

APPENDIX I: COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR through MiRecGrants with a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION		
Name of Plan: City of Durand Parks and Recreation Plan		
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
City of Durand	Shiawassee	January 2020

PLAN CONTENT
<p>INSTRUCTIONS: Please check <u>each</u> box to certify that the listed information is included in the <u>final</u> plan.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Funding Sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role of Volunteers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. RECREATION INVENTORY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waterways Inventory (if applicable) <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS</p>

☒ **6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

☒ Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

☒ Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice December 15, 2019

Type of Notice Public Notice (newspaper)

Plan Location Durand City Hall and www.durandmi.com

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 32 days

☒ Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice December 15, 2019

Name of Newspaper Shiawassee Independent

Date of Meeting January 15, 2020

☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

☒ **7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

☒ **8. ACTION PROGRAM**

☒ **9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)**

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, each local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

- ☒ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: January 16, 2020
- ☒ 2. Official resolution of the Parks and Recreation Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: January 15, 2020
- ☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: January 17, 2020
- ☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 17, 2020

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

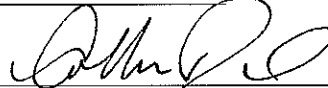
I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

City of Durand

(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

includes the required content, as indicated



Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

1/21/20
Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.

City of Durand
Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan

January 2020

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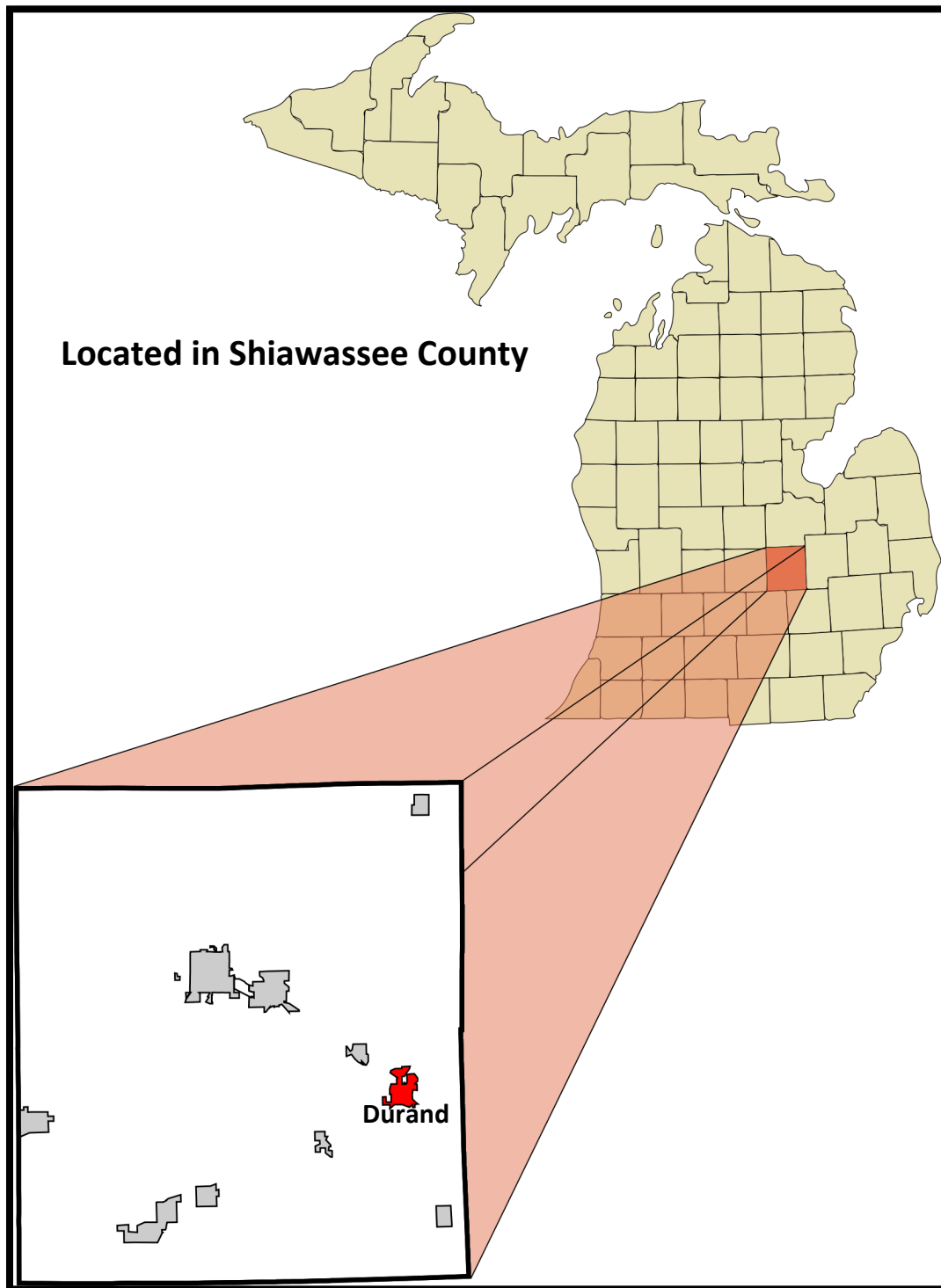
COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The City of Durand is a 1.7 square mile municipality located in the center of Vernon Township, in the southeast portion of Shiawassee County, Michigan. Railroads have been central to the history of Durand. Although railroad usage has declined since the 1950s due to the increased use of the automobile, the importance of railroads to the history and culture of the City of Durand has been enormous. Durand continues to be one of the most important railroad hubs in the state, serving as a crossroads for the CN/Grand Trunk Western Railroad, as well as providing Amtrak passenger service.

Interstate I-69, which serves as the primary vehicular link to surrounding communities, is located just north of the City. This north-south corridor runs from the Port Huron border crossing in eastern Michigan, through Flint and Lansing south to Indianapolis, Indiana. M-71 heads northwest from Durand through Corunna, then into Owosso. M-13 runs north south to the east of Durand, while M-21 runs east west to the north of the City and connects Owosso with Flint.

The City of Durand offers many recreational opportunities to its residents and the surrounding communities by sponsoring activities and providing equipment throughout City parks. Public Parks in the City include Trumble Park, Optimist Park, Shaw and Fitch Street tot-lot Parks, Iron Horse Park and Lions Park. Within the last three years, the city has added passive recreation space at Veteran's Memorial Park, Diamond District Park, and the Holmes Street Retention Pond. Goals and priorities have been established in order to maintain and improve the recreational value of the park facilities.

Map 1 – Location



Map 2 – City of Durand

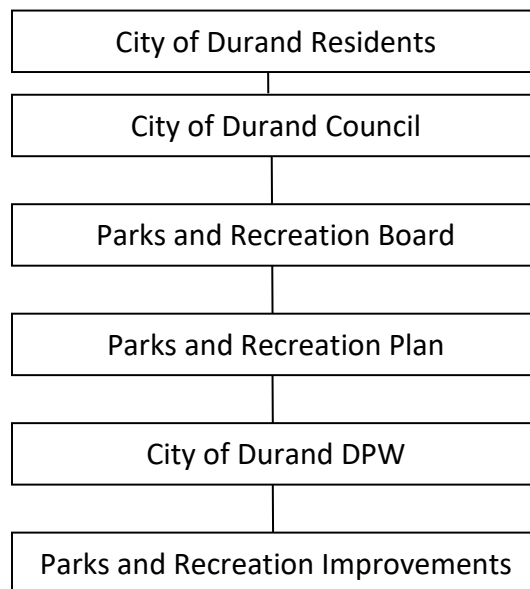


ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Parks and Recreation Board consist of residents of the City of Durand. Members are appointed by the City Council. The Board is responsible for developing, amending and administering the Parks and Recreation Plan, recommending park improvements to the City Council, and applying for Parks and Recreation grants. The City of Durand Parks and Recreation Board By-Laws explaining the roles of the board members can be found in Appendix A.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) works with the City staff and the Board to maintain park properties, as well as facilitate new improvements and maintenance of the parks. The following is an Administrative Flow Chart of the City's Parks and Recreation structure.

Figure 1
Administrative Flow Chart



Budget and Funding Sources

The Parks and Recreation Budget for the City of Durand is shown in Table 1 below. The Parks and Recreation Board also administers a Park Development Fund, which receives revenue from donations, mostly recently dedicated to fundraising efforts for Veteran's Memorial Park and Diamond District Park. Outside of dedicated development efforts, the Parks and Recreation division is entirely funded through the City of Durand General Fund.

Table 1		
City of Durand Parks and Recreation Budget		
Fund: 101 General Fund Expenditures Dept: 751 Parks & Recreation	FY 18/19 Budget	FY 19/20 Budget
Salaries	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Wages – DMF	\$2,000.00	\$3,250.00
Fringe Benefits	\$350.00	\$350.00
FICA Expense	\$850.00	\$900.00
Postage	\$50.00	\$50.00
Supplies	\$100.00	\$100.00
Contract Services	\$16,000.00	\$17,000.00
Movies in the Park	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
Softball	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00
Insurance	\$1,600.00	\$1,650.00
Utilities	\$17,000.00	\$12,000.00
Repairs/Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds	\$7,000.00	\$5,000.00
Repairs/Maintenance of Equipment	\$500.00	\$500.00
Equipment Rental	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Capital Outlay*	\$91,350.00	\$5,000.00
Parks & Recreation Total:	\$153,800.00	\$65,800.00
*Oversized expenses for FY 18/19 reflect one-time costs for energy efficiency upgrades		

Volunteers and Partners

The Park Board regularly solicits support from volunteers for activities related to specific parks programs and capital projects. Many of these activities are backed by reoccurring support from area non-profit organizations. Below are some examples of the ways that volunteers and organizations support the City parks and recreational areas:

- Veteran's Memorial Park has consistent backing including volunteer support and financial support through fundraising by the local VFW Post #2272
- Lion's Park was built and maintained by the Durand Lion's Club
- The gazebo at Trumble Park and the landscaped areas at Diamond District Park were partially funded and maintained by the Rotary Club of Durand
- The Durand Area Little League helps to maintain the baseball diamonds at Optimist Park
- Volunteers mow the Retention Pond Trail and host cleanup days

Beyond specific volunteer or organization led activities, the City maintains a healthy working relationship with the Durand Area Schools. This is particularly true in regards to the adjoining facilities at Trumble Park and Goudy Field. These two areas complement each other well to form a community wide attraction. Continuing to invest in city managed facilities in that area is a part of the strategic goals and objectives defined later; as are efforts to continue to expand on new and existing partnerships.

