

JOINT RECREATION & PARK BOARD MEETING  
Chaired by the Recreation Board  
Wednesday, January 21, 2026  
4:00 p.m.- Bravo Room

Call to Order: President of Recreation Board – Mr. Hobart

Roll Call:            Mr. Hobart                            Mr. Emerick  
                          Mr. Dunn                             Mr. Harrelson  
                          Mr. Schultz                         Mrs. Anderson  
                          Mrs. Reed  
                          Mrs. Fisher

Approve Minutes:    December 17, 2025 Troy Recreation Board Meeting

Reports:             Parks Department  
                          General Recreation  
                          Hobart Arena  
                          Troy Aquatic Park

Old Business

New Business        Troy Recreation Board:

Reorganization of Recreation Board.

Authorization of president, vice president, and secretary of the Recreation Board to sign purchase orders, invoices, and board documents.

Recreation Board recommendation to City Council for adjustments to the wage rate scale for Swimming Pool Manager/Lead Food Service positions and to establish a separate wage rate scale for the position of Lifeguard.

Request authorization from City Council to advertise for bids for the Troy Aquatic Park Improvement/Maintenance Project not to exceed \$1.7 million.

Board of Park Commissioners and Troy Recreation Board:

Presentation of the City of Troy Parks and Recreation Master Plan Recap of recommendations by American Structure Point and Legacy Sports Group.

Related Documents:

- Troy Parks & Recreation Master Plan  
[https://www.troyohio.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8529/TroyParksPlan\\_DRAFT\\_12-3-25](https://www.troyohio.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8529/TroyParksPlan_DRAFT_12-3-25)
- Troy Aquatic Park Assessment/Feasibility Study  
<https://troyohio.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8107/finalreport09052024>

Board of Park Commissioners and Troy Recreation Board review, approval and project recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to City Council.

Board of Park Commissioners and Troy Recreation Board recommendation that Council authorize the Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into non-ticketed use agreements for concert events at Treasure Island Park for summer of 2026. 2026 dates are June 20, July 4, August 1 and June 6 at Troy Memorial Stadium for the America 250 concert, conditional upon approval by the Troy City Schools.

Board of Park Commissioners and Troy Recreation Board recommendation to Council to authorize the temporary activation of the DORA on June 20, July 4 and August 1 for Treasure Island events and also on June 6 at Troy Memorial Stadium for the America 250 concert, conditional upon approval by the Troy City Schools.

Board of Park Commissioners and Troy Recreation Boards to authorize requesting proposals for a new Parks and Recreation Non-Alcoholic Beverage Service Agreement.

Public Comments

Adjournment

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**General Recreation:**

1. Online Park Shelter reservations began on Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m.
2. Girls' Softball registrations began on January 5<sup>th</sup>.
3. The winter session of Adult Hockey began Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The session is at capacity.

**Hobart Arena:**

1. Upcoming Hobart Arena events:
  - a. Brett Young – January 29, 2026.
  - b. Hartzell Propeller Annual Employee Event – January 31, 2026.
  - c. Jay Leno – February 5, 2026.
  - d. Greater Midwest Cheer Expo Competition – February 7, 2026.
  - e. Miami County Home & Outdoor Living Show – February 13-15, 2026
  - f. OHSAA District Wrestling Tournament – March 6 & 7, 2026.
  - g. International Championship Ice Racing – March 28, 2026.

**Troy Aquatic Park:**

1. Ninety-four (94) 2026 Troy Aquatic Park season passes plus nine (9) grandparents passes have been sold to date.

## MINUTES

Troy Recreation Board Meeting  
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4:00 p.m.  
Hobart Arena

Members Present: Marty Hobart, President; Tom Dunn, Vice President; Ashley Reed, Secretary; Eric Herman, and Lindsay Fisher.

Others Present: Kenneth Siler, Director of Recreation and Carrie Slater, Assistant Director of Recreation.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Recreation Board, Marty Hobart.

The minutes of the October 15, 2025, Recreation Board meeting were read. It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mr. Dunn that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the 2026 Activity Pass Issue list. It was moved by Mrs. Reed and seconded by Mrs. Fisher to approve the 2026 Activity Pass Issue list. Motion carried.

The Director informed the board that the next session of the Adult Hockey League begins January 6<sup>th</sup>. There are currently 6 or 7 participants on the waiting list, which is more than they typically have. The Director said he will see how many more people they get and if there's an option to add another night to accommodate. The league has never had people register this early and that many on the waiting list.

There are six (6) extra public skating sessions scheduled over the holiday break for families to attend. They start next Monday.

The Miami Valley Freeze High School Hockey Tournament will start this Friday at 5:30 p.m. and run over the course of the entire weekend. It is hosted by Troy High School. There are six teams in the tournament this year.

The Director informed the board that since the last meeting two shows have been announced. The Brett Young show will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> and the Jay Leno show will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The Greater Midwest Cheer Expo Competition will be held on February 7, 2026 and the Miami County Home & Outdoor Living Show will be held on February 13-15, 2026. Two weeks after the Home Show the State Wrestling Tournament will be held and then the weekend after that the State Lego Championships. The following weekend there is a private event for a company that is bringing a national act for a retirement party. The company is Ernst Concrete.

Troy Aquatic Park season passes went on sale December 1<sup>st</sup>. There have been 47 sold to date, which is in line with where they were about this time last year.

Shetler reservations are scheduled to begin Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a few people that line up that morning to make reservations and the rest will reserve online.

The Director reminded the board that the funds for the 2026 Troy Playground Program were significantly reduced from the United Way of Miami County. Last year the program received \$13,000. This year the program received \$7,800. The program will be modified for the summer of 2026. There will be two playground sites running for five weeks. The sites will be Heywood Elementary School and Kings Chapel Park. There will be a Supervisor and Leader at each site.

The Director is working with Variety Attractions on submitting some offers. Several of them exceed the \$70,000 limit. The Director would like to propose three artists. They are all at \$75,000. All three are up and coming country artists (Stephen Wilson, Jr., Tucker Wetmore and Max McNow). It was moved by Mr. Dunn and seconded by Mrs. Reed to make an offer for all three artists. Motion carried.

The Director informed the board that the Park Department is in the process of moving out of their facility. They are almost done moving out to Duke Park. The plan all along has been for the arena to take over some of their space for additional storage, which the arena desperately needs. The Director anticipates sometime in late January staff will be to the point where they can start moving some things around that aren't used quite as often as others to get things resettled and create some needed space.

The board reviewed a packet with minutes of the workshop that was held a few weeks back with City Council. The plan is to come back with a Joint Recreation and Park Board meeting at the Recreation Board meeting in late January. We are still working with American Structure Point finalizing some things from their report. The Director says they did a nice job in presenting their findings to the boards and to council.

It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Mrs. Reed that the board go into executive session to consider the compensation of public employees. Motion carried.

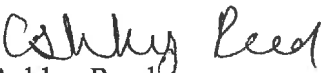
It was moved by Mr. Hobart seconded by Mr. Dunn that the board come out of executive session. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Hobart and seconded by Lindsay Fisher to approve employee annual reviews. Motion carried.

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Being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Herman seconded by Mrs. Reed to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ashley Reed  
Secretary



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Recreation Director  
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To: Troy Recreation Board  
From: Ken Siler, Director of Recreation  
Date: January 16, 2026  
Subject: Recommendation to Amend Season Wage Rates Related to Lifeguards and Pool Manager/Lead Food Service

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RECREATION BOARD:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Recreation Board recommends to City Council adjustments to the wage rate scale for Swimming Pool Manager/Lead Food Service and establish a separate wage rate scale for the position of Lifeguard.

