


Monroeville Park and Recreation 5-Year Master Park Plan

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A vibrant park system can revitalize an area by improving the quality of life and place for its residents. Therefore, using information gathered from more than 130 park users, this document was created to prioritize the needs and wants for the Monroeville Parks and Recreation system. It is intended to be used to help guide the process by providing an Action Plan that shows the priorities for improvements to the park and their associated costs needed to move the Monroeville Parks system into the future.

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Introduction



1.0 Introduction

1.1 Plan Organization

The Monroeville Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Park Plan is an outline of the goals and proposed actions of the Town of Monroeville over the next five years. It was compiled through a collaboration of public input from town residents, special interest groups, local business owners, and the Monroeville Park Board and Town Council. Park Plans are living documents and therefore, should be reviewed annually to ensure goals and proposed actions are still in line with the desires and capabilities of the Town of Monroeville.

The Plan is a means to put the goals garnered through the planning process into an easy to follow and attainable action register that the town's government and residents may reference regarding additions or changes to the town's Parks. The Park Board should be contacted should there be any questions or concerns regarding the information presented in the Plan.

1.2 Definition of Planning Area

The planning area for the purposes of this Plan is the Town of Monroeville corporate limits, within which all the current parks, or proposed parks, exist.

The Monroeville Community Park is used by residents residing within Monroeville as well as living in other small communities including Harlan and Woodburn. The ball diamonds in particular are an attraction to the surrounding communities as they are utilized by travel baseball teams and other towns. Additionally, the arena attracts many spectators from the region during derbies, rodeos, truck and tractor pulls, and other races. Finally, Monroeville is a stop along one of the many routes on the Adventure Cycling Association's U.S. Bicycle Route System. Many cyclists stop and stay overnight at the Monroeville Community Park Pavilion along their cross-county adventure.

While the population of Monroeville, according to the 2010 census data is 1,235 the surrounding Census Tracts shown in Figure 1 below, have a population of 6,311. Therefore, it should be noted that the park is utilized by individuals that do not directly contribute to the tax base that supports the Park. Figure 1 shows the planning area for the Monroeville Park system.

1.3 Goals of the Plan

The goals of the Park Plan are:

1. Improve the potential for funding opportunities in the future.
2. Collaboration with the public and state and federal agencies to establish realistic goals for the Park.
3. Prioritize the needs and wants of the community to help guide the development of the park system and spend funds where they will have the biggest impact.

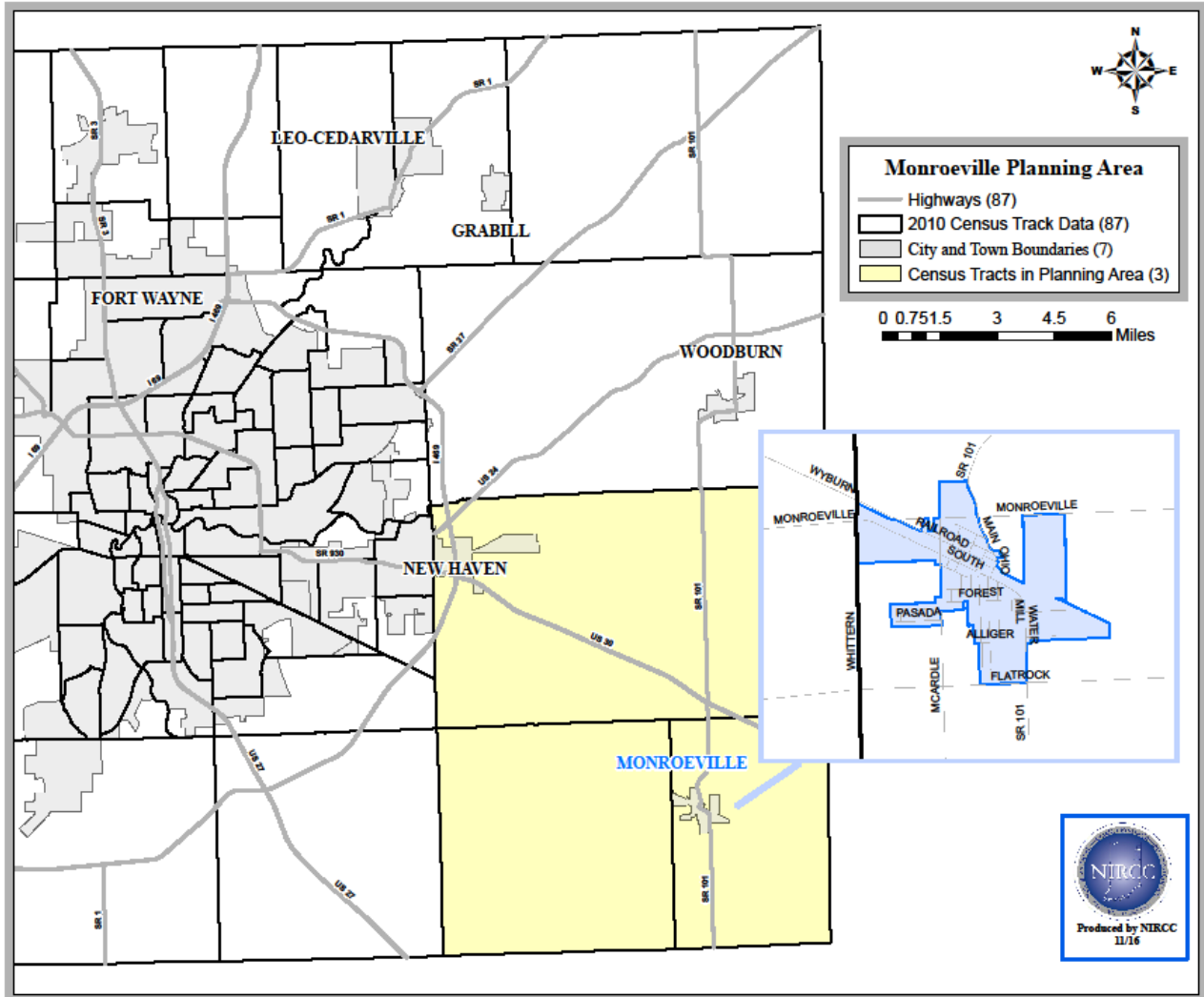


Figure 1: Monroeville Planning Area

1.4 Park Board History

In 1949, members of the Monroeville Chamber of Commerce discussed the need for a community park within the Town. The Chamber worked with local landowners to acquire several parcels of land which would eventually become the Monroeville Community Park. The Park Board was established on May 1, 1974 by ordinance number 476 to govern the park. At the beginning of the Park Planning process the Park Board only had three town residents who had volunteered their time to manage the Park. However, it was noted that a Park Board is required to have four members; two from each political party. Therefore, the Town Council appointed a fourth member. The Park Board works with the Town's governing body to ensure the Park has the funds necessary to provide adequate recreational space for the residents of Monroeville. Below is a list of the Monroeville Parks and Recreation Board of Directors as of the date of this Plan.

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1.5 Park and Recreation Department Staff

The Park and Recreation Department does not have any paid staff. The Town's superintendent provides maintenance at the park including mowing the lawns, snow removal, and minor building maintenance and repair. The Park and Recreation Department does contribute a nominal amount of their budget to the Town to help fund the superintendent's position.

1.6 Park Board Vision and mission Statement

1.6.1 Vision Statement

We strive to preserve, enhance, and protect our open spaces to enrich the quality of life for present and future generations in a safe and secure environment.

1.6.2 Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide Monroeville's residents and visitors with safe and enjoyable recreational opportunities and open spaces, responsible stewardship of the lands and the cultural and natural resources that we have been entrusted to protect and manage.

1.7 Local Government Structure

The Town of Monroeville is governed by the Town Council which is comprised of five members; Council President, Council Vice President, and three at-large members. The Town Council develops Town Ordinances, establishes and has authority over the town budget, public facilities and services, capital improvements, and the appointment of boards and commissions serving in the Town's interest. The Town Council works continuously to improve the quality of life and place in the Town. The Council meets at 7pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall (104 Allen St). The Park Board makes decisions regarding upgrades, maintenance, and new amenities at the Community Park, as well as, helps to set the Park Board budget under the Town. Finally, the Monroeville Chamber of Commerce is comprised of six Officers; a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Directors. The

Chamber’s responsibility to the Town is to ensure the interests of the business community is promoted and protected. The Chamber meets at 6pm on the first Tuesday of the month at the Town Hall.

1.8 Park and Recreation Budget

The majority of the park budget comes from tax based town appropriations. The budget has adequately met the needs of the park over the past; however, the Monroeville Community Park is in need of upgrades to many of its facilities, and additional park(s) or park services are needed to allow Monroeville to compete with surrounding communities for recreational opportunities. Table 1 shows the Park and Recreation Budgets from 2014 through 2017.

Table 1: Park and Recreation Budget 2014 - 2017

Year	Wages	Office Supplies	Utility Services	Repairs/ Maintenance	Other	Property Tax Cap	Total
2014	12,994	3,009	8,113	10,296	7,500	x	41,912
2015	10,500	3,010	7,850	16052	6,500	x	43,912
2016	10500	3010	7850	16052	6500	x	43,912
2017	5000	3010	7850	12500	7500	1120	36,980

1.9 Five-Year Park Master Plan Advisory Committee

To help guide the Five Year Master Park Plan for Monroeville an advisory committee of town residents was put together. The Advisory Committee is comprised of individuals to effectively represent all demographics of the Town of Monroeville including the Park Board President and Secretary each representing a different political party. All Advisory Committee members live within the Monroeville planning area. Below is a list of who is on the Advisory Committee.

Advisory Committee

- Don Gerardot – Town Council President
- Richard Stephenson – Park Board President
- Katie Hoffman – Park Board Secretary
- Kyle Palm – Little League President
- Larry Oberley – Monroeville Superintendent
- Lori Wagner – Representative for St. Rose Catholic School
- Jeff Nolan – Chamber of Commerce President
- Tim Berry – Town Council

Alternates

- Corey Sheehan – Park Board Representative
- Josh Wolff – Little League/Former Park Board Representative

Existing Conditions



2.0 Existing Conditions

2.1 Natural Features and Landscape

2.1.1 Geology

The landscape of northeastern Indiana is directly influenced by the last great glaciation which occurred over 14,000 years ago; the Wisconsinan glaciation. The glaciers filled and dammed rivers and flattened the rolling hills that were once present in northern Indiana. As the glaciers melted they deposited rock, dirt, and sand that they picked up while traveling across the landscape. In the project area, scoured till-like sediments, locally capped by lacustrine silt and clay were left by the glaciers.

The bedrock in northern Indiana was deposited during the Devonian Period some 400 million years ago. The deposited rocks consist mostly of sedimentary rock. The predominant bedrock of the project area is gypsum, anhydrite, dolomite, and limestone. The last lobe of the Wisconsin glaciation, the Erie Lobe, left a sequence of deposits known as the Lagro Formation, which is responsible for the clay-rich composition of the soils present within northern Indiana today. The surficial geology overlaying the bedrock in the project area consists of mostly silt, clay, loam or a combination of the different soil types.

The project area is located within the Maumee Lake Plain physiographic region. The topography of the area is relatively homogenous. The average elevation is between 780 and 790 feet above sea level. There are some areas where the slope of the land may exceed 2% slightly, but overall the landscape of the project area is unremarkable.

2.1.2 Natural Regions

The project area is located within the Great Black Swamp Natural Region which is one of the largest natural wetlands in Indiana and Ohio and was formed by the Wisconsinan Glaciers. The Great Black Swamp was nearly impossible to pass as it was full of trees and murky water that was, at times, three to four feet deep. As settlement began to spread out west in the early 1800's the Great Black Swamp was slowly changed by cutting down the deciduous Oak, Elm, and Ash trees and utilizing the clay soils to make clay drainage tiles. By 1900 the swamp was fully drained and converted to farmland. However, remnants of the swamp exist today including the silt, clay, and loam soils, and tree species.

Monroeville is within the Eastern Temperate Forest region where hardwood deciduous trees including Oak, Hickory, Maple, and Beech can be found.

2.1.3 Deciduous Forest

Monroeville, Indiana is located within the Eastern Temperate Forest ecological region and is dominated by Beech, Maple and Basswood trees. Allen County is a quarantine zone for the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) as designated by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) due to several sightings of the invasive insect that has infested many Ash trees located within residential areas, and even large forest stands. However, the IN DNR website does not show that there have been any reports of the EAB from Monroeville, though as stated above there has been some Ash Tree loss in the Town due to the EAB. There have not been any Ash Trees lost within the Monroeville Community Park as a result of the EAB. Though there has been a limited amount of loss throughout the Town. The trees that have been lost have been replaced with other deciduous and native tree species.

2.1.4 Hydrography

Monroeville is located within the 8-digit Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) named the Auglaize Watershed, which is a tributary to the Maumee River which feeds into the Western Lake Erie Basin in Toledo. Specifically, it is located within the smaller 12-digit HUC 041000071204 of the Flatrock Creek Watershed. Flatrock Creek flows along the southern border of the Monroeville Community Park which is fed by Brown Ditch just north of S.R. 101 in the Northeast quadrant of Monroeville, near the site of the proposed passive park. This feature will allow for great wildlife and bird viewing should the proposed passive park be developed.

There are five small ponds located within the political boundaries of Monroeville including a 2.47 acre pond located within the Monroeville Community Park used for fishing and passive recreation. This pond was stocked by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources shortly after it was created in 1964. People still fish in it today. Additionally, there is a privately owned 36.5 acre freshwater forested/shrub wetland located 0.7 miles north of Monroeville on S.R. 101. Monroeville is located within the boundaries of the historic Black Swamp, which was drained when the Midwest was being settled for farming purposes.

The south and southeastern portions of the Monroeville Community Park are located within a floodplain. There is limited flooding that occurs in Monroeville. The baseball fields pond after a heavy rain but typically drain within hours. Additionally, there is a swale that has formed in the open green space east of the Arena where water flows from the Arena parking lot to the pond in the park. Again, this area typically dries within hours of a heavy rain event. Additionally, the proposed passive park south of Mitsuba Corporation off of Monroeville Road is located in a floodplain. The proposed passive park is actually located within a wetland which would make a great educational tool for local schools should the area be developed into a Nature Preserve.

Figure 2 below shows the location of the water bodies within Monroeville.

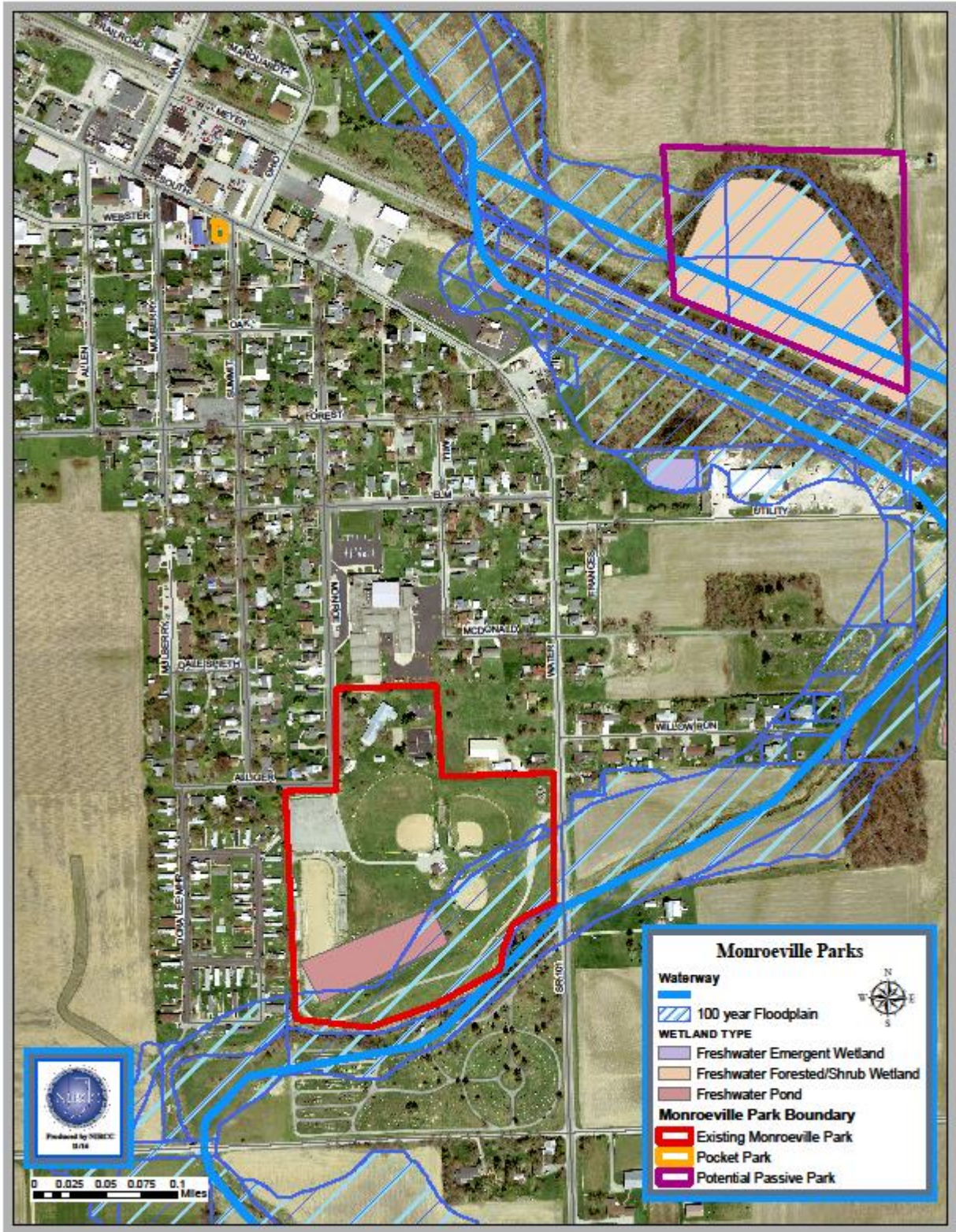


Figure 2: Monroeville Water Resources

2.1.2 Soils

Monroeville is comprised of 19 different soil associations and the majority of the Monroeville Community Park is comprised of four different soil associations. Figure 3 shows the soil associations within Monroeville and Figure 3 shows those associations in the Monroeville Community Park specifically. Table 2 below describes the various soils located within the Monroeville Community Park, the proposed Passive Park, and the Pocket Park currently under construction. The soils in the park may range from moderately well drained to poorly drained and from 0% slope to up to a 12% slope.

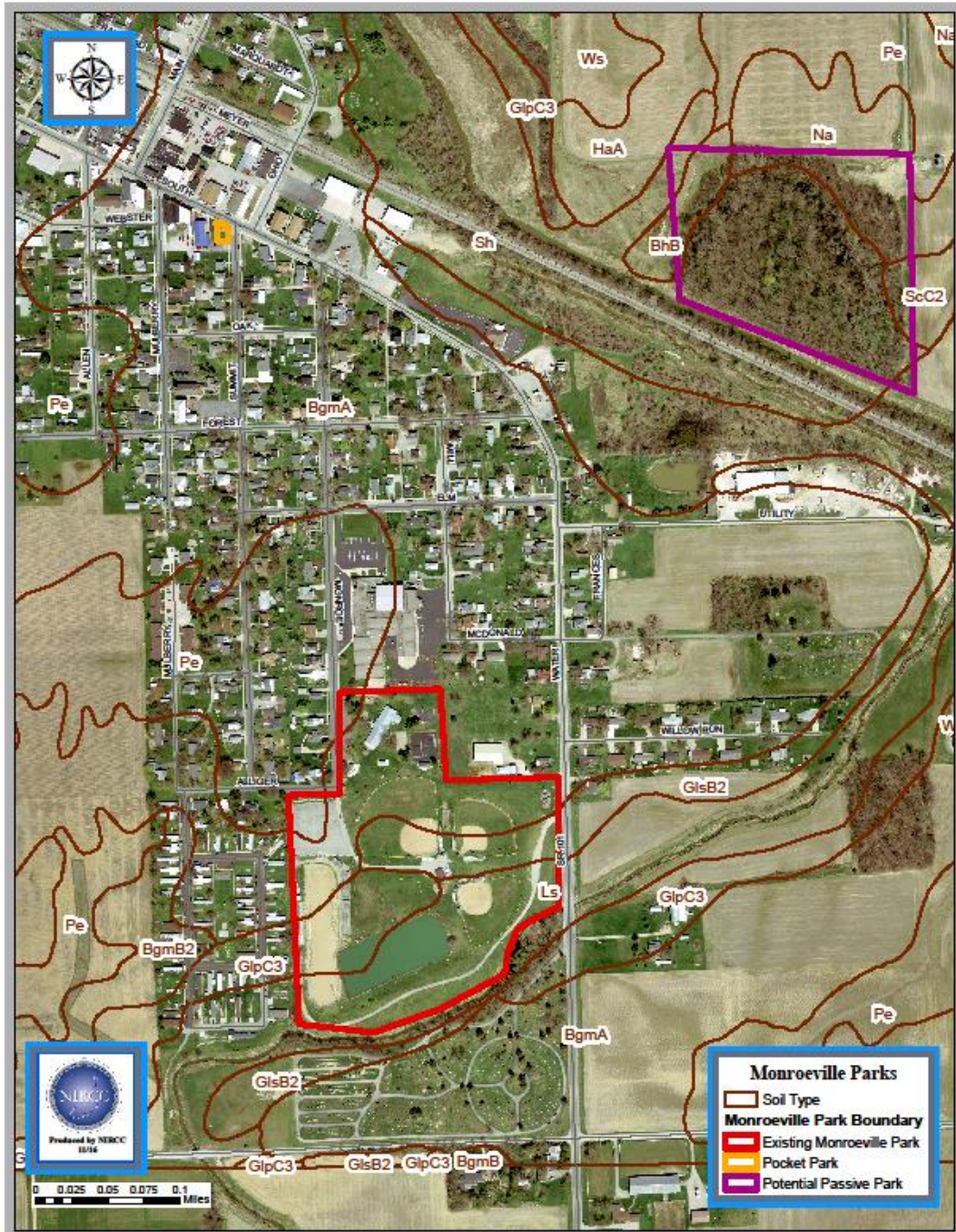


Figure 3: Soil Survey

Table 2: Soil Association Description

Soil Association Symbol	Soil Association Name	Association Description	Location
BgmA	Blount silt loam ground moraine	Somewhat poorly drained, nearly level, classified as prime farmland if drained, parent material is limestone and shale under moraine on till plain on footslopes. 6-12 inches to water table. 0-2% slope. Typical profile is silt loam to silty clay to clay loam.	Monroeville Community Park Pocket Park
GlpC3	Glynwood clay loam	Moderately well drained, nearly level, not classified as prime farmland, parent material is clayey till under ground moraines on backslope and shoulders. Severly eroded. 12-24 inches to water table. 6-12% slope. Typical profile is clay loam to clay to clay loam.	Monroeville Community Park
GlsB2	Glynwood silt loam ground moraine	Moderately well drained, nearly level, classified as prime farmland. Parent material is Wisconsin till derived from limestone and shale under ground moraines on till plains on shoulder and backslopes. Classified as eroded. 12-24 inches to water table. 2-6% slope. Typical profile is silt loam to clay to clay loam.	Monroeville Community Park
Ls	Lenawee silty clay loam	Poorly drained, nearly level, classified as prime farmland is drained, parent material is clayey lacustrine deposits over loamy lacustrine deposits under depressions on outwash, flats on lake plains. 6-12 inches to water table. 0-2% slope. Typical profile is 100% silty clay loam.	Monroeville Community Park
BhB	Blemore loam 2-6% slope	Well drained, nearly level, classified as prime farmland, parent material is loamy outwash under outwash plains and terraces. More than 80 inches to water table. 2-6% slope. Typical profile is loam to gravelly sandy clay loam to gravelly sandy loam.	Passive Park
HaA	Haskins loam	Somewhat poorly drained, nearly level, classified as prime farmland if drained. Parent material is loamy glaciolacustrine deposits over clayey loam under lake plains and till plains. 6-24 inches to water table. 0-2% slope. Typical profile is loam to sandy clay to clay loam.	Passive Park
Na	Nappanee silt loam	Somewhat poorly drained, classified as prime farmland if drained, parent material is clayey lacustrine deposits over clayey till. About 6 – 24 inches to water table. Typical profile is silt loam to silt clay loam to clay to silty clay.	Passive Park

Soil Association Symbol	Soil Association Name	Association Description	Location
Pe	Pewama silty clay loam	Very poorly drained, nearly level, classified as prime farmland if drained, parent material is Wisconsin till derived from limestone and shale under depressions on till plains, drainageways on till plains. About 0 – 12 inches to water table. 0-1% slope. Typical profile is silty clay loam to silty clay to clay loam.	Passive Park
Sh	Shoals silty clay loam	Somewhat poorly drained, nearly level, classified as prime farmland if drained and protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season. Parent material is loamy alluvium over flood plains. 6-24 inches to water table. 0-2% slope. Typical profile is silty clay to stratified silt loam to sandy loam.	Passive Park
Ws	Westland loam	Poorly drained, classified as prime farmland if drained, parent material is loamy outwash over sandy and gravelly outwash over depressions on outwash plains, and depressions on stream terraces. 0-12 inches to water table. 0-2% slope. Typical profile is loam to silty clay loam to stratified sand to gravelly coarse sand.	Passive Park

Of particular note is that all soils located within the Monroeville parks are classified by the Natural Resource Conservation Service as hydric based on them meeting at least one or more field indicators of hydric soils in the United States. Lanawee silty clay loam is classified based on it being frequently ponded for a long duration during the growing season. One baseball field is wholly comprised of the Lanawee and measures will need to be taken to ensure the baseball field does not flood.

2.1.5 Wildlife

The predominate wildlife present within Monroeville are deer, raccoon, squirrels, opossum, and coyote. One may also observe the presence of fox and mink. Many birds of prey are found in the area as well including owls, hawks, and more recently eagles.

2.1.6 Land Use

According to the 2011 National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD) Allen County is dominated by agriculture land, as is the surrounding area of Monroeville as can be seen in Figure 4 below. Typical crops grown in the area are rotated between corn and soybeans and the fields drain via drainage tiles to open ditches and streams. Many farms are conventionally tilled which results in sediment loss from the fields, however more farmers are beginning to implement no or limited tillage practices. The majority of the land use within the town boundaries is classified as low intensity developed land with little developed land classified as medium to high intensity. Most of the medium to high intensity developed land is along State Road 101 which is the major thoroughfare in Monroeville. The Monroeville Park is classified by the NLCD as developed open space.

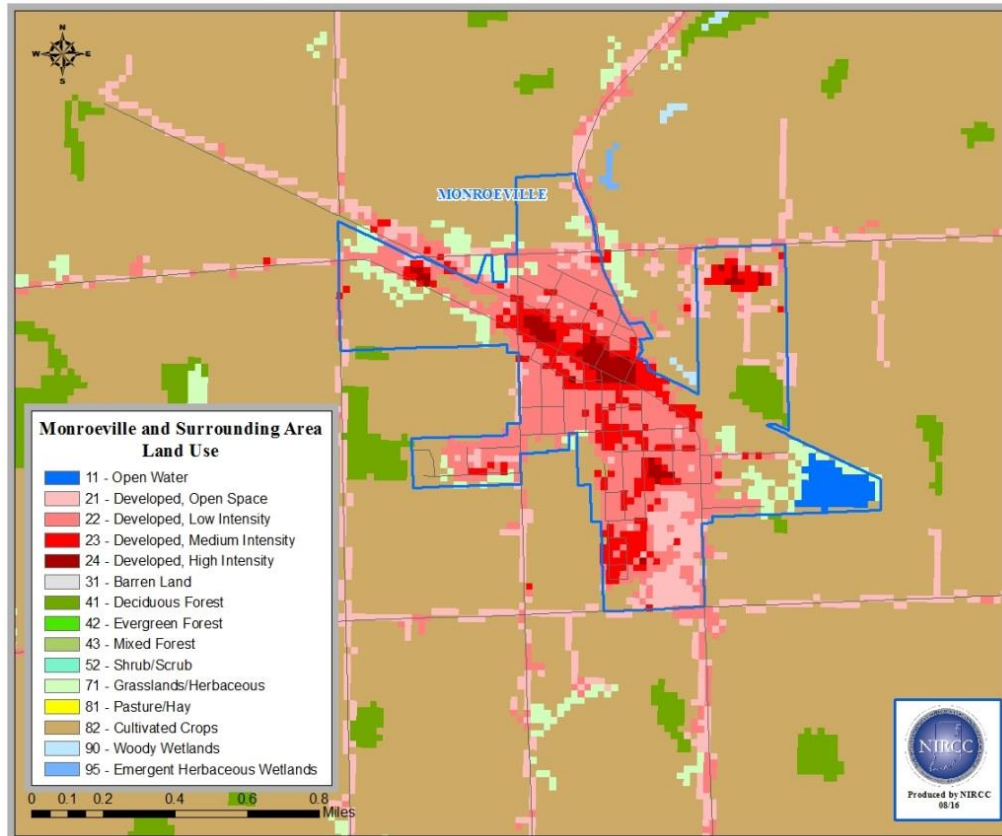


Figure 4: Land Use in Monroeville

2.2 Man-made, Historical, and Cultural Characteristics

Monroeville was platted in 1851 and was incorporated in 1866 due to the population growth that occurred after the Ohio and Indiana Railroad constructed a line running from Crestline, Ohio to Fort Wayne, Indiana which passed through what is now Monroeville. As such, Monroeville now has been zoned for residential, commercial, agriculture, and industrial uses. Below is more detail about Monroeville’s history and culture. Figure 5 shows the zoning map for Monroeville.

