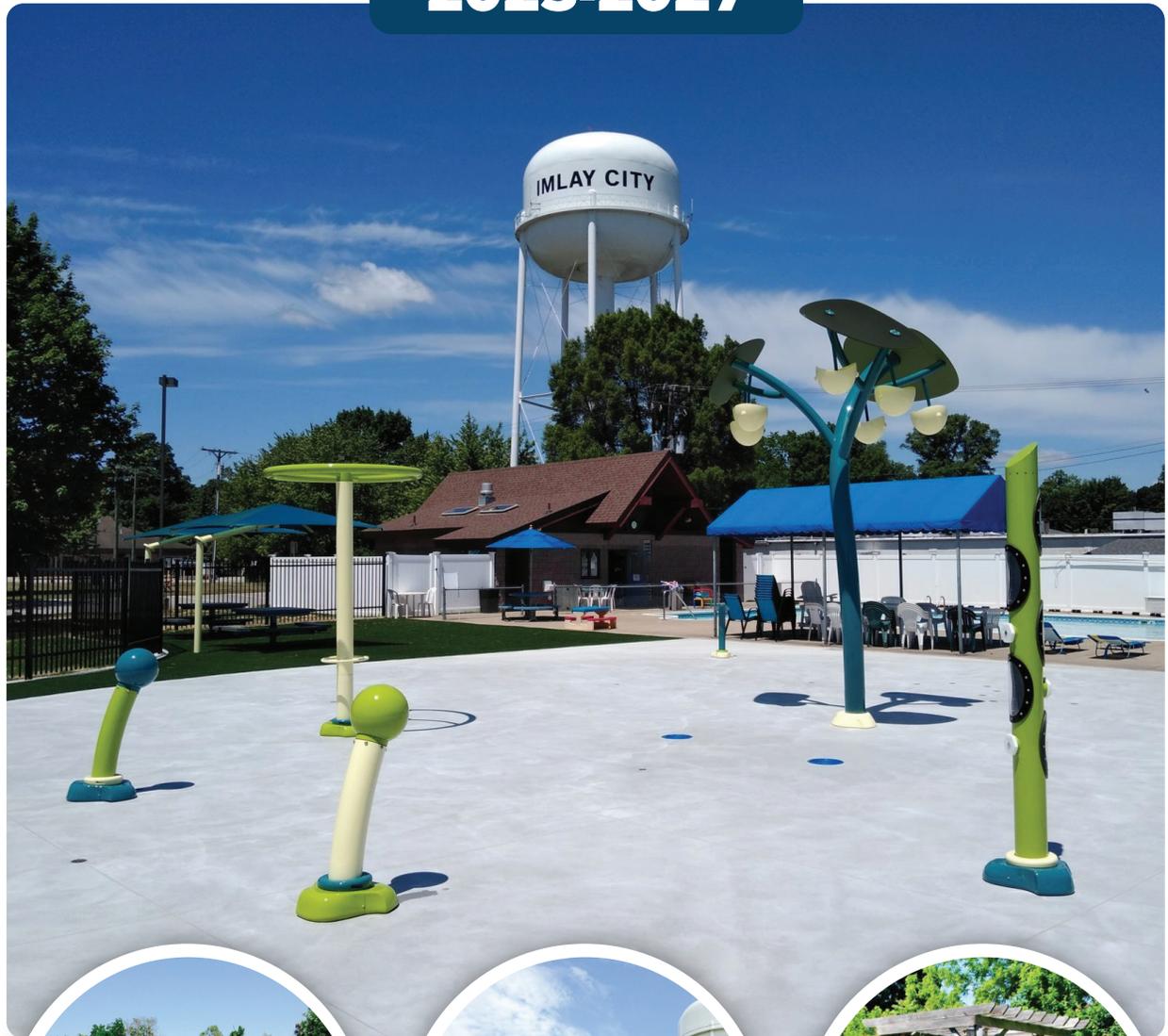


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COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

2023-2027



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Introduction

The City of Imlay City enjoys a diverse range of recreation facilities. In order to maintain and improve the quality of life for its residents, the City plays an important role in the delivery of recreation, parks, and other leisure activities.

This document is intended to serve as a guide to the community in the planning of future recreational opportunities and services. Population shifts, new developments, and changing attitudes toward leisure have added new pressures to the City's existing parks and recreational system, increasing the need for planning.