RECREATION INVENTORY

In order to establish an accurate inventory of local area parks and recreation facilities, City of Durand staff reviewed the 2017-2021 Recreation Plan for Shiawassee County and performed field inspections of various facilities. Site surveys were conducted in October and November 2019. The inventory includes county parks and recreation facilities, as well as other municipal parks and recreation facilities within immediately adjacent communities including Vernon Township, Village of Vernon, and Shiawassee County.

State and County Parks

The Shiawassee County Parks system contains six parks totaling 96 acres in area while the State of Michigan also maintains one recreational space which is partially located in Shiawassee County. The table below lists those areas. Rose Lake offers the general public access to 4,000 acres in the far southwest corner of county. Certain access rights are only available to visitors who pay fees for hunting and fishing licenses and their guests.

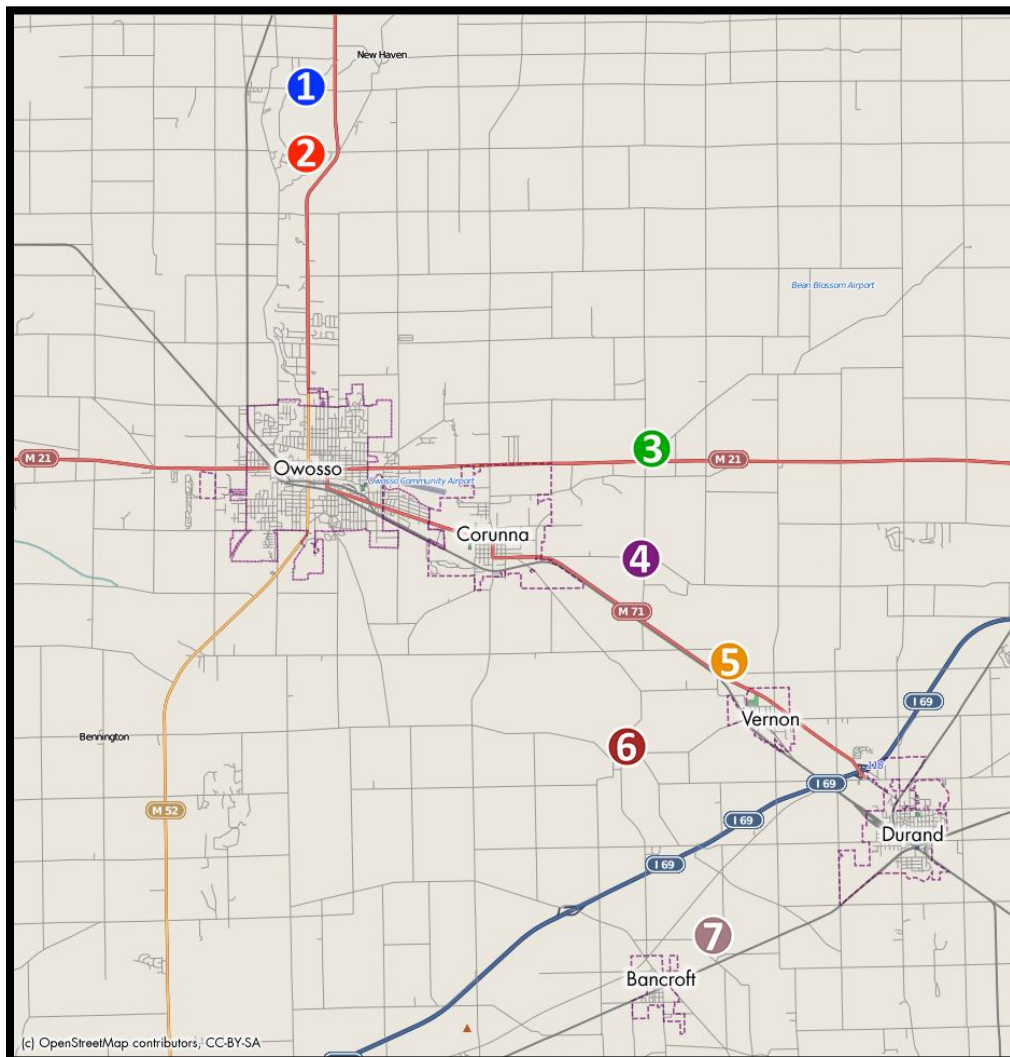
Table 2 - County and State Parks

Name	Size	Features
1. Pine Grove Park	6 Acres	Pavilion/Shelter Restrooms Drinking Water Picnic Tables Softball Diamond BBQ Grills
2. Henderson Park	32 Acres	BBQ Grills Nature Area Fishing Pavilion/Shelter Drinking Water

		Picnic Facilities Volleyball/Horseshoes Playground Boating Hiking/Biking Restrooms
3. Kerby Road Park	45 Acres	Ball Diamond Restrooms Pavilion/Shelter Picnic Tables
4. Davis Roadside Park	1.4 Acre	Picnic Tables
5. Shiatown Park	23.5 Acres (approx. 4.5 activated)	BBQ Grills Nature Area Fishing Pavilion/Shelter Drinking Water Picnic Facilities Playground Boating Hiking/Biking Restroom Kayak Launch
6. Geeck Road Park	6 Acres	Open Space Playground Grills Boat/Kayak Launch Horseshoes Pavilion Picnic Tables

7. Lytle Road Park	0.6 Acres	Boat/Kayak Launch Picnic Table
7. Rose Lake Wildlife Research Area State Park	4,000 (approx. 1,500 within Shiawassee County)	Trails Hunting

Map 3 – Shiawassee County Parks



- 1** Pine Grove Park
- 2** Henderson Park
- 3** Kirby Road Park
- 4** Lytle Road Park
- 5** Davis Roadside Park
- 6** Shiatown Park
- 7** Geeck Road Park

Local Area Parks

The City of Corunna and the City of Owosso are located approximately 7 miles to the northwest of Durand on M-71. Both cities have established parks and recreation systems. The Riverwalk is a non-motorized pedestrian trail approximately 5 miles in length that runs along the Shiawassee River. The Riverwalk links McCurdy Park in the City of Corunna to the City of Owosso. McCurdy Park in the City of Corunna is approximately 35 acres in size and includes a large playscape facility.

The City of Durand is located approximately 2 miles south of the Village of Vernon. Both are located within Vernon Township. The following tables list the recreational facilities in the Village and Township.

Table 3		
Village of Vernon Recreational Facilities		
Name	Size	Features
1. Sunnybrooke Park	6 Acres	Baseball Diamond Pavilion Picnic Tables Basketball Court
2. Crawford Memorial Park	8 Acres	Playground Baseball Diamond (lighted) Pavilion Water (non-potable) Sand Volleyball Basketball Tennis Court Grills Picnic Tables Portable Restrooms

3. Sexton Park		Playground Pavilion Grills Picnic Tables Water (non-potable) Portable Restrooms
Shiawassee River Water Trail Access Side	1.3	Kayak/Canoe Launch

Table 4 Vernon Township Recreational Facilities		
Name	Size	Features
1. Leisure Lake (Private; Fee-Based)	170 Acres	BBQ Grills Hiking/Biking Swimming Playground Nature Area Picnic Tables Restrooms Boating Fishing Indoor Pool
2. Durand Sportsman's Association (Private)	60 Acres	Camping Fishing Picnic Facilities Hiking/Biking
3. Dutch Hollow Golf Course (Fee-Based)	96 Acres	Golf Course

City of Durand Facilities

The following Recreation Inventory is a comprehensive list of public and private recreation areas and facilities in the City of Durand. Data was collected by City of Durand staff.

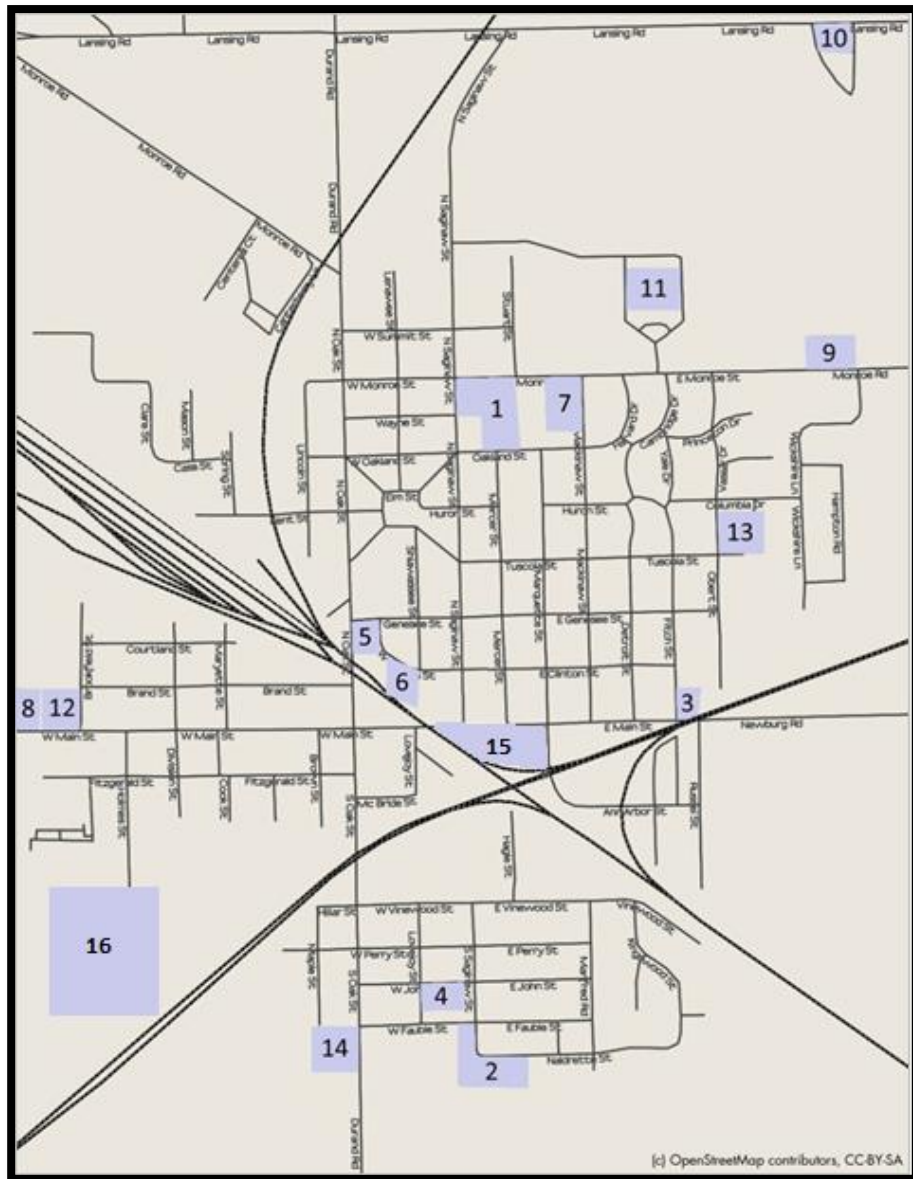
Table 5		
City of Durand Recreation Inventory		
<u>City Parks</u>		
Name	Size	Features
1. Trumble Park	4.2 Acres	Benches Grills Volleyball Court Gazebo Picnic Tables Basketball Courts (lighted) Playground Equipment Restroom Facilities w/ Storage
2. Optimist Park	10.15 Acres	Picnic Tables Pavilions Grills Playground Equipment Basketball Courts (lighted) Skating Rink (Ice/In-Line) Baseball Diamonds/Bleachers (1 lighted) Sledding Hill Concession Stand Restrooms Field House
3. Fitch Street Park	.3 Acres	Playground Equipment
4. Shaw Park	.5 Acres	Picnic Tables
5. Iron Horse Park	.3 Acres	Historical Markers