2.2.1 Commercial and Industrial

Monroeville’s commercial center is located on Main Street and South Street on the blocks where those streets meet. Within the commercial district is a variety of different kinds of shops including auto sales and repair, restaurants, including the local favorite ice cream shop, The Whippy Dip, gas station, hair salons, and more. There are several empty lots located within Downtown Monroeville. However, the Town has begun work to convert one empty lot at the corner of Mulberry and South Street into a pocket park.

There are several industrial and manufacturing companies on the fringe of Monroeville’s incorporated boundaries including Mitsuba, Precast Specialties Inc., Monroeville Box and Pallet, and the AG Plus Cooperative. Mitsuba, located on Monroeville Road east of S.R. 101 is located directly adjacent to the proposed passive park. If the park were to be developed, it would be convenient for the employees to get outside and enjoy the park during their work breaks.

2.2.2 Transportation Links

Monroeville sits astride Indiana State Road 101 which becomes Main Street within the corporation limits. S.R. 101 connects with U.S. 30 approximately 2.5 miles north of Monroeville and South County Line Road approximately 3 miles south of Monroeville. Monroeville is also located 10 miles east of U.S. 27 on Monroeville Rd. Where Monroeville Rd and U.S. 27 meet is only 0.5 miles from I-469 which is the byway of Fort Wayne and connects to I-69, a major highway running north and south connecting Port Huron, Michigan at the Canadian border to Evansville, Indiana.

There is a rail line that runs along Wyburn and Railroad Streets in the northern portion of Monroeville. The rail line does not present a major barrier to bicycle and pedestrian travel as it is located north of the major area of commerce and the sidewalk network is south of the rail line but up to the most northern place of commerce; the Allen County Public Library. The railroad was constructed in 1854 to connect Chicago, Fort Wayne, and Pittsburgh. The railway was managed by RailAmerica until it was sold in 2012 to Genesee and Wyoming, Inc. The railway is still used today for transportation of goods.

Driving east into town on Monroeville Rd you will see two concrete bridge abutments on either side of the railroad tracks at the corner of Wyburn and Sampson Rd. The abutments are the remnants of an interurban rail line that ran through the Town up to the 1940's. The line was part of the Fort Wayne, Van Wert and Lima Traction Company. It should also be noted that there was a station stop in Monroeville during the time of the interurban line. The rail abutments are all that now exists of the interurban rail line and they are surrounded by farms fields and county roads.

Monroeville residents can travel by foot throughout most of the town as there is an extensive sidewalk network within the town limits and they are continuing to improve the sidewalk network. Many residents also travel through the town on golf carts and paved golf cart trails are a common desire of the town as was noted by several residents. The Town passed a golf cart ordinance on December 4, 2007. The ordinance allows for golf carts to be driven throughout the Town except on sidewalks and State Road 101 which runs through the town.

The Bike and Pedestrian Trail Plan compiled by the Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council identifies a proposed extended bicycle shoulder lane along S.R. 101 south to Monroeville Rd; Monroeville Rd from S.R. 101 east to State Line Road; Sampson Rd south to Railroad St; Railroad St east to Washington St; Washington St south to Flatrock Rd; and S.R. 101 from the service entrance to the Monroeville Community Park south. The Trail Plan also identifies proposed trails within the town limits on Main St from Monroeville Rd south to South Street and South Street from Washington St. east – southeast to the Service Road to the Monroeville Community Park. Figure 6 is a map depicting the proposed shoulder lanes and trails in Monroeville.

2.2.3 Historic Monroeville

The Indiana State Historic Architectural and Archeological Research Database (SHAARD) shows 66 historic sites and/or structures located within the Town of Monroeville. Of the 66, four were considered “outstanding” and eight were considered “notable” in terms of their level of historic integrity. Below are the lists of those important structures.

Outstanding

J.B. Niezer House at 302 South Street
Monroeville Library at 104 Allen Street
St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church at 209 Mulberry Street
House at 405 South Street

Notable

House at 206 Water Street
Evangelical Lutheran Church at 315 Elm Street
Monroeville United Methodist Church at 204 South Street
House at 402 Monroe Street
St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 201 South Street
St. Rose Catholic Church Rectory at 206 Summit Street
Monroeville State Bank building at 103 Main Street (Now Bank of Geneva)

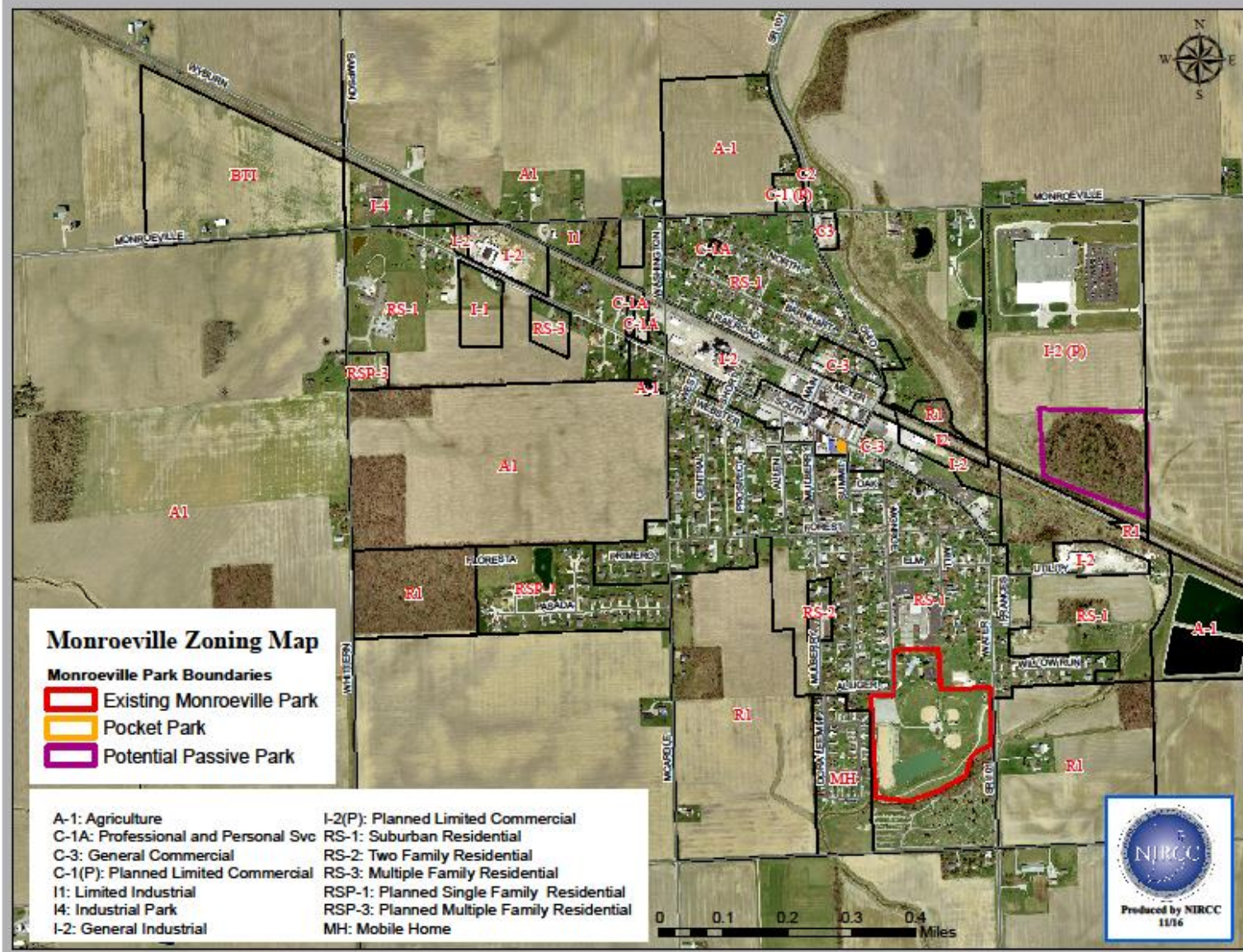


Figure 5: Monroeville Zoning Map

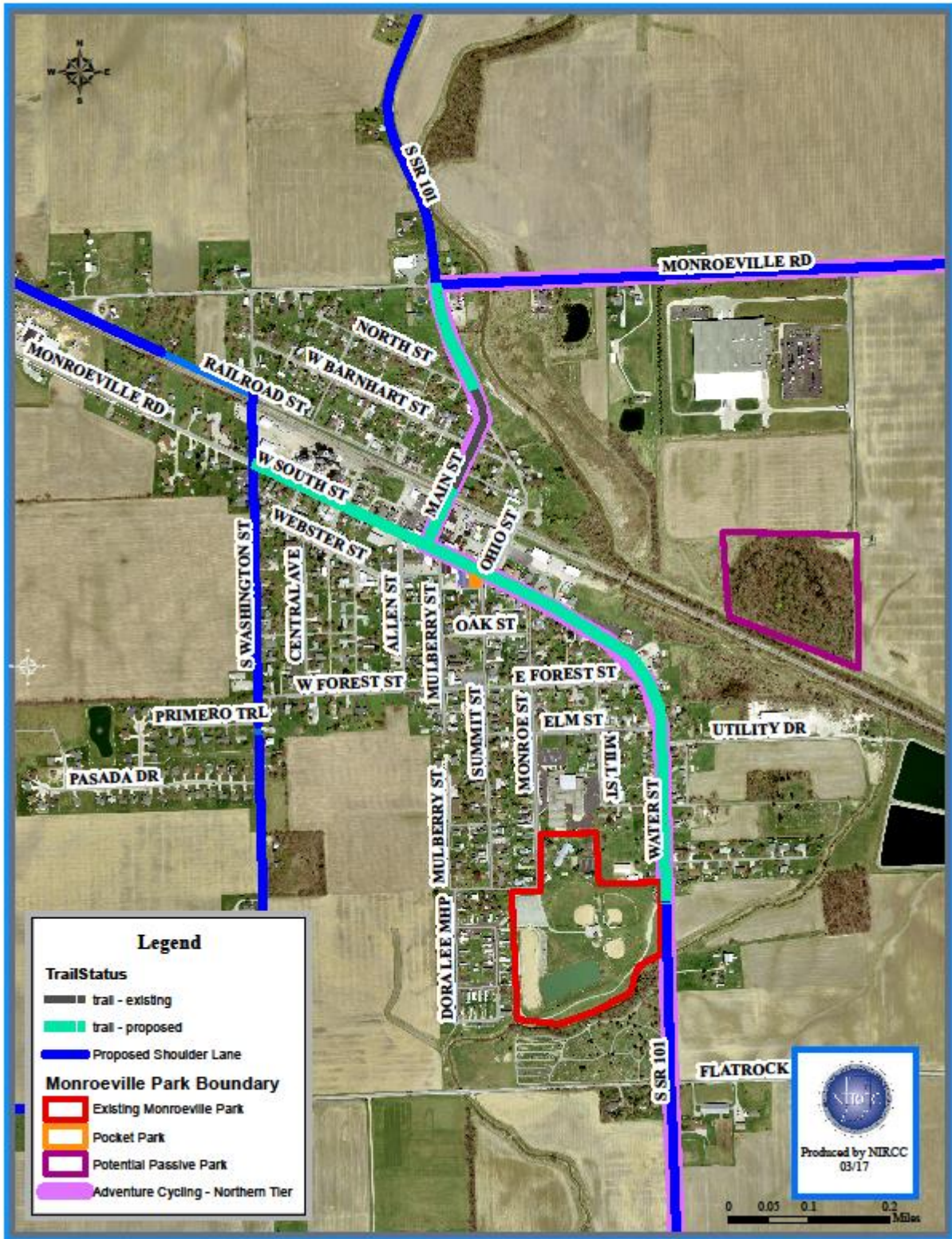


Figure 6: NIRCC Bike and Ped Trail Plan for Monroeville

2.2.4 Festivals

The Town of Monroeville prides itself in offering several community events throughout the year. These events attract not only residents within the community to get out and enjoy the festivities, but also individuals and families from surrounding towns and cities. The following Subsections describe the various events hosted in Monroeville annually.

2.2.4.1 Fourth of July

For the last 20 years, nearly 3,000 people descend on the Monroeville Park on July 4th to enjoy the Independence Day celebrations. The Fourth of July celebration includes food from the Monroeville and Heritage Lion Clubs and a spectacular fireworks display. The Monroeville Park Department also holds a live auction at the celebration to raise funds for the Park. It is estimated that over half of the spectators at the Fourth of July Festival are from surrounding towns or Fort Wayne.

The Fourth of July celebration is funded by the Monroeville Park Department.

2.2.4.2 Harvest Festival

The Chamber of Commerce hosts the Harvest Festival in early August each year. The three day long Festival has been a staple in Monroeville for nearly 60 years. In the early years the Harvest Festival was held in downtown Monroeville along S. R. 101, but in the 1980's the Festival was moved to the Monroeville Park. The Harvest Festival is the Town's largest celebration where fair rides, festival food and drink, basketball and horseshoe tournaments, a demolition derby and tractor pull, and cardboard boat races in the pond are offered. The Harvest Festival Queen pageant is also an annual occurrence at the festival. The Town estimates around 4,000 people attend the Festival each year and over half of those are tourists from other area towns or Fort Wayne.

The Harvest Festival is organized and funded by the Chamber of Commerce, along with event sponsors, rental fees for booths to sell food and drink, and entrance fees to the Derby and other events at the arena.

2.2.4.3 Holiday Magic Festival

The Chamber of Commerce began the Holiday Magic Festival in 2011 as a way to get the local community out in the Town to experience all the Town has to offer. During the Holiday Magic Festival the Chamber offers free trolley rides to various locations throughout Monroeville including stops at local restaurants, the Historical Society, Cornerstone Youth Center, and the Park Pavilion where vendors are set up for a holiday craft show.

The Monroeville Park Department is not involved in the Festival but allows the vendors to set up in the Pavilion at no charge.

2.2.4.4 St. Rose of Lima Catholic School SummerFest

The Catholic school, St. Rose of Lima, sharing a border with the Monroeville Community Park to the north on Monroe Street holds their annual SummerFest in the Park. SummerFest offers family friendly activities geared toward getting children up and moving. They often have bounce houses and other blow up play activities, games, basketball tournaments, a 5k run, entertainment, and food. SummerFest is attended by nearly every student of St. Rose of Lima School as well as other area residents.

The Monroeville Park Department is not directly involved in SummerFest but allows the School to utilize the Park at no charge.

2.2.4.5 Little League Opening Day Celebrations

Another activity that occurs at the Monroeville Park that draws in hundreds of individuals for one event is the opening day for the Little League. The Monroeville Park Department is not directly involved in the event and the event does not generate any revenue for the Park Department.

2.3 Social and Economic Factors

This Section will discuss the demographic and economic influences in Monroeville. All data described was taken from the 2010 Census unless otherwise stated.

2.3.1 Population

According to the U.S Census the population of Monroeville was 1,235 as of April, 2010. The population of Monroeville has stayed very consistent from 1990 to the present with only three additional people counted in 2010 than in 1990. The population stability suggests that the park department does not need to address issues that may arise due to a rising population, but rather should address and current unmet needs or expand services to improve the quality of life and place within the Town. Figure 7 shows graphically the population change within the past two decades.

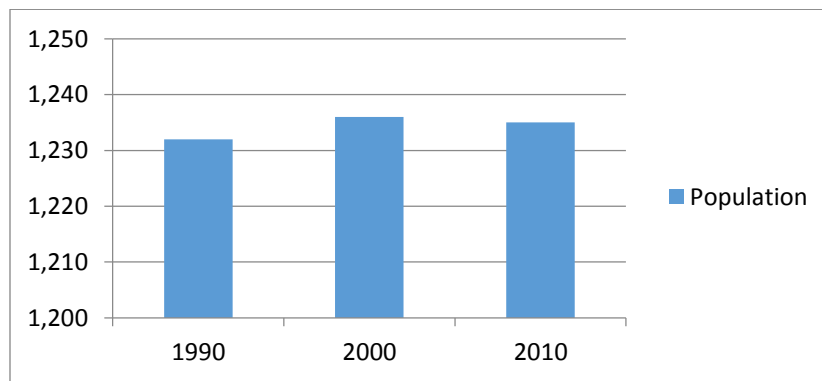


Figure 7: Change in Monroeville Population

2.3.2 Age Distribution

The Town of Monroeville's population has an older median age (median 42.3) when compared to Allen County (median age: 35.3) as a whole. The median age of Monroeville during the 2000 Census was 33.2 suggesting that the population has stayed the same; that is few have moved to Monroeville, and few have left. When compared to the State of Indiana, Monroeville has a proportionally lower number of residents under the age of 19. Similarly, when compared to Allen County, Monroeville has fewer individuals under the age of 19. Monroeville also has a higher proportion of the general population over the age of 40 than does Allen County and a higher proportion of the population over the age of 70 than the state of Indiana. This suggests that as the population ages, fewer children are being born and the number of individuals under the age of 19 will continue to decrease. Therefore, it is the belief of the Town that more programs need to be brought into the Park system in Monroeville to improve quality of place to attract new residents, as well as more programs geared toward the older population in Monroeville. Figure 8 below shows the median age in Monroeville from the 2010 Census, as compared

to Allen County, and Monroeville from the 2000 Census. Table 3, shown below, shows the ages represented within the population of Monroeville, Allen County and Indiana.

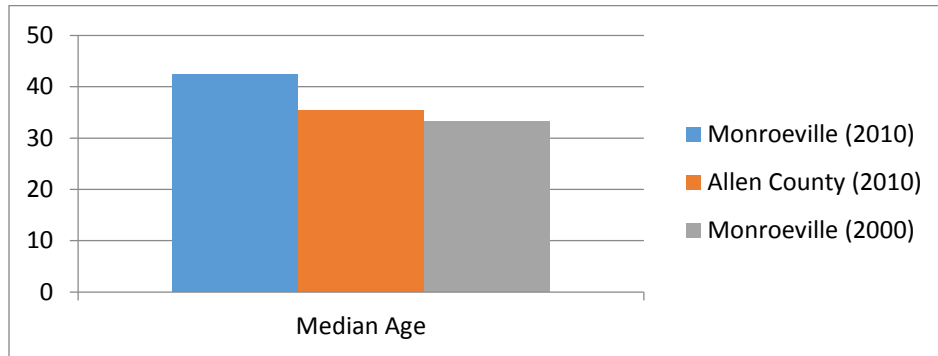


Figure 8: Median Age of Monroeville (2000 and 2010) and Allen County

Table 3: Age Distribution in Monroeville, Allen County, and Indiana

Subject	Monroeville		Allen County		Indiana	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total population	1,235	100	355,329	100	6,483,802	100
Under 5 years	73	5.9	26,524	7.5	434,075	6.7
5 to 9 years	58	4.7	26,805	7.5	444,821	6.9
10 to 14 years	86	7	26,484	7.5	452,171	7
15 to 19 years	86	7	26,256	7.4	475,515	7.3
20 to 24 years	86	7	23,380	6.6	452,026	7
25 to 29 years	78	6.3	23,617	6.6	419,530	6.5
30 to 34 years	57	4.6	23,192	6.5	407,815	6.3
35 to 39 years	59	4.8	22,934	6.5	417,011	6.4
40 to 44 years	89	7.2	22,866	6.4	423,819	6.5
45 to 49 years	91	7.4	24,954	7	473,946	7.3
50 to 54 years	83	6.7	25,260	7.1	472,822	7.3
55 to 59 years	79	6.4	22,648	6.4	418,515	6.5
60 to 64 years	64	5.2	18,272	5.1	350,628	5.4
65 to 69 years	51	4.1	12,768	3.6	259,057	4
70 to 74 years	53	4.3	9,128	2.6	193,278	3
75 to 79 years	33	2.7	7,544	2.1	151,843	2.3
80 to 84 years	35	2.8	6,454	1.8	121,658	1.9
85 years and over	74	6	6,243	1.8	115,272	1.8

2.3.3 Race

The Town of Monroeville is less diverse than Allen County and Indiana as a whole as 98.9% of the residents of Monroeville identify as white according to the 2010 Census. Table 4 below shows the distribution of races in Monroeville, Allen County and Indiana.

Table 4: Distribution of Race in Monroeville, Allen County, and Indiana

	Monroeville		Allen County		Indiana	
White	1,222	98.9	281,653	79.3	5,467,906	84.3
Black or African American	1	0.1	47,666	13.4	654,415	10.1
American Indian and Alaska Native	3	0.2	3,335	0.9	49,738	0.8
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1	0.1	454	0.1	6,385	0.1
Some Other Race	8	0.6	12,575	3.5	199,408	3.1

2.3.4 Disabilities

The estimated population living with disabilities of any kind in Monroeville is 14.9% with a +/-3.6% margin of error which is considerably higher than that of Allen County (11.8% with a +/-0.5% margin of error) and Indiana (7.8% with a +/-0.1% margin of error) (See Figure 9). Again, there is a high margin of error in the disability estimates for Monroeville and it is believed the disability percentage in Monroeville is comparable to that of the County. Therefore, the level of accessibility required for town facilities is no greater in Monroeville than what is required through the Americans with Disabilities Act and Architectural Barriers Act.

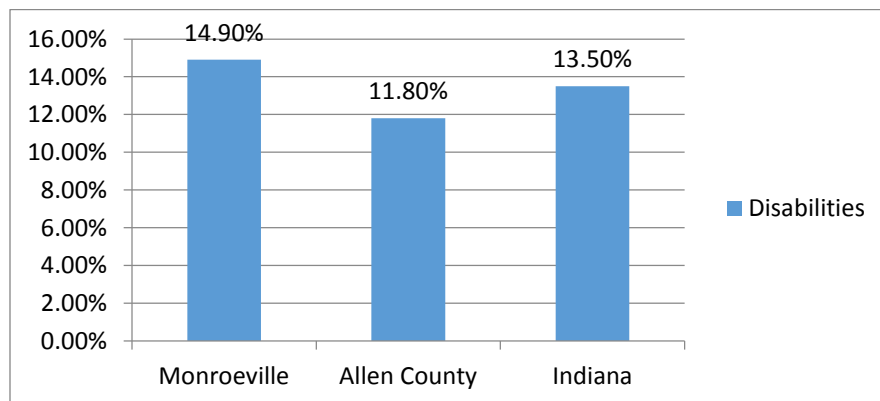


Figure 9: Percentage of Population Living with Disabilities

2.3.5 Socioeconomic Factors

Median household income in Monroeville is lower than both Allen County and Indiana by approximately 14% (see Table 5). However, the percentage of families living in poverty is lower in Monroeville when compared to Allen County and Indiana. It should be noted that the percentage of seniors living in poverty is substantially higher in Monroeville than in Allen County or the State (Table 5). Monroeville residents between 18 and 64 years old are much less likely to be living in poverty when compared to the County or State. This may be due to the fact that more Monroeville residents have higher education, specifically a four year degree (29.3%), compared to those in Allen County (26.6%) and Indiana (23.6%).

Table 5: Income and Poverty Levels

	Monroeville	Allen County	Indiana
Income			
Median Household Income	\$42,014	\$49,124	\$48,737
Median Per Capita Income	\$19,403	\$25,485	\$24,593
Per Capita Income as % of National Average	67.9%	89.2%	86.1%
Poverty			
All Families	13.1%	15.5%	15.5%
Under 18 yrs old	24.6%	22.5%	22.1%
18-64 yrs old	9.4%	14.2%	14.7%
Age 65+	11.3%	6.7%	7.2%
Education			
High school or greater	86.3%	89.3%	87.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	29.3%	26.6%	23.6%
18-64 yrs old	9.4%	14.2%	14.7%
Age 65+	11.3%	6.7%	7.2%

2.3.6 Unemployment

According to the US Census Bureau 2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, the unemployment rate for Monroeville's population 16 years of age and older is 10.10% with a margin of error +/-6.1%. Allen County has an estimated unemployment rate of 8% with a margin of error of +/-0.5% and Indiana has an estimated unemployment rate of 7.8% with a margin of error of +/-0.1%. As can be seen above and in Figure 10 below, the unemployment rate in Monroeville appears to be much higher than that of the County and State; however the margin of error is much greater. However, it is believed the actual unemployment rate in Monroeville is much lower and is more consistent with that of the County and State.

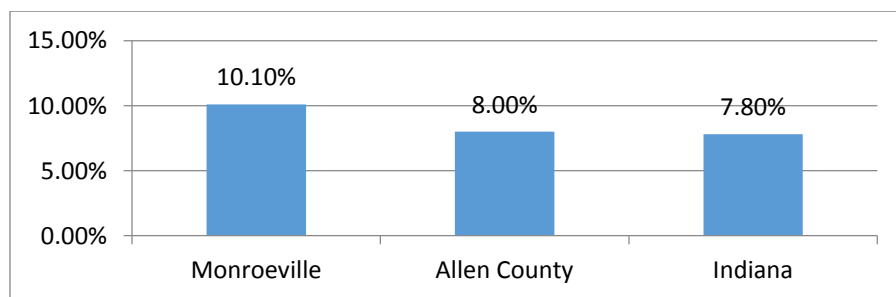


Figure 10: Percent of Population Unemployed

2.3.7 Occupations

The top industries by employee in Monroeville include manufacturing, education and health, and professional and business services. Monroeville has a disproportionately higher number of residents working in sales and office management (32.1%) and production, transportation, and material (38.9%) and a lower number of residents working in education, legal, community service, arts (4.3%) and service occupations (9.5%) when compared to Allen County or the state of Indiana (See Figure 11 and Table 6). It should also be noted that approximately 42% of Monroeville’s workforce travels more than 25 minutes to work indicating that many residents commute to work outside of the Town’s limits. The percent of Allen County residents that travel greater than 25 minutes to work is 28.5% and 37.4% of Indiana residents travel greater than 25 minutes to their job.