**DISCUSSION:**

Annually City Council considers adjustments to the wage rates for seasonal and part-time employees, which includes those employed by Troy Aquatic Park. Those annual adjustments take into account compliance with the Ohio Minimum Wage and routinely there are nominal adjustments. After reviewing the recently approved wage rates, we ask that further consideration be made for the position of Swimming Pool Manager/Lead Food Service Employee to be more in line with similar facilities in the area to ensure that competitive rates are being paid and we can have this important position filled. In addition, we believe the position of lifeguard should have a separate wage rate scale, again to assure that the rate offered is competitive in order to continue to be able to staff the number of lifeguards required to operate the TAP. The adjustments that we are proposing for the Recreation Board consideration to be recommended to City Council are shown below.

We have estimated that these adjustments would result in an approximate \$19,000 increase to the TAP operating costs for 2026. These increased operating expenses will be offset by increases to the season pass rates, daily admission rates, swim team and swim lessons registration rates previously approved by the Recreation Board.

1. Establish an hourly wage scale for the position of Lifeguard:

**Lifeguard**

Step 1	\$	14.50
Step 2	\$	14.75
Step 3	\$	15.00
Step 4	\$	15.25
Step 5	\$	15.50
Step 6	\$	15.75
Step 7	\$	16.00
Step 8	\$	16.25

New hires would start at step 1.  
Returning lifeguards would start at the nearest hourly wage.

**2. Swimming Pool Manager/Lead Food Service Employee:**

Current hourly wage scale:

Step 1	\$13.50
Step 2	\$13.75
Step 3	\$14.00
Step 4	\$14.25
Step 5	\$14.50
Step 6	\$14.75
Step 7	\$15.00
Step 8	\$15.25

Proposed hourly wage scale:

Step 1	\$17.00
Step 2	\$17.25
Step 3	\$17.50
Step 4	\$17.75
Step 5	\$18.00
Step 6	\$18.25
Step 7	\$18.50
Step 8	\$18.75
Step 9	\$19.00
Step 10	\$19.25

New hires would start at step 1.

Returning employees would start at the nearest hourly wage.

## Troy Aquatic Park Improvement/Maintenance Project

Below is a summary of items included in the facility assessment to be addressed as part of the 2026 Troy Aquatic Park budgeted Maintenance Project. The project is targeted to begin in September 2026 and be complete prior to the 2027 Pool Season.

### EXISTING POOL IMPROVEMENTS

<b>General Improvements</b>	<b>Low Range</b>	<b>High Range</b>
ADA Improvements	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Existing Slide Structure Improvements/Maint.	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Rope/Barrier Replacement	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Misc. Maint Improvements (replace doors, repair concrete deck, etc)	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Replace Open Air Wood Entrance (steel structure)	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 220,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 242,000.00</b>
<i>Contingency @10%</i>	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 24,200.00
<i>Soft Costs @20%</i>	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 48,400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 286,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 314,600.00</b>

<b>Existing Pool Shell Improvements</b>	<b>Low Range</b>	<b>High Range</b>
Repair Expansion and Construction Joints	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Replaster Pools	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 275,000.00
Repair/Replace Perimeter Gutter	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Replace Underwater Pool Lights	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Repair Concrete Pool Shell	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Surge Tank, Float Valve Maint.	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Upgrade Chemical Controllers and Chemical Feed Systems	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Repair and Upgrades to visible pool piping systems	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Refurbishment and/or Replacement of Pool Pumps, Strainers, etc.	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Repair of filtration and replacement of filtration Sand	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
Repair to inlets and suction outlet grates	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 823,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 982,000.00</b>
<i>Contingency @10%</i>	\$ 82,300.00	\$ 96,200.00
<i>Soft Costs @20%</i>	\$ 164,600.00	\$ 192,400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,069,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,250,600.00</b>

<b>Grand Total Improvements (Existing)</b>	<b>\$ 1,355,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,565,200.00</b>
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**STATUS REPORT  
WORK SESSION - PARK AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

**TO:** Mr. Rozell, President of Council

**FROM:** R. Jordan Emerick, President, Board of Park Commissioners

**DATE:** December 3, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Status Report – PARK AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN WORK SESSION HELD 12-3-2025,  
BRAVO ROOM OF HOBART ARENA, STARTING 6:00 P.M

**SUMMARY:**

On December 3, a Work Session regarding the Park and Recreation Master Plan was held at the Bravo Room of Hobart Arena. This session was attended by all members of Troy City Council and the Troy Recreation Board, and two members of the Board of Park Commissioners. The session was also attended by Mayor Oda, Council President Rozell, City Auditor John Frigge, several members of City staff, and 16 members of the public. A presentation was made by representatives of the consultants, Structurepoint and Legacy Sports Group.

As President of the Board of Park Commissioners, I chaired the Work Session.

Next steps will be for a joint meeting to be scheduled as early as possible in 2026 by the Board of Park Commissioners and the Troy Recreation Board for the purpose of those Boards to finalize recommendations to Troy City Council regarding/confirming priorities, so that the process of authorizing the design of that process can commence and the City Auditor and City Staff commence the in-depth consideration of funding the priorities and providing further recommendations to Council.

As public meetings are set, agendas will be posted so that interested persons may be aware of the meetings.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

There is no action to be recommended at this time. It would be appreciated if you would read this summary into the Council meeting record of December 15.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Jordan Emerick, President, Board of Park Commissioners

**Attachments:**

1. Detailed Information
2. Listing of Elected Officials, Board Members, City Staff and consultants attending
3. Sign-in-sheets
4. Copy of draft presentation
5. Transcript of comments/question period

**cc:** Council  
City Officials and Staff  
Board of Park Commissioners  
Troy Recreation Board

**DETAILED INFORMATION:**

A Work Session of Troy City Council, the Board of Park Commissioners and the Troy Recreation Board was held at 6:00 p.m. at the Bravo Room of Hobart Arena on December 3, 2025. 16 members of the public also signed in as attending the work session.

This work session was chaired by Park Board President, R. Jordan Emerick.

The work session commenced with a PowerPoint presentation by the consultants from Structurepoint (Matthew O'Rourke) and William Knox (Legacy Sports Group) on the Draft Report regarding the master plan. It is noted that some information within the presentation has changed based on the plans of the Board of Education related to some school properties, and that information may be adjusted in the final report. A copy of the draft presentation is attached.

The presentation lasted about 90 minutes. Following that presentation, comments/questions were made by Council Members, elected officials, and the members of the two boards. There is a transcript of that portion of the Work Session attached. It is noted that the transcript has been lightly edited for clarity. It is also noted that there may be errors in attribution, as members of Troy City Council, the Board of Park Commissioners, and the Troy Recreation Board, and City Staff are not facing the camera.

The Work Session, including the presentation and comments, was recorded and may be viewed at <https://troyohio.gov/parkplanning>

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**Listing of Elected Officials, Board Members, City Staff and consultants attending**

**Troy City Council:** Kristie Marshall, Bobby Phillips, Jeff Schilling, Todd Severt, Lynne Snee, William Twiss, Susan Westfall, Jeffrey Schilling

**President of Troy City Council:** William Rozell

**Board of Park Commissioners:** R. Jordan Emerick, President; member - Will Harrelson (Mona Anderson, absent)

**Troy Recreation Board:** Martin Hobart, President; members – Eric Herman, Tom Dunn, Ashley Reed, Lindsay Fisher

**City Elected:** Mayor Robin Oda, City Auditor John Frigge

**City Staff:** Patrick Titterington, Director of Public Service & Safety  
Sue Knight, Clerk of Council

**Park Department:** Jeremy Drake, Park Superintendent

**Recreation Department/Arena:** Ken Siler, Recreation Director; Carrie Slater, Asst. Recreation Director, All Schiffer, Office Manager

**Other – Development Dept.** Tim Davis, Director; Austin Eldemiller, Planning & Zoning Manager; Salome Hekate, Planning & Zoning Manager

**Service Dir. Office** Taryn Smith, Management Anal.

**Consultants:** Structurepoint – Matthew O'Rourke; Lisa Dunaway; Ashley Newnam  
Legacy Sports Group – William Knox

**Meeting Chaired by:** R. Jordan Emerick, President, Board of Park Commissioners

Mr. Emerick called the meeting to order, provided introductions of officials present, and turned the meeting over to Mr. O'Rourke for a presentation.