		Pathway
6. Lions Park	.25 Acres	Picnic Tables Pavilion Pathway
7. Diamond District Park	1.2 Acres	Historical Marker Picnic Tables Restroom
8. Retention Pond*	10+ Acres	Wood chip trail
9. Veteran's Memorial	.12 acres	Memorial plaque
<u>School Facilities</u>		
Name	Size	Features
1. Goudy Field	5.4 Acres	Baseball Diamonds
2. Bertha Neal School	4.2 Acres	Basketball Court Soccer Field Baseball Diamond Playground Equipment
3. Robert Kerr School	10 Acres	Baseball Diamond Playground Equipment
4. Durand Area High School	8 Acres	Softball Fields Running Track Gymnasium Tennis Courts Soccer Fields Football Field w/ Bleachers
5. Durand Middle School		Basketball Courts Gymnasium
<u>Private Facilities</u>		
1. First Baptist Church	2 Acres	Soccer Fields
2. Saint Mary's Church	2 Acres	Soccer Field

3. Free Methodist Church	1 Acre	Baseball Diamond
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*Note: The City of Durand has identified approximately 10 to 20 acres of municipally owned land which would be suitable for development as a natural area with passive recreation and hiking or multi-use trails. The site is currently located at the end of Holmes Street and is referenced in this plan as the Retention Pond Trail. The site already includes a minimally maintained 1.1 mile wood chip trail around the storm water retention pond which was created in 2017. It is a major component of this plan to integrate that site more fully into our existing parks facilities.

Map 4 – Durand Area Parks



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| 1 – Trumble Park | 9 – Robert Kerr School |
| 2 – Optimist Park | 10 – Durand Middle School |
| 3 – Fitch Street Park | 11 – Durand High School |
| 4 – Shaw Park | 12 – First Baptist Church |
| 5 – Iron Horse Park | 13 – Saint Mary's Church |
| 6 – Lions Park | 14 – Free Methodist Church |
| 7 – Goudy Field | 15 – Diamond District Park |
| 8 – Bertha Neal School | 16 – Retention Pond Trail |

Accessibility Assessment

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA, Public Law 101-336) is a Federal Civil Rights legislative act that sets forth mandatory requirements for accessible park and recreation facilities and programs. The ADA, which took effect January 6, 1992, is aimed at protecting the rights of people with disabilities. The passage of the ADA establishes access to recreation and play settings as a civil right for all Americans. The 2017 American Communities Survey (ACS) estimates that across all non-institutionalized populations approximately 14.1% of the population of the State of Michigan reports a disability. This includes 5.7% of the all children ages 5 to 15 and 0.9% of children under age 4.

According to the summary of the ADA, the act prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in places of public accommodation, and requires that all new places of public accommodation be designed and constructed so as to be readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities. Parks fall under Section 11 of the ADA, which deals with public services. Access to facilities as well as programs is required.

The recreation needs of people with mobility disabilities relates to their ease of access and quality of use of recreational facilities. The current park system does not meet all ADA standards and will require upgrades in order to do so. Any future development will follow all ADA standards to ensure that city park facilities are open and available to all who may wish to use them. This specifically includes creating accessible restrooms, pavilions, pathways, and playgrounds, among other activities.

Grant Assisted Facilities

Over the last five years the City has secured state or regional grant assistance for three of its parks. A summary of those activities and their funding sources is described below:

Veteran's Memorial Park

Made possible largely through donations and in-kind support from area businesses and trades members, Veteran's Memorial Park was completed in 2017. Fundraising for the project was matched as part of the MEDC Community Spaces program. The park features a five sided obelisk with each side dedicated to a branch of military service, and memorial plaques and pavers. The site is maintained through a dedicated development fund.

Retention Pond Trail

The City received a regional grant through the I-69 Eco-Tourism program for the Retention Pond Trail. The \$5,000 grant allowed the city to establish a 1.1 mile wood chip trail around a recently established storm water retention pond and place trail head markings at the site. Continued improvements to this area are a core focus identified in our goals and objectives section.

Diamond District Park

Diamond District Park is a site that has been in the works since 2008. The long blighted site underwent significant improvements in 2018 and 2019 thanks to participation in the MEDC Community Space program and Canadian Nation Eco Connections grant. As part of those projects the City removed concrete and gravel from the formerly demolished building on the site, restored the green space, and invested substantially in landscaped areas and floral displays. As well, the City made improvements to the Hagel Street Barn, with the goal of ultimately making it available as a public restroom and field house for the park.

PLANNING AND PUBLIC PROCESS

In January 2019 the Durand City Council and Durand Planning Commission approved an update of the City of Durand Master Plan. As part of this process, the Parks and Recreation Board were also asked to look at an update of the existing Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan. A community wide survey was launched in spring 2019 and specific focus group sessions were hosted on July 18, 2019. A focus group was formed specifically around the issue of public amenities to discuss future parks and recreational activities. This group featured representation from the Parks and Recreation Board, the Durand Area Library, the Durand Area Schools, the Durand Lions Club, and Durand Rotary Club, and AMVETS Post 2273. A summary of comments received during this event are included as Appendix B.

The Parks and Recreation Board began the process of identifying key goals and objectives for 2020-2025 as part of its summer and fall 2019 regular meetings. These conversations included directing staff in its efforts to perform necessary research and establish baseline data for this plan. In December 2019 the Board solicited public feedback through a community wide survey. The results of that survey were used to inform the draft version of this plan including draft goals and objectives. Survey results are included as Appendix C to this plan.

A Notice of Availability of the Draft Plan was posted on December 15, 2019. The draft plan was open for review from December 15, 2019 to January 15, 2020 date, a period of 32 days. During the review period no comments were received.

The Parks and Recreation Board hosted a Public Meeting at 6:00pm on January 15, 2020, which notice was also a part of the December 15, 2019 posting. Minutes from that meeting are included as Appendix D. The plan was formally adopted by the Durand City Council on January 16, 2020.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Durand Parks and Recreation Board has updated the Parks and Recreation Plan to accomplish the following goals over the next five years:

- Expand recreational opportunities for people of all ages and ability
- Identify and expand multi-use trails and hiking facilities
- Replace or repair ageing parks infrastructure
- Enhance existing park features and amenities based on public input
- Identify new partners to support expansion of recreational programming
- Organize events and activities that draw visitors to the parks and recreation system; including year-round opportunities
- Lay the foundation and build towards establishing a community center

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has adopted a set of standards to determine a community's need for certain recreational facilities based on population, as described in the DNR's *Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans*. Table 6 compares Durand's recreational facilities to the state's recommended standard. These standards, combined with the unique needs of the community, informed the development of the City of Durand's Parks and Recreation plan. As of the 2010 census, the estimated population of Durand is 3,446.

Table 6 identifies existing recreational facilities ('Items') owned by the City ('City Facilities') and the Durand Area School District ('School Facilities'), as well as privately owned facilities ('Private Facilities') within Durand. The state recreational standards ('State Standards') are listed according to the number of facilities recommended per population. These standards provide a guideline for determining the need for recreational facilities. The 'Existing Demand' column shows the total number of facilities that would be needed in order to meet the state standards. The 'Need' column shows the number of facilities that would need to be added for Durand to meet the state standards.

Items	City Facilities	School/ Private Facilities	State Standards (Size or Facilities/ People)	Total Demand	Need
Mini-Park (acres)	.67	0	.25 to .5 acres/ 1,000	.875 to 1.75	.25
Neighborhood Park (acres)	.8	0	1 to 2 acres/ 1,000	3.5 to 7.0 acres	2.7
Community Park (acres)	15.6	0	5.0 to 8.0 acres/ 1,000	17.5 to 28.00 acres	2.0
Natural Resource Area (acres)	10.0	0	Varies	10.0 to 20.0 acres	10.0
School Parks (acres)	0	4.9	Varies	NA	0
Private Parks (acres)	0	.09	Varies	NA	0
Park Trails	1	0	Varies; one system per region	Type II and Type III trails; one system	Type II and Type III; creation of system
Connector Trails	0	0	Varies	Type I or Type II	Min. Type II
On-Street Bikeways	0	0	Varies	Bike Route or Lane	Bike Lanes as per NMP
Basketball	2 (outdoor)	4 (indoor)	1/5,000	1 each size	0
Ice Rink (outdoor)	1	0	Depends on climate	1	0
Tennis	0	8	1/2,000	1	2 (best in batteries of 2)

Volleyball	1 (outdoor)	1 (indoor)	1/5,000	1	1 (best in batteries of 2)
Baseball/Softball	4	6	1/5,000	1 each size	0
Football	0	1	1/20,000	0	0
Soccer	0	8	1/10,000	1	1
Multi-Recreation Court	0	0	1/10,000	1	1
Golf-Driving Range	0	1	1/50,000 (30 min radius)	1	0
Golf	0	1	1/50,000 (1-hour radius)	1	0
Swimming Pools	0	0	1/20,000 (30 minute radius)	1	1
Playgrounds	4	2	As needed as part of informal active space needs	NA	NA

For the purposes of this plan, school and private facilities are not typically counted toward meeting the City's recreational needs as these are not always publically-accessible facilities. In some cases these facilities are locked or enclosed from public access or access is limited, especially during school hours or school-related events. For example, ball fields may be locked when not used for organized play or practice. In addition, the accessibility of private facilities tends to be limited for many members of the general public since they are "pay as you use" facilities.