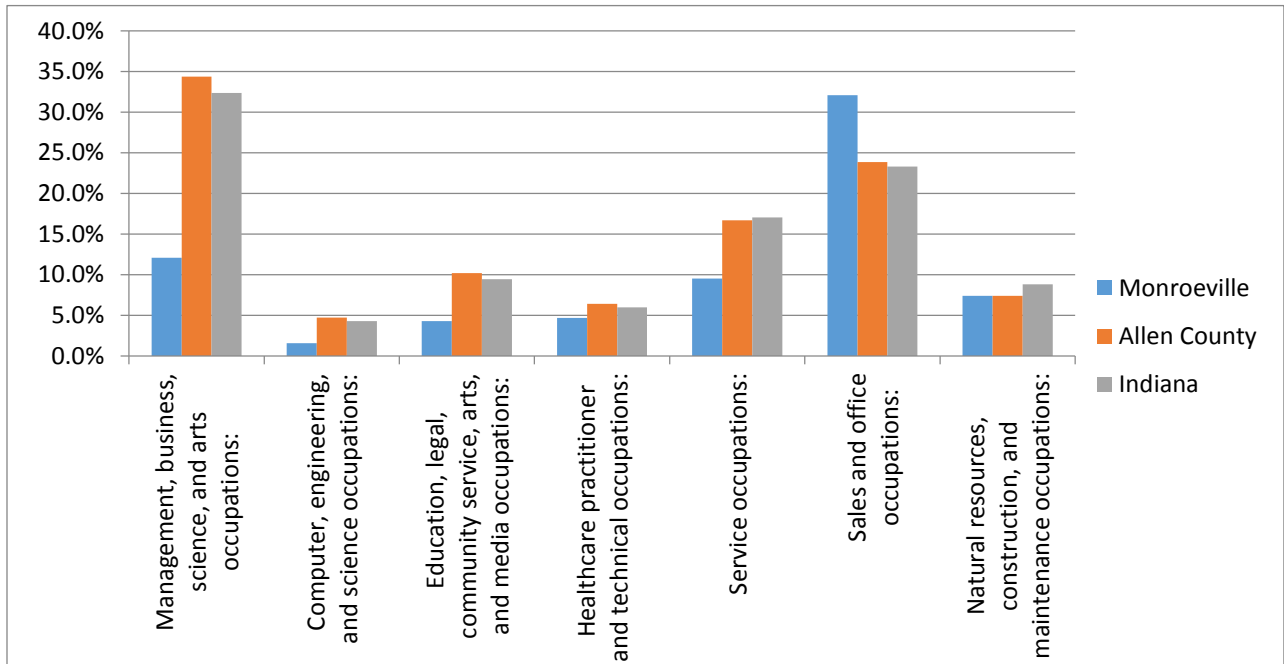


Figure 11: Graphical Comparison of Occupation between Monroeville, Allen County and Indiana

Table 6: Occupation Comparison between Monroeville, Allen County, and Indiana

Subject	Monroeville		Allen County		Indiana	
	Estimate	%	Estimate	%	Estimate	%
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	514	100%	170,294	100%	3,038,762	100%
Management, business, science, and arts:	62	12.1%	58,537	34.4%	983,127	32.4%
Management, business, and financial occupations:	8	1.6%	22,223	13.0%	385,342	12.7%
Management occupations	3	0.6%	14,893	8.7%	267,748	8.8%
Business and financial operations occupations	5	1.0%	7,330	4.3%	117,594	3.9%
Computer, engineering, and science:	8	1.6%	8,047	4.7%	129,466	4.3%
Computer and mathematical occupations	3	0.6%	3,374	2.0%	52,452	1.7%
Architecture and engineering occupations	5	1.0%	4,083	2.4%	55,435	1.8%
Life, physical, and social science occupations	0	0.0%	590	0.3%	21,579	0.7%
Education, legal, community service, arts, and media:	22	4.3%	17,329	10.2%	287,139	9.4%
Community and social services occupations	0	0.0%	3,319	1.9%	48,990	1.6%
Legal occupations	3	0.6%	1,511	0.9%	24,776	0.8%
Education, training, and library occupations	12	2.3%	9,506	5.6%	171,891	5.7%
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	7	1.4%	2,993	1.8%	41,482	1.4%
Healthcare practitioner and technical:	24	4.7%	10,938	6.4%	181,180	6.0%
Health diagnosing and treating practitioners and other technical occupations	18	3.5%	7,714	4.5%	120,857	4.0%
Health technologists and technicians	6	1.2%	3,224	1.9%	60,323	2.0%
Service occupations:	49	9.5%	28,420	16.7%	517,254	17.0%
Healthcare support occupations	6	1.2%	4,423	2.6%	74,474	2.5%
Protective service occupations:	21	4.1%	2,667	1.6%	57,236	1.9%
Firefighting and prevention, and other protective service workers including supervisors	4	0.8%	1,599	0.9%	30,946	1.0%
Law enforcement workers including supervisors	17	3.3%	1,068	0.6%	26,290	0.9%
Food preparation and serving related occupations	0	0.0%	10,113	5.9%	181,295	6.0%
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	7	1.4%	6,059	3.6%	112,803	3.7%
Personal care and service occupations	15	2.9%	5,158	3.0%	91,446	3.0%
Sales and office occupations:	165	32.1%	40,637	23.9%	708,055	23.3%
Sales and related occupations	70	13.6%	18,165	10.7%	307,075	10.1%
Office and administrative support occupations	95	18.5%	22,472	13.2%	400,980	13.2%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance:	38	7.4%	12,562	7.4%	268,110	8.8%
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0	0.0%	280	0.2%	13,246	0.4%
Construction and extraction occupations	13	2.5%	7,186	4.2%	144,882	4.8%
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	25	4.9%	5,096	3.0%	109,982	3.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving:	200	38.9%	30,138	17.7%	562,216	18.5%
Production occupations	169	32.9%	18,473	10.8%	322,472	10.6%
Transportation occupations	3	0.6%	6,289	3.7%	118,311	3.9%
Material moving occupations	28	5.4%	5,376	3.2%	121,433	4.0%

2.3.8 Summary of Findings

Below is a summary of the findings related to the social and economic analysis that may have an effect on park planning:

- The population of Monroeville has remained stable for the past two decades
- The population is aging
- The median age of individuals is greater in Monroeville than in Allen County or Indiana
- The median income is substantially lower in Monroeville than in Allen County or Indiana
- The estimated percentage of individuals with disabilities is greater in Monroeville than in Allen County or Indiana, though the margin of error of the estimate is also much greater
- The percentage of individuals with a high school diploma or higher education is in line with Allen County and Indiana
- The percentage of individuals with a Bachelor degree or higher in Monroeville is greater than in Allen County or Indiana
- The majority of workers in Monroeville are employed in Sales and Office Occupations or Production, Transportation, and Material Occupations

Park Inventory



3.0 Inventory

3.1 Parks Located within Monroeville

There is one park located within Monroeville, Monroeville Community Park, located at the southern end of Monroe Street. There is a “pocket park” currently under construction at the corner of W. South Street and Mulberry Street and a proposed passive park on Town owned property south of American Mitsuba Corporation on Monroeville Road. Figure 12 below shows the location of the parks existing or proposed in Monroeville.

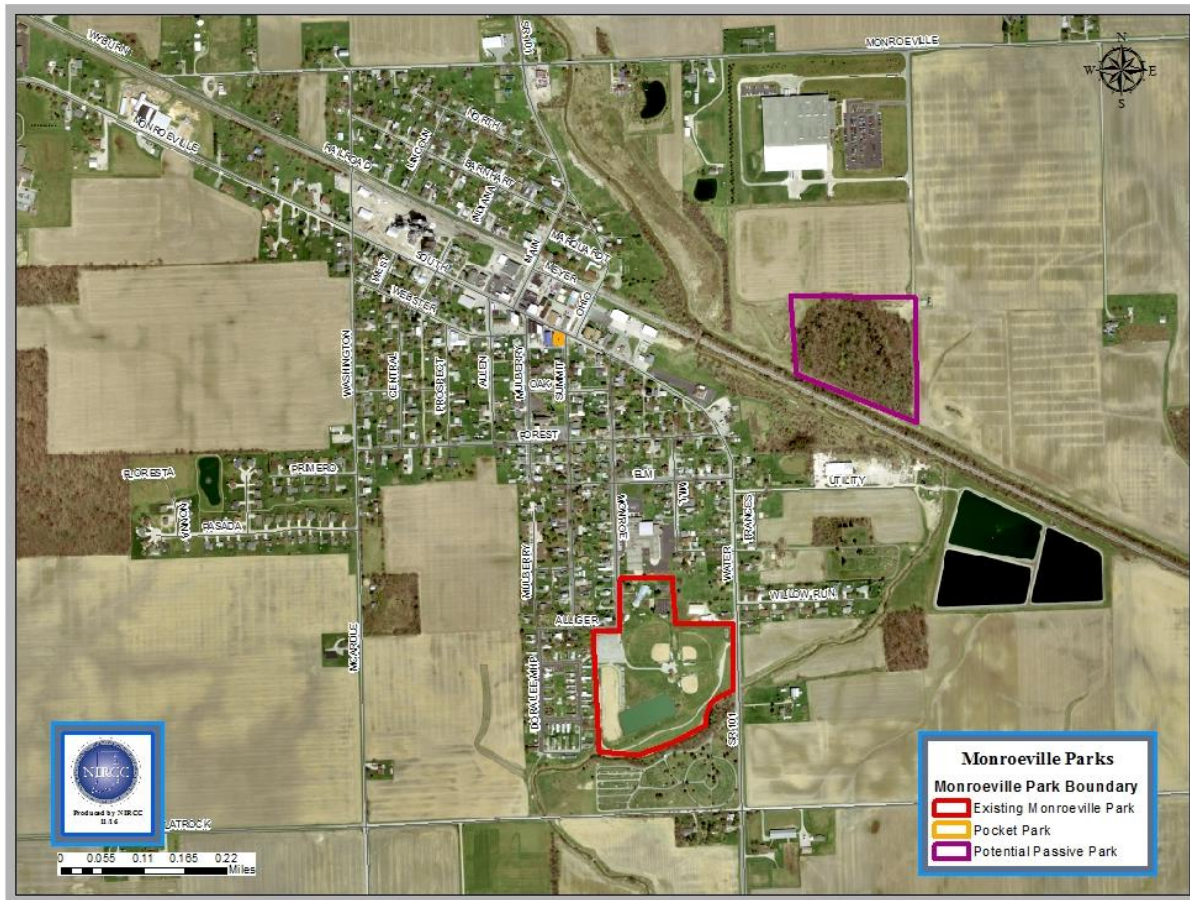


Figure 12: Town of Monroeville Park Boundaries

3.2 Park History

3.2.1 Monroeville Community Park

Monroeville Community Park was envisioned by members of the Monroeville Chamber of Commerce back in 1949. They pursued the idea and slowly began to acquire several tracts of land from local residents. Since 1949 the park has grown to approximately 22 acres including many recreational amenities. In 1952, the park pavilion was constructed which includes a large gathering room that can seat approximately 150 people and a smaller room that can accommodate approximately 50 people. The pavilion is rented for reunions, weddings, meetings, craft bazaars, rummage sales and more.

A 1.7 acre pond was completed during the Park Board president, Clem Pinney's tenure in 1964. The pond originally had a depth of 10 feet though, due to sedimentation, the pond is believed to be wider though shallower today. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources stocked the pond for fishing sometime after it was completed and today you can find residents fishing the pond regularly.

On October 5, 1971, the Thunderstreak F-84F aircraft was donated to the Park by the Air National Guard 122nd Tactical Fighter Group at Baer Field as a static display at the Park entrance on State Road 101 on the east side of the Park.

As the Park continued to grow it was decided that there should be a Park Board to oversee the Park and maintain its integrity. Therefore, the Monroeville Park Board was established on May 1, 1974 by ordinance number 476 to govern the park.

3.2.2 Monroeville Pocket Park



The Monroeville Pocket Park, which is currently under construction, is located at the corner of W. South Street and Mulberry Street in the heart of downtown Monroeville. The corner is the former location of a dilapidated building which was more cost effective for the town to demolish than repair. In 2014, the town demolished the building and began brainstorming ideas for the now vacant lot. Town officials and staff visited several pocket parks in other small towns in the region in 2015. That trip resulted in a pocket park being built in Monroeville modelled after a small park in Paulding Ohio.

Construction of the Pocket Park began in 2016, however; there are not any formal design plans that have been drawn up for the park but the park has been conceptually designed by local officials and staff members. The park is approximately 4,000 square feet and currently has the concrete paths poured, and has infrastructure installed for lighting and a water feature centerpiece. Final plans for the park include tables and benches providing seating for approximately 20 people, a flagpole with accent lighting, four trash receptacles, and a pergola or stage area on the west edge of the park.

The adjacent parking lot has been resurfaced and painted. The Pocket Park has been funded through the Town's General fund.

3.2.3 Monroeville Passive Park

The Town of Monroeville owns approximately 41.5 acres of property south of the Mitsuba Corporation on Monroeville Rd. The Town has owned several acres of wooded wetland at that site for many years. Approximately 18 years ago they purchased another 18 acres using TIF funds. The land has sat vacant since its purchase by the Town. However, the Town would like to develop a passive park at the approximately 18 acres of wooded wetland for hiking, and bird and wildlife watching. They would like to work with the Allen County Parks and Recreation Department to construct the park as East Allen County is lacking in outdoor recreational opportunities.



3.3 Park Facilities

3.3.1 Monroeville Community Park

Location: South end of Monroe Street south to the ditch and east to State Road 101.

Size: Approximately 22 acres.

Pavilion Playground (Year Built: 1991)

The playground equipment is bordered by deteriorating wood 4"x4"s and is placed directly on the soil.

It has been noted that the slides are not slick and are sometimes hard to get down. There is not any ADA accessible playground equipment. The playground has the following equipment:

- 1 trapeze bar
- 2 swings
- 1 teeter-totter
- 1 10' tall metal traditional slide
- 1 12' tall metal curly slide
- Playground observation area
 - Three concrete picnic tables
 - Two grills

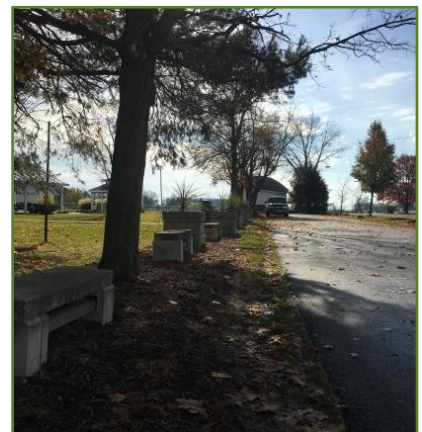


Pavilion Parking (Year Built: 1991)

There is a paved parking lot off of Monroe Street in front of the Pavilion which can hold approximately 12 vehicles if they are parallel parked.

Memory Planters/Benches (Year Built: 1998)

Large concrete planters and benches line the interior boundary of the parking lot. The planters can be purchased by residents as a memorial to a loved one for a nominal fee. The planters are then engraved and the Town plants flowers in them each spring.



Pavilion (Year Built: 1952)

The 4805 square foot pavilion is located at the west entrance of the park on Monroe Street. It contains the following amenities:

- Meeting room that seats up to 150 people
- Meeting room that seats up to 50 people
- Kitchen with 2 refrigerators, freezer, range, microwave, coffee maker and serving utensils
- Single stall bathroom behind kitchen with access to outside through a small hallway.
- Laundry room and small storage area.
- Folding tables and chairs for meetings, banquets, etc.
- Restrooms (One ADA stall in each. No ADA sink)
- Projection Screen

An extension of the enclosed pavilion is a 2322 square foot open air pavilion. It contains the following amenities:

- 15 picnic tables
- Metal ceiling installed in 2016
- Lights



Gazebo (Year Built: 2008)

The gazebo is located just south and directly across from the open air pavilion. It has a concrete floor, does not contain any seating, but is very quaint and well landscaped. The path leading up to it was built out of pavers that could be purchased and engraved for a nominal fee as a way to fund the gazebo area of the park. Additionally, there is an attractive street clock situated at the entrance to the gazebo.



Horseshoe Pits (Year Built: 1997)

There are two horseshoe pits located on the east side of the Pavilion.



Sand Volleyball Court (Year Built: 2007)

There is a standard sand volleyball court east of the pavilion and horseshoe pits. The volleyball court has a net with padded polls holding the net and has the court delineated with nylon bands. The sand is contained by railroad ties.



Tennis Courts (Year Built: 1957)

There is a 10,000 square foot asphalt pad just east of the sand volleyball court. While originally constructed as two tennis courts; half of the pad is currently used for a basketball court and the other half is used as a tennis court. The pad is well maintained and has recently been resurfaced and painted (2016). There are eight lights on four posts with motion sensors on the east and west edges of the asphalt pad as well as a tall fence on the north and south end of the courts to contain stray balls.



Basketball Courts (Year Built: 1960)

There are two basketball courts located within the Park. One is on the same asphalt pad as the tennis court and the other is adjacent to that court to the north on a 3832 asphalt pad which was poured in 1960. The basketball courts are well maintained and the one adjacent to the tennis court has been resurfaced and painted recently (2016). The basketball court to the north has four lights set on two polls that are on motion sensors to conserve energy when not in use.

Pond (Year Built: 1964)

A stocked pond is present in the southeast quadrant of the Park east of the arena. The pond was originally constructed to be 1.7 acres, however measurements within GIS indicate it is slightly larger at approximately 2.4 acres. Originally the pond had a depth of 10 feet, however sedimentation from bank erosion indicates the pond is shallower today. The pond has four benches around it and is used by area residents for fishing.



Baseball Diamonds (Year Built: 1970)

Four ball diamonds are located in the Park including:

- Softball field (Howard Field)
 - Complete fencing
 - Two dugouts
 - Two sets of bleachers
 - Lights
 - Announcer stand
- T-ball field (Year Built: 2000)
 - Fencing behind home base and on ½ of each side to catch foul balls
 - Benches for the teams
 - No bleachers
- Junior little league field - Doctor Field
 - Smaller field for ages 7-10
 - Complete fencing
 - Two dugouts
 - Two sets of bleachers
 - Lights
 - Announcer stand
- Major little league field - Grabner Field
 - Larger field for ages 11-14
 - Complete fencing
 - Two dugouts
 - Two sets of bleachers
 - Lights
 - Announcer stand



Canteen/Restrooms (Year Built: 1970)

A canteen is centrally located near home base of the three larger ball diamonds. Concessions are sold out of the canteen during baseball games and larger events. Amenities located at the Canteen include the following:

- Men's and Woman's restroom (not ADA accessible)
- Bike Rack
- Trash Receptacles
- Drinking fountain directly adjacent to it



Batting Cages (Year Built: 1970)

Two batting cages are located between Grabner and Doctor Fields. There is currently not any netting around the batting cages, though the Town is in the process of updating them.



Baseball Diamond Playground (Year Built: 1984)

The playground equipment is partially bordered by deteriorating 2"x4"s. The playground base is sand and overgrown with grass and weeds in many areas.

The playground has the following equipment:

- Two swing sets
 - 9 child swings
 - 1 infant/toddler swing
- A five foot tall traditional metal slide



Monroeville Community Park East Entrance (Year Built: 2006)

There is a sign at the service entrance to the Park off of State Road 101. The sign can be used to post information about events at the Park. Additionally, there is an aircraft static display at the entrance as well as a flagpole. The aircraft, the F-84F Thunderstreak, was built in 1954 and used as a tactical fighter wing for a decade. The Thunderstreak was donated to the Monroeville Park Board in 1971 by the Air National Guard 122nd Tactical Fighter Group who had been housing it after its retirement.



Concession Stand (Year Built: 2005)

There is a 468 square foot concession stand used during festivals held in the park. The concession stand is located east of the amphitheater halfway to the tennis courts. The building holds an icemaker, refrigerator, commercial freezer, microwave, and all electrical for the Park.

Equipment Storage Shed (Year Built: 2003)

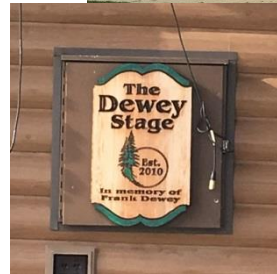
There is a 648 square foot storage shed located on the southern boundary of the tennis court within the park used to store maintenance equipment for the Park. The shed has a concrete pad attached to it.

Amphitheater (Year Built: 2010)

There is a small amphitheater located just southwest of the Pavilion adjacent to the pavilion parking lot. The amphitheater is used for small performances, dance recitals, and occasional concerts during the summer months and at the Harvest Festival.

The amphitheater has the following amenities.

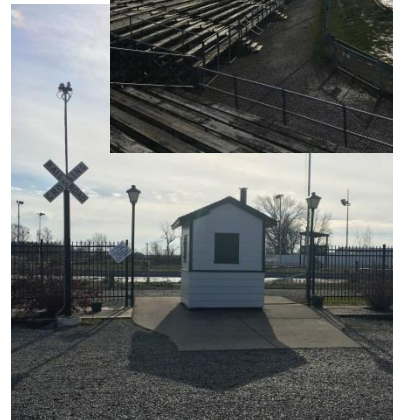
- Lighting
- Backstage doors
- Concrete floor, wood siding and stone façade front, and an asphalt shingle domed roof
- An approximately 15' X 50' concrete pad in the front



Arena (Year Built: 1980)

A dirt arena is located on the west edge of the Park on Park Dr. The arena is slightly larger than one acre and is used for various events during the Harvest Festival such as lawn mower races and a demolition derby. The arena features the following amenities:

- Three large sets of bleachers on the east side of the arena on gravel (794 sq. ft.; 3,710 sq. ft.; 2,755 sq. ft. respectively)
- Six sets of small bleachers on the west side of the arena on gravel (149 square feet ea.)
- Lights
- Ticket booth
- Announcer booth



Arena Parking (Year Built: 1980)

There is a gravel parking area directly adjacent on the north side of the arena that is approximately 0.7 acres. There is additional hard surface parking for 13 vehicles north of the gravel lot just off of Monroe Street at the corner of Park Dr. However, there is not a paved path leading to the arena and the disabled community will need to walk along Park Dr. to get to the arena.



Monroeville Community Park West Entrance

(Year Built: 2004)

The sign at the west entrance to the Park matches that located at the east entrance where messages of upcoming events can be listed and changed throughout the year. The bell located at the west entrance was donated by Edith Marquardt Koehlinger, a member of the Four Presidents Corners Historic Society. The Marquardt family saved the bell from a tornado that destroyed its original location, the No. 1 Madison Township School, in 1920. The bell was dedicated at the Monroeville Community Park on July 4, 2004.



3.4 Park Programming

The Monroeville Park and Recreation Board does not provide any programming for the residents of Monroeville or surrounding area. The Youth League baseball is run by an outside organization which assists with the upkeep of the baseball fields and dugouts and oversees all other aspects of the League. As stated in the previous section there are four fields utilized for baseball and the Youth League is available for children aged four to fourteen. The Youth League President, Kyle Palm, has seen a steady increase in involvement over the past several years with enrollment going from 117 in 2014, to 150 in 2016. The fields are also used by travel baseball teams when available.

3.5 Other Recreational Facilities

There are limited recreational opportunities in Monroeville or in the direct vicinity. Beyond the Monroeville Community Park, Cornerstone Youth Center serves families in Monroeville and the region. Cornerstone is located on the western edge of town on Monroeville Road. Cornerstone's mission is to welcome all and provide opportunities for positive moral growth and sustainable life skills development for youth and families in Southeast Allen County. Cornerstone offers several programs for youth and families in SE Allen County as well as a safe and engaging venue for youth to just drop in to hang out with friends. Additionally, the Monroeville Conservation Club is fairly active hosting annual hunter safety classes for individuals of all ages, as well as bringing more programming to the Club.

3.6 Accessibility and Universal Design

The Town of Monroeville is responsible to ensure that all activities and facilities offered by the Monroeville Parks Department are accessible to residents and visitors of all abilities. The Park Board is committed to ensure that all new facilities and renovations are constructed to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

3.6.1 ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan

In April of 2013 the Town Council adopted the *Town of Monroeville's Americans with Disabilities Act Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan* written by the consulting firm Jones Petrie and Rafinski. Town staff performed the visual inspections of sidewalks, curb ramps, and buildings throughout the Town including the Park Pavilion. Since much of the Town's infrastructure is older than 30 years, many facilities in Monroeville are not ADA compliant. It should also be noted that due to the age of the Monroeville Community Park, most of its amenities and facilities are also not compliant with ADA requirements.

The Transition Plan outlines priorities for upgrading the Town's infrastructure to be ADA compliant where Priority I will be completed within three years, Priority II will be completed within five years and Priority III will be implemented within 10 years. Below is a list of the priority level of the Park's amenities and facilities.

- Priority I
 - Walkways to all facilities
 - ADA compliant restrooms
 - Parking Identification and striping
- Priority II
 - Enhance safety at pedestrian crossings which would include those leading to the Park
 - Enhance meeting rooms in Pavilion
- Priority III
 - Create a connected system of accessible pathways
 - Drinking fountains
 - Door closures
 - Site furnishings
 - Staff training

An evaluation of the Monroeville Community Park by NIRCC staff indicated that the Park is not compliant with ADA regulations and as improvements are made, they will need to meet Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and ADA requirements.

3.6.2 ADA Contact

Information regarding the ADA nondiscriminatory requirements and accessible facilities programs and services can be acquired by contacting the Town of Monroeville's ADA Coordinator at the following address:

Larry Oberley, Town Superintendent
Monroeville Town Hall, 104 Allen Street, Monroeville, IN 46733
Tel: 260.740.8041
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Public Participation



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The Monroeville Community Park has had many improvements over the past several years which are listed in Appendix F. However, town residents believe more can be done to improve the Park system in Monroeville which was evident in the East Allen Strategic Investment Plan. The New Allen Alliance published a Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) for each of the smaller communities located in eastern Allen County, including Monroeville, in 2016. The process of information and public input gathering for the SIP took approximately one year. Through public surveys disseminated to town residents and a public meeting with nearly 100 attendees, community priorities were identified. Of the 22 areas of improvement identified from community surveys and public meetings, developing a “Park Improvement Plan” was tied for the fourth highest priority in the SIP.

As a result of the outcome of the SIP, the Town of Monroeville signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (NIRCC), the Municipal Planning Organization for Allen County, to develop a 5-year Master Park Plan on August 17, 2016 at a Town Council public meeting. Minutes from all Town Council Meetings where the Monroeville Park was mentioned can be found in Appendix D.

Public participation in the park planning process was conducted using several different means of data collection including a public survey disseminated to all residences that receive Monroeville Utilities, surveys left at Cornerstone for the area youth to complete, in-person interviews with elementary aged children at the local school and two public meetings.

4.1 Public Meetings

The Monroeville Park board meetings are regularly scheduled on the third Wednesday of each month and are open to the public. Meeting minutes and sign in sheets are not kept; therefore, there are no records of the meetings. However, any major decisions must be presented to the Town Council prior to being implemented. The Action Register in Section 5 of this Plan will address regular “housekeeping” that will need to be done in the future for the Park Board to maintain transparency and consensus building in all decisions made for the Park system in Monroeville. There were two public meetings held in regards to park planning. One meeting was held on August 17, 2016 as a special Town Council meeting and the other meeting was held on November 1, 2016.

4.1.1 Town Council Meeting

The Town Council meeting held on August 17, 2016, was a special meeting not scheduled on a regular Town Council meeting day to discuss the Park Plan and vote and sign an MOA with NIRCC for writing the Plan. The meeting was open to the public and all members of the Park Board, the Little League President and local media were present. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss the benefits a 5-year Master Park Plan will provide to the community including identifying priorities determined by the residents within the Town for the park and potential costs for the park improvements, and make the Monroeville Park Board eligible for various funding opportunities. The meeting was also used to discuss the Park System in Monroeville and allow the public to express how they would like to see the Monroeville Park system improved. The meeting attendees put most of the focus of the meeting on improvements they would like to see at the Monroeville Community Park. Below is a list of improvements and comments made by the public, Park Board and Town Council Members at that meeting.

- Improve canteen restrooms
- Restrooms at Arena
- Walking trail through the park
- Splash pad
- Pocket park using historical structures
- Paved drive and parking lot to canteen
- Beautification of and stock pond
- New bleachers at arena
- Improve park pavilion for Adventure Cycling participants
- Buy the house across the street from park for the cyclists
- Improve park gateway
- Foul ball net on ball diamonds
- Sun and rain protection at diamonds
- Start a flag football and soccer league
- More volunteers

4.1.2 Park Plan Public Meeting

A public meeting specific to the Park Plan was held on November 1, 2016 at the Monroeville Community Park pavilion at 6:30pm. The meeting was advertised in the Monroeville News on October 19, 2016, and a public notice was placed in both the Monroeville News and the Journal Gazette on October 19, 2016 (see Appendix A). An information sheet was also posted at the Monroeville Library, Town Hall, and town churches (see Appendix A). Finally, the public meeting was posted on the Monroeville Facebook page.

There were ten residents who signed in at the public meeting (see Appendix B). Kyle Quandt from NIRCC did a presentation about the purpose and goals of the Park Plan and discussed some of the improvements and additions that have been proposed for the Park System. Slides from the Power Point presentation are in Appendix B. There was a lot of discussion about how to recruit more volunteers to assist with park programming and events, and many attendees mentioned improving the playground equipment, upgrading the entire park to be ADA compliant, hosting free concerts at the Park’s amphitheater and pave the parking lot at the Monroeville Community Park.

After an open discussion, notes that were taken during the meeting were put on the wall on large easel pads and attendees were asked to rank their priorities. Below are the results:

Park Additions (Participants marked up to 3)

Splash Pad	10	Bridge over Creek for Golf Carts	2
Multi-use Trail	4	Free Movies/Concerts at Amphitheater	8
Restrooms at the Arena	7	Ticket Booth at Arena	2
Stocked Fishing Pond	2	Shade and Rain Protection at Ball Fields	4

Top priorities identified for park additions include: 1-Splash pad; 2-Free movies/concert; 3-Restrooms at the arena.

Park Improvements (Participants marked up to 3)

Drainage at the Ball Diamonds	5	Improved T-ball Field	0
ADA Bathrooms at Pavilion	6	Net for Foul Balls	6
Kitchen Remodel at Pavilion	3	New Digital Sign	7
More Storage at Pavilion	0	Paved Parking Lot	3
Fence on East Side of Arena	2	ADA Compliant Park System	4
Concrete Under Arena Bleachers	3	Upgrade Playground Equipment	10

Top priorities identified for park improvements include: 1-Upgrade the playground equipment; 2-New digital sign; 3-ADA bathrooms at the pavilion and net for foul balls

Park Offerings (Participants marked up to 2)

Gazebo at Pocket Park	1	Water Feature at Pocket Park	3
Benches at Pocket Park	3	Creation of a Passive Park/Nature Area	1
Free Standing Library at Pocket Park	2	4-H Program	0
Sculptures at Pocket Park	0	Park Board Sponsored Programs	7

Top priorities identified for other park offerings include: 1-Park Board sponsored programs; 2-Benches and water feature at the pocket park

Potential Funding Options (Participants marked up to 2)

Program Fees	2	Yearly Park User Fee	0
Increase Rental Fees	5	Solicit Donations	10

Top funding options include: 1-Solicit for donations; 2-Increase rental fees

4.2 Public Surveys

Public surveys were disseminated to the public via three methods: 1) a survey was mailed to all local residents living within the 46773 zip code; 2) an online survey with the same information was made available and advertised on the Monroeville Facebook page; 3) a survey was left with the Director of Communication and Development at Cornerstone Youth Center in Monroeville to give to the kids who visit the Center; and in-person interviews were conducted at the local elementary school with children from 1st through 5th grade. The results of those surveys are in the following subsections. (See the survey in Appendix C).

