and Mr. Chatfield closed the submission period.

Attorney Shaw Friedman opened one quote received from Allen Landscape in Highland, LLC for the Winding Creek Cove Forestry Management Project.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board referred the quote submitted by Allen Landscape in Highland, LLC to Superintendent Kienitz for review and recommendation at their meeting on December 7, 2016.

Park Board President Chris Chatfield opened the floor to the third and final public input session for the Michigan City Park and Recreation Department's 2017-2021 Master Plan.

Dale Engquist of the Shirley Heinze Land Trust expressed an interest in Mott's Woods. The Master Plan reads "this preserve cannot be developed and offers no future recreational opportunities. The Park Department should investigate donating this parcel." Mr. Engquist stated the Shirley Heinze Land Trust would likely accept a donation of this property and they have the resources to restore and maintain it as a nature preserve in accordance with the deed restrictions.

President Chatfield asked Mr. Engquist to meet with Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz to explore the possibility of the city donating the property to the Shirley Heinz Land Trust.

Mr. Kienitz stated the Master Plan draft was posted on our website on November 3, 2016 and the park staff received no comments.

President Chatfield asked for additional comments; there were none and he closed the public input session.

- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board removed the Park Department's 2017 and 2018 fees and agreements from the table.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached fees and agreements for 2017 and 2018.

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- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the attached request submitted by Arcadis to install a ground water monitoring well on park property at 2011 E. U. S. Highway 12.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Restoration License Agreement with Kim Stephens of 1410 Lake Shore Drive, Michigan City, Indiana.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the 2017 schedule submitted by Ross Balling of EVP Academies, LLC and voted to table the agreement to the December 7, 2016 meeting.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the submission of the attached Application for Funding to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for a 2017 Beach Act Grant to fund our annual water quality testing and public notification program.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Request for Quotes for the south golf course pump rebuilding project.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, second by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted the attached proposal submitted by Applied Ecological Services to create the project scope and specifications for the Bismarck Hill Restoration project and approved the attached terms and conditions.

Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz reported leaf cleanup is underway at Gardena Park, the Gardena Playground Renovation Project is on schedule and we'll be planning a ribbon cutting ceremony in the future, the Scott family was very pleased with the care taken while redesigning the Kenneth Scott Memorial at Gardena Park, Patriot Park has been winterized and we are trying to formulate a plan for beautification at the facility including planting new trees, the Festival of Holiday Lights will be held at the Senior Center from 4-6 pm on Saturday, December 3, 2016, we are researching a new lifeguard vehicle for the 2017 season, and someone kicked in the door of the lifeguard tower.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved city claims filed on account of appropriations for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$61,043.18.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #23, 10/23/16 through 11/05/16, in the amount of \$46,264.27.

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- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the following minor transfer:

MAINTENANCE FUND 1301/0805

Decrease account no. 03 436.001	Building Repairs and Maintenance	\$1,000.00
Increase account no. 03 439.011	Contractual Services	\$1,000.00

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$2,040.60 out of the Zoo Endowment Fund.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$53.00 charged to the department's credit card.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent


Phil Freese, Park Board Secretary

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12/07/16 PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT PLAN TO INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, City of Michigan City, Indiana.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On the call of the roll, the following Board Members were found to be present or absent:

Present: Messrs. Latchford, Freese and Silvestri (3)

Absent: Mr. Chatfield (1)

Also present were: Jeremy Kienitz, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Nelson Pichardo, Park Board Attorney; Jamie Huss and Shawne Sheldon, Washington Park Zoo; Bruce Manner, The Port Authority; Joel Baldin, Hitchcock Design Group; Larry Spaeth; Gabrielle Gonzalez, The New Dispatch; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the November 22, 2016 Park Board meeting.

Vice President Phil Latchford asked if there were any quotes to be submitted for the Golf Course Pump Rebuilding Project. There were no submissions.

Park Board Attorney Nelson Pichardo opened the one quote received from Propump & Controls, Inc. 610 Old Mt Eden Road, Shelbyville, KY 40065 and read the following quote:

Base bid \$74,958.00

Optional bid (water vision cloud) \$6,783

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the quote to their December 21, 2016 meeting for review and recommendation by Attorney Nelson.