The most notable demand exists for additional park space and a trail system. Both of these demands could be met by developing a plan to activate the Holmes Street Retention Pond and dedicating approximately 20 acres of space as a natural area. Additionally, while the table notes a sufficient amount of playground equipment it does not take into consideration the age or size

of the equipment. Existing playground areas tends to be small in scale with limited play opportunities. Playgrounds also only provide opportunities for a limited range of age groups. For this reason, there appears to be a need for larger and more modern play structures in the City.

Given the City's geographic location access to water features within the City is limited. The development of a municipal swimming pool or a water attraction could provide water-based recreational opportunities that are otherwise not naturally available.

ACTION PROGRAM

The following is a list of recommended parks and recreation improvements, organized by facility for the City of Durand over the next five years. The parks board shall review the plan annual ahead of each year's budget preparations to determine which activities are feasible. Generally speaking, the activities are listed in order of priority, though priority may be readdressed annually or as funding opportunities arise.

Trumble Park

1. Incorporate walkways to connect various park amenities and the restroom facilities by paved surface; incorporate walkways into a multi-use path or trail system.
2. Remove and replace existing light poles along basketball court.
3. Remove and replace existing mulch throughout play areas.
4. Retrofit existing facilities to include ADA compliant restrooms.
5. Install new water fountains on building and consider the addition of renewable energy or environmentally friendly features.
6. Install a toddler play area and improve accessibility of existing features.
7. Install a 2nd volleyball or a multiple recreation court and purchase winterizing equipment for courts. Consider installation of motion sensing lights for volleyball and basketball courts.
8. Design and construct additional parking areas or dedicated additional parking; including consideration of angled parking along Monroe Street.
9. Identify additional recreational programming and partners.

Optimist Park

1. Promote year round use of the hockey rink including ice skating in the winter. Repair or replace existing fencing around the parameters of the rink and re-stripe lines.
2. Upgrade or improve playground equipment, consider barrier free equipment.
3. Remove and replace existing mulch throughout play areas.
4. Repair existing pavilion including painting, roof repairs, and gutters.

5. Install lights on second baseball field to allow for more evening games and use of park.
6. Construct baseball dugouts for both fields.
7. Remodel concession stand and restrooms to make facilities more ADA accessible. Install new water fountains on building and consider the addition of renewable energy or environmentally friendly features.
8. Install drainage system for baseball fields.
9. Identify additional recreational programming and partners.

Diamond District Park

1. Demolish the blighted structure at 112 E Main Street in the center of site and restore to green space.
2. Continue remodel of Hagel Street Barn as a public restroom/field house with hot water and separate entrance for use during public events. Consider integration of solar energy and green building design.
3. Maintain landscaping and floral displays; consider installation of irrigation system to service existing and new landscaped elements.
4. Incorporate permanent or semi-permeant structures to support existing and future organizations who use the space (ex. farmer's market pavilion, amphitheater)
5. Draft a long-term plan for design and use of the site.

Veteran's Memorial Park

1. Maintain overall quality of floral displays and features.

Retention Pond Trail

1. Replace existing wood chip with hard surface aggregate for multi-use all access primary trail around the retention pond. Connect trails to city-wide multi-use path.
2. Establish a dog park on the site complete with fencing, benches, and water station to serve visitors and their animals.
3. Grade parking area and demarcate parking with signage and lines.

4. Add new wood chip or cleared trails off of the primary trail to serve additional guests and hikers.
5. Create map and trail head information kiosk for the site. Market site on City website and social media.
6. Add cross country ski trails.
7. Create a long-term design vision and recurring uses/activities for the site.

Shaw Park

1. Upgrade playground equipment or replace with an alternative amenity based on community input (ex. ga-ga ball court, horseshoes)
2. Install a community garden served by water pumping station. Install fencing around community garden portion of the site. Identify partners for garden program.

Fitch Street Park

1. Upgrade playground equipment, possibly for younger age groups.

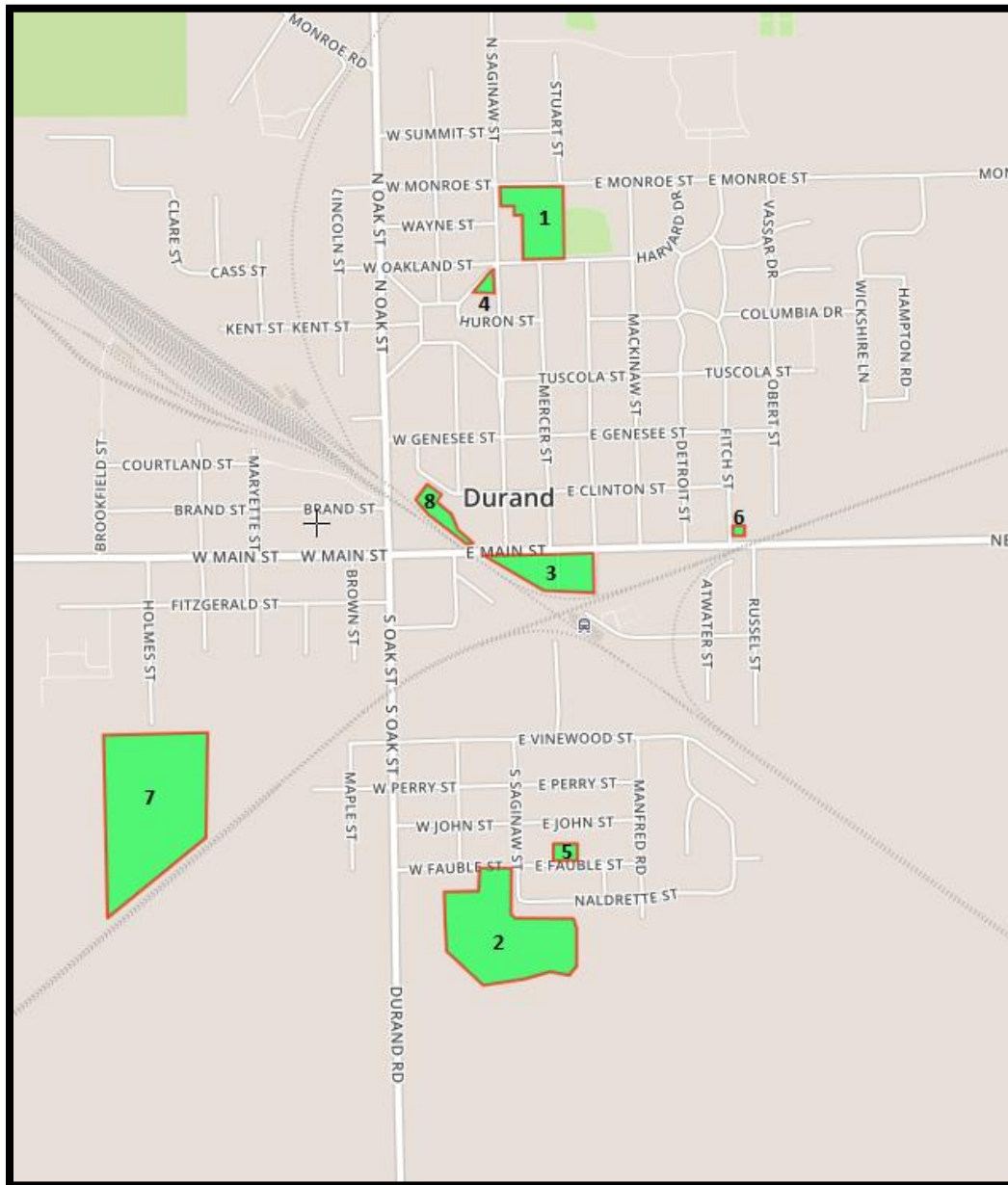
Iron Horse/Lion's Park

1. Improve quality of equipment and facilities including new paint for tower and engine.
2. Restore or replace the lion's head water fountain.

Future Facilities/Other Goals

1. Improve marketing efforts geared toward educating residents and visitors on the amenities of the Durand Park System. Including continuing to expand events in the parks such as Movies in the Park and concert series.
2. Identify partners for possible community recreation center.
3. Identify location and plan design for a future community recreation center including fitness area, water play, youth and senior programming.
4. Construct a community recreation center.

Map 5 – Proposed Projects/Improvements



1 – Trumble Park

2 – Optimist Park

3 – Diamond District Park

4 – Veterans' Park

5 – Shaw Park

6 – Fitch Street Park

7 – Retention Pond Trail

8 – Iron Horse/Lion's Park

Park Accessibility Evaluations

The City of Durand performed an accessibility evaluation at each of its dedicated parks and recreational facilities. To complete this evaluation staff reviewed the New England ADA Center checklist for recreational facilities as well as referenced the Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas published by the United States Access Board. Each site was then given a ranking according to the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design based on the criteria described below:

1 – None of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design

2 – Some of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design

3 – Most the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design

4 – All the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design

5 – The facility meets the Principles of Universal Design

Trumble Park

The ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities was reviewed for: Approach & Entrance, Play Area, Sporting Activities, Additional Access (Water Fountain only), and Toilet Rooms. Of note, Trumble Park does not have dedicated parking facilities. On-street parking is available adjacent to the park and a dedicated handicap accessible space is designated on street near the park. The following comments were noted:

- The on-street handicap parking space is located at the nearest main entrance of the site. The space is 10 feet wide and connects to six foot wide sloped curb which ends at a large entrance pad (greater than ten foot by ten foot) and connects to city sidewalks and the park walkways. There is not a dedicated access aisle in addition to the parking space through there is a three foot wide sidewalk which runs to the edge of the curb.
- Sidewalks throughout are at least five feet in width and there is an area suitable for passing which is ten feet in width around the gazebo.
- The walkways connect to the play area but there are no connections or accessible paths within the play area (mulched open space). There are three ground level play components, one elevated play component, and no soft contained play structures or water play in the park. Efforts to connect existing elements according to the 2010 standards will be necessary.
- Existing routes throughout the park meet slope requirements. There are no ramps. Future access to the play structures would require compliance with ramps, handrails, and/or transfer platforms.
- Swings do not contain adequate space for turnaround or access route. Transfer to seat is greater than 24 inches and there is not currently transfer support.
- There is an accessible route to the basketball courts and restrooms but not volleyball. There is accessible route to the player seating area for basketball court (no player seating for volleyball). There is not wheelchair accessible spacing in the seating area.