4.2.1 Public Survey via Mail and Online

Of the surveys disseminated to Monroeville Utility users there were 102 respondents; 93 via mail and 9 via the online survey. Ninety-eight of the respondents identified their age on the survey and 64% of the respondents were over the age of 46 and 32% of respondents were over the age of 65. It should also be noted that 65% of the respondents were female. The surveys represent the use for the entire household. Below are the results of the public survey:

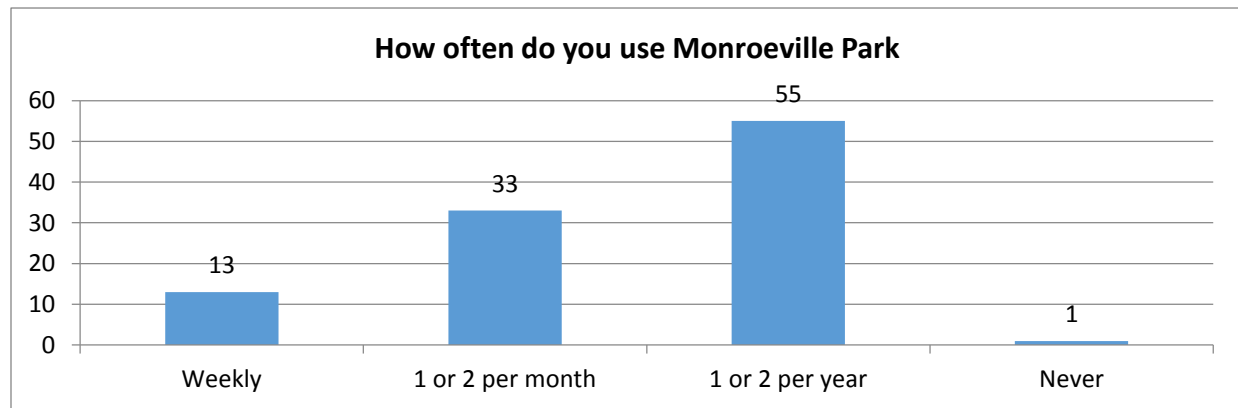


Figure 13: Monroeville Park Frequency of Use

Figure 13 above shows that the frequency in which the respondents visits the park. The Park is visited once or twice a year by 54% of the respondents and either weekly or once or twice per month by 45.1% of the respondents. There are two large festivals held at the Monroeville Community Park annually; the

Harvest Festival and the Fourth of July Festival. This may be the reason why most respondents indicated they visit the park once or twice per year.

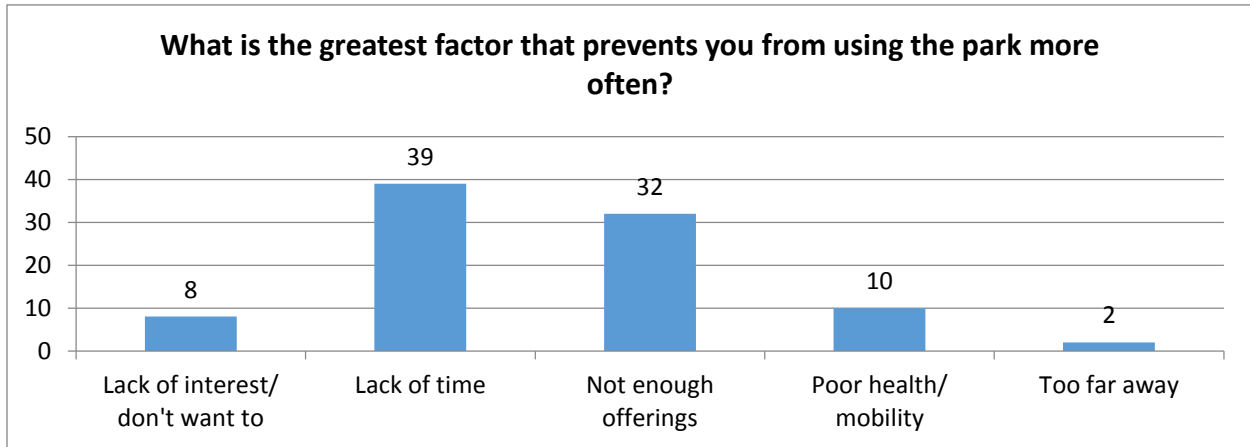


Figure 14: Lack of Park Usage

Figure 14 shows reason why respondents don't visit the park more often. Most residents of Monroeville commute to Fort Wayne or other nearby larger cities for employment which may account for the reason why many respondents (42.9%) listed a "lack of time" as the reason why they do not use the park more often. 35.1% don't visit the park more often due to there not being enough offerings, 8.8% don't have an interest in the park, 11% answered they have "poor health/mobility" and 2.2% feel they live too far away from the park to use it. Respondents were given the option to write in comments. Responses included: need better sidewalks (2); need a better park for children (2); equipment looks unsafe (1); unsure of safety/security (1); spend too much time out of town because there are no shops in Monroeville (1); and weather (1).

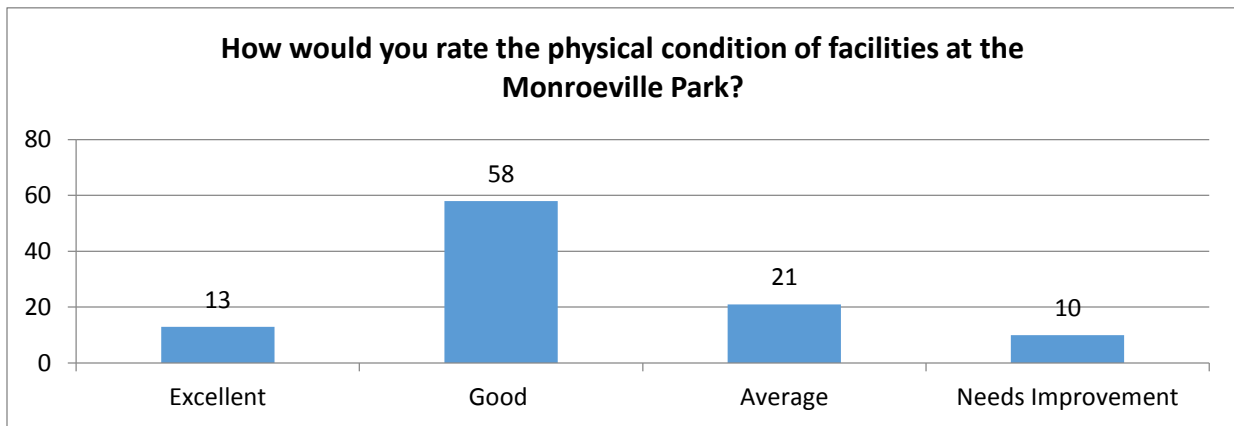


Figure 15: Rated Physical Condition of Monroeville Park

As can be gleaned from Figure 15, in general, park users view the park as being in good condition as 69.6% of the respondents answered that the physical condition of the Monroeville Park is "good" or "excellent". 9.8% of the respondents answered that the Monroeville Community Park "needs improvement" and the remainder viewed the park as being in "average" condition.

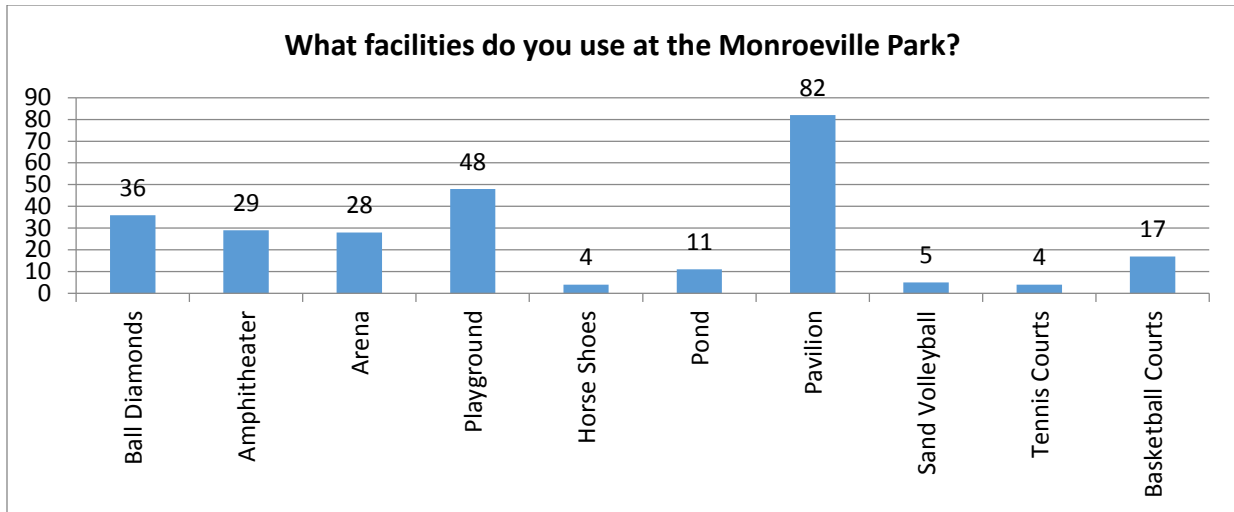


Figure 16: Most Used Park Facilities

Respondents were encouraged to check all facilities that they utilize at the Monroeville Community Park. As can be seen in Figure 16 it is clear the most utilized facility is the park pavilion with 80.4% of respondents indicating they use the pavilion. The other top facilities utilized by respondents are the playground (47%); baseball diamonds (35.3%); amphitheater (28.4%); and the arena (27.5%). The least used facilities include the pond (10.8%); sand volleyball court (4.9%); and the horse shoe pits and tennis court are tied at 3.9% each.

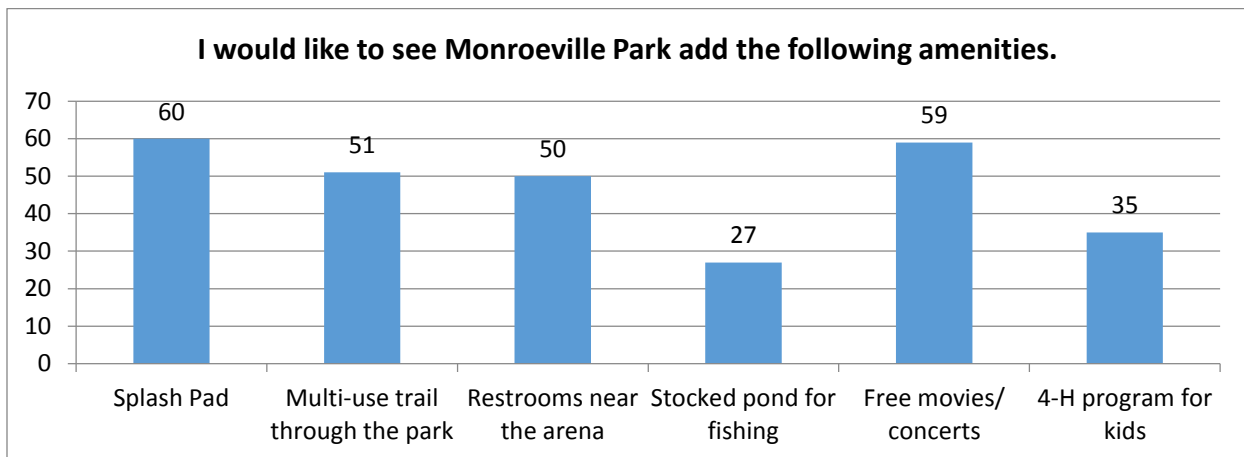


Figure 17: Additional Amenities Suggested

As seen in Figure 17, most respondents would like to see a splash pad and free movies and concerts added to the Monroeville Park (58.8% and 57.8% respectively). Half of the respondents were also in favor of adding a multi-use trail and restrooms near the arena (50% and 49% respectively). There was also a lot of interest in stocking the pond for fishing (26.5%) and bringing a 4-H program to Monroeville (34.3%). Respondents were offered the option to write in comments and those included: more sporting leagues (n=2); tether ball (1); drinking fountains (1); tractor pull at the arena (1); pool (3); benches for the trail (1); keep the restrooms open during park hours (2); better playground equipment (2); a pier on

the pond (1); summer programs for kids (1); and a park like Buckner or Kreager Park in Fort Wayne (1) (these parks include a large playground and splash pad, as well as open space and a multi-use trail).

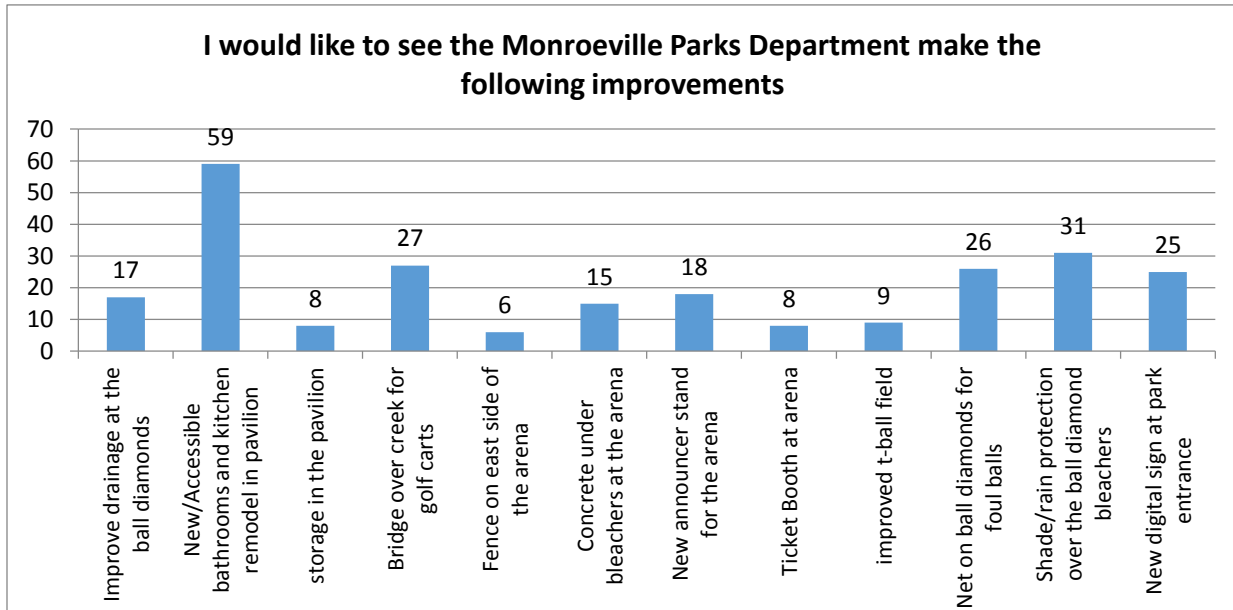


Figure 18: Improvements Suggested

Respondents were asked to check all improvements they would like to see at the Monroeville Community Park and were given the option to write in suggestions. Figure 18 shows that over half of the respondents would like to see new and ADA accessible bathrooms and a kitchen remodel in the pavilion (57.8%). Other popular improvements are sun and rain protection at the ball diamonds (30.4%); a bridge over the creek for golf carts (26.5%); a net at the ball diamonds to stop foul balls from hitting spectators (25.5%); and a new digital sign at the park entrances (25.4%). The improvements listed in the survey that were of least importance to the respondents included a fence on the east side of the arena (5.9%); an improved t-ball field (8.8%); a ticket booth at the arena and storage in the pavilion which were checked by 7.8% of the respondents. It should be noted that later in the planning process it was discovered that the arena does not need a ticket booth as the current one is fairly new and functions well for the Park’s purposes. Other improvements that were written in the survey include: new playground equipment (6); new canteen with ADA accessible restrooms (3); wherever there is the most need (1); remove the stones from the baseball fields (1); and improve the grills at the picnic area (1); water fountains (1).

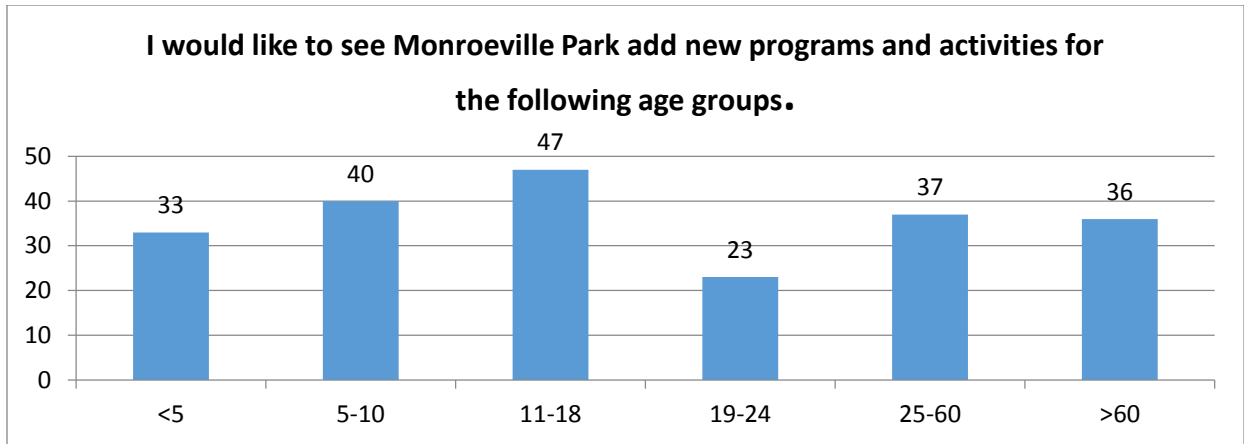


Figure 19: New Park Programs for Particular Age Groups

As seen in Figure 19 respondents indicated that park programming is desired for all age groups. However, from examining the actual survey responses it appears that many respondents marked the age groups for the ages that currently live in their house. The most desired age group for Park programming is between 5 and 10, and 11 and 18 (39.2% and 46.1% respectively). The least desired age group is for those between the ages of 19 and 24 at 22.5% of the respondents indicating programming for that age group. One respondent wrote in to add programs for the entire family.

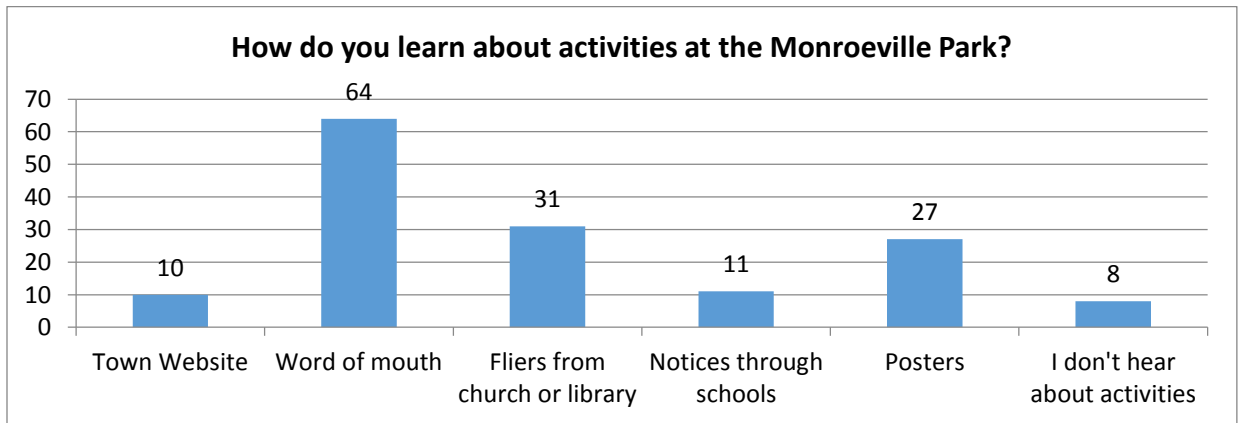


Figure 20: Park Advertising

Figure 20 shows that most respondents learn about activities at the Park through “word of mouth” (62.7%). Respondents also indicated that they learn about activities at the Park through fliers from their church or the local branch of the Allen County Public Library (30.4% and 26.5%, respectively). 7.8% of the respondents noted that they do not hear about Park activities. Some respondents wrote in other means in which they hear about Park activities which include: The Monroeville News (28); park sign (5); Facebook (6); billboard (1); the Town Superintendent (1).

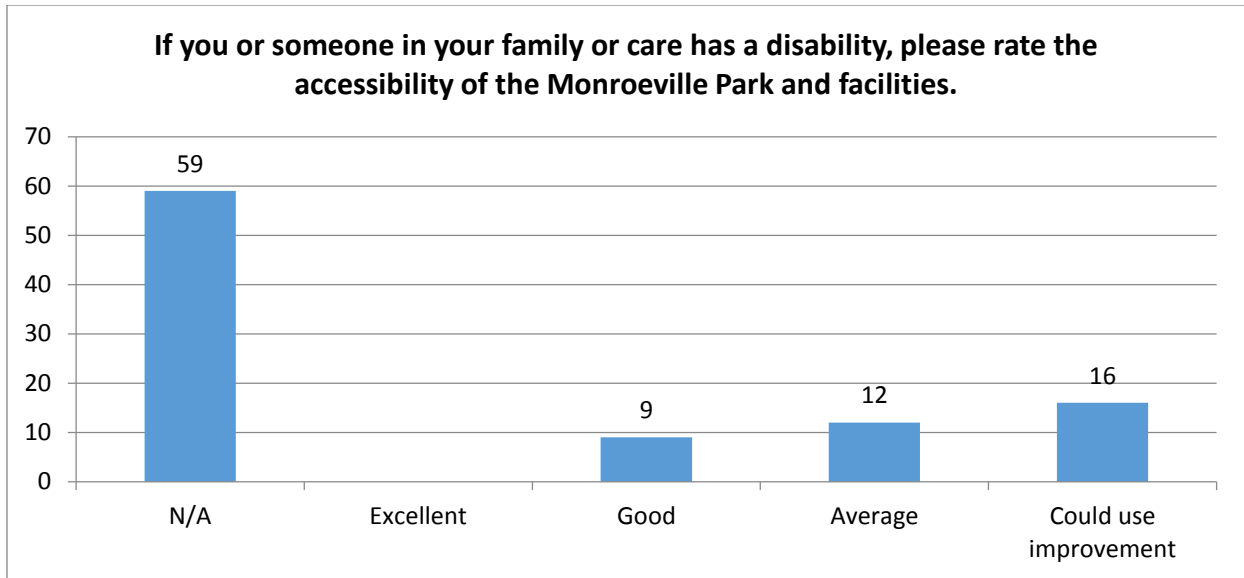


Figure 21: Monroeville Community Park Accessibility

As can be seen in Figure 21; most respondents did not have anyone in their care with a disability and are not disabled themselves so they either did not answer this question or marked it as N/A. Only 37 respondents could answer the questions regarding how accessible the facilities at the Park are. Of those, 43.2% responded that the Park “could use improvement” to be accessible to those with a disability, 32.4% rated the facilities as “average” and 24.3% rated the facilities as “good”.

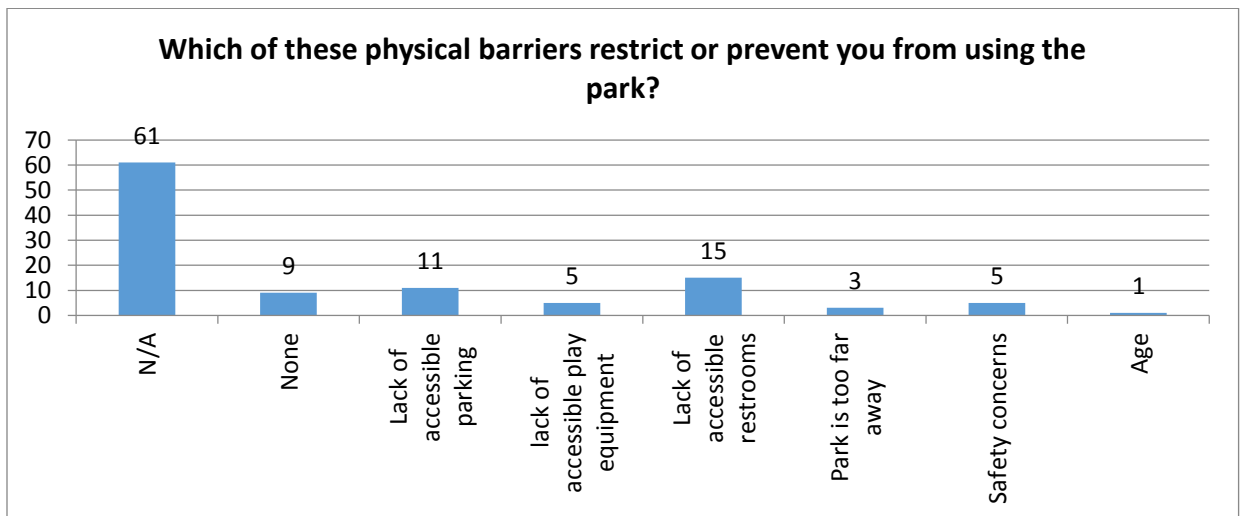


Figure 22: Physical Barriers to Using the Park

As can be seen in Figure 22, most respondents did not feel the question about physical barriers pertained to them and selected “N/A” for the question of which physical barrier prevented them from using the park. However, of 41 respondents who did mark barriers the most common barriers were lack of accessible bathrooms and parking (36.6% and 26.8%, respectively). 12.2% of the respondents marked they would like to see ADA accessible playground equipment and have safety concerns at the park and 7.3% marked that the park is too far away. Only one respondent noted that age is a contributing factor to why they don’t use the park more.

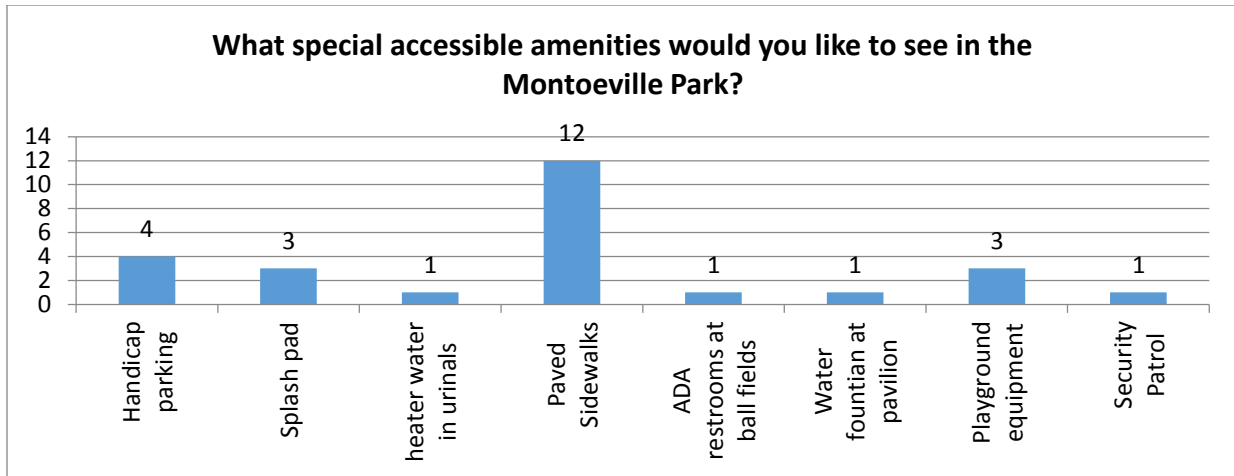


Figure 23: Special ADA Accessible Amenities

The survey asked that respondents write in what ADA accessible amenities they would like to see added to the Monroeville Park system. This question was only completed in 26 surveys and of those 46.2% of the respondents wrote in they would like paved sidewalks added to the park. Additionally, 15.4% requested handicapped parking and 11.5% wrote in an ADA accessible splash pad and playground equipment each. Other suggestions included handicapped restrooms at the ball fields, water fountain at the pavilion and to add security patrol to the park.