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- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the submission of the final draft of the Park Department's 2017-2021 Five Year Master Plan to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for review and comment.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the final Washington Park Master Plan created by Hitchcock Design Group.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Property Access Agreement with Cytex Industries to install monitoring wells on park property at 2011 E. U.S. Highway 12.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached request submitted by Chris Kiser to host the 6th annual Runnin for Prestin 5K run in Washington Park on September 16, 2017 and agreed to waive the shelter rental fee.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted the quote submitted by Allen Landscape Construction in the amount of \$24,292.00 for phase IV of the Winding Creek Cove Best Management Practices Demonstration Project for forestry management.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Agreement between Owner and Contractor and Notice to Proceed with Allen Landscape Construction for phase IV of the Winding Creek Cove Best Management Practices Demonstration Project for forestry management.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the renewal of the Landscape Maintenance Contract for Millennium Plaza with DeLau Landscape Maintenance, Inc.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the 2017 zoo hours, fees, programs and agreements.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Request for Quotes for a new block aviary building at the zoo.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Request for Quotes for a new maintenance workshop building at the zoo.

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- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached bid documents for the Bismarck Hill Restoration Project.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Resolution No. 849 transferring money in Admin Fund 1301/0802.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Resolution No. 850 transferring money in Park Concession Fund 1315/000.

Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz reported Gardena Park is almost finished and we will plan a ribbon cutting ceremony in the spring, the official lighting of the Holiday Lights was held last Saturday at the Senior Center and featured horse and wagon rides and complimentary cookies and hot chocolate, the ice rink has been set up on the corner of 5th and Pine Streets, scheduled Indiana Homeland Security inspections for our 2017 entertainment permits, continued leaf clean up, and the Park Department's assistance with the City in snow removal.

Attorney Pichardo reported he is working on the Memorandum of Understanding with Trail Creek and it should be on the Board's next agenda. He is also working with the Port Authority Attorney regarding ownership of the exit drive in Washington Park.

Zoo Director Jamie Huss gave a presentation on projects completed at the zoo in 2016.

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved city claims filed on account of appropriations for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$62,150.37,
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #24, 11/06/16 through 11/19/16, in the amount of \$44,041.42.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the following minor transfer:

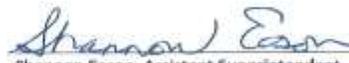
Park Maintenance Fund 1301/0805		
Decrease account no. 03 436.001	Building Repair & Maintenance	\$1,739.74
Decrease account no. 03 436.002	Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$ 212.09
Decrease account no. 03 436.005	Other Repair & Maintenance	\$ 122.00
Increase account no. 03 439.011	Contractual Services	\$2,073.83

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- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the following minor transfer:

Zoo Fund 1301/0804		
Decrease account no. 03 432.002	Postage	\$ 100.00
Decrease account no. 03 432.003	Travel Expenses	\$ 600.00
Decrease account no. 03 432.004	Telephone	\$ 950.00
Decrease account no. 03 436.001	Building Repair & Maintenance	\$1,359.00
Increase account no. 03 439.011	Contractual Services	\$2,059.00
Increase account no. 03 439.060	Bank Charges	\$ 950.00

- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$702.76 out of the Zoo Endowment Fund.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved payment of invoices totaling \$128,200.00 through the 12/05/16 Board of Works meeting.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.


Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent


Phil Freese, Park Board Secretary

Minutes prepared by Shannon Eason

01/18/17 PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL PLAN TO INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



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The Michigan City Park and Recreation Board met in regular session on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at the hour of 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, City of Michigan City, Indiana.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On the call of the roll, the following Board Members were found to be present or absent:

Present: Messrs. Chatfield, Latchford, Freese, and Silvestri (4)

Absent: None (0)

Also present were: Jeremy Kienitz, Superintendent; Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent; Nelson Pichardo, Park Board Attorney; Larry Spaeth; Stephanie Arevalo, Alzheimer's Walk; and Andre Steele, ALCO TV.

- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the minutes of the January 4, 2017 Park Board meeting.

Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz gave a final presentation of the Park Department's 5-Year Master Plan.

- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and vote for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved submission of the Park Departments 5-Year Master Plan to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The Board instructed Assistant Superintendent Shannon Eason to address the DNR's question of how we address pedestrian and bicycle access across major roads and highways and add the answers to the final submission.
- On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board removed the elevator service agreements from the table.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board tabled the elevator service agreements after discussion regarding testing and an extended warranty period.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board removed the 2017 Michigan City Food Truck Festival from the table.