- Drinking fountain on building has a clear floor space, forward approach, operating mechanics, and height suitable for wheelchair access.
- There are numerous concerns or deficiencies regarding toilet rooms at this facility.

Based on the deficiencies measured during the evaluation process the site is considered a 2 per the ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

Optimist Park

The ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities was reviewed for: Approach & Entrance, Play Area, Sporting Activities, Additional Access (Water Fountain only), and Toilet Rooms. The following comments were noted:

- The park features two handicap accessible parking areas. One on the north side of the lot and one on the south east side. At each location there are two parking spots for a total of four spaces out of a total sixty-six parking spaces). The spaces on the north side of the lot are eleven feet wide and separated by five foot wide access aisle which connects to a compliant ramp. The spaces have a handicap accessible signage but it does not specifically state “van accessible”. The spaces on the south end are 8 feet wide and separated by a 5 foot wide access aisle which connects to a complaint ramp. The spaces are marked by signs.
- Sidewalks throughout the park are five feet in width or greater. The walkways connect to the pavilions, play area, hockey rink, and restrooms. They do not connect to the baseball diamonds and there is no accessibly path within the play area (mulched open area).
- There are three ground level play components, one elevated play component, and no soft contained play structures or water play in the park. Efforts to connect existing elements or establish new elements according to the 2010 standards will be necessary.
- Existing routes throughout the park meet slope requirements. There are no ramps. Future access to the play structures would require compliance with ramps, handrails, and/or transfer platforms.
- Swings do not contain adequate space for turnaround or access route. There is not currently transfer support for transfer to an accessible swing seat.
- There are not wheelchair accessible seats or wheelchair spaces in the team or player seating sections of the parks two baseball diamonds.
- Drinking fountain on building has a clear floor space, forward approach, operating mechanics, and height suitable for wheelchair access.
- There are numerous concerns or deficiencies regarding toilet rooms at this facility.

Based on the deficiencies measured during the evaluation process the site is considered a 2 per the ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

Fitch Street Park

The ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities was completed for: Approach & Entrance, Play Area. Fitch Street Park does not have dedicated parking facilities. On-street parking is available adjacent to the park. The following comments were noted:

- There is no dedicated handicap accessible space designated on street near the park. There is also no accessible approach from the street level to the park. The park is accessible via an adjacent city sidewalk which is four foot in width.
- There are no accessible routes through the park or to any of its amenities.
- The park features two ground level play elements. There are no elevated play elements, soft play structures, or water play.
- Swings do not contain adequate space for turnaround or access route. Transfer to seat is greater than 24 inches and there is not currently transfer support.

Based on the deficiencies measured during the evaluation process the site is considered a 1 per the ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

Shaw Park

The ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities was completed for: Approach & Entrance, Play Area. Of note, Shaw Park does not have dedicated parking facilities. On-street parking is available adjacent to the park. The following comments were noted:

- There is no dedicated handicap accessible space designated on street near the park. There is also no accessible approach from the street level to the park. There is no city sidewalk in this portion of the city and therefore no accessible routes to the park.
- There are no accessible routes within the park or to any of its amenities.
- The park features three ground level play elements. There are no elevated play elements, soft play structures, or water play.
- Swings do not contain adequate space for turnaround or access route. Transfer to seat is greater than 24 inches and there is not currently transfer support.

Based on the deficiencies measured during the evaluation process the site is considered a 1 per the ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

Lion's Park/Iron Horse Park

The ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities was completed for: Approach & Entrance. Lion's Park and Ironhorse Park share a common parking area and are jointly accessible via connected walkways. The following comments were noted:

- The parks feature a dedicated parking area with sixteen parking spaces, one of which is handicap accessible. The parking space is ten foot wide with a six foot access aisle which

connects to an accessible walkway via a six foot wide sloped curb. The space is not van accessible. Parking is marked by signage.

- Most walkways throughout the park are six feet in width except for a portion of walkway around the steam locomotive which is three feet wide. There are walkways connecting to the pavilion area and historical markers.
- There is a decorative water fountain which is currently not operational. The fountain has a clear forward approach and suitable room for a wheelchair to turnaround but there are numerous issues with its operating mechanics and insufficient under fountain clearance.

Based on the deficiencies measured during the evaluation process the site is given a ranking of 3 per the ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

Diamond District Park

The ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities was completed for: Approach & Entrance and Toilet Room. Diamond District Park does not have dedicated parking facilities. On-street parking is available adjacent to the park. The following comments were noted:

- One on-street handicap parking space is located at the nearest main entrance of the site. The space is 10 feet wide and connects to a six foot wide sloped curb to a portion of city sidewalk. There is not a dedicated access aisle and the space would not be considered van accessible. There is also not dedicated signage; the space is marked with pavement paint.
- There are no walkways through or within the park however the area of the park used to host the weekly Farmer's Market is a vacated roadway (paved surface) suitable for wheelchair access and accessible via sidewalks from the parking area.
- The City has only recently begun opening up the existing barn for use as a public restroom during special events. The building is primarily a storage facility for landscape, beautification, and special event materials. It is not otherwise open to the public. The restrooms are not ADA compliant and would require significant improvements to meet 2010 standards.
- This space was formally activated as public space within the last two years and plans for the park are still in progress.

Based on the deficiencies measured during the evaluation process the site is given a ranking of 2 per the ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

Retention Pond Trail

The Retention Pond Trail is a recreational area in transition. The site features a rough wood-chip trail and parking area. The following comments were noted:

- There are no formal amenities, structures, or facilities other than the trail at this time. There is no dedicated parking, handicap accessible or otherwise. The "parking area" is a roughly one hundred and fifty foot by one hundred foot pad of repurposed asphalt millings.

- Future parking and pathways would aim to comply with requirements for walkways, ramps, and general accessibility. Establishing a multi-use, fully accessible trail around the retention pond with access to a picnic area is a planned activity.

Based on its extremely limited features the site is given a ranking of 1 per the ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

Veteran's Memorial Park

The ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities was completed for: Approach & Entrance. Of note, Veteran's Memorial Park does not have dedicated parking or recreational amenities. It is solely a memorial site.

- There is on-street city parking near the site but no dedicated handicap spaces. The site is accessible via a five foot wide section of city sidewalk.
- All walkways are six feet wide and have a grade of less than 5% with multiple areas which provide suitable turn radius or passing for wheelchair access. Memorial placards were placed a height appropriate for viewing by a person in a wheelchair.

Given its simplistic and largely accessible design, the park is given a ranking of 4 per the ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

Future Compliance

Future ADA compliance is discussed on page 17 of the Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan, as well as in our Action Program section. Inclusion of ADA compliant upgrades is specifically targeted for Trumble Park (pathways, restrooms, and play areas), Optimist Park (play areas, restrooms), Diamond District Park (restroom), and the Retention Pond Trail (pathways).

APPENDIX A

City of Durand Parks and Recreation Board By-Laws

City of Durand
Parks and Recreation Board By-Laws
(as amended)

This document shall be known as the Bylaws of the City Parks & Recreation Board of the City of Durand. (For simplicity of presentation the words Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary represent the genders of male or female.)

Purpose: The purpose of the City Parks & Recreation Board shall be to oversee the upkeep of the Parks and provide recreation. Also, to perform other duties assigned to it by the City Council from time to time, make recommendations to the City Council on purchases of new equipment, planting and removing trees and shrubs, or any other recommendations to improve the beauty of the parks.

Board Composition: The Parks & Recreation Board shall consist of seven members, all of whom are appointed by the City Council. One member of the board shall be a representative from the City Council. All members must reside within the Durand City limits, and be a registered voter.

Term of Office: All appointed members shall serve a term of 3 years. All vacancies occurring through an expiration of terms shall be filled for the un-expired term by the Mayor, with approval of the majority of the City Council members. All members shall be required to attend at least two meetings within a three-month period of time, unless otherwise excused by the Chairman of the Parks Board.

Officers: The Parks & Recreation Board shall elect the following officers at the annual organizational meeting held at the first meeting of each new fiscal year (July-June): Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary. Nominations and election of officers shall be made from within the Parks Board members. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings. The Vice Chairperson

shall assume the duties of the Chairman in his absence. The Secretary shall prepare the minutes of all meetings and perform such other duties as may be requested by the Chairman.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings shall be held in the conference room of City Hall once a month. All meetings shall begin at 6:00 pm. A quorum of our members must be present to officially transact business. Special meetings may be called at the request of the City Manager or Chairman. A simple majority of members present at each meeting shall decide all issues. Robert's Rules of Order shall be recommended to follow. All meetings are subject to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

Adoption and Amendments: The By-laws of the Parks & Recreation Board may be adopted by a simple majority of the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting. Amendments of the original by-laws may be approved upon demand of necessary amendments. The adoption and any amendment of the Parks & Recreation Board Bylaws shall become effective upon the approval of the City Council.

APPENDIX B

Summary of Comments

Focus Group Meeting

July 18, 2019

Public Amenities

Focus Group Meeting

July 18, 2019

Common themes:

1. The main community events are great (Rock the Block and Durand Days)
2. The families really appreciate the kids ride free time at Durand Days – they felt strongly this should continue for a variety of reasons including for those less fortunate and community building
3. Concern about getting the word out about existing family events but not known by all, especially the poorer members of the community
4. The service clubs do host events for families, but could use more help in getting the word out (*is this something that could be included in the Rec Plan*)
5. Development of a splash pad for the community
6. They had questions about the status of the recreational programming at the City – Little League and youth soccer
7. They liked the “third places” like Stomping Grounds
8. Athletic scholarships – since some of the sports at the schools has costs associated with them, they wanted the service clubs to work jointly to ensure that every child who wants to play a sport can play a sport.

Conversation on Nonmotorized Systems:

Nonmotorized paths are a vital part of a community’s recreation infrastructure. Nonmotorized hasn’t traditionally been included in Recreation Plans, but it is important to reference them.