# Troy Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Progress Update  
December 3, 2025




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## Agenda


- Welcome
- Project Update
- Purpose and Process
- Needs Assessment
- Recommendations
- Next Steps

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## Welcome




**Matthew O'Rourke**  
Group Leader / Project Manager



**Lisa Dunaway**  
Landscape Architect/  
Urban Designer



**Ashley Nemmain**  
Senior Planner



**William Knox**  
Legacy Sports Group

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# Purpose and Process



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## What is a Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

Prioritizes investments in a community's parks system

- Physical facilities (playgrounds, sports fields, pickleball courts, etc.)
  - Programs (fitness classes, events for kids, festivals, etc.)
  - We base this on a full inventory of all existing park items
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Recommended parks and recreation plans should be updated every five years
  - Align with the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) for funding opportunities

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## Ohio SCORP's Goals 2023-2028

1. Equity & Access – Ensure underserved populations have access to recreation
2. Trails & Connectivity – Expand regional trail networks and local links
3. Health & Wellness – Support physical and mental well-being through parks
4. Sustainable Investment – Prioritize low-maintenance, environmentally sound development
5. Local Partnerships – Collaborate with agencies and organizations for broader impact



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## What does a Parks and Recreation Master Plan Do?

- Creating a sense of direction for the parks department
- Creating and/or approving new park programs
- Allocating funding for park maintenance
- Planning for development or redevelopment
- Providing a guide for future park improvements, land purchases, and new parks
- Budgeting for park facilities and staff development
- Applying for external funding sources to expand physical parks and recreational program offerings

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## Planning Process

### Needs Identification

- Who are the users? → What are their wants and needs?
- What are the facilities? → Do they meet all requirements?
- ADA Survey
- Historical and cultural assets

### Public Involvement

- Web Survey
  - Public Open House
  - Public Engagement Events (Strawberry Fest)
- Other Public Involvement
- Advisory Committee Meetings
  - Stakeholder Interviews

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# Inventory



## Inventory



**1. Park Amenities**  
 • Picnic Tables  
 • Benches  
 • Dog Waste Stations  
 • Water Fountains  
 • Restrooms  
 • Play Equipment  
 • Lighting  
 • Security Cameras  
 • Signage  
 • Artwork  
 • Seating  
 • Shade Structures  
 • Fencing  
 • Gates  
 • Parking  
 • Sidewalks  
 • Paths  
 • Landscaping  
 • Trees  
 • Shrubs  
 • Grass  
 • Mulch  
 • Soil  
 • Water  
 • Air Quality  
 • Noise  
 • Safety

**2. Park Features**  
 • Open Space  
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**3. Park Conditions**  
 • Safety  
 • Security  
 • Maintenance  
 • Cleanliness  
 • Accessibility  
 • Landscaping  
 • Trees  
 • Shrubs  
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 • Mulch  
 • Soil  
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 • Noise  
 • Safety

Source: City of Troy, 2017

# Public Engagement



## Public Engagement

- Strawberry Fest – June 6<sup>th</sup>
- Online Survey – 882 responses
- In-House Monthly Surveys
  - Similar results
- Stakeholder Interviews
  - Baseball/Softball
  - Senior Center
  - Lincoln Community Center
  - Skatepark
  - Pickleball
  - Football/Cheerleading
  - Aquatics Park



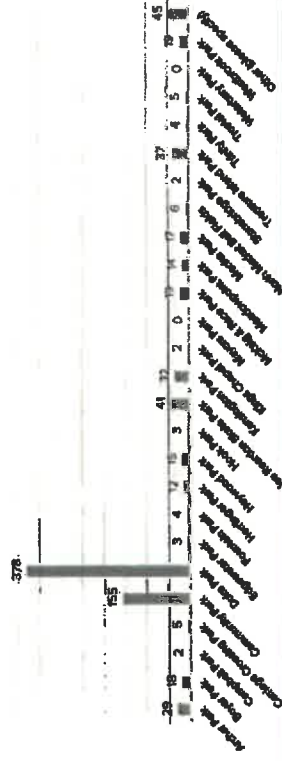
## Lincoln Community Center

- Parks are source of civic pride
- Serves Troy and Miami County
  - Tight community
- Programming
  - Silver Sneakers
  - Pickleball
  - Aerobics, etc.
- Challenges & Needs
  - Pool restoration
  - Lifeguards
  - 2nd floor accessibility
  - Parking shortage
  - Affordability

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## Online Survey – Highest Visited Park

Over 50% visited parks within the last week



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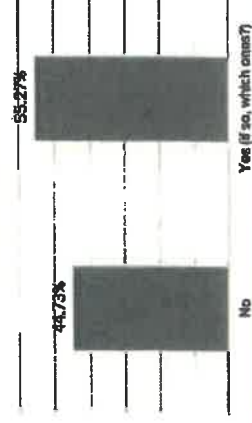
How do you travel to the parks you visit the most?



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## Online Survey – Highest Visited Park

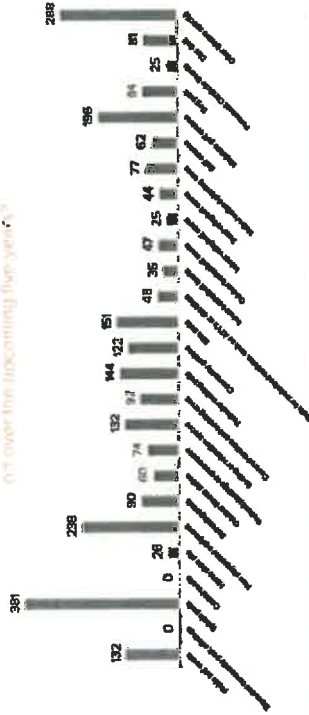
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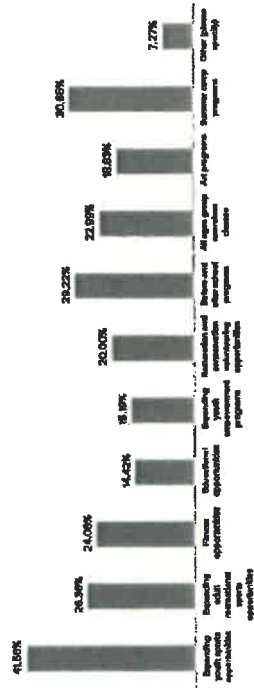
## Online Survey – Highest Visited Park

Which of the following should the Troy Parks and Recreation Department focus on in the next five years?



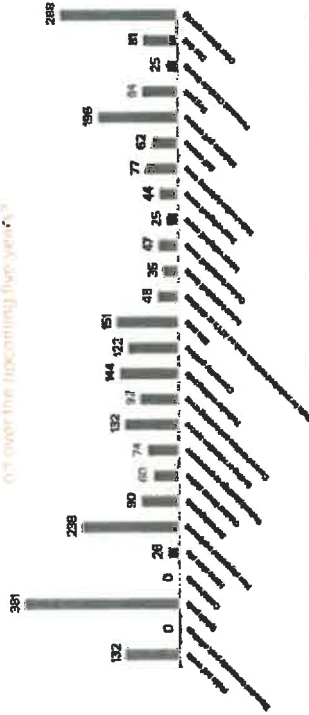
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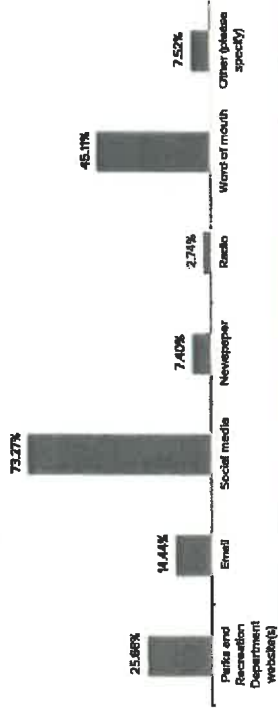
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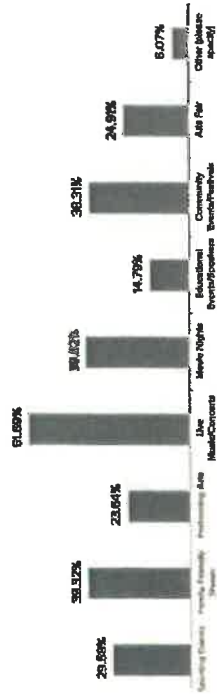
## Activities, Events, Classes, and Festivals

How do you learn about events and opportunities at the Troy park?