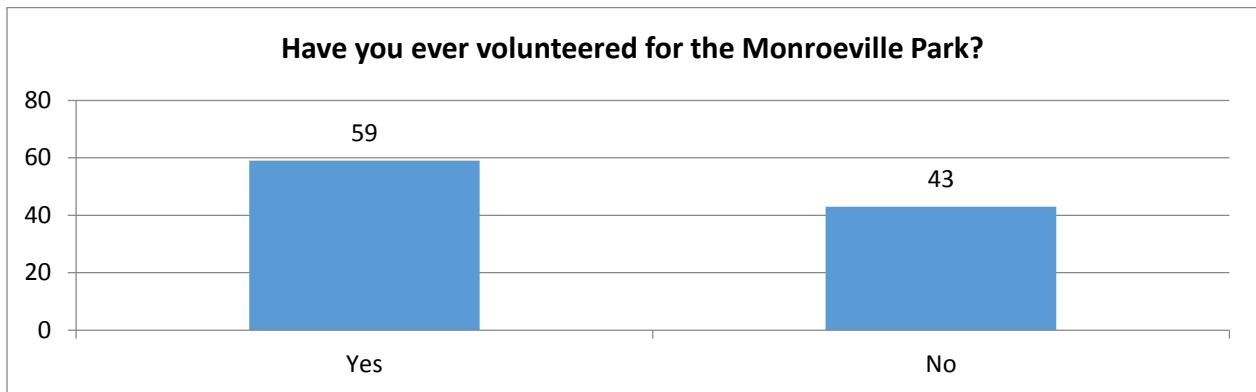


Figure 24: Park Volunteerism

Figure 24 shows the number of respondents who have volunteered for the Monroeville Park Board in the past. Over half of the respondents have volunteered before at 57.8%.

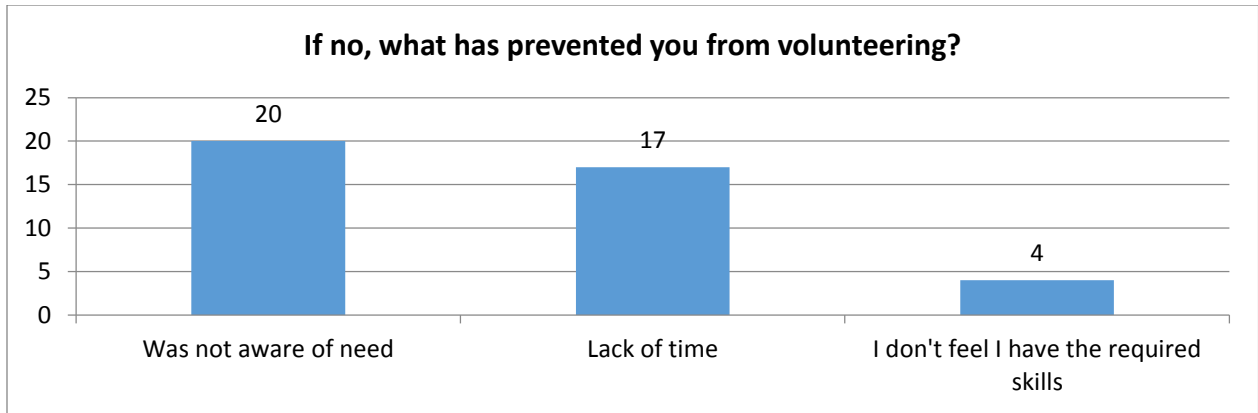


Figure 25: Barriers to Park Volunteerism

Respondents were asked why they have not volunteered for the Park Board before. Fifty-two responses were received. As seen in Figure 25, most who responded indicated they were unaware of a need for volunteers (38.5%); 32.7% indicated they lack the time to commit to volunteering; and 7.7% don't feel they have the required skills to volunteer. Several respondents wrote in additional reasons for not volunteering including: they are disabled or are too old (23.1%); they are fairly new to the town (3.8%); and there is no child care to allow them the time to volunteer (one respondent). Finally, one respondent made note that those individuals living in the "country" have never been included in Town projects.

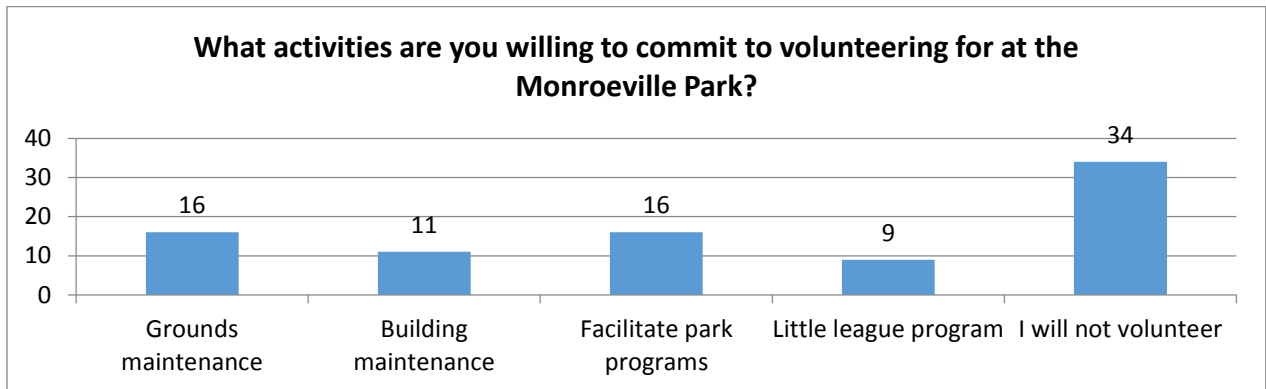


Figure 26: Types of Volunteerism

Respondents were asked what they are willing to volunteer their time for at the Park. As can be seen in Figure 26 many responded that they are not willing to volunteer (34.7%). 16.3% responded they will volunteer for ground maintenance and 16.3% to facilitate park programs. Another 9.2% indicated they are willing to volunteer with the Little League program. Some respondents noted they are willing to volunteer for special events at the park (7.1%), building rentals, and other respondents said they would volunteer but did not specify what they would volunteer for.

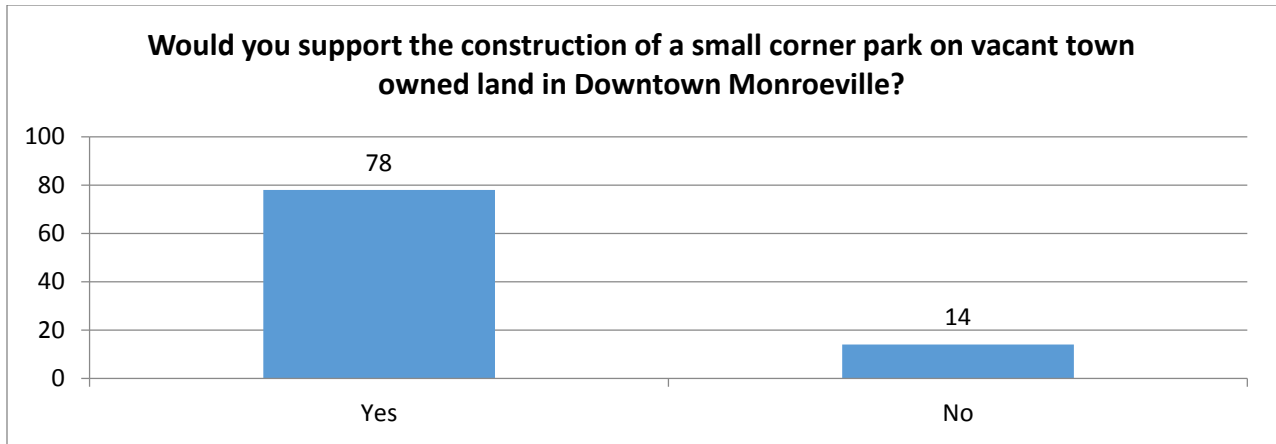


Figure 27: Support for Pocket Park

Figure 27 shows the response when asked if they would support the construction of a pocket park in downtown Monroeville. Most are in support of the construction (84.8%). It should be noted the construction is already underway and will be completed before June 1, 2017.

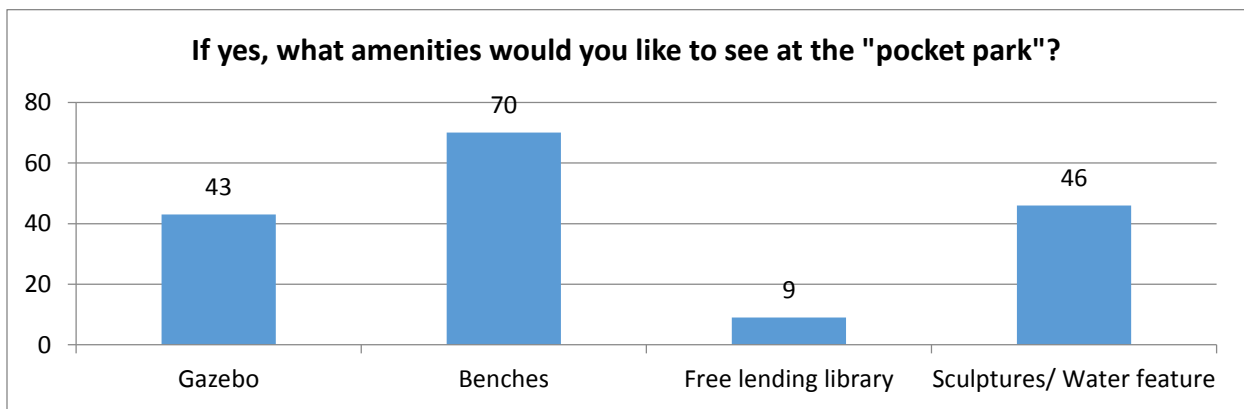


Figure 28: Amenities at the Pocket Park

Figure 28 shows what amenities the 78 respondents who would like a Pocket Park in Monroeville would like to have. Nearly all respondents would like to have seating at the Park as 89.7% of them indicated they would like to have benches. 59% would like to have a water feature or sculpture; 55.1% would like to see a gazebo installed; and 11.5% would like to see a free lending library. Respondents were encouraged to write in other desires for the pocket park and 9% wrote in flowers and/or landscaping, flagpole and shade trees each received 2.6% of the votes, and various activities, shaded seating area, something for kids, bike rack and lighting received one write in vote each.

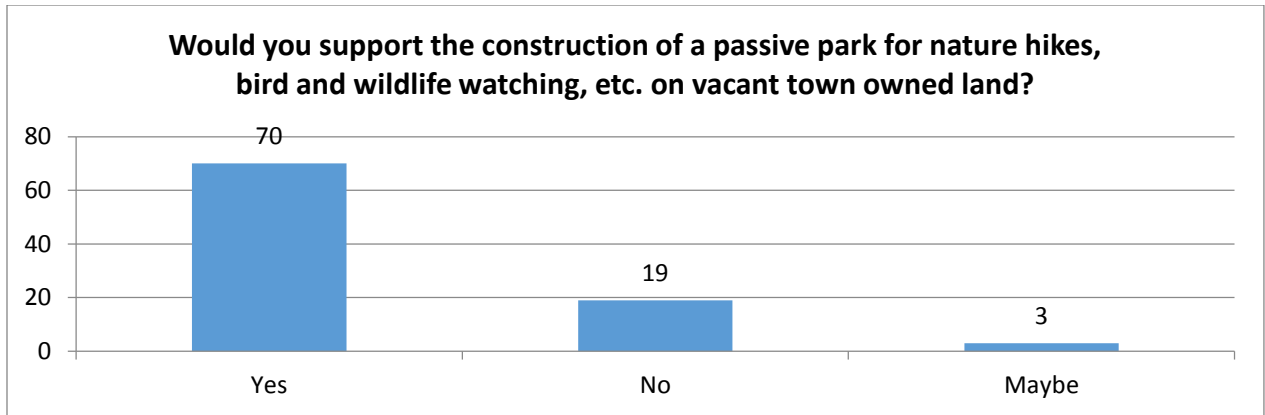


Figure 29: Support for Passive Park

Figure 29 shows the desire of 92 of the respondents to have a passive park available in Monroeville. Most all respondents are in favor of a passive park (76.1%), 21% are not in favor, and 3.3% of respondents wrote in “maybe” without providing an explanation.

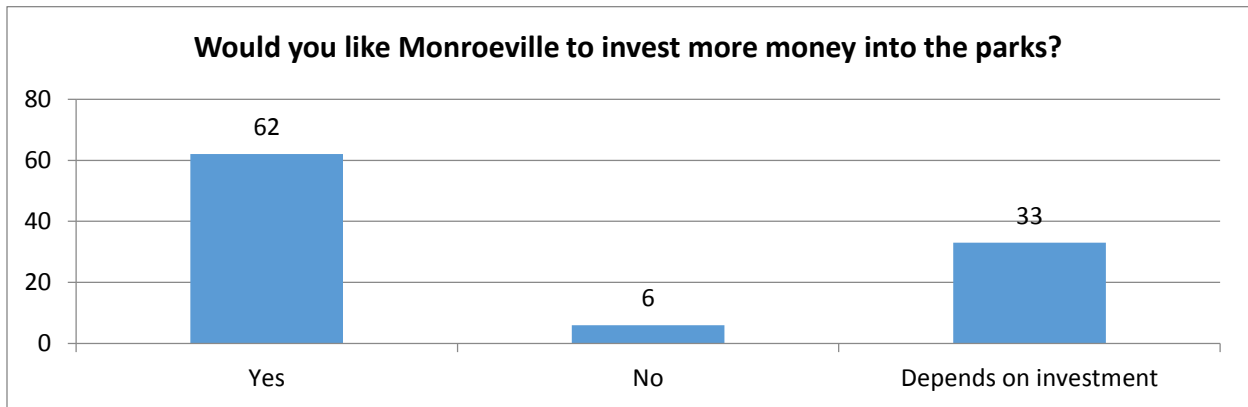


Figure 30: Financial Investment in Monroeville Park System

Survey takers were asked if they would like Monroeville to put more financial investment into the park System. Figure 30 above, shows the analysis of the responses. Of the 101 respondents to the question, 61.4% answered “yes”; 32.7% said it depends on the investment and only 5.9% answered “no”. Respondents were asked for an explanation if they indicated that investment in the park “depends”. Below are the explanations:

- Only if investment is not going to the ball diamonds.
- Streets and sidewalks are in desperate need of repair.
- Aforementioned ideas are good...with reasonable budget that can be responsibly paid for.
- Park is nice already. The addition of things that bring new entertainment for families without driving far.
- What are the options?
- Paint or put a wall up covering the old Clem grocery store. It is a real eye sore. Or purchase the store and tear it down.
- No more investment on ball diamonds.

- Money from where?
- Nothing over the top. Use money for things needed.
- Projects that require low maintenance, walking paths, exercise stations.
- We need bench seats and flag pole at uptown corner park (pocket park).

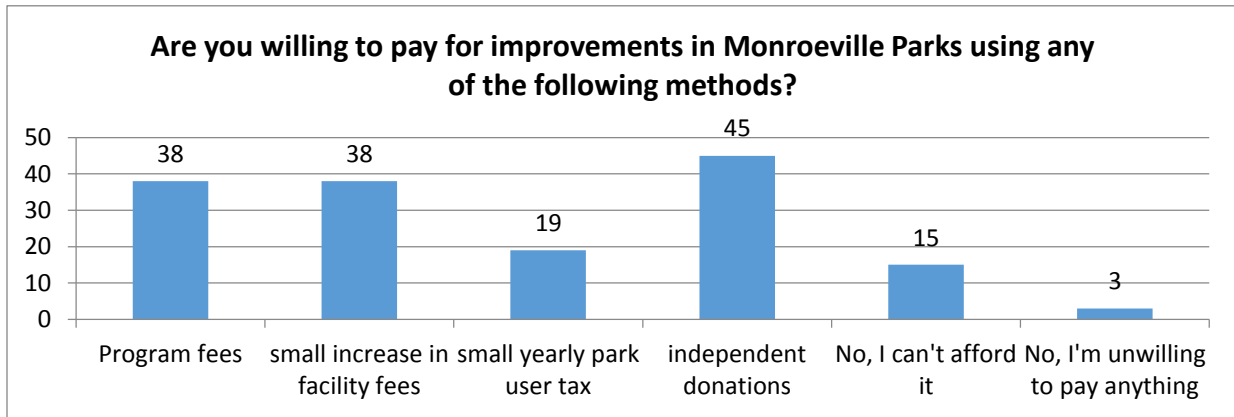


Figure 31: Funding Methods for the Park System

Figure 31 shows how respondents are willing to fund additional park amenities and improvements. 44.1% of respondents indicated that independent donations are an ideal means to fund park improvements. Program fees and a small increase in facility fees were both selected as an acceptable means to raise funds for the park by 37.3% of the respondents each. 18.6% of the respondents agreed that a small yearly park user tax was acceptable; however 17.6% of respondents indicated they were not inclined to fund park improvements either because they could not afford it or they were unwilling.

The surveys also included a space for respondents to write in comments. Table 7 below are the answers received in response to the question “If you could change one thing about the Monroeville Park, what would it be?”. The most common responses are noted in bold text in the below table.

Table 7: Suggested Changes to Monroeville Community Park

Suggested Change	Number of Respondents
Parking (closer to pavilion/handicap)	5
Better Advertising for events	1
Playground equipment	10
Sidewalks to all facilities	1
More restrooms	1
Splash pad	5
The parks	1
Offer more activities	1
More music/entertainment	1
Improve kitchen at pavilion	1
Maintain landscaping better	1
Swimming at pond	2
Better fireworks (people use to come from all around the area to see Monroeville fireworks)	1
Get rid of pond and turn into splash pad or pool	1
More activities for young kids	3
Sledding	1
Multi-use trail	5
Restrooms open all times	1
Cleaner	1
More festivals	1
Improve volleyball court	1
Improve pond	3
Dock for fishing	2
Add unisex bathroom and shelter from weather at pond	1
Restrooms near arena	1
Add things to bring new entertainment for families	1
Improve indoor pavilion (make modern and sophisticated)	2
Get rid of sand around playground equipment	1
New concession stand	2
Make park handicap accessible	1
Improve restroom at ball diamonds	2
Derby and drag race area	1

4.2.2 Public Survey via Cornerstone Youth Center

A survey was developed geared toward adolescent persons at Cornerstone Youth Center in Monroeville. The survey was left at the youth at the Center for approximately two weeks in November 2016. Fifteen individuals answered the demographic questions. There were 17 individuals who completed the survey between the ages of 13 and 27, though only two respondents were older than 18. Nine respondents were male and the remainder identified as female. Ten respondents live in Monroeville, the other five list in Autumn Wood, Turtle Crew, Hoagland, or Fort Wayne. Below are the results of the survey conducted disseminated at Cornerstone Youth Center.

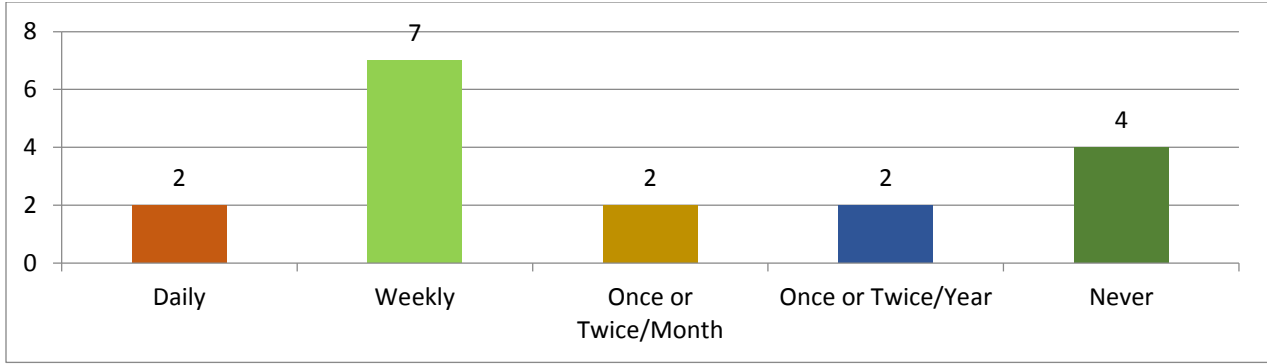


Figure 32: How often to Adolescents Visit Park

The majority of adolescent respondents visit the Monroeville Park monthly at 41.2%; however 23.5% of respondents have never been to the park. It should be noted that ¾ of those who indicated they do not visit the Monroeville Park do not live in Monroeville.

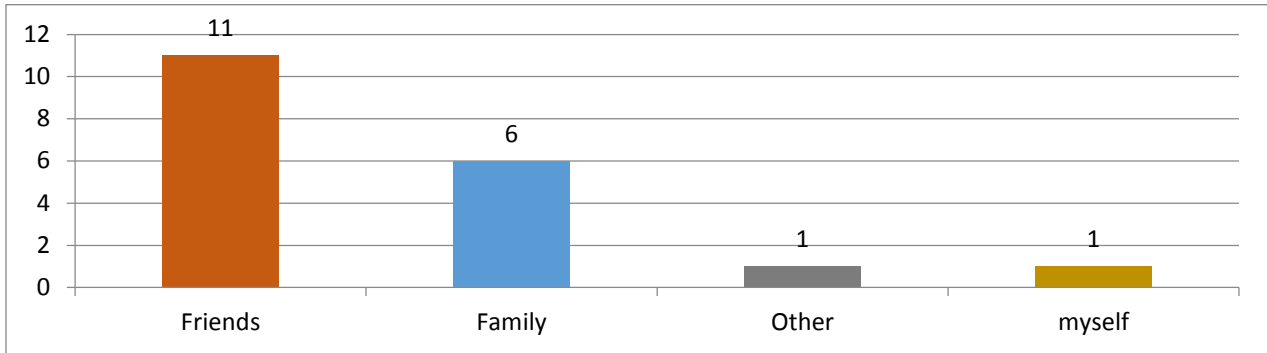


Figure 33: With whom does Adolescents Visit Park

When asked who they typically visit the park with, respondents were encouraged to check all answers that apply. As can be seen in Figure 33, 64.7% of respondents indicated they visit the Park with their friends, though 35.3% also stated they visit the park with their family as well.

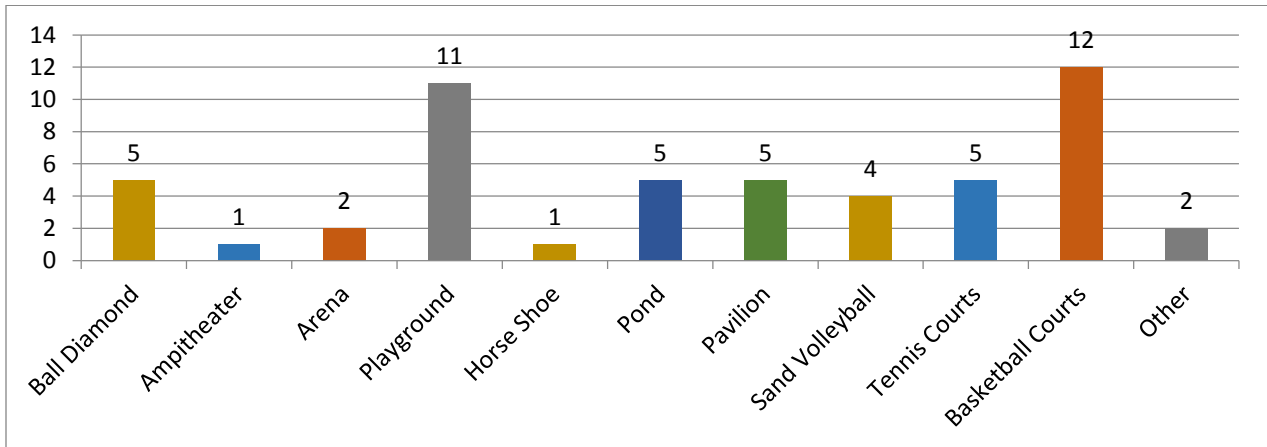


Figure 34: What Amenities Do Adolescents Use at the Park

As seen in Figure 34, the most popular amenities at the Park according to the 17 adolescent respondents are the playground and basketball courts (64.7% and 70.6% respectively). Other popular amenities with the adolescent youth are the ball diamonds, pond, pavilion, and tennis courts which each were indicated as being frequently used by 29.4% of the respondents.

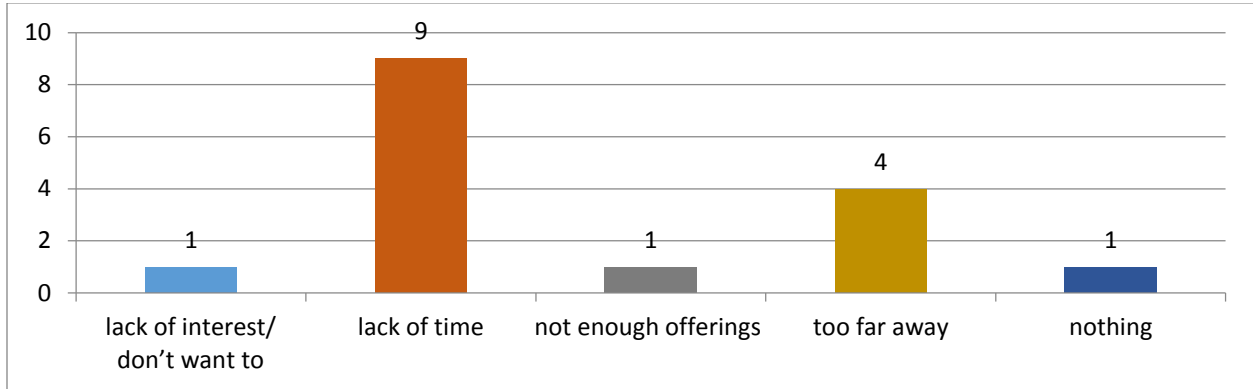


Figure 35: What is the Greatest Factor Preventing Adolescents from Using the Park

Figure 35 shows how respondents answered the question of why they don't use the Park more often. As can be seen the biggest contributor to not using the Park more often is a perceived lack of time as 52.3% respondents indicated a lack of time is an issue. 23.5% of the respondents believe the biggest factor preventing them from utilizing the park more often is that it is too far away. It should be noted here that $\frac{3}{4}$ of those who answered the park is too far away do not live in Monroeville. One person each answered that they do not want to use the park, there is not enough to do at the park, and that nothing is preventing them from using the park more often.

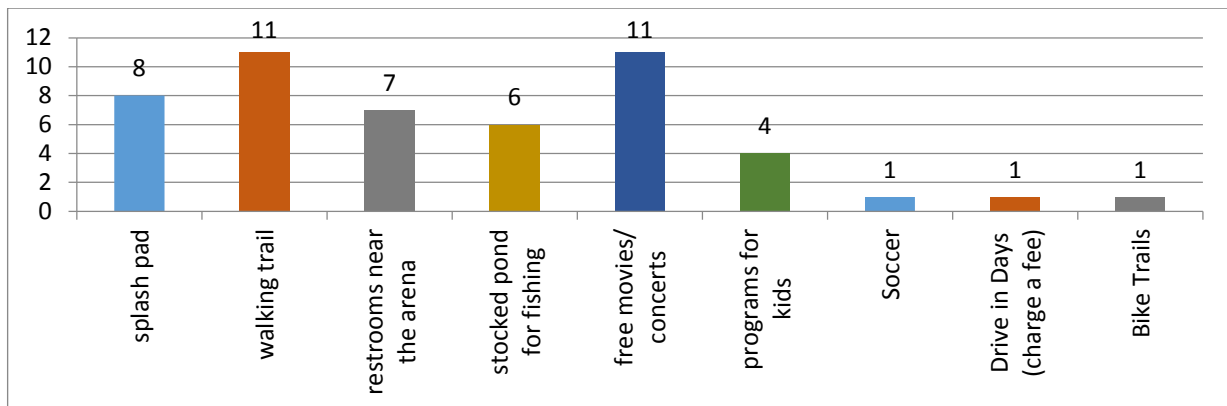


Figure 36: What Amenities Would Adolescents Like Added to the Park

Most adolescent respondents would like a walking trail and free movies/concerts added to the Monroeville Park with 64.7% of respondents checking those amenities as the most desired, as can be seen in Figure 36. Other amenities adolescents would like added to the Park include a splash pad (47.1%), restrooms near the arena (41.2%), a stocked fishing pond (35.3%), and Park programs for kids (23.5%). Respondents were given the opportunity to write in additional amenities and three individuals did including soccer, drive in days, and bike trails.