1. Creating safer routes for pedestrians and bicyclists
2. Enhanced community and resident connectivity through the creation of additional spaces where social interactions and connections can be forged
3. Lessening the traffic burden by providing alternative routes to school, work, shopping, etc.
4. Reducing traffic congestion and vehicle trips,

5. Lessening the environmental costs associated with automobiles
6. Promoting healthier communities and increased recreational opportunities
7. Fewer vehicle trips and more nonmotorized trips by residents who live near nonmotorized segments versus those living further distances away from them
8. Increased economic development opportunities in communities well served by nonmotorized assets through the attraction of visitors
9. Increased property values near nonmotorized assets, and
10. Increased transportation equity

APPENDIX C

Community Survey

December 2019

City of Durand

Parks and Recreation Community Survey Questions

1. Which recreational facilities are you familiar with in the City of Durand?

Optimist Park Trumble Park Fitch Park
Shaw Park Lions Park/Iron Horse Park Retention Pond Trail
Diamond District Park

2. Which park do you frequent the most?

Optimist Park Trumble Park Fitch Park
Shaw Park Lions Park/Iron Horse Park Retention Pond Trail
Diamond District Park

3. How would you rate the recreational opportunities that location provides?

Poor Fair Good Excellent

4. How would you rate the Durand parks system overall?

Poor Fair Good Excellent

5. How often do you use or visit City parks?

Rarely/Never Yearly Monthly Weekly Daily

6. Please rank your priorities for park improvements from 1 to 6 (with 1 being highest priority):

Installation of new playground equipment
Improved and/or ADA accessible restroom facilities
Creation of trails and multi-use pathways (in and to recreational areas)
Addition of new amenities (ex. dog park, ga-ga ball, pool/splash pad, ect.)
Increase in recreational programs/leagues offered at existing facilities
Improve or enhance landscaping and floral displays

7. What feature of the parks system is most important to you?

(Open Ended)

8. What new recreational activities or facilities are needed in the city?

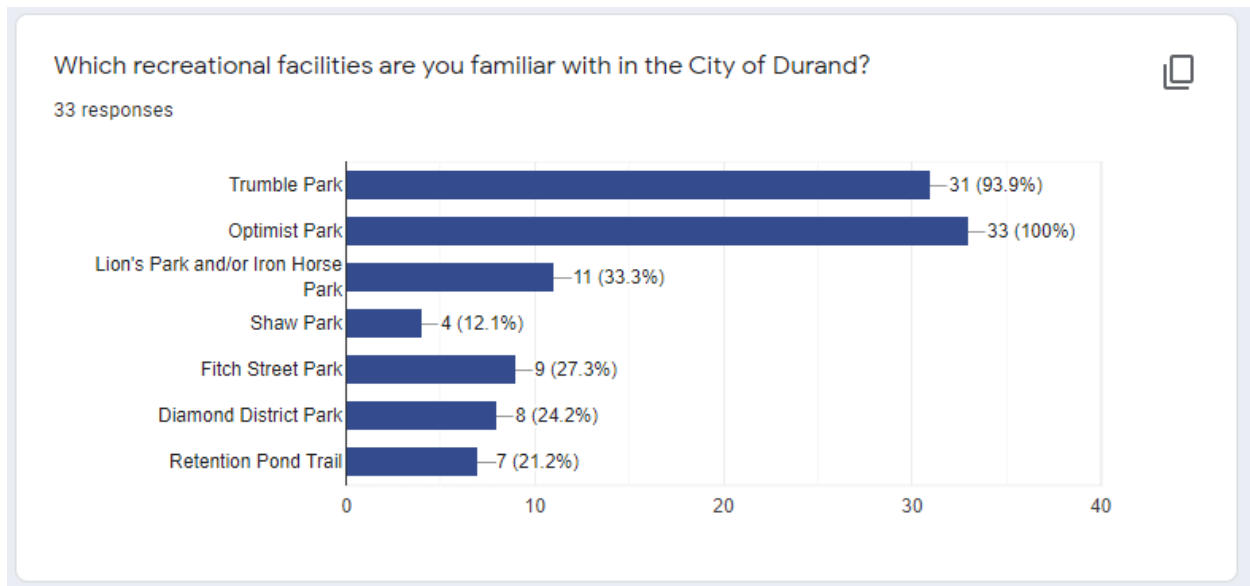
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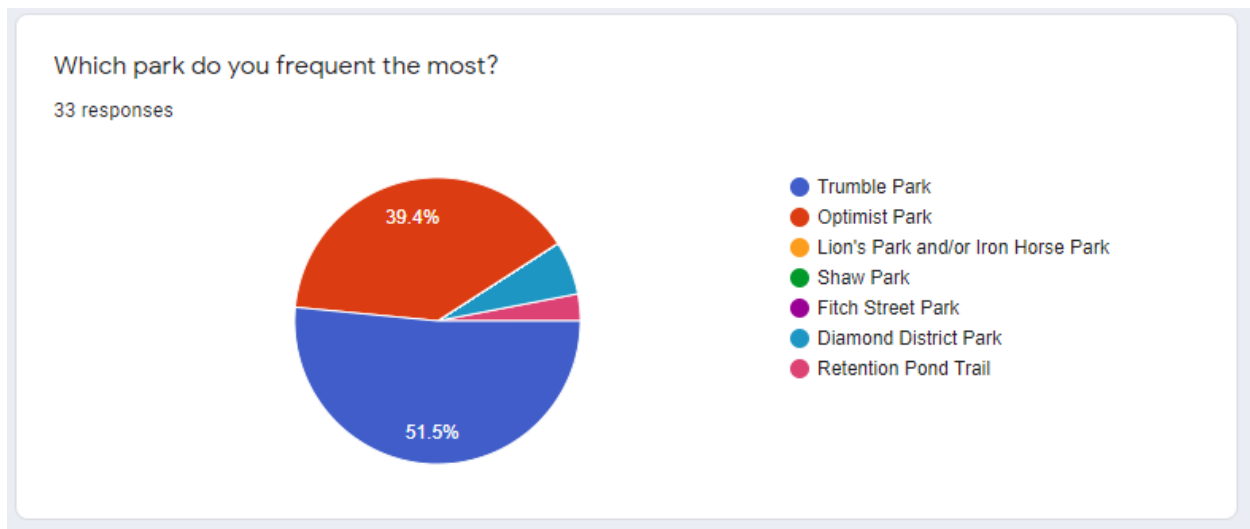
Parks and Recreation Community Survey Results

Thirty-three members of the local community completed a survey assessing their knowledge and opinions of the parks system. The results of the survey are compiled below.

QUESTION 1

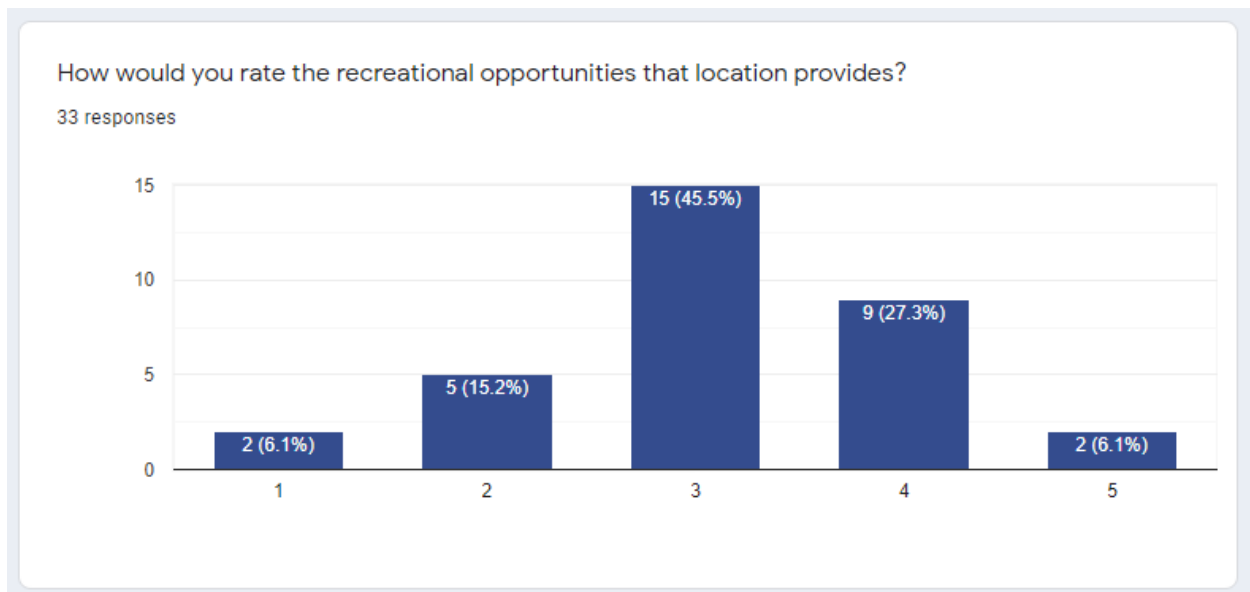


QUESTION 2



Trumble Park and Optimist Park are ranked at the most well-known and most frequented parks in the community. This is likely as a result of their size and the scope of amenities available at each park.

