



Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: April 12, 2005 Re: Miamisburg Parks and Recreation
Department Strategic Master Plan
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Community Park
Learning Center

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ITEMS DISCUSSED

The input received during the first public meeting will be used to help the Project Team understand what the Miamisburg community thinks about the Parks and Recreation Department, facilities and programs. The meeting was well attended with a diverse range of interests represented. Refer to sign-in sheet attached for attendees. The input received addresses what the public likes about parks and recreation in Miamisburg, what they would like to see improved, and what they would like to see added within the next 10 years to the Parks and Recreation Department facilities and programs. The comments are summarized below with a detailed compilation of comments following:

- A variety of programs for both youth and seniors is desired. Programming could include walking groups on the trail system, athletics and aquatics with access for multiple age groups.
- Development of an indoor recreation facility or wellness center is desired. There is currently a lack of gymnasium, meeting room and fitness space for the community. An indoor pool that could also double as a therapy pool for Sycamore Hospital would be a desirable facility.
- The pool at Sycamore Trails Community Park is popular. The entrance to Sycamore Trails Park onto Rt. 725 is dangerous and needs to be relocated.
- Events are very popular and are great community builders. Library Park is an appropriate setting for many of the events, although is often operating at capacity.
- Fields for the football league and baseball/softball are lacking.
- Communications with the Parks and Recreation Department and the Community can be enhanced through further development of their website.

- Maintaining the physical upkeep of the parks and further enhancements are desired. Staff's friendliness, professionalism and helpfulness are held in high favor and limitations were recognized. As parks and recreation grows, staff should be able to grow to sustain quality maintenance.
- A civic focus is a priority for the community and ways to build civic pride through events and facility enhancements were often cited. The presence of the Miamisburg Mound at Mound Park cannot be underemphasized and holds national and international significance. Removal of the fencing and maintenance of the mound are concerns.
- The charm and character of Miamisburg as a small town are valuable and should be maintained and enhanced.

Questions posed to the working groups included the following:

1. What do you like about Miamisburg Parks and Recreation?

- **General/Broad:**

- Variety of Programs for all ages
- Professional staff/friendly
- Sport based facilities used more
- Input of citizens
- Year round activities
- Parks and Recreation employee interaction

- **Parks:**

- Sycamore Trails
- Pipestone Golf Course
- Rice Fields
- Availability, access, variety, sports parks
- Golf Courses
- Soccer Complex
- Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center
- Senior Citizens Center
- Charm of Library Park
- Safety of parks
- Bike/walking path relation to Great Miami River
- Trails
- Park facilities meeting needs of all age groups
- Above average maintained parks
- Facilities themselves are nice

- **Programs:**

- Innovative programs that adapt to desires and needs of the community
- Youth facilities/programs

- Expericenter and Community Park Learning Center
- City buildings for meetings
- Aquatic Center/ personal and group use
- Mercy Milers excellent
- Support of youth sports and activities
- Support of senior activities

- **Events:**

- Egg hunt
- Holiday parade
- Spring fling
- Project pride
- Starving artist
- Library Park concerts
- Ice cream socials
- Car shows
- Holiday events
- Senior citizen garage sale
- Sunday night concerts
- Turkey Trot
- Summer/Fall/Spring camps

- **Features/Buildings:**

- Mound
- Gebhardt Taverns
- Library Park
- Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center
- Senior Citizen building
- Community Park and learning center
- Carnegie Center
- Baum Opera House
- Skate Park
- BMX Bike Trail

- **Fliers/Communications:**

- Civic focus-way to give more info out and make available through email/determination between parks and recreation
- Civic focus paper provided to citizens
- Center Post
- City Website
- Billboards
- “Lets Talk Miamisburg”
- Park and recreation Benefits Video
- Local newspaper
- Good communications with community