## Activities, Events, Classes, and Festivals

What types of events would you like to see come to Hobart/Arena or Treasure Island?





## ADA Assessment



## Strawberry Fest



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## Inclusive Design

- ADA/Inclusive design noted as a challenge
- About 15% of households are concerned about accessibility
- Top suggested improvements:
  - Fix ex. sidewalks/paths
  - ADA restrooms
  - New ramps and routes
  - Inclusive playgrounds

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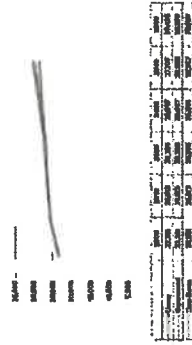
## Needs Assessment



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## Needs Assessment Overview

### Population Growth



- Compare City-Owned Facilities to metrics
- NRPA
- Number of Residents per park

## Needs Assessment Overview

### NRPA Metrics Comparison for Parks Level and Parks Per 10,000 Residents



## Needs Assessment

NRPA Agency	Number of Parks	Population	NRPA Metric for Jurisdiction at 20,000/216	Number of Parks Per 10,000 Residents	Number of Parks Per 10,000 Residents (Target)
Alameda County	3,337	1,526	4	4	10
Alameda County	6,500	8,000	4	4	10
Alameda County	13,419	3,408	4	4	10
Alameda County	5,940	4,002	7	7	14
Alameda County	4,334	6,284	3	3	6
Alameda County	47,247	26,534	2	2	1
Alameda County	35,066	27,330	1	1	1
Alameda County	48,800	26,900	1	1	2
Alameda County	58,772	36,000	1	1	2
Alameda County	10,419	7,333	4	4	14
Alameda County	15,804	16,487	2	2	6
Alameda County	32,644	21,488	2	2	6
Alameda County	25,739	17,308	2	2	6

\*Includes park-to-park, game fields and backstops, and elementary school fields currently under redevelopment

## Needs Assessment (cont.)

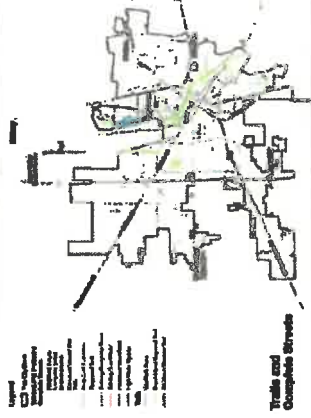
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Alameda County	49,367	29,304	1	1	1 (per square park)
Alameda County	16,716	12,899	3	3	0
Alameda County	17,324	21,707	2	2	5
Alameda County	66,873	32,579	1	1	1
Alameda County	25,284	23,211	2	2	1
Alameda County	97,962	34,058	1	1	1
Alameda County	48,633	28,568	2	2	0
Alameda County	19,539	21,428	2	2	1
Alameda County	19,800	26,127	1	1	0
Alameda County	82,108	24,275	1	1	1
Alameda County	46,086	23,574	2	2	0

## Troy Exceeds Typical Levels

- More playgrounds than the NRPA median
- More athletic fields than typical for its size
- More shelters, courts, and open play areas than comparable jurisdictions
- Strong citywide distribution of small neighborhood parks

## Trails

- 17.7 mi of trails exist
- NRPA
  - 10 mi suggested based on population
  - 17 mi average nationally
- Almost all in parks



## Activities, Events, Classes, and Festivals

Over 50% participate in sports/classes/events/festivals  
Avg. 4.73 times parks have been used for events

- Most popular activities:
- Baseball/softball
  - Pickleball
  - Swimming
  - Soccer
- Most popular events:
- Treasure Island concerts
  - Strawberry Festival
  - Safety Town
  - Summer camps
  - Theater camps

## Sports Amenities

Which of the following sports courts/amenities does Troy need more of?

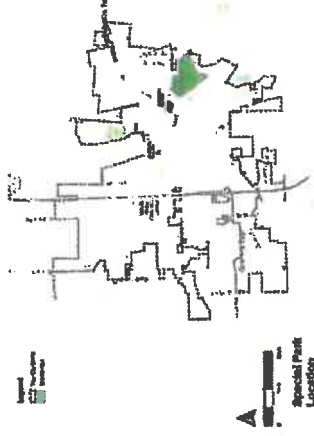




## Level of Service

Troy's Special Use Parks:

- Recreation types not available in other parks
- Provide indoor and weather-independent opportunities
- Serve specific age or interest groups
- Support the organized athletics
- They expand recreation options
- Round out Troy's park system



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## Level of Service

Staffing		Annual Budget	
Citywide	MPA Parks Division (2023 Troy Population 27,651)	Troy Parks & Recreation Department	Metric
4.8	11	\$2,806,762	Annual Operating Expenses (2023)
8.6	72	\$7,226,000	Annual Operating Expenses (2023)
8.6	72	\$6,724	Annual Operating Expenses (2023)
8.6	72	\$6,777	Annual Operating Expenses (2023)
8.6	72	\$6,979	Annual Operating Expenses (2023)

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## Recommendations



## Systemwide Recommendations

The recommendations in this plan emphasize:

- Upgrading and modernizing existing parks, rather than adding new ones
- Accessibility (ADA) improvements, circulation, and connectivity
- Lifecycle replacement of aging play equipment

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## Five-Year Maintenance Plan Priorities

Priority	Item	Year
Five-Year Park Plan	Edgewater Park	2018
	Edgewater Park	2019
	Edgewater Park	2020
	Edgewater Park	2021
	Edgewater Park	2022
	Edgewater Park	2023
	Edgewater Park	2024
	Edgewater Park	2025
	Edgewater Park	2026
	Edgewater Park	2027
Edgewater Park	Edgewater Park	2018
	Edgewater Park	2019
	Edgewater Park	2020
	Edgewater Park	2021
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	Edgewater Park	2025
	Edgewater Park	2026
	Edgewater Park	2027
Edgewater Park	Edgewater Park	2018
	Edgewater Park	2019
	Edgewater Park	2020
	Edgewater Park	2021
	Edgewater Park	2022
	Edgewater Park	2023
	Edgewater Park	2024
	Edgewater Park	2025
	Edgewater Park	2026
	Edgewater Park	2027

Add a line item in the budget to address ADA upgrades

## Level of Service

Level of Service	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Edgewater Park	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64
Edgewater Park	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64	64
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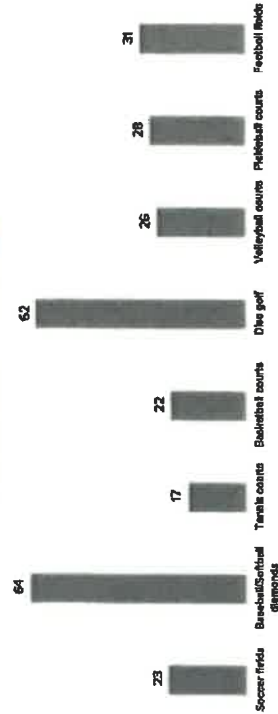


## Level of Service - Recommendations

- Underserved parks with overlapping service areas, repurposing, reuse, or sale
  - Boyer Park
  - Edgewater Park
  - Highwood Park
  - Walden Park
  - Stonbridge Park
- Require developers to build new HOA-owned parks that are open to all citizens, not just HOA members, in developments that are not within any neighborhood park service areas.