QUESTION 3



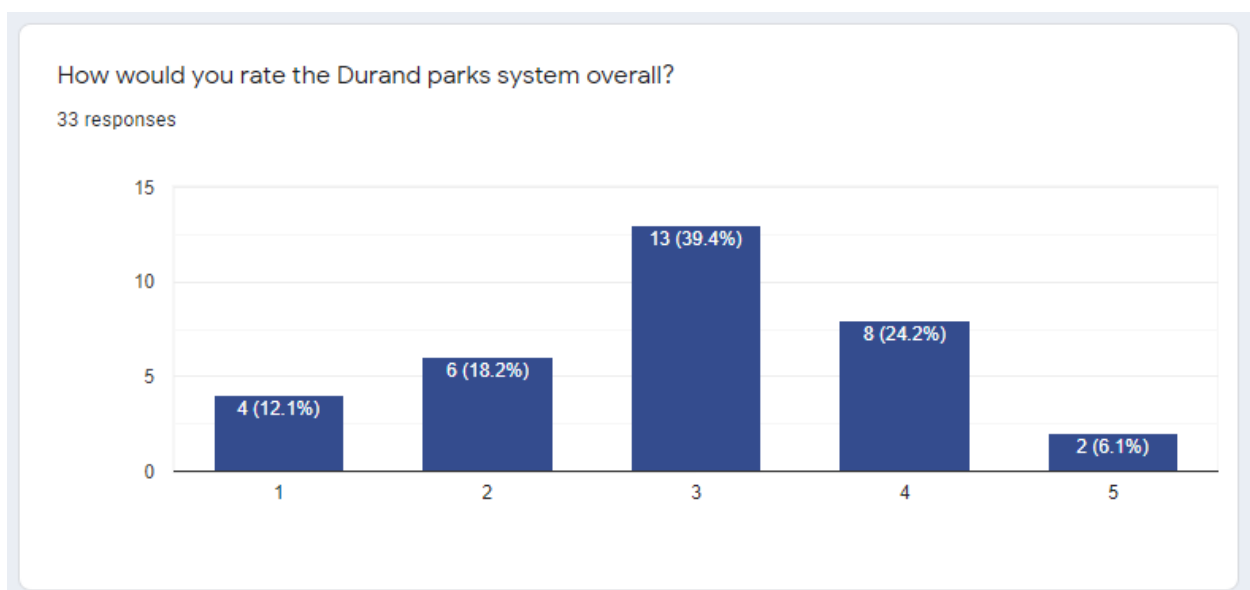
The overall average rank for recreational opportunities at the respondent's primary park of choice is 3.12; where one is poor and five is excellent. Individual responses were also broken out for the two largest parks as follows:

Optimist Park – 3.38

Trumble Park –

There were not enough responses for other parks to determine a statistically significant average.

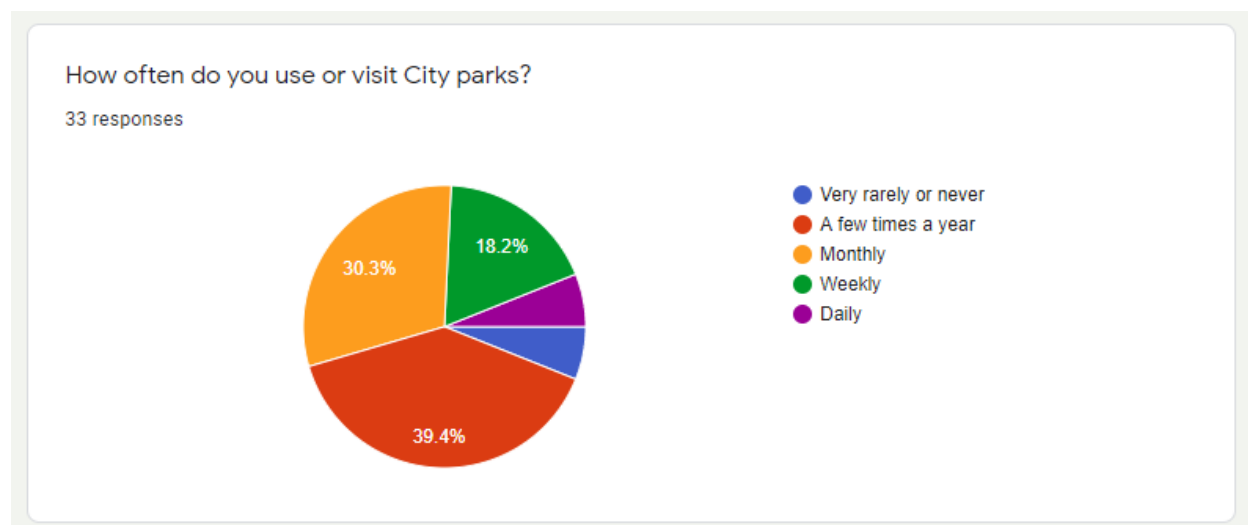
QUESTION 4



The overall average rank for recreational opportunities at the respondent's primary park of choice is 2.94; where one is poor and five is excellent. In general, respondents viewed their primary park as indicated in Question 4 as slightly better than the parks system overall.

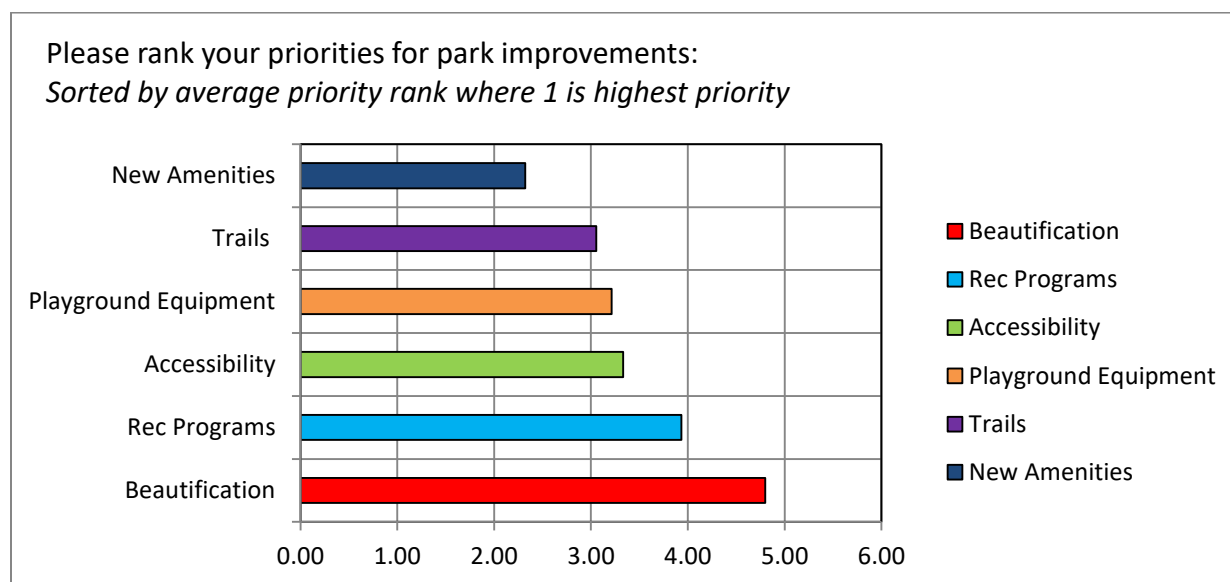
Across both Question 3 and Question 4 the Durand parks and recreation system as a whole is solidly described as Average.

QUESTION 5



Overall, 54.1% of respondents indicated that they visit parks *at least* monthly.

QUESTION 6



Average rank was determined as a function of the total number of respondents assigning a specific priority to a ranking column. The overall rank for Question 6 priorities are as follows:

What new recreational activities or facilities are needed in the city?

This was an open ended question. A summary of keywords is highlighted in the word cloud below. Grammatical and spelling errors were corrected before entry.



APPENDIX D

Public Notice and Approval Documentation

Notice of Draft Plan and Public Hearing

Resolution of Recommendation – Parks Board

Parks and Recreation Board Minutes – January 15, 2020

Resolution of Adoption – City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2020

Letter to County Planning Agency

Letter to Regional Planning Agency



City of Durand Activities & Events

Note: The Independent Newsgroup is not responsible for changes in dates/times or cancellations. Information on this page is submitted through individual organizations.

• CORUNNA • Corunna VFW Post #4005 Fish Frys & Bingo

Bingo Thursdays at 6 p.m.
No smoking. (989) 743-5015
416 S. Shiawassee St., Corunna
Friday Fish Frys are Back! 4 to 7 p.m.
Dine-in or take out.
All-you-can-eat includes drink
and tax. Senior Discounts.
No fish fry Friday, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 and
no bingo Thursday, Jan. 2 due to Holidays.

• OWOSSO • Longest Night Service at Owosso First United Methodist Church

Thursday, December 19 at 7 p.m.
1500 N. Water Street, (989) 725-2201.
A time to come together to acknowledge
the sadness and loss many experience
during the holidays. No RSVP. Our
doors are open to all. Refreshments &
fellowship to follow. Child care available.

Wrap to Remember

We will wrap your presents!
Friday, Dec. 20
in the Memorial Healthcare Lobby
Benefits Local Alzheimer's Patients.
Donations accepted. Package Drop off
8 to 10 a.m. and pick up 1 to 3 p.m.

Toys for Tots New Store Location

The Shiawassee County Readiness
Center National Guard/MP Facility
675 W. Corunna Ave., Corunna

See Your Nonprofit Event on This Page!
Only \$15 for 50 Words (or less)
(989) 723-1118

Owosso VFW Post #9455 Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, Dec. 22 from 8 to 11 a.m.
Kids eat FREE (up to 12 years old.)
Bingo Thursdays 10 a.m.
Euchre Thursdays 5 p.m.
Sunday Breakfasts 8 a.m. to noon
319 S. Chipman St., (989) 723-8655

ADD YOUR NONPROFIT EVENT HERE!

CALL TODAY! (989) 723-1118
classifieds@owossoindependent.com

DR. EKRAM SMITH
is the newest member of
the Memorial Medical
Associates family of provid-
ers at Memorial Healthcare
Primary Care and
Occupational Medicine.

Dr. Smith is a graduate of
the Wayne State University
School of Medicine in Detroit.
She completed her residen-
cy at Oakwood Annapolis
Hospital in Wayne, serving as
chief of residents. Dr. Smith
completed additional residen-
cy rotations as a physician on
Mackinaw Island. She is an active member of the Michigan
Academy of Family Physicians, having served in various
leadership roles.

Dr. Smith is passionate about her patients, delivering the
highest quality primary care, including well-baby checks,
immunizations, illness assessment and management,
chronic disease management and a wide variety of other
services. Dr. Smith also serves as a physician for Memorial
Healthcare's Occupational Medicine program, offering
services to local employers, including but not limited to
pre-employment physicals, DOT physicals, drug and alco-
hol testing, injury/illness assessment and follow up, vacci-
nations and work site evaluations.

Dr. Smith is currently accepting new patients with most
insurances. The office is located at: 208 N. Shiawassee St. in
Owosso and can be reached at (989) 723-9796. Urgent care
services, which were previously offered at this location, are
now closed. Memorial Healthcare operates three urgent care
locations, in Durand, Perry and Owosso. For hours, please
visit memorialhealthcare.org/services/urgent-care/.

(Courtesy Photo)



Rep. Frederick Continued from Page 8

and \$350,000 for a new autism intervention program called the
PLAY Project – were also incorporated into the final plan, which
will soon head to Gov. Whitmer for her signature.