2. What could be improved?

- **Parks:**

- Overall level of maintenance
- Better utilization of neighborhood parks
- Park space vs. population density
- More baseball fields for small kids
- Football practice-game park
- More tennis courts
- Real clubhouse at Pipestone Golf Course
- More parks in Northwestern section of City
- More employees
- Bike trail access
- Lack of parking, no sidewalk at High School/Linden Avenue
- Designated paths for walkers/joggers
- Mound Park is an eyesore- clean up fence
- Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center and Mound restrooms
- Basketball facilities
- The public restrooms are not maintained properly. Water no turned on soon enough
- Some buildings are under utilized- Carnegie Center
- Tree Cover
- Fountains
- Resident watch program
- Sycamore Trails Park entrance
- Trolleys
- Update/improvement of existing equipment
- Lean parks towards senior citizens
- More space for growing number of kids in sports
- Wellness Center needed
- Teen focus
- Co-ed activities
- Neighborhood parks in new areas of expansion
- Improvement to senior center
- Year round skating park
- Recreation center, with swimming pool and walking track
- Bowling alley
- River development, boating, activities
- Dog Park
- Bike lanes on streets
- Movies in parks for families
- Build new Mound- Ron will explain
- Bike trails- improved access, signage, Bell Park- water, restrooms
- Golf course:
 - Improve restrooms on course
 - Improve restaurant and expand

- Entrance to Sycamore Trails Parkway-reroute to Aquatic Center
- Event signage at parks
- Gardening plots available to citizens
- Jogging/walking trails that are convenient and safe
- Improve the trails (walking)
- Permanent home for Wee-Vikes
- Streets plowed
- Skate Park
- BMX bike trail

- **Programs:**

- Adult programs- Sycamore Trails Aquatic Center
- Softball
- Teen programming- rock wall/in-line skating/ice hockey
- Education at green spaces
- Tree Program
- River tied programs
- More free programs/sponsorships
- Expand and communicate scholarship programs
- Program registration on-line
- NYSCA training for coaches and organizations
- Sauna to Senior Citizens facility workout room
- Expand Aquatic lessons- SCUBA diving, kayaking, etc
- Day camp programs

- **Events:**

- More park events
- Library Park concerts
- More plays
- Movie in park

- **Fliers/Communications:**

- Brochure for Parks and Recreation

3. What should Parks and Recreation be doing over the next 10 years, with what we have now and what we don't have?

- **General/Broad:**

- Co-op/Partnerships with other groups-Miami Township, West Carrollton, Schools, Businesses, others
- Take over exit 44 entrance ramps for better look, like they do around Columbus
- Look to improve size of staff and raise standards
- Recreation Center
- More senior housing
- Downtown trolley

- Lanes for electric cars
- Walking trails
- Transit system
- Increase staff

- **Parks:**

- Football facility
- Riverfront development
- Pipestone Golf Course Clubhouse
- Softball complex
- Mini "Fraze" (Pavilion) in the downtown
- Develop phases of Sycamore Trails Park
- Construct baseball practice fields
- Schools and school grounds use
- Move softball to new area (give 3+4 to little league)
- Wellness Center
- Special activities at River Park
- Wellness center in conjunction with KMC
- Measured walk routes (i.e. Dayton Mall)
- Look to west for more park expansion
- Utilize river for events, fireworks, boating, and restaurants
- Jogging/walking/bike paths to get to bikeway
- Parking lot for bikeway/riverfront development
- Consolidate or find other uses for small parks
- Parking at Library Park is an issue during events
- Change entrance to Sycamore Park
- "Benner" educational area
- Work with Sycamore Hospital
- Need a shelter at Community Park- no need for a big one. In between the swamp and skate board park
- At Community Park building, a large drop slot is needed. Someone (the driver) waited around for an hour, left and came back, and he still didn't get to deliver the package
- Dog Park
- Work out stations placed in areas where you feel safe
- Corn hole league (similar to horse shoes)
- Need park patrol (volunteers?)
- Dome over pool
- Nature Center
- Improve lighting in all parks
- Sponsor a family camping trip
- Bike/canoe rentals
- Supervised and structured "hang-out" for teens
- Add equipment to parks

- **Programs:**

- Work with school for programs
- Really lite dog obedience classes
- Would like to have a pottery class and porcelain doll class
- Wood working or craft class
- Historical markers
- Technology focus-wireless communications, LAN parties, Web cameras

- **Events:**

- Concert type events downtown
- More events from Library Park
- Something in between Holiday Celebration and Spring Fling. Maybe corn hole tournament and chili cook-off
- Fourth of July celebration- community garage sale
- Outdoor family movies
- Outdoor concerts at Sycamore Trails (amphitheater)

- **Features/Buildings:**

- Tree lined boulevards

- **Fliers/Communications:**

- Banners
- Website upgrades
- Park exclusive flier
- Lighted signage on SR 725 north of Heinke Road
- Fliers through schools
- Email database
- Email sign-up for information regarding programs, etc