## Disc -- Golf (Strawberry Festival)

Which Sports Counts Do We Need More Of?



## Disc Golf - Recommendations

### Recommendations

1. Evaluate these parks to determine if a disc golf course is feasible.
2. Finalize course hole locations and install tee boxes and disc golf hole baskets.

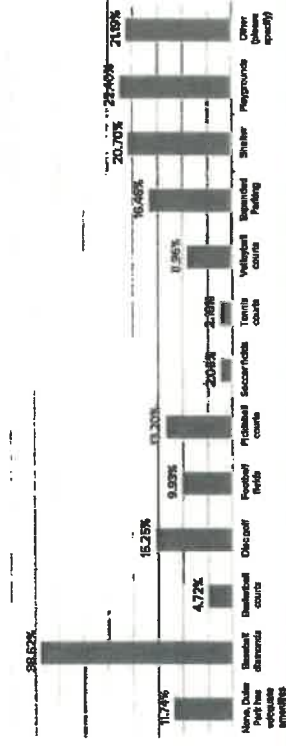
### Potential Park Locations

- Carriage Crossing Park
- Trinity Park
- Heminger Park

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## Duke Park

Specifically at Duke Park, what amenities should there be more of?



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## Baseball/Softball

- Growing interest
- More fields, bathrooms/water access, and lighting
- Significant private investments made
- Troy
  - 10 game fields
  - 8 practice fields
- NRPA - Similar-sized municipalities averaged 8 "diamond fields" by population.

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## Football

- Experiencing rapid growth (~400 participants)
- Limited parking, poor lighting, fixed seating, porta-johns/no running water
- "Duke Park is central to Troy Junior Football tradition"
- Troy Tough program
- Trojan Horse tournament

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## Soccer

- The program is experiencing rapid growth
- 500 kids in 20 travel teams
  - range of ages and skill nearing pre-COVID levels
- Duke and Archer are only game-quality fields
- Soccer and tennis Needs
  - More practice fields
  - Restrooms
  - Running water
  - Better parking design (Archer)
- Centralized equipment storage

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## Soccer and Football - NRPA

- 1 Football field
  - 13 Soccer fields
- Troy
- Municipalities of similar size averaged 7 fields based on population
- NRPA

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## Pickleball

- Pickleball is popular, esp. seniors
- Concerns
    - Lighting
    - Signage
    - Court etiquette
    - Maintenance
    - Parking
- Troy
- 12 courts
  - +2 new courts at Herrlinger
- NRPA
- Municipalities of similar size averaged 4 courts by population

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## Duke Park

- Three options, all including:
- Two new Bathroom facilities.
    - Near the Soccer fields to the south.
    - Near the Football fields to the north.
  - Expanded parking facilities to the north and south.
  - Equipment storage containers should be closer to both the football and soccer areas.
  - Lighting enhancements at existing or future fields.

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## Duke Park (cont.)

- Option 1A – Comprehensive Redesign and Expansion**
- Adding five to seven new baseball/softball diamonds (north of existing diamond fields).
  - Adding four to six new full-sized rectangular fields for soccer and football.
  - Reconfigures roadway access, pedestrian circulation, and parking.
  - Constructs new restrooms, concessions, and storage facilities.
  - Provides the highest level of operational efficiency and long-term flexibility.

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## Duke Park (cont.)

- Option 1B – Relocate Knoop Complex Diamonds to Duke Park**
- Constructs five new youth baseball/softball diamonds on City-owned property.
  - Improves scheduling reliability for Troy Junior Baseball and other diamond users.
  - Reduces facility fragmentation by consolidating programming at Duke Park.
  - Moderate cost and shorter implementation timeline.
  - Does not address soccer or football field shortages.

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## Duke Park (cont.)

- Option 1C – Turf Existing Diamond Infields**
- Installs synthetic turf infields at the five existing Duke Park diamonds.
  - Extends usable playing hours and seasons.
  - Improves tournament attractiveness without major site reconstruction.
  - Minimal construction disruption and lowest capital investment.
  - Does not resolve field shortage, parking needs, or storage constraints.

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## Duke Park (cont.)

Evaluation Criteria	Option 1A	Option 1B	Option 1C
Add baseball/softball capacity	Yes	No	No
Add soccer/football field capacity	Yes	Unlimited	Unlimited
Supports regional tournament play	Yes	Yes	No
Addresses Knoop displacement	Yes	Yes	No
Lowest cost and fastest delivery	No	Unlimited	Yes
Duke Park	Design Master Plan	2026	\$10,000 - \$10,000
Duke Park	Engineering and Design for Synthetic Turf	2027-2028	\$10,000 - \$40,000
Duke Park	Site Plan, Architectural, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Stormwater Lighting	2028	\$700,000 - \$2,300,000
Duke Park	Construct Option 1A US	2028	\$700,000 - \$2,300,000
Duke Park	Construct Option 1B US	2028	\$4,000,000 - \$10,000,000
Duke Park	Construct Option 1C	2028	\$2,000,000 - \$4,000,000

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## Duke Park Operations

Recommended Actions include the Following Procedural Steps:

1. Conduct an operational and staffing assessment after the conceptual master plan is developed.
2. Evaluate organizational structure options and determine the best one for Troy's youth sports providers:
  - Multi-agency and league representative partnership model (typically a non-profit with an executive board).
  - Contracted facility management provider.
3. Define the roles, responsibilities, and performance expectations for a centralized Duke Park operations function.
4. Develop a long-term funding and revenue strategy that supports staffing, maintenance, and reinvestment.

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## Troy Senior Citizens Center

- Membership is growing
    - 300 – avg. Age is 76
    - Online engagement
  - 40% budget cut from United Way
  - Shortcake sales at the Strawberry Festival
- Needs
- More (open) space/screened porch
  - Transportation support
  - Staff
  - Tech support
  - Facility repairs
  - Signage/branding

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## Troy Senior Citizens Center

- Repair the exterior cracks on the facility – Cost \$11,000
- Install a new exterior exit ramp on the western façade of the building – Cost \$11,000

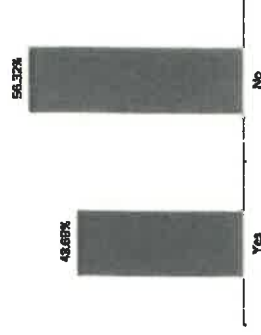
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## Troy Aquatic Park

### Online Survey Top 5 Desired Improvements

1. Additional seating (\$10K)
2. Expand/improve restrooms (\$400K)
3. Expand concession stand (\$250K)
4. Youth (8 to 14 YO) pool (\$4.2M)
5. Baby (<5 YO) pool (\$1.6M)

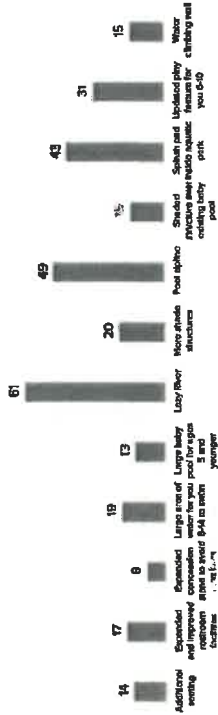
Would you vote in favor of a referendum to pay for your preferred Troy Aquatic Park update option?