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- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Major Event License Agreement for the 2017 Food Truck Festival in Washington Park on Memorial Day weekend.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached 2017 dance class program and fees contingent on the instructor signing a hold harmless agreement.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached event request submitted by the Alzheimer's Association for the 2017 Walk to End Alzheimer's in Washington Park on September 23, 2017.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board rejected both bids submitted on January 4, 2017 for the Bismarck Hill Restoration Project.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Freese and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Notice to Bidders and bid documents for the Bismarck Hill Restoration Project.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Assurance of Accessibility Compliance with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (as amended) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended) and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (as amended) to insert into the Park Department's 5-Year Master Plan.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached Resolution No. 852 adopting the Park Departments 2017-2021 5-Year Master Plan.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached capital funding request to purchase a UTV for use by the lifeguards, Fire Department and Police Department.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Latchford, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached capital funding request to purchase an ADA accessible walkway system to access the beach from the parking lot of the Senior Center.
- ❑ On a motion made by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Silvestri and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the purchase of an equipment trailer and chemical storage locker, at an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 to be used as match for a Five Star Urban

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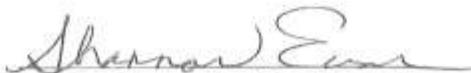
Waters Restoration grant being submitted by Tryon Farms to extend the Michigan City High School Learning Service Project for two additional school years and agreed to submit the attached letter of support.

- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved the attached request submitted by Shannon Eason to transfer excess funds from the Winding Creek Forestry Management Project to the Hansen Park Restoration Project to purchase trees.

Park Superintendent Jeremy Kienitz reported a public input session will be held tomorrow night at 6 pm at the Michigan City Police Department's community room for the Walker Street Playground Renovation Project, a stakeholder meeting to discuss the repair or replacement of the Franklin Street bridge will be held at the Port Authority on January 26, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., we are trying to schedule a date to hold a workshop with the Michigan City Redevelopment Commission to discuss the Washington Park Master Plan, the Karstens Chili Cook Off will be held on January 18, 2017 at the Elks Lodge, and the Lakefront Safety Committee is working with the High School's AK Smith Center to fabricate posts to mount life rings along Trail Creek from Millennium Plaza to the Coast Guard Station.

Mr. Kienitz reported someone stole a giraffe light display from the zoo gates on Lake Shore Drive and a police report was filed.

- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved city claims filed on account of appropriations for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$63,268.26.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board approved Payroll #1, 12/18/16 through 12/31/16, in the amount of \$39,761.21.
- On a motion made by Mr. Silvestri, seconded by Mr. Latchford and voted for unanimously by the Board, the Board accepted the donation of baseball equipment from Queen of All Saints School.
- On a motion made by Mr. Freese, supported by all members of the Board, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.


Shannon Eason, Assistant Superintendent


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RESOLUTION NO. 852

A RESOLUTION OF THE MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA, PARK AND RECREATION BOARD APPROVING THE MICHIGAN CITY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S 2017-2021 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Michigan City Parks and Recreation Board recognizes the need for a strategic Park and Recreation Master Plan to provide goals, assessments, recommendations, and strategies for implementation over a five year period in an effort to provide for and continually improve park and recreational facilities, provide trail opportunities, preserve open spaces, and rehabilitate existing parks in the City of Michigan City; and

WHEREAS, the primary objective of the plan is to serve Michigan City's residents of all ages, interests and abilities by providing recreational services desired by the citizens of Michigan City and by preserving natural resources; and

WHEREAS, in order to address recreational needs in the future, the City of Michigan City has sought input from the citizens of Michigan City through surveys, public input meetings, stakeholder meetings, City Officials, and Park and Recreation staff, and that input has been incorporated into the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the first draft and recommended some items be clarified or added; and

WHEREAS, all items recommended by Indiana Department of Natural Resources have been incorporated into the final 2017-2021 Master Plan.

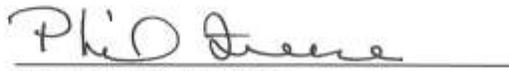
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Michigan City Park Board of Michigan City, Indiana,

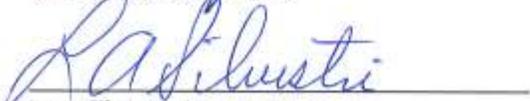
1. That the Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department's 2017-2021 Master Plan for the City of Michigan City, Indiana, is hereby officially adopted; and
2. That an Action Plan has been developed to prioritize implementation of the Master Plan and to provide guidance in the application of funding; and
3. Adoption of this plan shall not commit the City of Michigan City to specific funding levels and/or implementation strategies, but shall provide a guidance plan for the City's vision for future park and recreational facilities and services.

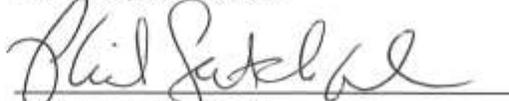
ADOPTED BY THE MICHIGAN CITY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD this ____ day of

_____, 2017

Chris Chatfield, President


Phil Freese, Vice President


Larry Silvestri, Secretary


Phil Latchford, Member