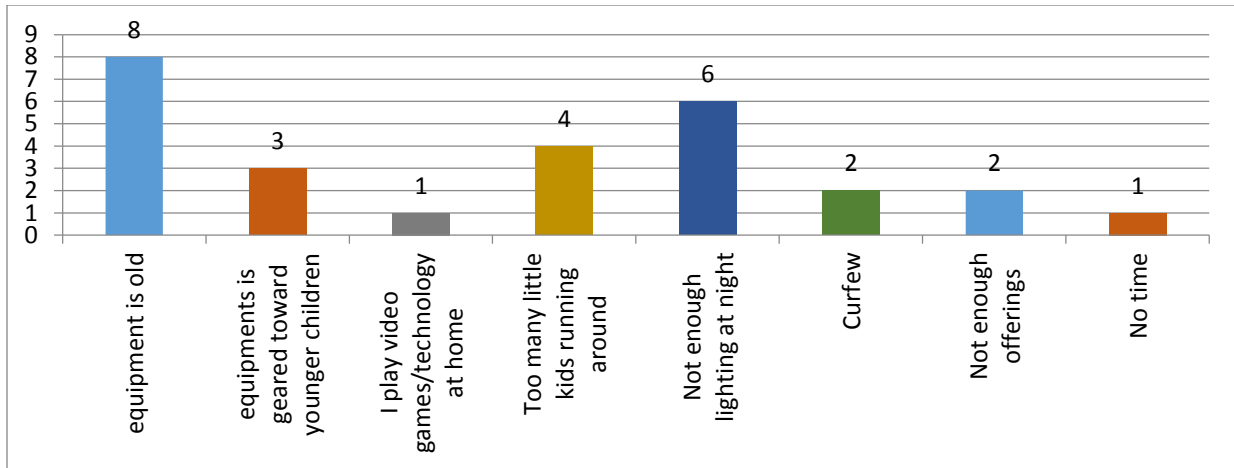


Figure 37: Why Adolescents Don't Use the Park More Often

As can be seen in Figure 37, most adolescents responded that they don't use the Park more often because the equipment is too old (47.1%). Other top answers include that there is not enough lighting (35.3%), there are too many little kids running around (23.5%), and the equipment is geared toward younger children (17.6%). To a lesser extent, adolescents do not visit the Park more often because they would rather play video games, their curfew, there are not enough offerings, or they have no time.

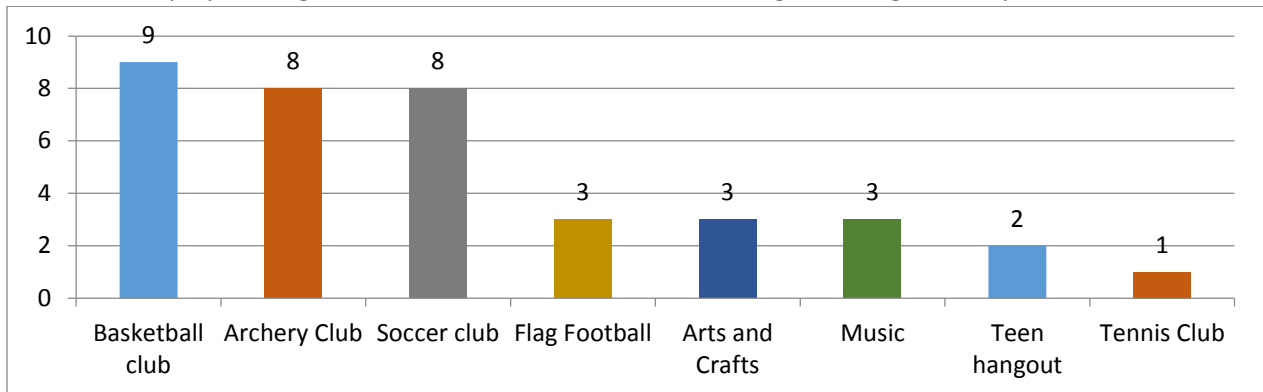


Figure 38: What Park Programs Adolescents Would Utilize

Figure 38 identifies the various Park programs the adolescent respondents said they would use. A Basketball Club was the most checked program as 52.9% of respondents indicated they would enlist in a basketball club. 47.1% of respondents indicated they would utilize an archery club and/or a soccer club. Flag football and arts and crafts were each checked by 17.6% of the respondents, 17.6% of respondents wrote in they would like a music program, 11.8% wrote in having a teen hangout time sponsored by the Park and one respondent wrote in a tennis club.

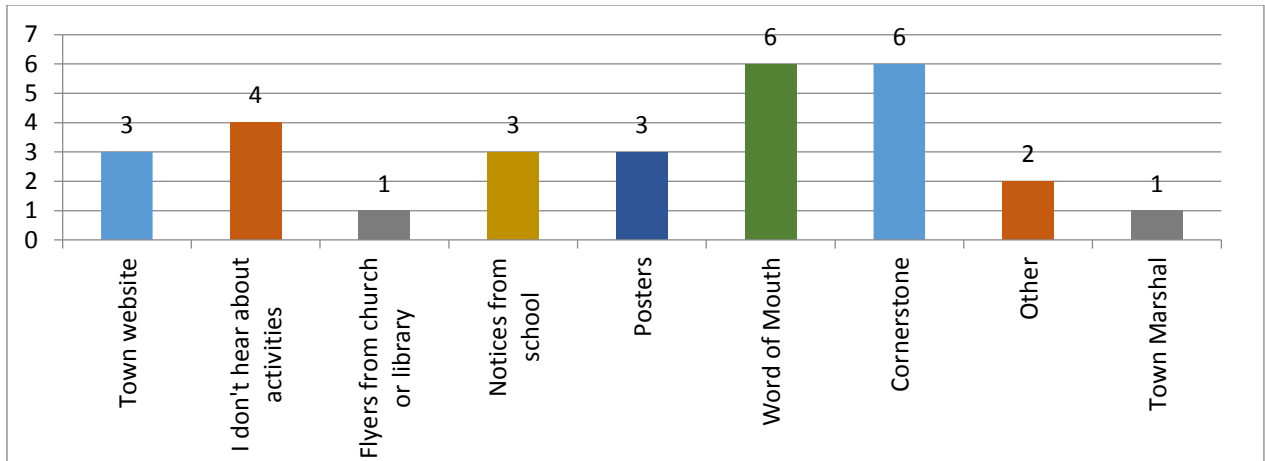


Figure 39: How Adolescents Hear About Park Activities

As can be seen in Figure 39, most adolescents hear about Park activities through word of mouth or from Cornerstone Youth Center (35.3% each). However, it is important to note that 23.5% of respondents indicated they don't hear about activities at the Park anywhere. 17.6% of adolescents also learn about Park activities through the Monroeville website, notices from schools, and/or posters placed at public areas around town. Two respondents indicated they learn about Park activities from other means but did not note where, and one learns about activities through the Town Marshal.

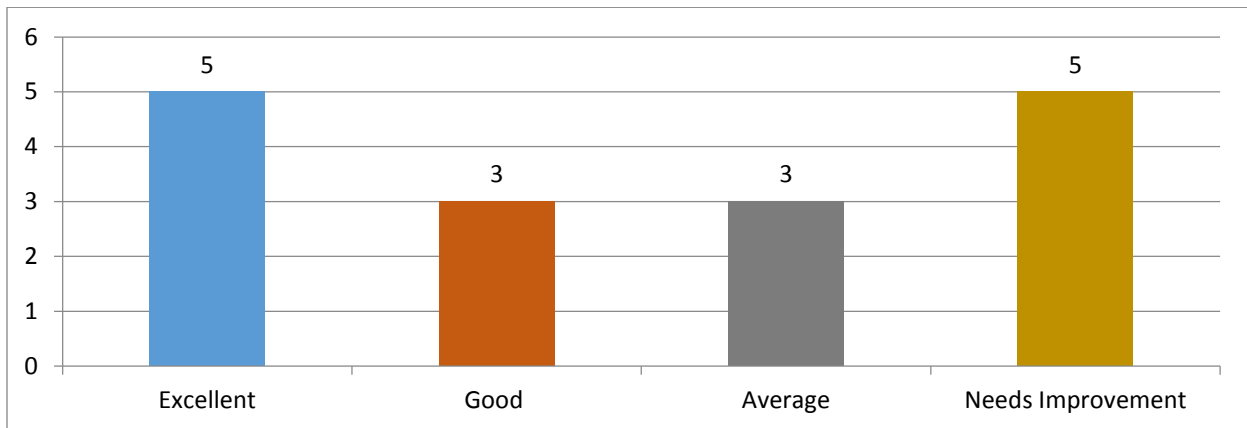


Figure 40: How Adolescents Rank the Monroeville Park Overall

Figure 40 shows the Monroeville adolescents rank the Monroeville Park overall. The results are split exactly down the middle with 50% of the respondents answering that the Park is "good" to "excellent" and 50% answering that the Park is "average" or "needs improvement".

The survey asked that respondents write in what they like best about the Monroeville Park. Thirteen of the 17 respondents answered the question. Below are their answers.

Playing soccer	Nothing – 2
Baseball	Fun activities
Pond – 2	Everything parky
Basketball Court – 3	Newly painted lines on the basketball and tennis courts
Swings and playground	Close to home

The survey asked that respondents write in what where they feel there are any deficiencies at the Monroeville Park. Fourteen of the 17 respondents answered the questions. Below are the responses.

Old playground	Walking path
No baby swing	Basketball hoops are not same height
Yes – 3	The tennis and volleyball nets are old
Broken slide – 4	Lack of access to restrooms during park hours
Functioning drinking fountain - 3	

The survey asked that respondents write in what safety concerns they have at the Monroeville Park. Seven of the 17 respondents made a comment. Below are the responses.

Yellow slide – 5	Great lighting at night and I always feel safe
Swings	

The survey asked “if there was one thing you could add to the Monroeville Park that you have seen at other parks, what would it be?”. All seventeen respondents commented on the question. Below are the responses.

Baby swing	Walking Path
Splash Pad – 2	Teen Group Place
Drinking Fountain – 4	Concession Stand – 2
Better slide – 4	Swimming pool
Vending Machines – 2	Tether Ball
Soccer Fields - 2	Box ball

Respondents were encouraged to leave any additional comments they wished regarding the Monroeville Park. Five of the 17 respondents left comments including:

I love the Monroeville Park	The park needs help - 3
Fix the slide	

4.2.3 St. Rose Elementary Student Interviews

Kyle Quandt from the Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council interviewed 21 students at St. Rose Elementary School between first and fifth grade on November 29, 2016. The students were told they were going to talk with a Park Planner about what they think about the Monroeville Park before the interviews. The interviews were completed in two groups; one group was with ten students in first

or second grades and the second group was with eleven students in fourth or fifth grades. Below are the results of the interviews.

1. How many of you have been to the Monroeville Park?
 - 21/21 – 100%

2. How many of you go to the park at least once a month?
 - 14/21 – 66.7%

3. How many of you go to the park at least once a week?
 - 13/21 - 61.9%
 - i. More 1st – 2nd graders go once per week

4. Who do you go to the Park with?
 - Family: 20/21 – 95.2%
 - Friends: 17/21 – 81%
 - Neighbors: 0/21 – 0%
 - School: 21/21 – 100%
 - Other: baseball team, basketball team, pets

5. What is your favorite thing to do at the park?
 - Basketball
 - Kickball
 - Sand Volleyball
 - Slide
 - Sand
 - Tag
 - Swings
 - Digging under the slide
 - Baseball
 - Tennis
 - Running
 - Football
 - Volleyball

6. Is there anything you don't like about the park?
 - Swings
 - Want a taller slide
 - Want a shorter slide
 - Ivy on the fences
 - Litter
 - White twisty slide is no longer slick
 - Dugouts worn down
 - Big pine trees by playground
 - Pond weeds
 - Two empty chains by slide
 - Need more swings
 - Doll on top of pavilion

7. Who has been to a park outside of Monroeville?
 - 20/21 – 95.2%

8. Did those parks have anything you really liked that the Monroeville Park does not have?
 - Tube swing
 - Wiggly bridge
 - Merry-go-round

- Baseball diamonds in Hoagland and Woodburn
- Swinging monkey bars
- Hill at Parkview Park
- Tic-tac-toe
- Spring animals you sit on
- Ball you move around in at Heritage
- Splash Pad
- Castle Playground
- Pool
- More Flowers
- More lively
- Rock wall
- Miniature town
- Multi-use trail
- Bike rack at pavilion

9. If there was one thing you could add to the park what would it be?

- Gift Shop
- Water slide
- Bounce house
- Vending machines
- Paved parking lot
- Trails
- Dog park
- Waterpark
- Splash pad
- Football field
- Concession stand
- Christmas tree
- Fair
- Electric Scooter

10. What programs would you like to have available at the Monroeville Park?

- Music lessons
- Reading club
- Basketball club
- Football
- Computer programming class
- Hockey
- Roller skating
- Skate boarding
- Archery
- Skeet shooting
- Dog club
- Mini golf
- Go-Karts

11. What would you like to see at the Fall Festival?

- Haunted house
- Rides
- Video game station/trailer

12. What would you like to see at the Fourth of July Festival?

- Baseball games
- Dunk tank
- Basketball games
- Parade
- More fireworks
- Train

13. Is there anything else the Park does not have that you wish it did?

- Butterfly garden
- Skate park
- Horseback riding
- Pier at the pond
- Mulch in the flower beds so it looks nice
- More benches

- Need plants at the amphitheater
 - Dye the pond
14. Is there anything in the Park that you do not use because you are afraid you may get hurt?
- Sidewalks are dangerous
 - Pond
 - Need a railing on amphitheater stage
 - The wood around the volleyball court
 - Monkey bars
15. Would you like to go to a Park that is only used for wildlife and nature viewing with a walking path and picnic area?
- 21/21 – 100%
16. Would you like to have a free standing lending library in the Park?
- 21/21 – 100%
17. Any other suggestions?
- Hatch a mole
 - Butterfly garden
 - Aviary
 - Public Garden
 - Put Monroeville on benches
 - New sign/better gateways
 - Umbrella stands at tables
 - New sand at the volleyball court
 - More trees / fruit trees
 - Bike rack with locks
 - Bike rental

4.3 Analysis

After examining the results of the public meetings, surveys, and interviews, the Advisory Committee gleaned information vital to improving the Monroeville Park and Recreation system to benefit and meet the needs and desires of the residents of Monroeville. The following subsections will outline the main points gathered from the public as well as the priorities as measured by the Advisory Committee.

4.3.1 Public Perception, Needs, and Wants

The below key points regarding the Monroeville Park and Recreation system were identified through public meetings, surveys, and interviews.

- The Park is visited by the residents of Monroeville at least two times annually, likely due to the two large festivals/fairs that take place at the Park each year.
- The pavilion is the most commonly used aspect of the Park.
- Residents of the Town see a lot of potential in the Park and believe the park is in “Average” to “Good” condition.
- An updated playground, splash pad, multi-use trail, and free movies/concerts are the four amenities/activities that were mentioned and/or voted on most.
- The Park Board needs to develop a better means of soliciting volunteers as many respondents indicated they were unaware of the need for volunteers or do not feel they have the required skills to volunteer.

- Nearly all respondents of the survey indicated they would like to see Park Programs offered for children, families, and seniors.
- Most respondents are in favor of the Town investing more in the Park with funds from various sources including program fees, an increase in facility rental fees, and donations.
- The Park should include more modern amenities to spark interest in utilizing the Monroeville Park since 44% of respondents indicated they don't visit the Park more often either because there are not enough offerings or they have no interest.
- Nearly all respondents are in favor of a "pocket park" in downtown Monroeville (Pocket Park already under construction).
- Nearly all respondents are in favor of a passive park located within Monroeville.
- The Monroeville Community Park must be updated to current ADA standards including all parking areas, buildings, restrooms, sidewalks/trails, and play equipment to meet Federal requirements and the needs of Monroeville's aging population.

4.3.2 Priorities

The Advisory Committee examined the results of the public input received through surveys, a public meeting and interviews to prioritize Park improvements based on the desire of the public, feasibility of making the improvements, and available funding. An anonymous survey was developed using SurveyMonkey.com and each Advisory Committee marked their priority for implementing various Park activities and amenities; they were also given the option to mark N/A to indicate they are not in favor of implementing a particular activity or amenity. Those amenities and activities that had a weighted score of greater than 6 will be first priority and be implemented within the next four years as will be shown in the Action Register in Section 5. Below are the results of the Advisory Committee survey.

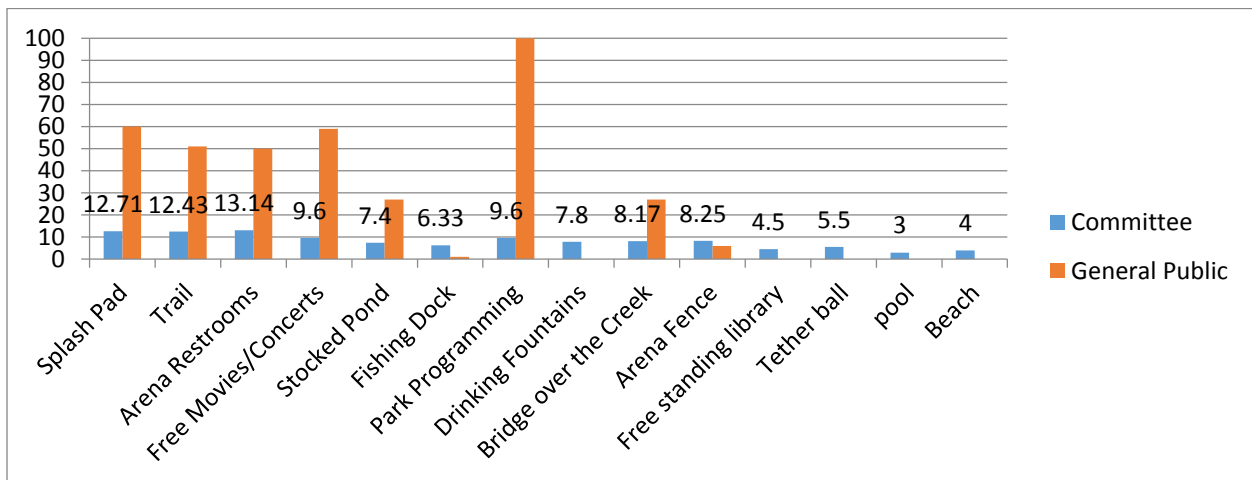


Figure 41: Advisory Committee Weighted Score of New Park Amenities

As can be seen in Figure 41 the Advisory Committee's prioritization for adding new park amenities is nearly in-line with the general public with the exception of adding park programming. The Advisory Committee feels a larger volunteer base for the Parks must be established prior to starting any Park sponsored programs for residents.

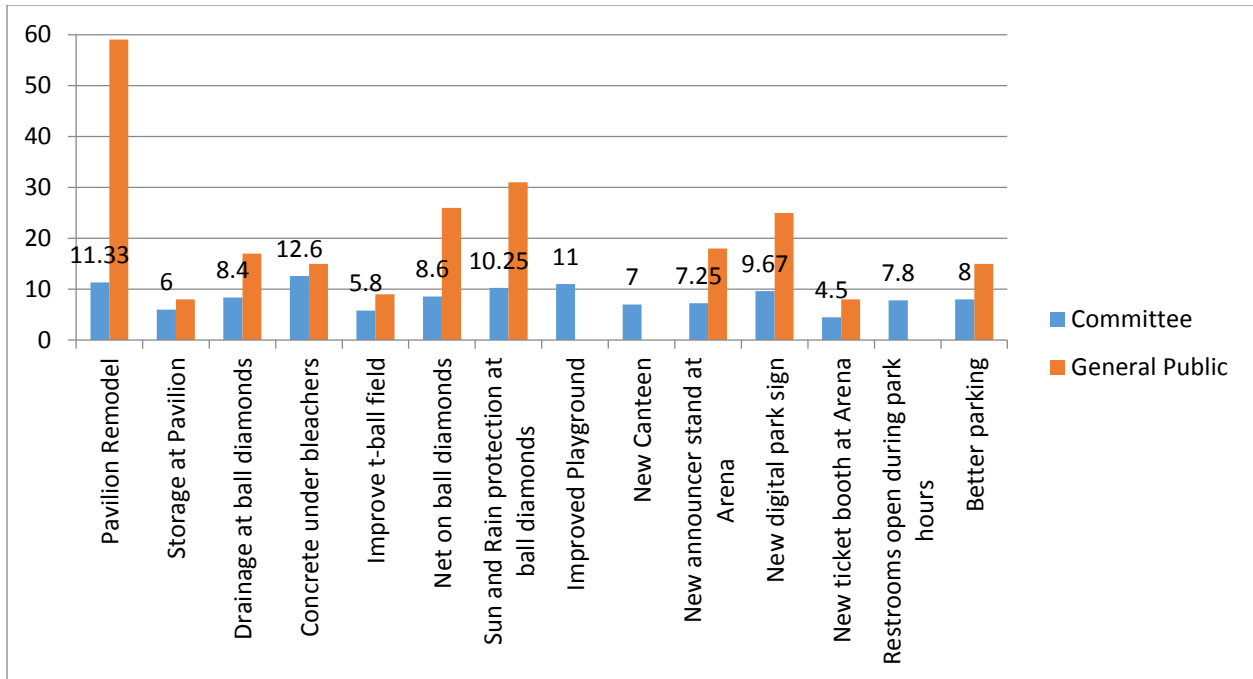


Figure 42: Advisory Committee Weighted Score of Park Improvements

As can be seen in Figure 42 the improvements that were ranked as a priority for implementation before 2022 by the Advisory Committee are in line with the desires of the general public with a few exceptions. The committee made improving the playgrounds a priority based on several written in comments on the surveys, interviews with grade school children, and the need to make the playgrounds ADA compliant. The Advisory Committee ranked improving the canteen a priority even though it was a priority of the general public based on its need for a new roof and making the attached restrooms ADA compliant, they also ranked keeping the restrooms open during park hours a priority based on written in comments on the survey and interviews with the grade school children.

The interviews conducted with the grade school students at St. Rose Catholic School in Monroeville revealed several ideas for the Monroeville Park that were not identified by the adults who took the survey. Therefore, the Advisory Committee was asked in the anonymous survey if they are in favor of some of the improvements suggested by the children or not. Below are their responses.

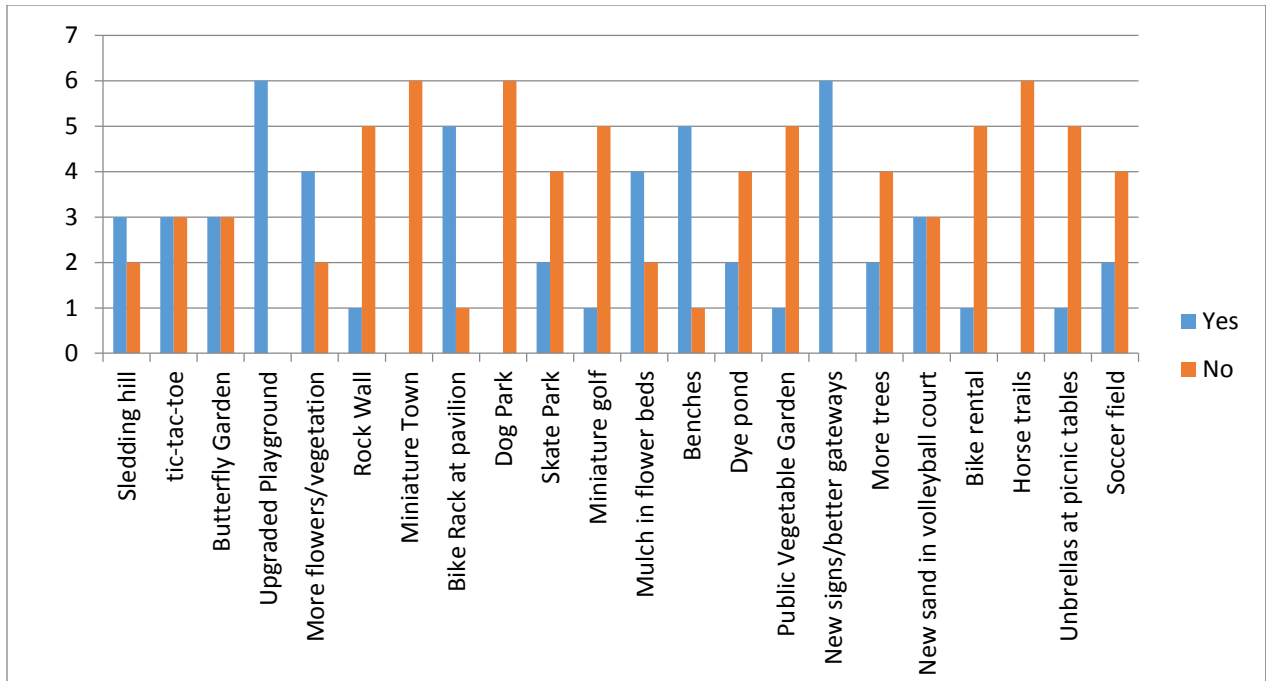


Figure 43: Advisory Committees Ranking of Grade School Student Suggestions

As can be seen in Figure 43 the Advisory Committee was agreeable to many of the children’s suggestions; however the Committee thought some of the suggestions did not make sense at the Monroeville Park at this time including a rock wall, dog park, miniature town, miniature golf, public vegetable garden, bike rental, horse trails, soccer field, and umbrellas at the picnic tables.

4.3.3 Summary of Analysis

Based on information gathered from the public and the priorities identified by the Five Year Master Park Plan Advisory Committee preliminary priorities were outlined by the Park Plan author for the Advisory Committee. Those priorities were discussed and finalized at the Advisory Committee meeting on March 21, 2017. Below are the priorities for the Monroeville Park system.

- Priority 1 (0 – 4 years)
 - Remodel Pavilion
 - Improve Canteen
 - Improve playground equipment at pavilion (ADA/ABA compliant)
 - Improve Arena
 - Stock Pond
 - Install a splash pad
 - Improve/replace park signs/gateway
 - Install a multi-use trail at Park
 - Install more outdoor drinking fountains (ADA)
 - Start Park sponsored programing for children/families/seniors
 - Offer free monthly movies/concerts Bathrooms open during Park hours
 - Implement a memorial tree program
 - Work with Allen County Parks on developing a passive park
 - Complete the pocket park in Downtown Monroeville

- Priority 2 (5 -10 years)
 - Add storage to pavilion
 - Improved drainage at the ball diamonds
 - Improved t-ball field
 - Improve playground equipment at ball diamonds (ADA/ABA compliant)
 - Install fence around arena leaving room for vehicles to enter/exit
 - Pond bank stabilization/beautification
 - Install aeration fountains at pond
 - Install a fishing pier/pond overlook
 - New sand in the volleyball court
 - Acquire additional park land
 - Install a soccer field
 - Install a footbridge over the creek for golf carts

Action Register



5.0 Action Register for Implementation

To help guide the implementation efforts to improve the Monroeville Park system and help with park budgeting an action register was developed. The action register is divided into several different sections including Monroeville Community Park, Pocket Park, Passive Park, and general programming needs. Table 8 below shows the actions necessary to meet the needs and desires of the residents of Monroeville for the Monroeville Park system.