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## Strawberry Fest

Potential Pool Improvements



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## Troy Aquatic Park

- Additional seating options
  - Cost \$10,000
- New shade structures
  - Cost \$20,000
- Expanded concession stands
  - Cost \$250,000
- New zero-entry water play/ swim and decking area for youth (offset from the main pool)
  - Cost = \$4,200,000
- Existing maintenance items
  - Cost = \$1,565,200
- Total = \$6,045,200



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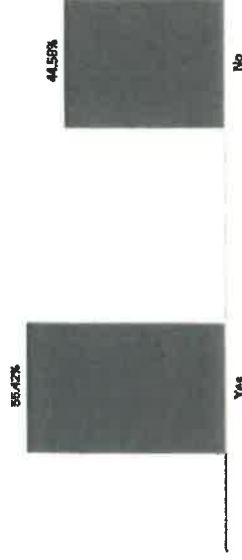
## Skate Park -- Focus Groups

- Platform Group Survey
  - About 60% users skateboard
  - 12% BMX
  - 94% are at an intermediate skill level
- Stakeholders
  - Goal: All-wheel facility
  - Inclusive community
  - Style and skill variety
  - Spectators
  - \$50K for construction docs

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## Skate Park

Would you like to see renovations of the Joe Rausche Skate Park to include a complete reconstruction of the park with additional amenities like a pump track?



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## Joe Reardon Skate Park

- Execute a shared-use agreement with the TCSU.
- Determine if there are any improvements in their plan that the City of Troy can assist with.
  - Bathroom Building – Cost \$150,000 to \$250,000
  - Site Lighting - \$120,000
  - Site Furnishings - \$40,000



## Action Priorities

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## Funding Opportunities

- NeuroWay (Ohio Department of Natural Resources)**
  - Runways, shelters, accessibility improvements, and other park improvements.
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**
  - Park development, trails, playgrounds, trails, sculptures, and recreation.
  - Add trail miles, river corridors, greenways.
- Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program**
  - Add trail miles, river corridors, greenways.
- Recreational Trails Program (RTF)**
  - The park, ADA trail improvements, signage.
- OPBA Foundation – Changing Lives Grant**
  - Community projects being undertaken in Troy.
- Ohio Facilities Construction Commission – Cultural and Sports Facilities**
  - Purpose facilities, multi-purpose facilities.
- Regional Planning Commission Funds (MVRPC)**
  - Trail bridges, crossings, and complete streets elements.
- The Skatespark Project (Tony Hawk Foundation)**
  - Supports the construction of public concrete skate parks.
- Recreation and Sports Grants (National Foundations)**
  - Skate skates, seating, aspects equipment, disc golf, mini bowls, and inclusion-focused amenities.

Discussion

Any final questions or comments?






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## Next Steps

- Final Steering Committee Meetings
- Discussions with Park and Recreation Boards
- Public Presentation
- Final Editing
- Adoption

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Thank You!

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## Transcript of comments/question period

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** Thoughts on where we go from here?

**Will Harrelson:** I see two main points: the maintenance items and the more aspirational next steps and priorities.

**Todd Severt:** I can start. Here's where I think we are. I can only speak for myself, not for anyone else on council, but my top priority is Duke A. The pool has to be done. I don't know that we need a zero-entry pool; if you remove that, I have about \$1.7 million for an aquatic park. The skateboard park is about half a million, maybe a little less depending on the bathroom building cost. Playgrounds and similar items are two to two and a half million. Altogether, I think we're looking at about a \$17 million issue, and I don't know how to stretch it or pay for it. We'll have to talk with others. But I think it would be difficult for us, as stewards of the community, not to say those projects in that order need to be done.

These are essentially maintenance items. We can't keep having the ballparks flooded. The skate park, as you indicated—it's surprising—but I drive past regularly, and it's used daily. It's a great amenity. We can't let the pool go. And obviously, it's unfortunate that the golf course irrigation system failed, but it has to be done. Check the police station—it's 30 years old. That's how I view it, and I know it's a big amount to swallow. Others can speak to bonding versus reserves versus borrowing from our own funds. But I don't know how, as an elected official and steward of the city—not only of the money but the amenities that bring people here—we avoid this. Our source of funds is income. We don't get sales tax or property tax. Income comes from people who reside in the city, and people choose where to live based on amenities. That's just reality. So that's where I would start.

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** Sure. I know there was a lot of information tonight. The draft report is certainly changeable moving forward—that was the point of tonight. This is really the kickoff to the conversation. We reviewed the system, we know the needs, and this is our initial priority list.

**Will Harrelson:** On the pool—am I correct that people are asking for more space, not necessarily more “toys”?

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** That was our general understanding. Seating came up as well. The pool is used more for passive recreation and swimming. The issue of separation came up frequently—some people want to use it a certain way, and others really value adult swim because that activity isn't happening around them. So: more space, and perhaps a designated area for different uses.

**Will Harrelson:** The themes I'm hearing are reallocating space from small, underused parks into more efficient uses, and improving what we have rather than adding bells and whistles—essentially a better version of our core park purposes.

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** I agree. The only caveat is that, based on numbers around staffing and maintenance, we also need to ensure the parks are maintainable moving forward. Some repurposing is about that as well. Staff has kept aging systems functioning through strong effort, but we want to look at long-term impacts. So I agree with you 100%, and I'd add that we need to consider whether we need all this space and whether some parks might make sense for infill development.

**Will Harrelson:** That's why option A in the Duke Park plan makes the most sense to me. We all have individual opinions, and we may change them as we learn more. But centralizing those uses at Duke makes sense, especially for families moving between parks. Someone might think that's just convenience, but these locations exist to serve the community effectively.

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** I agree. The original layout of Duke wasn't designed with that focus. It tried to blend community park and sports park functions. Now, because families drive there with kids in multiple sports, the park has naturally evolved into that

**Transcript – Page Two**

**Will Harrelson:** It's evolved as the city has evolved. From a Park Commission standpoint, a couple of years ago we realized we were entering the next chapter of our responsibilities. It's not just maintaining the existing parks for their traditional uses, but asking: what do the next one or two generations need?

**William Knox [consultant]:** I'll add to that. We could have recommended simply relocating the existing diamonds from New Park to Duke. But if you don't consider the existing park as a whole, you continue building on a fragmented system. The redesign lets us reset and use the parcel most effectively while optimizing it for future growth.

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** Yes. And if there's more agreement on that theme, then the operational part also needs to be part of the discussion.

**William Rozell:** You mentioned groups coming together, but at the original stakeholders meeting—primarily baseball—the impression they gave was that they were planning to merge and help each other with scheduling. So your recommendations reflect plans they already had.

**William Knox [consultant]:** Unfortunately, I wasn't at that original meeting. Once we were on board, we met with them and discussed that. Each group has unique offerings. We're looking holistically—not only at independent groups but also at the recreation department—and thinking about branding everything under one umbrella. That way, a new resident can find all community sports offerings in one place. From an administrative standpoint, centralized organization can be more cost-effective.

**William Rozell:** I have a question about recreation programs. In the past they were tied closely to the schools. Is that still the case? For example, basketball used school facilities.

**Ken Siler:** For indoor sports, I don't believe they're using the schools anymore for basketball.

**Jeremy Drake:** Yes, basketball is primarily run out of the Lincoln Center through a third party now.

**William Rozell:** And for adult leagues—those aren't being used as much because there aren't enough players?

**Ken Siler:** Yes. Many adult programs we had back in the day are gone. Some still run through the YMCA, or were transitioned to the Y when it was built.

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** One clarification: when we talk about the parent organization, it's not just baseball—it's baseball, football, soccer, and maintenance. This organization would handle general operations. The rec and park departments would essentially cede operational responsibility for the entire facility to this group. That seems to be the trend for facilities like this.

**William Knox [consultant]:** There could be combinations. The park department might still create the maintenance program, but the group would handle fundraising and operational needs. Depending on the redesign, there could be a need for a third-party operator—either local or national. It depends on the final plan.

**Whidden:** I want to talk about neighborhood parks and overlap. We discuss having too much capacity in some parts of the city and not enough in others. On the map, Campbell Park served a large portion of the northwest, but it's now been donated to the schools for an elementary building. That leaves a massive hole in neighborhood park access in the northeast. Everyone here knows I've raised that multiple times. I'm not looking for a solution tonight—just reiterating the concern.