"We're coming together to restore funding to programs people in
our community rely on every day – things like school safety grants,
veterans' services and local law enforcement," Frederick said.
"While this is all funding that should never have been cut in the
first place, I'm glad we are setting things straight and doing the right
thing for the people of Michigan."

The plan approved today restores support for:

- Public safety: The plan allows sheriffs to hire patrols for secondary roads and \$15 million for a statewide fund that reimburses county jails for holding state prisoners. The measure also restores \$10 million for school safety grants.
- Education: The plan would restore funding for transportation in isolated school districts, dropout recovery programs and literacy programs. The Michigan Tuition Grant program – which helps nearly 17,000 college students statewide, including hundreds at Baker College – will be funded.
- Health care: The plan restores \$7.9 million for rural hospitals providing obstetrician care, \$16.6 million for rural hospitals serving relatively high rates of Medicaid and low-income patients, \$10.7 million to improve pediatric psychiatric services, roughly \$1.5 million to help children with autism and roughly \$2 million statewide to fight opioid drug abuse.

Bennington Township December 2, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

The Bennington Township regular board meeting was called to order by
Supervisor Lee Ash on December 2, 2019, 7:00pm, at the Township Hall.

Present: Jim Forsythe, Matt Dutcher, Lee Ash, Cody Baker, Donna Ash.

Forsythe moved to approve the agenda as printed. Second by L. Ash. Motion carried.

Forsythe moved to approve the minutes as printed for the November 4, 2019 regular board meeting. Second by Dutcher. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Forsythe moved to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Second by Baker. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Dutcher moved to pay bills as presented in the amount of \$14,543.57. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Co Comm Garber – Update. Working on budget.

Board Reports:

Library – Garber – Update. Gave a 2% raise to all employees.

Plan Comm – D. Ash – Approve changes to the Land Division/Lot Line Adjustment form. Discussion regarding the County Master Plan Update.

Roads – L. Ash – Annual meeting on December 17 at the Road Commission.

Unfinished Business:

Lot Line Adjustments – Dutcher moved to approve the revision of Bennington Township Land Division Application to include Lot Line Adjustments. Second by L. Ash. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal – Forsythe moved to renew the Property and Casualty Insurance with Burnham & Flower at a cost of \$6596.00. Second by Dutcher. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Update – Forsythe moved to transfer \$1000 from Cemetery Repairs & Maintenance to Cemetery Supplies. Second by D. Ash. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Forsythe moved to adjourn. Second by L. Ash. Motion carried.

Adjournment at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Ash, Clerk

12-15-19

Michigan School Index Scores Announced

The most recent Michigan School Index System scores, for the 2018-19 school year, have been released and can be found online, at www.mischooldata.org. The Michigan School Index System measures public school performance in six key areas: student growth, student proficiency, school quality/student success, graduation

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CITY OF DURAND NOTICE OF DRAFT RECREATION PLAN AND PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Durand intends to submit a five year parks and recreation plan to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In compliance with those submission requirements the City shall make available from this date until January 15, 2020 a copy of the draft plan which is accessible in person at Durand City Hall or online at www.durandmi.com. Comments can be made to the City Manager by email at cotoole@durandmi.com or during a Public Hearing to be hosted at 6:00pm on January 15, 2020 at Durand City Hall.

Woodhull Township December 4, 2019 Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Kay Nickols, Clerk Sandy Winans, Treasurer Pam Slee, Trustee Rick Betts and Trustee Tom Jelenek.

The following actions were taken at the regular meeting:

Approved the agenda, all ayes.

Approved the minutes for November 6, 2019, all ayes.

Delegation of Visitor's: Mike Shaft spoke of the History of Shaftsbury presentation that was given on November 24, 2019 at Shiawassee Historical Society.

Treasurer Slee's report subject to audit.

Clerk Winans report on hall rental cleaning, deposit refunds, and extra janitorial costs. A checklist should be used by both renter and cleaning person for record accountability.

LSW report for October had 20 Fire/Rescue and 10 Ambulance for Woodhull Township

Supervisor Nickols brought forth the January monthly meeting will be the 2nd Wednesday January 8, 2020 due to the New Year Holiday. Board of Review December 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Board approved to pay the bills brought forth.

Board approved the Resolution to establish a Permanent Election Counting Board.

Board approved the Township Assessor Contract.

Board approved the Ambulance Assessment count to be reduced by 1 to be 1532.

Board approved the money transfer of \$960.00 from cost centers 171 to 446 for roads.

Brought forth old business of Cemetery Rules reviewed updated. Clerk Winans prepared an updated copy for the board to review and give suggestions for possible approval at January Meeting.

Brought forth new business on a resolution needed for security lighting grant for parking lot. Trustee Jelenek and Trustee Betts will be absent the month of February. Salary budget proposals should be put in the month of January for review due to their upcoming absence.

Adjourned 8:43 p.m.

A full Copy of the above minutes may be viewed at the Clerk's office at 7315 W Beard Rd., Perry, MI. by contacting the Clerk at 517-675-4342 and also on our website at www.woodhulltp.org.

Sandy Winans, Clerk

Kay Nickols, Supervise

Youngs Intercounty Drain Meeting

Youngs Intercounty Drain Meeting on 12/16/2019 at 2:00pm at Chesaning Township Hall 1025 Brady St. Chesaning, MI 48616. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the potential route and course of the drain.

Tony Newman
Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner

VILLAGE OF GAINES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2019 SYNOPSIS

Council Members Present: Emily Alexander, Christopher Crawford, Carol Erickson, Barbara Ferris, Melissa Neal, Diane Nowak, President Samuel Stiff, Treasurer Demi Manutes-Pyles, and Clerk Vicky Sandlin

The following actions were taken:

• Approval of November 13, 2019 Regular Council meeting minutes

• Approval of the bills

• Approval to take possession of 106 East Lord / 10-31-577-086

• Declined Treasurer's request to work from home

• Approval to pay MML Workers' Compensation Fund supplement

• Approval to table Depot Library Windows until obtaining additional bids
A full copy of the above minutes can be viewed at the Village of Gaines office, 113 Genesee Street, Gaines, MI or by calling 989-271-8386.

Clerk, Vicky Sandlin

President, Samuel Stiff

CITY OF DURAND, SHIAWASSEE COUNTY
RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORT OF ADOPTION OF PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN
RESOLUTION #2019-2020/011520

WHEREAS, the City of Durand has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2020 through 2024, and

WHEREAS, this effort was led by the City of Durand Parks and Recreation Board ("Parks Board"), and

WHEREAS, the Parks Board is made up of residents from the City of Durand, and

WHEREAS, the Parks Board began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Durand were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 15, 2020 at Durand City Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, the Parks Board has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Durand.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Durand Parks and Recreation Board hereby votes to adopt a resolution of support for said community recreation plan and make recommendation to the Durand City Council for formal adoption of said plan.

Yeas: *T. Schaefer, J. Makajewski, D. Martin, M. Schaefer, J. Tolsdorf,*
J. Brande

Nays: *None*

Absent: *M. Nations*

I, Lisa R. David, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Durand Parks and Recreation Board at a Public Meeting held on the 15th day of January, 2020.

Lisa R. David

Lisa R. David, City Clerk

CITY OF DURAND
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, January 15, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

6:00 pm by T Schaefer

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: T Schaefer, J Brands, J Matejewski, D Martin, M Schaefer, C O'Toole, J Tolsdorf

Absent: M Nations

III. PUBLIC HEARING: FIVE YEAR PARKS PLAN

Public Hearing opened by T Schaefer at 6:01pm. No citizen comments. Committee discussed the low turnout for survey. C O'Toole indicated no comments received on the draft plan. Public Hearing closed at 6:07pm by T Schaefer.

IV. HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES OR CITIZENS (limited to 5 minutes):

No comments.

V. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D Martin motioned to approve December 11, 2019 minutes, seconded by J Brands. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Adoption: Five Year Parks Plan Resolution
 - a. J Brands moved to adopt Resolution #2019-2020/011520. J Matejewski seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Parks Update
 - a. Discussion on light pole replacement at Trumble Park basketball courts.
 - b. Discussion on brick order for Veteran's Park and installation timeline. Discussion on 2020 Veteran's Day Parade.
3. Parks Director Update
 - a. Recommendation that Shelly Tolsdorf discuss the position with City Manager O'Toole.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

6:31 pm by T Schaefer

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Next meeting is Wednesday, February 12, 2020

CITY OF DURAND, SHIAWASSEE COUNTY
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WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Parks Board voted to adopt a resolution of support for said community recreation plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Durand City Council hereby adopts the Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan.

Yeas: *Cobley, Matejewski, Mayor Doyle, Boggs, Brandt*

Nays:

Absent: *McDonough, Folaron*

I, Lisa R. David, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Durand City Council at a Special Meeting held on the 16th day of January, 2020.

Lisa R. David

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Minutes of the special meeting of the Durand City Council held on Thursday, January 16, 2020 in the Council Chambers of the Durand City Hall.

Mayor Doyle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brian Boggs, Jeff Brands, Connie Cobley, Mayor Deb Doyle, John Matejewski

Absent: Rich Folaron, Ken McDonough

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Boggs moved, Cobley supported to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

No one spoke.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Boggs moved, Matejewski supported to adopt the Five Year Park and Recreation Plan for calendar years 2020 through 2024.

Carried

Boggs moved, Cobley supported to approve the purchase of three decorative street lights in an amount not to exceed \$19,554.87.

YEAS: Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Mayor Doyle, Matejewski

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Cobley supported to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant and approve up to a 10% match for the City's portion of any subsequent award.

YEAS: Brands, Cobley, Mayor Doyle, Matejewski, Boggs

NAYS: None

Carried

Cobley moved, Boggs supported to appoint Nation Charles as Deputy Building Inspector.

YEAS: Cobley, Mayor Doyle, Matejewski, Boggs, Brands

NAYS: None

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Paula Brooks, 104 S. Summit. She asked what the status of NRMI was. City Manager said that she hasn't heard anything in nearly a year. Boggs said that he had heard from Jan Brownson recently and she is recovering from a major medical issue.



January 17, 2019

Shiawassee County Planning Commission
Attn: Peter Preston
201 North Shiawassee Street
Corunna, MI 48817

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Derek Bradshaw - Executive Director
GLS Region V Planning & Development Commission
1101 Beach Street, Room 223
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