Table 8: Monroeville Parks System Action Register

Objective	Actions	Time-Frame	Cost Estimate	Responsible Party	Potential Source of Funding
Monroeville Community Park					
Remodel Pavilion	Update Kitchen Cabinets and appliances (as needed)	2017	\$6,000	Town of Monroeville Park Board	Operating Budget; Private Donations; Community Foundation; OCRA - Place Based Investment Fund
	Update bathrooms/ensure ADA compliance		\$1,500		
	Fresh Paint		\$250		
	Install a bike rack		\$500		
	Add onto the pavilion for extra storage for tables, chairs, and other pavilion amenities	5 - 10 years	\$20,000		
Baseball Diamonds	Awning added to canteen for sun and rain protection	1 - 4 years	\$7,500	Town of Monroeville Park Board; Little League Association	Operating Budget; Little League Association; DNR - LWCF
	New roof on canteen		\$5,000		Maintenance Budget; Little League Association; Private Donation
	Additional restrooms/ensure ADA compliance at Canteen		\$30,000		Operating Budget; Little League Association; DNR - LWCF
	Install new net on batting cages		\$1,000		Little League Association; Private Donations
	Net at Ball Diamonds for foul balls		\$2,500		Operating Budget; Little League Association; Private Donations
	Upgrade the dug outs at all fields	5 - 10 years	\$30,000		

Objective	Actions	Time-Frame	Cost Estimate	Responsible Party	Potential Source of Funding
	Ensure proper drainage at all ball diamonds		\$5,000		Maintenance Budget; Little League Association; Private Donations
	Concrete at common area between ball diamonds and under the bleachers		\$15,000		Operating expenses; DNR LWCF; Private Donations; Community Foundation; Little League Association
	Improved t-ball field		\$5,000		Little League Association; Private Donations
Improved Playground Equipment	Improve playground equipment at Pavilion/ensure ADA and ABA compliance	1 - 4 years	\$50,000	Town of Monroeville Park Board	Operating Budget; DNR - LWCF; Private Donations; Community Foundation
	Improve playground equipment at Ball Diamonds/ensure ADA and ABA compliance	5 - 10 years	\$30,000	Town of Monroeville Park Board; Little League Association	Operating Budget; DNR - LWCF; Private Donations; Community Foundation; Little League Association
Arena	Concrete under the Arena bleachers	2017	\$10,000	Town of Monroeville Park Board; Town of Monroeville	Operating/Maintenance Budget; Private Donations
	New/Additional bleachers	2017	\$20,000		Maintenance Budget; Private Donations
	New announcer stand	2017			Maintenance Budget; Private Donations
	New building containing Restrooms/Concessions/storage	2 - 4 years	\$50,000		Operating Budget; DNR - LWCF; Private Donations; Community Foundation
	Install Fence around entire Arena	5 - 10 years	\$18,000		Operating Budget; Private Donations; Community Foundation

Objective	Actions	Time-Frame	Cost Estimate	Responsible Party	Potential Source of Funding
Pond	Stock pond	2017	\$500	Town of Monroeville Park Board	Maintenance Budget
	Bank stabilization/beautification	5 - 10 years	\$10,000		Operating/Maintenance Budget; Private Donations; DNR - Lake and River Enhancement grant; DNR - LWCF
	Install two aeration fountains		\$10,000		Operating Budget; Private Donations; DNR LWCF
	Install a fishing pier/pond overlook		\$15,000		Operating/Maintenance Budget; Private Donations; DNR - LWCF
General Park Improvements	Splash Pad	1 - 4 years	\$60,000	Town of Monroeville Park Board	Operating Funds; DNR - LWCF and RTP grants; Private Donations; Patronicity; Little League; Greenways Foundation; Community Foundation; sponsorships
	New digital park sign		\$25,000		
	Improved parking at the Pavilion/ ensure ADA compliance		\$10,000		
	Install Monroeville Community Park Benches		\$5,000		
	Install a bike/ped trail around/through the park (approx 1.25 miles)		\$180,000		
	Install three outdoor drinking fountains (ADA compliant)		\$7,500		
	Improved parking in the lot near Arena / ensure ADA compliance	5 - 10 years	\$50,000		Maintenance Funds
	New sand in the volleyball court	\$2,500			

Objective	Actions	Time-Frame	Cost Estimate	Responsible Party	Potential Source of Funding
	Install a soccer field		\$2,500	Town of Monroeville Park Board; Town of Monroeville	Operating Funds; DNR - LWCF; Private Donations
	Investigate the feasibility of installing a footbridge over the adjacent creek for golf cart access to the park		\$2,500		Operating Funds
	Acquire adjacent property currently housing a mobile home court		\$500,000		DNR - Bicentennial Nature Trust Fund; DNR - LWCF; Monroeville General Funds; Private Donations; Community Foundations
Park Programming					
Park Programs	Implement a minimum of one Park sponsored program for children aged 3 - 18	1 - 2 years	Varies	Town of Monroeville Park Board; Chamber of Commerce	Operating Funds; Program fees
	Implement a minimum of one Park sponsored program for children, adults, and seniors (each)	2 - 4 years	Varies		Operating Funds; Program fees
	Offer free monthly concerts at amphitheater	2017	15,000		Chamber of Commerce; Monroeville General Funds
	Offer free bi-monthly movies at the amphitheater	2018	5,000		Chamber of Commerce; Monroeville General Funds
	Have a bathroom accessible during park hours	2017 and on-going	N/A	Town of Monroeville Park Board	N/A
	Implement a "Memorial Tree" program	2018 and on-going	N/A		Sponsorships
Passive Park					
Passive Park/ Nature Preserve	Work with Allen County Parks and Recreation Department on Implementing a Passive/Nature Park	1 - 2 years	N/A	Town of Monroeville	Allen County Parks and Recreation Department; DNR - LWCF; Community Foundation

Objective	Actions	Time-Frame	Cost Estimate	Responsible Party	Potential Source of Funding
	Install a paved trail for nature hikes	1 - 4 years	\$100,000	Town of Monroeville Park Board; Allen County Parks and Recreation Department	
	Install a butterfly garden	1 - 4 years	\$1,000		
	Install benches	1 - 4 years	\$3,200		
	Install a 10 space parking lot	1 - 4 years	\$30,000		
Pocket Park					
Pocket Park	Install concrete pad at corner of Mulberry St and W. South Street	Complete	N/A	Town of Monroeville Park Board; Chamber of Commerce	General Funds
	Place tables at Park	1 - 2 years	\$5,000		General Fund; Private Donations; Sponsorships; Chamber of Commerce
	Install benches	2017	\$3,200		
	Install a small pavilion/gazebo	2017	\$5,000		
	Install a water feature	1 - 2 years	\$5,000		
	Install a free standing lending library	1 - 2 years	\$500		
	Flag pole	2017	\$350		
	Install lighting	2017	\$2,500		
	Plant landscaping shrubs/flowers	2017	\$2,500		
	Offer performances at pavilion/ gazebo during the summer months	2017	\$5,000		

Objective	Action	Time Frame	Cost	Responsible Party
Park Board				
Park Board Membership	Ensure elections are held each year as described by Ordinance	Ongoing	N/A	Town of Monroeville Council and Park Board
	Maintain a four person membership at all times			
Park Board Ordinance Revision	Limit membership to two year terms	2017		
	Assign responsibilities to each Park Board position			
	Stipulate a quorum is present at each meeting			
Park Board Meetings	Limit Board meetings to every other month with the ability to call special meetings if necessary	Ongoing		
	Develop an agenda for each meeting			
	Have a sign in sheet at each meeting			
	Maintain thorough and accurate minutes for each meeting			
Volunteers	Develop a volunteer recruitment and retention plan for the Park	2018	\$0 - \$1500	

5.1 Monroeville Community Park Preliminary Design

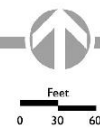
Once all the actions identified in the action register are implemented, Monroeville will have a comprehensive Park system that will meet the needs and requests of Monroeville residents based on their input. The Town of Monroeville contracted with Jones, Petrie, Rafinski to work with them to develop a preliminary design plan for the Monroeville Community Park, which is the most used recreation facility in the area. The result of that collaborative effort can be seen below.



- Key Legend:**
- 1 Enclosed Pavillion
 - 2 Open Pavillion
 - 3 Playground
 - 4 Parking Lot (+/- 27 Spaces)
 - 5 Gazebo
 - 6 Horseshoe Pits (2)
 - 7 Sand Volleyball Court
 - 8 Basketball Court
 - 9 Tennis Court
 - 10 Storage Shed
 - 11 Amphitheater
 - 12 Bike Rack
 - 13 Asphalt Parking Lot (+/- 88 Spaces)
 - 14 8' Wide Paved Trail (+/- 1.2 Miles)
 - 15 Baseball Diamond
 - 16 Batting Cages (2)
 - 17 Drinking Fountain
 - 18 Seating Node
 - 19 T-Ball
 - 20 Concession Building With ADA Accessible Restrooms, and Storage
 - 21 Covered Patio
 - 22 Overhead Net
 - 23 Splash Pad Water Play
 - 24 Fighter Jet
 - 25 Entry Sign
 - 26 Maintenance Drive
 - 27 Existing Pond with Floating Fountain
 - 28 Overlook and Fishing Pier
 - 29 6' Chainlink Security Fence
 - 30 Existing Bleachers
 - 31 4' Chainlink Fence
 - 32 Arena
 - 33 New Bleachers With Announcer Stand
 - 34 Gate
 - 35 Ticket Booth and Entry Gate
 - 36 New Concessions, Restrooms and Storage Building
 - 37 Footbridge
 - 38 Food Barn
 - 39 Trailhead Sign
 - 40 Emergency Gate

Monroeville Community Park - Master Plan

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 April 2017
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6.0 Final Public Comment Period of Master Park Plan

The Monroeville Five Year Master Park Plan Advisory Committee reviewed the final draft of the Park Plan in early April to identify any inaccuracies in presentation or missing information. There was consensus on the final draft on April 14, 2017. The Five Year Master Park Plan will be available for public review and comment at the Allen County Public Library located at 115 Main Street, Monroeville and on the Monroeville Town website from April 15 through April 29th. An announcement of the public comment period and where to find the Master Park Plan was made in the Monroeville News on April 19th and on the Town of Monroeville website and Monroeville Bulletin Facebook page on April 14, 2017. The public was encouraged review the Plan on-line or to visit the library and view the poster of the final park schematic and Park Plan and make any comments regarding the Park Plan. Public comment forms were left at the library with the Park Plan. The public who reviewed the Park Plan were asked to complete the Public Comment Form and place it in the back of the Park Plan folder at the library or to contact Kyle Quandt with the Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council via e-mail.

Three comments were received from the public during the public comment period. All comments were written on the comment forms and left with the Park Plan at the library and can be seen in Appendix G. Two comments received expressed concerns about constructing a footbridge over the creek to the cemetery. The initial intent of the bridge was to allow easy access to the park for golf carts, which is a major mode of transportation in the Town, but cannot be driven on S.R. 101. The feasibility of install a footbridge with access to the cemetery will be explored further and discussed with the appropriate parties including the DNR, owners and caretakers of the cemetery, and the general public prior to considering constructing the bridge. The third comment was regarding having more activities at the park for kids and seniors including BBQ and chili cook-offs, card games, horseshoe and fishing contests, arts and crafts, and other activities. It was also mentioned that perhaps the park has an issue recruiting volunteer help for the Park because of poor communication with the public, and that the proposed trail should be constructed throughout the entire town rather than just the park.

7.0 Plan Evaluation

The Park Plan is a living document that will need to be evaluated annually to determine the effectiveness of the action register, progress in addressing priorities, and if public needs have changed over time. The Action Register of the Plan will be evaluated at the May meeting annually to measure progress in achieving the objectives and actions outlined, as well as reassess the priorities given to each action. While all Park Board meetings are open to the public, the annual May meeting will have extra advertising via the Monroeville News, Town of Monroeville website and social media sites to encourage the public to attend and provide their input on the Park Plan and the progress of Park improvements.

8.0 Board Resolution Adopting Plan

The Monroeville 5-Year Master Park Plan was adopted at a special Park Board meeting held on May 4, 2017 at the Monroeville Community Park Pavilion. A copy of the signed resolution is on the following page.

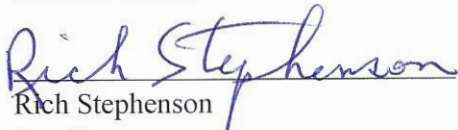
BOARD RESOLUTION
OF
MONROEVILLE PARK BOARD

We, the undersigned, being all the Directors and Stakeholders of Monroeville Park Board, organized and existing under the laws of Indiana, and having its principal place of business at 104 Allen Street, Monroeville, Indiana 46773 (the "Board"), hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Directors and Stakeholders of the Board duly held and convened on May 4, 2017, at which a quorum of the Board was present and voting throughout, and that such resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked, and is at present in full force and effect:

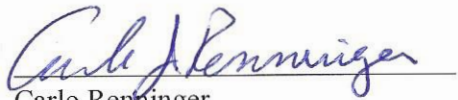
Therefore, it is resolved:

That the Monroeville Park Board hereby adopts the Monroeville 5-Year Master Park Plan, a copy of which can be found in the Monroeville branch of the Allen County Public Library, and on the Town of Monroeville Community website.


PARK BOARD


Rich Stephenson
President


5/4/17
Date


Carlo Reminger
Vice President

5/4/17
Date


Katie Hoffman
Secretary

5/4/17
Date


Cory Sheehan
Member

5/4/17
Date

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the undersigned has affixed his/her signature this 4th day of May, 20 17. The Board has no corporate seal. (circle the L.S. below)

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The Secretary of the Board hereby certifies that he/she is the duly elected and qualified Secretary of Monroeville Park Board and certifies that the above is a true and correct record of the resolution that was duly adopted by the Board of Directors on May 4, 2017.



Katie Hoffman
Secretary

Appendix A

Public Notice Publications

**Town of Monroeville 5-Year Master
Park Plan
Public Hearing
Tuesday, November 1, 2016
at 6:30pm
At the Monroeville Park Pavilion**

The Town of Monroeville is requesting that interested citizens attend and provide input.

An oral translation or written translation of the public notice will be available in Spanish upon request. (Una traducción oral o la traducción escrita de la notificación pública estará disponible en español bajo petición).

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Plans for park
There will be a Master
Park 5-Year Planning
public hearing meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 1, 6:30
p.m. at Monroeville Park
Pavilion. Interested citi-
zens welcome to attend.

Monroeville News Article
October 19, 2016

Legal Notice

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Kyle Christine Quandt
Principal Planner / Finance and Grant Manager
Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council
Citizen's Square
200 East Berry Street - Suite 230
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
260-449-7309

Wednesday, March 29, 2017



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Lesson on Paper Piercing

Linda Johnson will be demonstrating the technique of Foundation Paper Piercing at the 29th meeting of the Pieceful Quilters. The meeting will take place from 6-9 p.m. at the Monroeville Library.

Points on a quilt block might be difficult to achieve but with paper piercing it can be a breeze. The main concept behind paper piercing is to use a paper foundation to stitch your fabric block. After the blocks are completed you rip the paper off the back of the fabric.

Anyone interested in learning the technique of Foundation Paper Piercing is welcome to attend this meeting. No registration is needed.

Rummage sale planned

The annual St. Rose Spring Rummage sale will take place Thursday, March 30 from 2 to 7 p.m. and Friday, March 31, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Monroeville Park Pavilion on Monroe Street.

With over 20 tables, the large variety of items will include: books, toys, puzzles, baby items, craft supplies, tools, household items and lots of gently used clothing, neatly sorted by size. The bag sale is all day Friday, but you will want to come early and shop for all of the great bargains.

Call out for Food Court

Any non-profit organization wanting to participate with a food booth in the Hoagland Days Food Court should attend a meeting on Monday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hoagland Pavilion. Hoagland Days is set for June 15, 16 and 17 at the park.

For more information, call Heather Anderson at 260-341-1901.

Spring break in the works

By the end of March, EACS will be on Spring Break and many students and their families will be planning some time away before returning in April for the last seven weeks of school. Official Spring Break dates: Friday, March 31-Friday, April 7. Students will be off again on Friday, April 14 for Good Friday.

Students at St. Rose School in Monroeville will be on Spring Break April 3-7. Friday, March 31 will be used as a snow make-up Day with dismissal at 1:00 p.m. HASA will provide a pizza lunch and there will be no After Care available on that day.



Heritage pair earn Gold and Silver at ISSMA

THE MONROVILLE NEWS Junior Justin Brown and eighth grader Jonathon Clossen of Heritage, were recently recognized by the East Allen County School Board for their musical accomplishments and performances at Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA).

"To qualify to go to State Solo and Ensemble contest, the students must first compete at ISSMA District Solo and Ensemble Contest, and perform a solo that is on an approved list based on difficulty," explained Joshiah Penning, director of Bands and Choir at

Heritage.

"The boys traveled to Carroll High School and played their solos in front of a judge who scored them based on a rubric, where a 1 is the best score, and a 5 is the worst. So, like in golf, the lower your score, the better," he added.

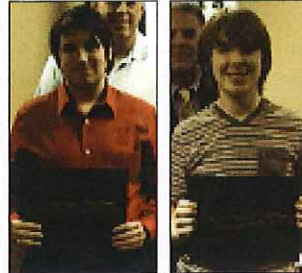
"In order to receive a Gold rating at district solo and ensemble contest, Jonathan and Justin had to receive a score of less than 13.5. Both students then moved on to State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Indianapolis, where they performed their solos again for a judge. This judge is more

critical than the judge at districts, so getting a gold rating is a very special honor."

Justin Brown, who is a junior saxophone player, came away with a Gold rating, and Jonathon Clossen, who is an 8th grade saxophone player, earned a silver rating.

"The fact that Jonathon made it to the State level is a huge deal," said Penning. "Not many 8th graders get the chance to do that. Both boys represented Heritage well."

The state competition was held at North Central High School in Indianapolis on February 25.



JUSTIN BROWN—received Gold award at ISSMA.

JONATHON CLOSSEN—received Silver at ISSMA.

Monroeville Master Park Plan Advisory Board Meets

THE MONROVILLE NEWS

The Advisory Committee for the Monroeville 5-Year Master Park Plan met Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Monroeville Town Hall.

The Advisory Committee discussed final details of the Monroeville Park System to be included in the final draft of the Plan to be submitted to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IN DNR) for approval on April 14th.

The Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council is writing the Park Plan for the Town.

"Having an IN DNR approved Master Park Plan will make Monroeville eligible to receive DNR grants to help implement the Plan as well as provide an action register to help prioritize Park goals and improvements," said NIRC planner and grant manager Kyle C. Quandt.

"Several priorities were identified by Monroeville residents in a survey disseminated last November and are

included in the Master Park Plan," added Quandt.

The Advisory Committee discussed applying for a Federally funded Recreational Trails Program grant administered by the IN DNR in May of 2017 to facilitate the installation

of a multi-use trail in the Monroeville Community Park. They also discussed applying for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant administered by the IN DNR to facilitate the implementation of other components outlined in the Master Park Plan.

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for the silent auction including: 24" LED, HG TV; 8-ton of stone delivered; 62 qt cooler on wheels; Fusion Sport 4-wheel scooter; Tin Caps items and more!

For more information, or to donate items for the auction, call Fred at 639-6777.

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The Fred Wayne area open house will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2017. The IN-DOT District Office located at 5333 Hatfield Road, Fort Wayne IN 46806.

With advance notice, special accommodations will be made for individuals needing auxiliary aids or services of interpreters, signers, readers, or large print.

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March 31-April 7—Spring Break for EACS.

April 1—Purdue Varsity Glee Club at Mirro Center, Dupont Rd, 7 p.m. concert that also includes the IPFW Singing Dons. \$20 for adults; \$10 for students.

April 3—LEGO Mania at Monroeville Library, 6:30 p.m. (1st Monday). Bring your own or use ours.

April 5—Four Presidents Corners Historical Society, 6:30 p.m. at Monroeville branch library.

April 6 & 20—Pavilion Rental sign up at 7 p.m. For more information call Warren Flutrow at 623-3388.

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April 9—Poe VFD Whole Hog Sausage & Pancake Brunch, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Poe Fire Station. \$7.50 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-12.

April 10—Hoagland Days Food Court meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Hoagland Pavilion. Any non-profit group wanting to participate, should attend this meeting.

April 11—Heritage Elementary PTO State Party at Belle's Skating Rink in New Haven, 6-8 p.m.

April 12—Grandparents Day at Heritage Elementary School, 8-11 a.m. 12050 Houk Road.

April 12—Preschool Registration at St. Mark's Lutheran Preschool, 2-4 and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Classes for 3,4 and 5 year olds. Call Sara Faulstick at 623-3952 or Church office 623-3797.

April 14—Red Cross Blood Drive at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Decatur Room # 1 and 2.

April 14—All-You-Can-Eat Fish & Chicken Dinner, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Good Friday, sponsored by American Legion Post Post 420 Auxiliary. Dine-in or carry-out. Adults: \$9; kids 5-12: \$5.

April 15—Annual Easter Egg Hunt for age 12 and under at Monroeville Community Park at 1:00 p.m. hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. Bring the family out to meet the Easter Bunny and have some fun!

April 16—Easter Sunday!
April 18—St. Mark's Tuesday's Table meals served from 5-6:30 p.m., open to the community. This month the menu is: BBQ pork sandwiches, french fries, cole slaw and dessert.



MONROEVILLE COMMUNITY PARK— a view from Saturday, as the grass starts to green up and the surrounding come alive with a warm 67 degrees. The future includes new park amenities including a multi-use trail.

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MYL needs volunteers

Monroeville Youth League is seeking volunteers for this year's season. Most recently, two coaches have volunteered to help with T-Ball. If you are interested or would like more information, contact league president Kyle Palm at 260-452-5625.

Dinner theatre at Heritage

Get your tickets now for the one act comedy, "Check Please," that will be presented by the Heritage Drama Club on May 5 and 6. Dinner will be catered by Salvatori's at 6:00 p.m. with the play set to start at 7:00 p.m.

Director Jackie Davis says her young cast has been working hard and it should be a great show. Leads include Rebekah Kiess and Ben Castleman.

Dinner and show tickets can be purchased for \$10 in advance. Show only tickets will be available at the door for \$5.00.

Lions plan Brunch date

Sunday, April 23, the Monroeville Lions Club members will don their aprons and 'chef' hats for their annual Sunday Breakfast. Meals will be served at the American Legion Post 420 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30.

The menu will include: scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, applesauce, fruit, and beverage. Cost is \$7:00 for adults; and \$4:00 for ages 5-10. Proceeds to benefit Cornerstone Youth Center.

Choir Spring Musical set

The Monroeville Area Community Choir is pleased to announce its annual Spring Concert, which will be presented on Sunday evening, April 30, at 7:00.

The Cantata is titled "Eyes of Faith," Seeing and Believing the Messiah, created by Steve Moore and David T. Clydesdale. Please mark your calendars!

Quilters to make tags

Members of the Pieceful Quilters will be making name tags at their April 26th meeting that will be held at Monroeville branch library.

"We are using the Paper Piecing method for these tags," said organizer Kathy Beauchot. "We are busy planning our Quilt Show and Bazaar which will be held during the Harvest Days. Our quilts will also be on display at the 4-H Fair this July."



BUNNY HUGS—Dorothy and Eleanore Fink give the Easter Bunny big hugs as older brother looks on following the Monroeville Easter Egg Hunt.

OPS and St. Rose team up for two-day Basketball Clinic in April

Join former Matt Ant and Valparaiso guard Ron Howard and former Hoosier Matt Roth as they host a Basketball Clinic at St. Rose School in Monroeville. The two-day clinic will be held April 25 and 27 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The clinic will focus on offensive skill development, teamwork and character building,

provide basketball players in grades 3-8 with all skill levels, a platform to improve their games. Clinic cost is \$50.00 and is open to the first 50 campers. Please bring your own basketball. Don't miss out on free prizes from OPS and The Mad Ants.

Send registration to St. Rose Catholic School

401 Monroe Street Monroeville IN 46773. All checks should be made payable to St. Rose.

The clinic is made possible by the joint efforts of Optimum Performance Sports (OPS) and St. Rose.

If you have questions about the camp, contact Matt Roth @ 260-479-3499.

Citizenship Award students named

Ms. Karen Charters, Principal at Heritage Elementary School has announced the 3rd quarter Citizenship Awards for 2017-17 school year. Students are listed behind their teacher and grade as follows:

Kindergarten

Michelle Castle-K

Hayden Thomas
Charley Reinders

Sarah Rose-K

Noah Johnson
Leena Dewep

Nidzara Sakinovic-K:

Janylah Holliness-Bell

Eli McVoy

Tina Asher-Grade 1

Lea Koroncevicious
Gavin Melcher

Karen Hart-Grade 1

Lily Hoting
Jamia Mitchell-Smith

Emily Hissong

Robert Howey
Ka'Lyn Sullivan

Alana Thompson

Lilly Keller-Grade 2

Madison Patnoudé
Jada Wilson

Levi Pickering

Jen Elrod-Grade 3

Abbygail Cummins
Maggie Minnich

Owen Smith

Nicholas Williams

Crystal Ryan-Grade 3:

Max Mirelez
Erica Sorg

Liam Warren

Nevaeh Webster

Chris Schelm-Grade 3:

Evan Otis
Adiranna Stice

Addison Werts

Sarah Seitz - Grade 4

Dominic Ferguson
Daeja West

Denise Geise-Grade 4:

Aaron Bak
Delaney Zent

Matt Bucher-Grade 5

Payton Sarazen
Kaitlyn Rochester

Melanie Navarro

Isaac Gasper

Susie Jones-Grade 5:

Jasmyne Pearson
Calvin Gilbert

Melissa Keane-Grade 5

Ricky Oberley
Vanessa Sanchez

Elizabeth Barnes-Gr 6

Delaney Adkison
Rylan Whitacre

Jordan Harter-Grade 6

Blake Hoffman
Madison Hoffman

Calendar of Events

April 19—Heartland Writers' Forum 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Monroeville branch library. All writers welcome.

April 20—Scrapbooking at Monroeville Library, 115 Main, 4 p.m. Different layout page each month; supplies provided. Bring scissors and adhesive. Call 421-1340 for info. (3rd Thurs).

April 20—Pavilion Rental sign up at 7 p.m. For more information call Warren Fluttrow at 623-3388.

April 22—Heritage Lions Club Chicken Dinner, drive-thru behind Hoagland Fire Station, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll. \$8.

April 23—Lions Sunday Breakfast Buffet, 8:30-12:30 at Monroeville American Legion Post 420. Menu: Scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, applesauce, fruit, beverage. \$7 for adults; \$4 for ages 5-10. Proceeds to CYC.

April 24—Gardeners Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Monroeville branch library. Contact Rachel at 421-1340 for more info.

April 25 & 27—Basketball Clinic at St. Rose led by coaches Ron Howard and Matt Roth. Clinic 6-8 p.m. each night. Cost is \$50 with checks payable to St. Rose. Questions? Call Matt at 479-3499.

April 26—Bingo at Monroeville Legion. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Regular bingo at 7 p.m. Ind Lic No. 108854

April 26—Pieceful Quilters 6-9 p.m. at Monroeville library. Making name tags using the "Paper Piercing" method. All quilters welcome. 623-2290.

April 27, 28, 29—Spring Rummage Sale at St. Joseph Hessen Cassel. 6-8 p.m. on Thurs; 8-3 on Friday and 8-noon on Sat. with \$3 sack sale on Saturday.

April 28 & 29—Spring Rummage Sale at St. John Lutheran Church, Flatrock. Friday: 8-5 and Saturday 8-12 noon. Bag and bulk sale on Saturday.

April 28—St. Rose School Carnival, 6:00-8:00 p.m. with moonwalk, goldfish pong, cake walk, kid games and more. Come one. Come all.

April 28 & 29 Belmont Theatre Troupe presents Mary Poppins, the Broadway Musical at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. For ticket info, call 724-7121 xt 4

April 29—Heritage AfterProm Help provide a safe alternative or our local youth. Donate to the After-Prom!

April 30—Spring Concert at 7:00 p.m. at Monroeville United Methodist Church. The cantata titled "Eyes of Faith" will be presented by the Monroeville Area Community Choir.

April 30—25th Annual Nancy Rehm Border War Classic at Hutzell Athletic Center, USF. Ind vs Ohio



KYLIE BACON—gets up close and personal with the Easter Bunny during activities at Monroeville Community Park on Saturday afternoon. It had to be one of the warmest 'hunts' and brought out lots of little ones. Photos by Iris Sorrell

Public comment requested for 5-Year Master Park Plan

The Monroeville Park Board is inviting Monroeville residents and park users to review and comment on the final draft of the Monroeville 5-Year Master Park Plan.

"The Park Plan Advisory Committee has been working on the development of this comprehensive Plan for over six months," said Kyle Quandt, of Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (NIRCC).

"Through information gathered from the public, the Park Board has been able to identify park deficiencies and improvement that are needed to move the park into the future," Quandt added.

The Park Plan shows the prioritization given to each improvement, and action register to keep

the projects moving forward, and a preliminary design plan. Now that the final draft has been completed, the Park Board wants to ensure that the public's needs and wants are accurately represented.

Please take some time to review the Park Plan and fill out a comment form or submit your comments via e-mail to Kyle Quandt at kyle.quandt@co.allen.in.us.

The 5-Year Master Park Plan will be available for public viewing at the Allen County Public Library-Monroeville Branch located at 115 Main Street, Monroeville or on the Town of Monroeville website.

Comments on the Park Plan will be accepted now through April 29th.

School Carnival set for April 28

Come one. Come all to the fun-filled St. Rose School Carnival on Friday, April 28, from 6-8

p.m. Enjoy the moonwalk, goldfish pong, cake walk and so much more.

Hudson, Essex & Terraplane cars are coming

Monroeville Community Park will play host to the Hudson, Essex and Terraplane Club, Inc. (HET) on Sunday, May 7. The public is invited to stop down and look at all of the unique vehicles. Hudson produced ve-

hicles for 45 years from 1909-1954 and merged with Nash-Kelvinator on May 1, 1954 to form American Motors Corporation who produced a Nash-Hudson from 1955-1957.

The HET Club was

founded in 1959 by Meritt Marks (1919-2003), and is a world wide service organization, incorporated under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania.

"Join for the cars, stay for the people."



BUNNY TRAUMA—Pam Gerber tries to comfort her grandkids as they sit on the Easter Bunny's lap.