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** I appreciate that. We weren't aware through this process that it wouldn't remain a park. I thought it was being repurposed back into the system.

**Will Harrelson:** There will be fields turned over for baseball use under the facility agreement with the schools, but it's not a league field. They're not city parks.

**Transcript – Page Three**

**Jeffrey Whidden:** Right. There will be playground equipment at a school and an HOA park—but those aren't city parks.

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** Fair point. The map works both ways—we look for abundance and areas lacking coverage. As you identify parks that might be repurposed, you also need to ensure coverage where it's needed. Definitely something to consider.

**Jeffrey Whidden:** When you looked at the zero-entry pool, what feedback led to the \$4.2 million estimate? That includes zero-entry and enlarged decks, right?

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** Yes. In the community survey, we listed every option from all three plans and asked respondents to rank them. The top five were consistent across the survey, Strawberry Fest results, and the focus group. The report notes that the pool likely doesn't have enough water area even for current active users. Considering population growth and stakeholder feedback, expanding water space was the logical recommendation.

**Jeffrey Whidden:** How much water space would that add?

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** I believe 6,500 square feet of additional water area. I'd have to double-check. The current pool is around 4,000 square feet. Ken, do you know?

**Ken Siler:** I don't know the current square footage, but I want to clarify wording. It shouldn't say "zero-depth entry." It should say "leisure pool area," primarily around 4 feet deep. That's the need—more water at that depth. The current pool has very limited area at 4 feet, which creates the shortfall. The leisure pool in this design would be entirely around 4 feet deep—not zero-depth entry.

**Todd Severt:** With no city pool up north and Tipp having issues, do you keep track of how many pool users are Troy residents or at least in the Troy school district?

**Ken Siler:** We did a survey about two summers ago for about a month. I don't have the numbers on hand, but we can track that down.

**Todd Severt:** How long has Piqua's pool been closed? Two years?

**Ken Siler:** I believe around five years.

**Jeffrey Schilling:** Recently council approved the maintenance items, around \$2 million. Ken, is that right?

**Ken Siler:** Yes. We're working with our consultant on bid specs to complete the project between seasons.

**Jeffrey Schilling:** So maintenance has already been approved. My understanding was that doing those maintenance items wouldn't affect future developments—that any new pools would not connect to the existing structure. We're doing new gutters, replacing walls; we're not going to redo that work.

**Ken Siler:** Correct. Any new pools would be separate from the main pool structure.

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** And we leave those recommendations in the plan because of grant funding. If it's in the plan, you're eligible for grants even if the work is underway.

**Jeffrey Whidden:** A question for William Knox [consultant]: if we pursue Duke Park option A for the ballfields, what potential draw for travel baseball could that create?

**William Knox [consultant]:** It depends on the level of option A. Our recommendation is synthetic turf, which is the biggest attraction and extends local playability. User groups told us the destination is attractive, but without turf they can't guarantee games, which makes it harder to bring teams. Depending on design, layout, and number of fields, it could significantly increase economic activity.

**Will Harrelson:** I have another question, related to the absence of parks in certain areas and connectivity. We talked about some trail use, but it's isolated per park. Could connectivity solve that? Or is it unrealistic to think people will use trails to reach parks outside their neighborhood?

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** It depends on the park and amenities. Nobody is biking to Duke Park for sports because they have equipment. Connectivity isn't only about parks—it's about connecting the community: downtown, parks, neighborhoods. We didn't dive deep into it because we spent a lot of time on trails and streets in the comprehensive plan. We incorporated those recommendations here.

**Will Harrelson:** You mean people don't bike to Duke for sports, but recreationally they do.

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** Right. They bike for general use, not for sports where they're carrying gear.

**Will Harrelson:** So what uses are you most concerned about—recreational path use or active transport?

**Jeffrey Whidden:** I was thinking about access to large amenities.

**Will Harrelson:** The genesis of my question is that some neighborhoods have easier mobility than others. Will people actually use trails to reach another neighborhood's park?

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** It depends on comfort and safety. People will bike if the route feels safe—whether separated paths, protected lanes, or design improvements. Communities that do this well integrate trails everywhere, and they get used, especially when they connect multiple amenities.

**Will Harrelson:** When you say trails, do you mean pedestrian-only or multi-use?

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** It depends on the street. The ideal is separated bike and pedestrian lanes, off the road. Not all streets in Troy have the right-of-way for that, but there are many design options.

**Todd Severt:** You mentioned Indiana and tournaments—Grand Park. Based on your experience, is that what Mr. Whidden was referring to? Would this be an economic driver at that level?

**William Knox [consultant]:** Yes. I know Grand Park well—I ran the complex for six years. Option 1A versus 1B has a significant difference. Option 1A could be a major economic driver depending on design. Grand Park is an anomaly with its scale, but concentrating multiple multi-purpose fields and diamonds here—especially synthetic turf and lights—would be a strong draw. Our regional analysis showed there is enough activity to support it. Option 1B aggregates fields but with smaller fields moved over; the redesign with larger fields is more attractive for tournaments with multiple age groups.

**Todd Severt:** For those unfamiliar, is there demand for tournaments? What's the economic impact?

**William Knox [consultant]:** Youth sports is a billion-dollar industry and growing. It's essentially recession-proof and pandemic-proof. After the pandemic, activity increased because parents had more flexibility. At Grand Park, in two years they exceeded the available diamonds and had to use surrounding fields. This area has facility gaps. Duke Park, developed as a regional facility, would attract baseball, softball, soccer, and soon after lacrosse, and eventually expanded football.

**Will Harrelson:** Does Grand Park earn a profit or is it subsidized?

**William Knox [consultant]:** Originally subsidized by the city. Now privately operated. When I left, it was breaking even operationally. Debt service was always covered by the city through a dedicated TIF.

**Todd Severt:** What's the lifespan of a facility like that?

**William Knox [consultant]:** Grand Park is unique and will last because of its size. Here, we'd right-size to community needs with tournament benefits. With good operators and market demand, you'll have no problem filling it for many years. Turf generally has a 15–20-year life before significant replacement. For diamonds, we typically turf only infields. Outfields stay natural with spot repairs.

**Mayor Robin Oda:** What's the estimated cost of a facility like that?

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** It depends on natural versus turf fields, how many, parking, etc. If you go "all in," cost is at the upper end of that range.

**Jordan Emerick:** I want to respect everyone's time. Key priorities so far: Duke construction and expansion, pool upgrades, park consolidation or repurposing, five-year maintenance plan, skate park. Anything to add?

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** Should we open it to the public?

**Jordan Emerick:** Yes. Any public comment on these topics? Please start with your name and address.

**Scott Meyers (Executive Dir., Miami County Park District) :** Scott Meyers, 2910 Parkwood Drive. As someone who has used these facilities and whose children have used them, and as someone who has worked in parks for years, I've been extremely impressed. The Duke Park redesign is a wonderful idea and will be a tremendous asset. It has been fragmented for years, and this is a tremendous improvement. Great job, William. I think it will be a great asset and help move the community into its next phase.

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** Anyone else?

**Emily Snider:** Hi, Emily Snider, 1440 Henley Road. I work with teenagers every day, so I'm here to speak for them. First, on trails: some people may not see connectivity as important, but for teenagers it is. Their friends aren't always in their neighborhood—they meet at parks across town. This summer a 13-year-old was hit by a car near Chipotle on his way from downtown to Kings Chapel on an electric scooter. It's not safe. Kids walk long distances across town. More connected trails would be great for them.

Second, the skate park. I'm very connected with the skating community, which is mostly teenagers. I'm concerned about relying too heavily on TCSU. They've done research and work, but the younger skaters—who use the park—aren't always being listened to. The TCSU board members are older and more vocal. I don't want decisions made that the younger generation doesn't want for that park.

Like they're not fun. It's not what anybody wants. And I don't want to see decision-makers in this room put their trust in TCSU without doing their due diligence and researching what is truly wanted or needed. The park is awesome, but is it really necessary? No. And it's also not what we need.

First of all, a concrete park is mostly flat ground, and they want to skate what they call "vert"—vertical up and down. They want to get high, do jumps, and do really cool stuff, and they just can't do that with the concrete park that's proposed.

Also, the replacement ramp that was put in over the last year or so is only about this tall. You can't do much with a ramp that small. And the ramps in the middle have been completely switched out, and they're not conducive to beginners or to many different types of skating. The concrete park that's proposed really supports only one type of skateboarding, and there are about three or four different styles.

**Frosty Brown:** Frosty Brown, 703 West Market Street here in Troy. On behalf of all the baseball people I've known for many years—the young ones behind me and the older ones like me—I want to thank you. You've done a great job on this. Even my old players are here; some of them are city councilmen and everything else. I really think you did a great job, and I like what you've done.

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**Steve Henriksen:** Steve Henriksen, 975 Dickerson. You've presented us with a mountain of information. I'm hoping we don't all say, "Oh, we're going to vote on it tonight." We have an opportunity to invest in the community. To me, that means we need to "Nike this thing"—just do it.

I don't want to talk about this for three more years or form another committee to study it. Let's figure out how to do it. It's not going to be cheap. We'll probably have to borrow a lot of money, which is fine because the community will benefit from this for decades. And if we're not going to do it, then don't do it at all.

What you've presented makes a lot of sense. There are things we could argue about until the sun comes up next year, but there's a lot of good here that the community and the city value—and, more importantly, that the kids in this community need. I'm not going to use the skate park; I don't care. But the kids should have what they need—baseball fields, softball fields, football fields, all of it. None of it is cheap.

I don't envy the City Council having to figure out how to pay for this, but do it. Find a way so we're not having the same conversation after four more floods in the baseball fields that flood every so often. Let's get it done. Thank you.

**Jonathan Kampfe:** 1100 Winchester Drive, Troy. I was wondering if you could give more clarity on the five parks—particularly Heywood—that you're recommending the city consider repurposing or even selling. One of the choices mentioned was selling.

As a baseball coach, I've personally put in dozens of hours making sure those fields are ready for teams. I hope Parks and Rec won't take offense, but those two fields at Heywood are very dusty and sandy. There are holes that need patched, the backstops need work, and there are other little issues. There's also a rise in left field on one of the fields—a hill you can't quite use.

I'm wondering what your thoughts are on that particular park when the baseball community is already lacking practice fields, and that park gets used heavily in spring, summer, and fall.

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** The thought process was multilayered. The first layer was this map—where the overlap exists in park space. That's where we started. For that park specifically, I think it's a 1A/1B situation.

If Option 1A goes forward and suddenly you have all these extra fields and additional coverage, then you start looking at the numbers and metrics. Do we still need the extra fields there? Maybe yes. But these are the parks that make the most sense to examine.

If Option 1A moves forward, does that land serve a better purpose at that point? That was part of the evaluation. For that park and Herrlinger, do we still need extra ballfields that aren't game-ready if we have new turf fields and more of them? We have to think of this system-wide, across the whole community. That's the rationale in addition to location, overlap, and the functions they serve.

**Jonathan Kampfe:** Are you recommending the city increase the budget or staff for Parks and Rec? One slide showed the number of employees, the annual budget, and how much park space they maintain. Is that part of this master plan?

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** We always look at that to understand how we compare. We didn't make a specific recommendation because adding staff or budget is a much more detailed discussion. We highlighted it tonight for a couple reasons. One, we're talking about how many parks and fields they maintain—they're doing great with what they have. What does that mean for this conversation?

Also, when we talk about changing the operational structure at Duke Park and adding more ballfields under Option 1A, that's a lot more work for the Parks Department. We already know our staffing levels. Do we need to have the staffing conversation as part of this, or do we consider the alternate setup William mentioned?

So, we didn't make a specific recommendation, because it depends on other decisions. But staffing has to be part of the conversation moving forward.

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**Jonathan Kampfe:** Thank you for the presentation. Thanks to Parks and Rec for making this happen, and to the city for looking for ways to invest in the community. I really enjoyed this presentation. Excellent work.

**Paul Wick:** I'm Paul Wick, 12C2 West Main Street, president of Junior Baseball. The question I'm going to get asked—and I know it probably can't be answered fully—is timeline. What are we looking at? Next year, two years, three years? If council approved Option 1A—the “Taj Mahal,” as you called it—what's the timeframe? The Tajma-Ball—I just came up with that!

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** If we decide to move forward with Option 1A, there are a few years needed for development—amenities, utilities, design work. You have to get through all that. You probably wouldn't break ground until then. There are always unknowns when you begin design and surveying. It would be multiple years out even if we started now.

**Paul Wick:** That helps. I have a concession stand I need to fix, and plenty of things we could do, but if in two years a new complex is happening, I'm not putting thousands of dollars into a field that won't be there. But if it's not breaking ground until 2028, then we can do more in the meantime.

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** By and large, this process is meant to provide that clarity. Even if it's a few years out, at least we know whether it's coming.

**William Knox [consultant]:** A lot of it comes down to the design process—looking at the parcels north and south and laying out the park. It will take time. One thing we will recommend is that if Option 1A starts gaining traction through funding discussions, we address displacement during construction and what happens between now and then. We know the fields at Duke Park may not be worth major investment if this is going to happen.

**Nicole Bevington:** Hello, my name is Nicole Bevington, I live at 150 North Dorset. I appreciate all the effort put into the plan for Duke Park and investing in our youth. I have two boys who play baseball and football—this baseball coach over here is one of them. It's great. We definitely need to, like you said, just do it.

I do have a question about the pool. Carrie knows I'm there all summer. The proposal for the youth pool is only four feet deep. I think it should maybe be four feet at one end and gradually get deeper for older teenagers. I don't know too many older teens who want to play around in four feet of water. That's my only suggestion. Thank you again for the wonderful presentation.

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** Anyone else?

**Jordan Emerick:** As far as the city, I don't know if we have a plan yet for where this document will live or how it will be accessible. From a Park Board standpoint, it provides tremendous guidance. It gives us clarity and a plan moving forward. I'd like to see it housed somewhere online where it's visible to everyone.

**Patrick Titterington:** Okay. We were going to have a link on the City's website. We didn't talk about it at length, but since this presentation references what is clearly stamped “draft,” we can put it on there and update it when we get a final version. That way it'll be out there pretty much immediately—by the end of the week.

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** Any further comments from the Rec Board? City Council?

**Kristie Marshall:** You mentioned a possibility of breaking ground in 2028. Whenever it would happen, how long does something like that take to build? Would it just be a season?

**William Knox [consultant]:** It would depend on how much we have to move and where things are relocated. We were out for a day looking at the site, and I saw the land to the north and south, but I don't know—drainage and things of that nature matter. If the dirt work is minimal, it goes quicker. Rectangle fields don't take as long as diamonds, but they all take time. You could be looking at a 24- to 36-month construction timeline. It just depends on what goes into it and how much needs to be moved.

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Part of our initial discussions involved aggregating all the rectangle fields to the south end of the park and keeping the diamonds to the north. Depending on how much movement that requires—and again, details we don't yet know—there could still be activity during construction depending on how we stage it. This could be a phased project over multiple years if needed. Everything is still on the table.

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** To that point, having done this as long as I have, we don't know how much of that land is currently being rented as farmland, how much dirt we'll have to scrape off, and how much we'll need to rebalance. There are a lot of variables that affect the timeline, and we just don't have those details yet.

**Mayor Robin Oda:** I'm just thinking about how we're going to fund this, and whether the public would be amenable to a levy. And what would that levy look like?

**Jordan Emerick:** That might be a question for Mr. Frigge.

**Matthew O'Rourke [consultant]:** All right. Hearing no further comment, we can adjourn.

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Emerick at 8:25 pm.