Appendix B

Public Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Public Power Point

Sign-in

Town of Monroeville 5-Year Master Park Plan Public Meeting

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 6:30 pm
Monroeville Park Pavilion

Name	Phone & E-Mail	Address (Optional)
Matt Vondran	(260) 449-7309 Matt.Vondran@co.allen.in.us	NIRCC 200 E. Berry Street Suite 230 Fort Wayne, IN 46802
Dow Gerardot	260-623-3048 260-740-8040	108 W BARW HART MONROEVILLE IN 46773
Ruth McKinnon	260-341-9435	512 Summit St. Monroeville, IN 46773-9310
Jeff Nolan	260-623-3520	19210 Gromcaux Rd Monroeville IN 46773
Timothy R Berry	260-623-6025	105 Willow Run Dr Monroeville
Paul Fields	PMCRSWEETS@Frontier.com 260-705-3850	Band info
Ryan Messmen	260-446-6399	
Terri Gibson	260-417-3551	202 Allen St. Monroeville
Larry Oberly	260-746-8011 loberty@co.allen.in.us	10505 St. Rd 101 Monroeville IN

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Carina Littrell	260-450-8351 Carsamlit@gmail.com	
Katie Hoffman	260-760-2527 sheeranhoffman@gmail.com	1430 Whittier Rd Monroeville



MONROEVILLE PARK AND RECREATION 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN (2017 – 2022)

Kyle Quandt (kyle.quandt@co.allen.in.us)
Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council

Why a Park Plan?

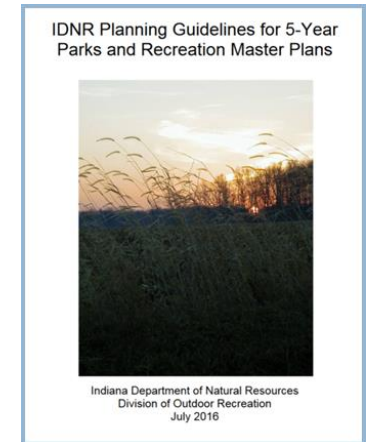
- Voted by residents as a priority at the New Allen Alliance Strategic Investment Planning meeting.
- Provide an outline for the Town and its residents to follow regarding park improvements.
- Show potential funders that Monroeville has a strategy and prioritization for the Park.
- Keep momentum for the Park going.
- Improve amenities available at the park for residents and visitors.

Goals of the Park Plan

- Improve Potential for Funding Opportunities in the Future.
- Collaboration with the Public, and State and Federal Agencies to Establish Realistic Goals for the Park.
- Prioritize the Needs and Wants of the Community to Help Guide the Development of the Park System and Spend Funds Where they Will Have the Greatest Impact.

Master Park Plan Timeline

- Meet with Town council/Park Board – July & Sept 2016
- Collect Background Information – July thru October 2016
- Disseminate Public Survey – Oct 2016
- Hold First Public Meeting – Nov 1, 2016
- Analyze/Interpret Public Input – Nov thru Dec 2016
- Submit First Draft to IN DNR – January 2017
- Complete needs Analysis – February 2017
- Prioritize needs/wants and Develop Action Register – February 2017
- Hold 2nd Public Meeting to Present Final Draft Plan – March, 2017
- Make Revisions Based on Public Comment – March thru April 2017
- Submit Final Draft Plan to IN DNR – April 15, 2017



Monroeville Park History



- ❑ Monroeville Park established in 1949
- ❑ Today the Park is 22 acres
- ❑ Park Board established in May of 1974
- ❑ Park Board comprised of four appointed members
- ❑ Park Board is governing body for the Park system
- ❑ Parks funds come from local property taxes and park shelter rental fees
- ❑ Park includes playground, pavilion, gazebo, sand volleyball, basketball, tennis, baseball, arena, pond

MISSION

To provide Monroeville's residents and visitors with safe and enjoyable recreational opportunities and open spaces, responsible stewardship of the land and the cultural and natural resources that we have been entrusted to protect and manage.

Park and Recreation Strengths/Weaknesses



Strengths

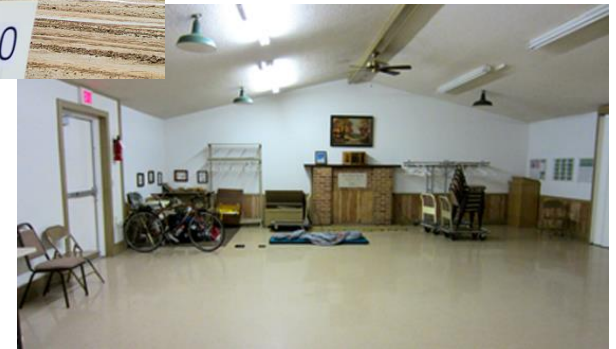
- Arena
- Ball Diamonds
- Shelter/Pavilion
- On the Adventure Cycling Route
- Amphitheater
- Size of Park
- Lights in the Park for Security and Night Time Play

Weaknesses

- Drainage of Ball Diamonds
- Lack of Shelter at Diamonds
- Aging Buildings
- Not Handicapped Accessible
- Low/No Volunteerism
- Limited Funds for Improvements

Needed Improvements

- Drainage at Ball Diamonds
- New Accessible Bathrooms and Kitchen Remodel in Pavilion
- Storage at Pavilion
- Fence on East Side of Arena
- Concrete Under Bleachers at Arena
- Improved T-Ball Field
- Net on Ball Diamonds for Foul Balls
- New Digital Sign



Needed Additions



- ❑ Splash Pad
- ❑ Multi-use Trail Through the Park
- ❑ Restrooms at the Arena
- ❑ Stocked Pond for Fishing
- ❑ Free Movies/Concerts at the Amphitheater
- ❑ Bridge over the Creek for Golf Carts
- ❑ Ticket Booth at Arena
- ❑ Sunshade and Rain Protection Over Ball Diamond Bleachers



Additional Park Offerings

- Pocket Park at W. South St. and Mulberry St?

- Including...

- Gazebo
 - Benches
 - Free Lending Library
 - Sculptures
 - Water Feature



- A Passive Park for Nature Hikes, Bird Watching, etc at Monroeville Rd south of CME?

- 4-H Program for Kids

- More Park and Recreation Sponsored Activities?

- If so, what type of activities would you be interested in?

How to Fund a Vibrant Monroeville Park System

- Program Fees
- Small Yearly Park User Tax
- Small Increase in Facility Fees
- Independent Donations



A Vibrant Park

Contact

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Appendix C

Public Survey (Blank)

Monroeville Master Park Plan Public Survey

Please take a moment to help us improve your experience at the Monroeville Town Parks by completing the below survey about your park system. When you are completed with the survey please return to us by placing the completed survey in the utility bill drop box located at 104 Allen Street in front of Town Hall. The results of this survey will be used to guide the Monroeville Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. All information gathered in this survey will be anonymous and confidential and will only be used for park planning purposes.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE SURVEY NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 11, 2016.

Park Use

1. How often do you use the Monroeville Park?
(check one)
 - Weekly
 - Once or twice a month
 - Once or twice a year
 - Never
- 2.. How would you rate the physical condition of facilities at the Monroeville Park?
(check one)
 - Excellent
 - Good
 - Average
 - Needs improvement
3. What facilities do you use at the Monroeville Park? (check all that apply)
 - Ball diamonds
 - Amphitheater
 - Arena
 - Playground
 - Horse shoes
 - Pond (fishing)
 - Pavilion
 - Sand Volleyball
 - Tennis Courts
 - Basketball Courts
 - Other_____
4. What is the greatest factor that prevents you from using the park(s) more often? (check one)
 - Lack of interest/don't want to
 - Lack of time
 - Not enough offerings
 - Poor health/mobility
 - Too far away
 - Other_____
5. I would like to see Monroeville Park add the following amenities. (check all that apply)
 - Splash Pad
 - Walking trail through the park
 - Restrooms near the arena
 - Stocked pond for fishing
 - Free movies/concerts in the park
 - 4-H program for kids
 - Other_____

Monroeville Master Park Plan Public Survey (cont.)

6. I would like to see the Monroeville Park make the following improvements. (check all that apply)

- Improve drainage of ball diamonds
- New/Accessible Bathrooms
- Kitchen remodel in pavilion
- Storage for pavilion
- Bridge over creek for golf carts
- Fence on east side of arena
- Concrete under bleachers
- New announcer stand for arena
- Ticket booth at arena
- Improved t-ball field
- Net on ball diamonds for foul balls
- Sunshade and rain protection over ball diamond bleachers
- New digital park sign
- Other _____

Programs and Activities

7. I would like to see Monroeville Park add new programs and activities for the following age groups. (check all that apply)

- < 5
- 5 – 10
- 11 – 18
- 19 – 24
- 25 – 60
- > 60

8. How do you learn about activities at the Monroeville Park? (check all that apply)

- Town website
- Word of Mouth
- Flyers from church or library
- Notices through schools
- Posters
- I don't hear about activities
- Other _____

Accessibility and Participation

9. If you or someone in your family/care has a disability, please rate the accessibility of the Monroeville Park and facilities. (check one)

- Not applicable
- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Could use improvement

10. Which of these physical barriers restrict or prevent you from using the park? (check all that apply)

- Not Applicable
- None
- Lack of accessible parking
- Lack of accessible play equipment
- Lack of accessible restrooms
- Park is too far away
- Safety concerns
- Other _____

11. What special accessible amenities would you like to see in the Monroeville Park? (write in space provided)

Volunteerism

12. Have you ever volunteered for the Monroeville Park?

- Yes
- No

13. If no, what has prevented you from volunteering for the Monroeville Park? (check one)

- Was not aware of a need
- Lack of time
- I don't feel I have required skills
- Other _____

Monroeville Master Park Plan Public Survey (cont.)

14. What activities are you willing to commit to volunteering for at the Monroeville Park?

- Ground maintenance
- Building maintenance
- Facilitate park programs
- Little League Program
- I will not volunteer
- Other _____

Expanded Park System

15. Would you support the construction of a “pocket park” on vacant town owned land in Downtown Monroeville?

- Yes
- No

16. If yes, what amenities would you like to see at the pocket park?

- Gazebo
- Benches
- Lending Library
- Sculptures/Water feature
- Other _____

17. Would you support the construction of a passive park for nature hikes, bird and wildlife watching, etc. on vacant town owned land?

- Yes
- No

Park Funding

18. Would you like Monroeville to invest more money in the parks? (check one)

- Yes
- No
- Depends on investment (explain)

19. Are you willing to pay for improvements in Monroeville Parks using any of the following methods? (check all that apply)

- Yes, I will pay for program fees
- Yes, small increase in facility fees
- Yes, small yearly park user tax
- Yes, independent donation
- No, I can't afford to pay anything
- No, I'm unwilling to pay anything

General Comments

20. If you could change one thing about the Monroeville Park, what would it be?

21. Please share any additional comments.

About You (optional)

What is your age range? (check one)

- <18
- 19 – 24
- 25 – 45
- 46 – 64
- >65

What is your gender? (check one)

- Male
- Female

What is your approximate annual household income? (check one)

- < \$25,000
- \$25,000 - \$49,999
- \$50,000 - \$79,999
- \$80,000 - \$124,999
- >\$125,000

Appendix D

Town Council Minutes Park Discussions

JANUARY 6, 2016

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THE MONROEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 7 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DON GERARDOT, JOAN BULETEMEIER, MARILYN CRABILL, DEB CLARK, AND TIM BERRY BEING THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW TERM, DEB MADE A MOTON TO RETAIN THE SAME OFFICERS FOR ANOTHER 4 YEARS. MARILYN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON AD PASSED WITH A FOUR TO ONE VOTE WITH TIM OPPOSING.

THE MINUTES TO THE DECEMBER 2ND 2015 WERE READ. TIM MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY MARILYN. PASSED.

.LARRY LET THE BOARD KNOW THAT HE RECEIVED A QUOTE FROM PEERLESS MIDWEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6500 TO REPLACE THE PIPE IN THE WATER PLANT.

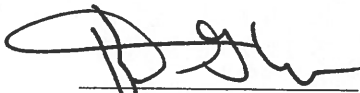
LARRY ALSO MENTIONED THAT AEP WAS CONTACTED TO COME OUT AND LOOK AT THE ELECTRICAL BEHIND M&J STUDIO. LARRY WAS TOLD THAT THEY WOULD BE COMING OUT.

RESOLUTION 2016-1 WAS PRESENTED RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MONROEVILLE INDIANA COUSIL ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR THE MATERIALITY THRESHOLD. TIM MADE A MOTION TO SECONDED BY MARILYN. CLEAR PASS

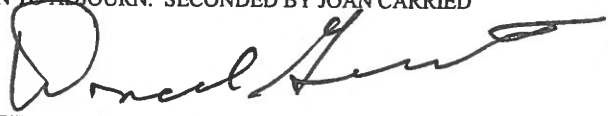
THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT THE STOP SIGN AT THE CORNER OF FOREST AND MONROE.. IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THERE IS A 30 FOOT NO PARKING ZONE FROM THE STOP SIGN.. MORE DISCUSSIONS TO OCCUR BEFORE THE STOP SIGN IS INSTALLED.

THE BOARD IS OK WITH GRANT WRITING FOR THE PARK. THE BOARD WILL BE INFORMED BEFORE ANY DECISIONS ON THE PARK ARE MADE.

THE STREET LIGHTS AROUND TOWN WILL BE CHECKED AND REPORTED TO AEP TO BE FIXED. WITH NOTHING FURTHER TO DISCUSS DEB MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY JOAN CARRIED



KEVIN G. WENGER
CLERK - TREASURER



DONALD GERARDOT
BOARD PRESIDENT

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THE MINUTES TO THE JANUARY 6TH, 2016 MEETING WERE READ. JOAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. SECONDED BY DEB AND APPROVED.


LARRY REPORTED THAT WHILE HE WAS AT A WATER CLASS IN INDY HE RECEIVED SOME INFORMATION REGARDING MAINTAINING AMONIA LEVELS IN THE PONDS. ACCORDING TO LARRY THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THE STATE IS STARTING TO MONITOR WITH MUCH MORE INTEREST IN THE PAST. LARRY FOUND THAT A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM WOULD BE WITH IMPROVED AEROLATOR PUMPS. HE GOT AN ESTIMATE IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$14,000 FOR THE TOWN. THE BOARD IS TAKING UNDER ADVISEMENT.

JOSH WOLFF APPEARED REPRESENTING THE LITTLE LEAGUE. HE ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET WITH THE LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD AND DISCUSS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PARK. DON WILL GET BACK WITH JOSH ON A TIME WERE THE BOARDS CAN MEET.

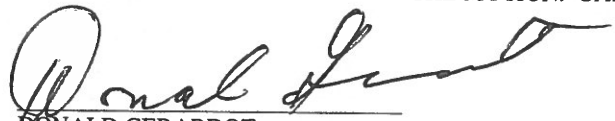
JASON CLEM WAS LOOKING FOR SOME E-MAILS THAT HE WAS PROMISED REGARDING THE ENGINEERING REPORT. HE STATED THAT HE WAS PROMISED THEM THE NEXT DAY FEBRUARY 4, 2016 BUT NEVER RECEIVED THEM.

JASON ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE BUILDING. TIM CLAXTON SAID THAT NOTHING ELSE WOULD OR COULD BE DISCUSSED UNTIL THE TOWN WAS PROVIDED PROOF OF THE STRUCTURAL CONDITION OF THE BUILDING.

WITH NOTHING FURTHER TO DISCUSS TIM MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JOAN SECONDED THE MOTION. CARRIED.



KEVIN G. WENGER
CLERK-TREASURER



DONALD GERARDOT
BOARD PRESIDENT

MAY 4, 2016

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THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2016 MEETING WERE READ. TIM MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE. SECONDED BY DEB CARRIED.

THERE WAS A SHORT DISCUSSION AS TO THE FENCE AT THE PARK BORDERING THE PARK AND TRAILER PARK. THE PRICES AND MATERIALS WERE DISCUSSED AND DECIDED THAT AN 8 FOOT VINYL FENCE WOULD BE INSTALLED BY R&C FENCE CO. JOAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION SECONDED BY DEB. CARRIED. IT WILL BE LOOKED AT TO SEE IF THE PAYMENT CAN BE SPLIT THREE WAYS BETWEEN THE TOWN, CHAMBER AND PARK BOARD.

AEP WAS CONTACTED REGARDING THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BEHIND THE FORMER POUR HOUSE LOT. THEY APPEAR NOT TO BE TO ANXIOUS TO DO ANY WORK UNTIL THERE IS A DECISION ON WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE LOT.

SINCE THE TOWN MOWER BLEW UP IT WAS NECESSARY TO REPLACE THE IT. VARIOUS OPTIONS WERE DISCUSSED BUT IT WAS DECIDED THAT A JOHN DEERE WOULD BE PURCHASED THROUGH KENN-FIELD IN WOODBURN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,958. THERE IS ALSO AN OPTION THAT CAN BE EXERCISED TO REPLACE THE TRACTOR EVERY TWO YEARS FOR A NEW ONE AT A COST OF \$2000 EVERY TWO YEARS. JOAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE WITH THE TWO YEAR OPTION TO REPLACE. DEB SECONDED. CARRIED.

KEN JONES FROM JPR WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING JUST TO CHECK IN ON THE POSSIBLE MAPLES PROJECT. HE WAS TOLD NOTHING HAD YET BEEN DECIDED. KEN ALSO LEFT A COPY OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD.

JEFF NOLAN FROM THE CHAMBER WAS AT THE MEETING AND ASKED PERMISSION TO HAVE A BEER TENT AT THE HARVEST FESTIVAL. THE BOARD HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THIS AS LONG AS IT REMAINED IN A CONTROLLED AND SECURE SETTING. JEFF SEEMED TO THINK THAT THIS WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM. THE BOARD WAS ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE A POSSIBILITY OF THE TOWN LOT ON THE CORNER OF SUMMIT AND SOUTH STREET COULD BE TURNED INTO A PARKING LOT. THE AMERICAN LEGION MENTIONED TO LARRY THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP IN THE PAYMENT OF PAVING THE LOT. LARRY WILL GET ESTIMATES FOR PAVING.

WITH NOTHING FURTHER TO DISCUSS TIM MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY JOAN CARRIED


KEVIN G. WENGER
CLERK - TREASURER


DONALD GERARDOT
BOARD PRESIDENT

NOVEMBER 2ND, 2016

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THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10TH, 2016 MEETING WERE READ. MARILYN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AS READ TIM SECONDED. PASSED.

LARRY REPORTED THAT THE DOWNTOWN PARK IS COMING ALONG BUT WILL BE PUT ON HOLD UNTIL THE SPRING. HE STATED THAT THE LEGION HAD AN INTEREST IN DONATING A FLAG POLE AND THE LIONS CLUB WOULD LOOK AT DONATING A PERGOLA.

TIM CLAXTON TO LOOK INTO FORECLOSING ON THE LIEN FOR THE PROPERTIES AT 303 SUMMIT AND 301 MONROE.

STEVE LUGINBILL ASKED ABOUT THE ATV/UTV ORDINANCE. THIS STILL HAD SOME WORK TO DO BY TIM BUT SHOULD BE READY FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING.

BARB SIMPSON LODGED A COMPLAINT ABOUT THE NEIGHBORS PIT BULL BY THE ELEVATOR. JOSH TO CHECK ON THIS. TIM WILL LOOK INTO PUTTING SOMETHING TOGETHER FOR A FIERCE DOG POLICY.

R2016-3 WAS PRESENTED. THIS RESOLUTION WOULD CHANGE CME DRIVE TO MITSUBA DR. MARILY MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY DEB. PASSED.


R2016-4 A JOINT RESOLUTION WITH EACS CORP FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BLEACHERS AT HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL. WE WILL PAY SCRAP COST FOR THE ALUMINUM AND WE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DISMANTELLING. TIM MADE A MOTION SECOND BY JOAN AND PASSED.

ORD 644 WAS PRESENTED MOVING THE PRICE OF MONTHLY TRASH PICKUP FROM \$9.54 TO \$10.50 PER MONTH. TIM MADE A MOTION. SECONDED BY JOAN. PASSED.

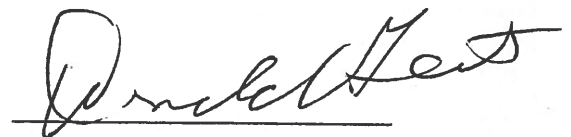
ORD 645 WAS ALSO PRESENTED. THIS ORDINANCE ESTABLISHES A CURFEW IN THE TOWN. MARILYN MADE A MOTION SECOND BY DEB. PASSED.

THE TRUCK THAT WAS TO BE PUT ON EBAY WILL NOW BE SOLD VIA A SEALED BID.

WITH NOTHING FURTHER TO DISCUSS. TIM MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY DEB. PASSED.



KEVIN G. WENGER
CLERK-TREASURER



DONALD GERARDOT
BOARD PRESIDENT

DECEMBER 7TH, 2016

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THE MINUTES OF THE NOBEMBER 2ND, 2016 MEETING WERE READ. TIM MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AS READ JOAN SECONDED. PASSED.

THERE WAS A MOTION MADE BY TIM AND SECONDED BY JOAN TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE BETWEEN \$2,000 - \$4,000 FOR THE BOTH THE PLANNING OF THE PARK AND THE BRANDING FOR THE TOWN.

ORDINANCE 646 WAS PASSED AN ORDINANCE INVOLVING THE USE OF ATV'S, UTV'S AND SNOWMOBILES INSIDE THE TOWN LIMITS. TIM MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY DEB AND PASSED.

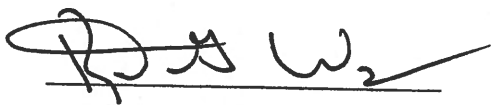
DON REPORTED THAT THE WEIGHT OF THE BLEACHERS THAT WAS PURCHASED FROM HERITAGE WAS 18,200 LBS. WE WILL BE BILLED FOR SCRAP ALUMINUM PRICE ON THIS.

DON WILL CHECK TO SEE IF THE COST OF MATERIALS AT THE PARK CAN BE INCLUDED IN OUR PORTION OF THE MATCH THAT THE TOWN IS SEEKING.

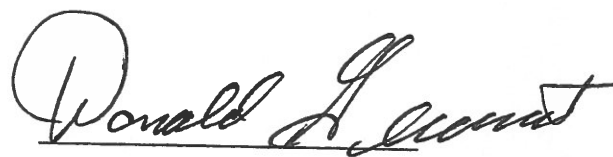
THE WAGE ORDINANCE WAS DISCUSSED AND DECIDED ON. ORDINANCE 647 WAS PRESENTED AND A MOTION WAS MADE BY TIM AND SECONDED BY DEB FOR A 5% INCREASE FOR THE TOWN WORKERS AND A 3% INCREASE ON ELECTED OFFICIALS.

THE BOARD GAVE PERMISSION TO ALLOCATE FUNDS BETWEEN THE VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN THE BUDGET TO ELIMINATE ANY NEGATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. ALSO, THEY GAVE PERMISSION TO TRANSFER ANY RAINY DAY MONEY INTO THE GENERAL FUND.

WITH NOTHING FURTHER TO DISCUSS. TIM MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY JOAN. PASSED.



KEVIN G. WENGER
CLERK-TREASURER



DONALD GERARDOT
BOARD PRESIDENT

FEBRUARY 1ST, 2017

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THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4TH , 2017 MEETING WERE READ. TIM MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AS READ JOAN SECONDED. PASSED.

LARRY GOT TWO QUOTES ON THE SANDBLASTING AND PAINTING OF THE BLEACHERS AT THE PARK. RADAMACHER PAINTING WAS AT \$5000 AND TAYLOR MCCOY WAS AT \$8500. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE.

LARRY ALSO BROUGHT UP REPLACING THE FENCE AROUND THE AREA IT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 1080 FEET OF FENCE. AT FOUR FOOT HIGH THE COST WOULD BE \$15,740 AT SIX FOOT HIGH THE COST WOULD BE \$17,860. NO DECISION WAS MADE TO PROCEED AT THIS TIME.

JEFF NOLAN WAS CHECKING TO SEE WHAT IF ANYTHING WAS COVERED BY THE TOWN INSURANCE AT THE PARK. DON IS GETTING QUOTES ON THIS.

CONSERVATION CLUB IS HAVING A FUND RAISER AT BUFFALO WILD WINGS ON MARCH 8TH 2017

CONSERVATION CLUB WILL ALSO BE SPONSERING A HUNTING SAFETY CLASS. SEE JOSH FOR DETAILS.

JANE STEIR ASKED IF THE TOWN NEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE COMPANY PUTTING THEMSELVES OFF AS THE DISH NETWORK. TOWN BOARD HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS AND HAS NOT APPROVED ANY SOLICITING.

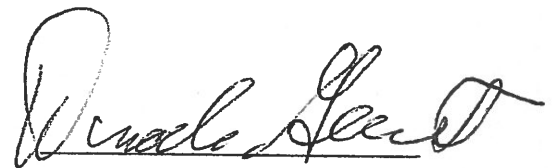
THE LEARN CENTER WILL BE AT THE NEXT MEETING TO FURTHER EXPLAIN THEMSELVES ABOUT THE SUMMER PARK PROGRAM.

WITH NOTHING FURTHER TO DISCUSS. JOAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY DEB. PASSED.



KEVIN G. WENGER

CLERK-TREASURER



DONALD GERARDOT

BOARD PRESIDENT

Appendix E

Assurance of Accessibility Compliance

**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 Monroeville 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.

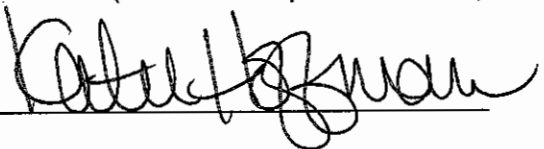
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APPLICANT PRESIDENT

Richard Stephenson

(President's printed name)

SIGNATURE



Katie Hoffman

(Secretary's printed name)

DATE

3/21/2017

Appendix F

Recent Park Improvements

**MONROEVILLE COMMUNITY PARK
RECENT INVESTMENTS**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>IMPROVEMENT</u>	<u>COST</u>
2017	PAVILION UPGRADES – NEW BATHROOMS: TILE, PANELING & PLUMBING	\$5,803
2016	PAVILION UPGRADES – NEW ELECTRICAL AND PHOTOCELLS	\$4,798
2016	BASKETBALL COURT UPGRADES – NEW BASKETBALL GOALS	\$3,856
2016	PAVILION UPGRADES – PAINT AND LACE CEILINGS	\$2,813
2016	OUTDOOR PAVILION UPGRADES – ENCLOSE UNDERSIDE OF ROOF	\$6,438
2016	ARENA UPGRADES – ELECTRICAL WORK	\$2,868
2016	ARENA UPGRADES –NEW FENCE BETWEEN ARENA AND TRAILER PARK	\$21,943
2015	VOLLEYBALL COURT UPGRADES – NEW NETS AND SAND	\$1,545
2015	BASKETBALL / TENNIS COURT UPGRADES – RESURFACING	\$15,410
2015	PARK LIGHTING UPGRADES – NEW LIGHT FIXTURES	\$409
2014	BALL DIAMOND UPGRADES – NEW ELECTRICAL	<u>\$36,050</u>
	TOTAL	\$101,933

Appendix G

Final Comment Period Public Comments

Monroeville
5-Year Master Park Plan
COMMENT FORM AND GUIDELINES

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Please summarize your idea or concern in the space below:

Ideas - use park for more community activities - BBQ & Chili cookoffs, senior activities such as card games, horseshoe contests, fishing contests, pony rides, crafts for all kids. Learn how to sew, knit, crochet & quilt. Square dancing.

Invite Fort Wayne food wagons down.

Concerns - not enough people who want to help. not enough communication by the town board. Monroeville News not being utilized - not everyone is on facebook. The trail should circle the entire town, not just the park.

Name (optional):

Address (optional):

Telephone (optional):

_____-_____-_____-_____

For Park Board Use Only:

- Date received: _____
- Name of Park Board member who received form: _____

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Please summarize your idea or concern in the space below:

No Bridge over creek to cemetery! It is a reverant place to honor dead loved ones - NOT an extension of the park! More people going into the cemetery just litter & some tie up to no good. People now have thrown beer & pop cans around making work for caretakers to clean up. It's a place for reflection - not a place for people to just hang out & messing up. There's enough of that already in the park & the cemetery is no place for that. We don't want vandalism being done to gravesites & people who have no respect for the dead think messing up a cemetery is fun. And have you checked with the cemetery Board members? What do they think of this bridge idea?

Name (optional):

TAX PAYER CITIZEN

Address (optional):

MONROEVILLE

Telephone (optional):

For Park Board Use Only:

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5-Year Master Park Plan
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Please summarize your idea or concern in the space below:

About Park Additions: No! NO! - to a bridge across the creek going over to cemetery. Will attract vandals or someone who will mess up cemetery. I'm out there a lot - checking on flowers etc at relative's graves + I've seen too much with "strange" things going on with people who just hang out there. They drive into the cemetery. Don't need another access into there, so kids with BB guns, etc up to no good coming in or "outsiders" at Park events nosing around in there. Bad idea. otherwise plan is nice - if you can get the funds to fix up park.

Name (optional): _____

Address (optional): _____

Town citizen, + close neighbor to park + cemetery.

Telephone (optional): _____

For Park Board Use Only:

- Date received: _____
- Name of Park Board member who received form: _____