The focus of the plan is to identify the diverse needs of the residents and attempt to satisfy the recreational needs of the entire community through its recommendations and action plan.

The plan identifies the City's role as a recreation provider, inventories current programs and facilities, identifies deficiencies and opportunities, and recommends an action plan for future implementation. Areas of focus and action in the plan include:

- ✚ Ongoing plan assessment
- ✚ Geographic balance of recreational facilities
- ✚ Diversity of facilities
- ✚ Aesthetics of parkland
- ✚ Accessibility and visibility of facilities

The plan identifies action strategies for the next five-year period, at which time the plan should once again be updated. The delineation of these improvements will aid the City in grant solicitation from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and long range capital improvement budgeting.

The previously prepared document was adopted on December 13, 2016. In accordance with the accepted cycle for recreation planning of every five years, it is time for an update to the plan.

The major issues addressed include the following:

- ✚ Population increases and its effect on the need for parkland and recreational facilities
- ✚ The need for major upgrades to the existing park facilities to meet the needs of residents
- ✚ Strengthening participation and cooperation between the schools, Imlay Township, and the City as well as among the Parks, Planning, and City Commissions.
- ✚ Land acquisition for future parkland in under-served areas of the city
- ✚ Facilities to serve young adults and teens



SECTION I

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

In 1985, the Imlay City Commission adopted an ordinance creating the Parks and Recreation Commission pursuant to Public Act 156 of 1917. The Commission consists of seven members, each serving a term of two years. The powers of the Parks and Recreation Commission include planning, conducting, supervising, and maintaining public play fields, athletic fields, recreation centers, and other recreation facilities and activities with the consent of the owners and authorities. The Commission also has the power to conduct any form of recreation or cultural activity that will employ the leisure time of the people in a constructive and wholesome manner. It is further the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Commission to encourage developers, absentee owners, homeowners, tenants, and businesspersons to accept basic responsibilities for preserving and enhancing the beauty of private and public places. The Commission is charged with encouraging the placing, planting, and preserving of trees, flowers, and shrubbery and sponsoring and promoting Arbor Day and a program of general improvement of the appearance of all properties in the City. The Commission may recommend appointment of personnel necessary to carry out its programs as long as provided for in the Parks and Recreation budget.

The Parks and Recreation Commission also serves as the City Tree Board as provided for in the City Tree Ordinance, which was adopted in accordance with the National Arbor Foundation's requirements for the Tree City designation. This responsibility includes the oversight of a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal, or disposal of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets, and in other public areas. The City is proud of our "Tree City" designation for the last 20 years which illustrates our commitment to preserving and growing our tree maintenance program.

To date, Parks and Recreation duties and assignments have been carried out by volunteers and the City's Department of Public Works staff, at the direction of the City Manager who serves as the Parks and Recreation Director. During the summer, a full-time swimming pool director is hired to handle pool activities.

Imlay City Commission

The City Commission oversees the use of annual operating budget allocations and capital improvement funds for City parks.

With recommendations from the Parks Commission, the City Commission has final approval on services, improvements, and all other decisions regarding parks and recreation within the community. Additionally, the Commission approves all grant applications and adopts the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Imlay City School District

The Imlay City School District recreational facilities primarily serve the recreation needs of its students. The district coordinates summer athletic programs on its ball fields. There is a

significant amount of cooperation that occurs between the City and the School District to provide recreation opportunities to residents. An example of the cooperation between the City of Imlay City and the Imlay City Community Schools was City financial participation in the connection of a walking path to connect the High School parking lot, which was resurfaced, to the Polly Ann Trail.

Imlay City Parks and Recreation Commission

The Parks and Recreation Commission maintains active involvement in parks and recreation decisions. To expand and strengthen its role in the community, the Parks and Recreation Commission should consider increasing volunteer activities beyond the existing commitment. This will further improve current programs and help with budget constraints. Another method is to create various sub-committees to focus on specific issues such as beautification and tree planting.

Once adopted, the members of the Parks Commission should remain dedicated to implementing the ideas of this plan. This may be accomplished by proposing programs and projects to the City Commission for support and guidance on implementation of park and recreation plans. This direction should include either supporting or addressing policies or developments which effect parks and recreation within the City.

Recreation Budget

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, the Parks and Recreation Department has a total budget of \$160,100. Of this total, the capital improvement allowance is \$40,000. Future budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming are anticipated to increase significantly as the City looks forward to implementation of the Five-Year Action Program (see page VII-1).

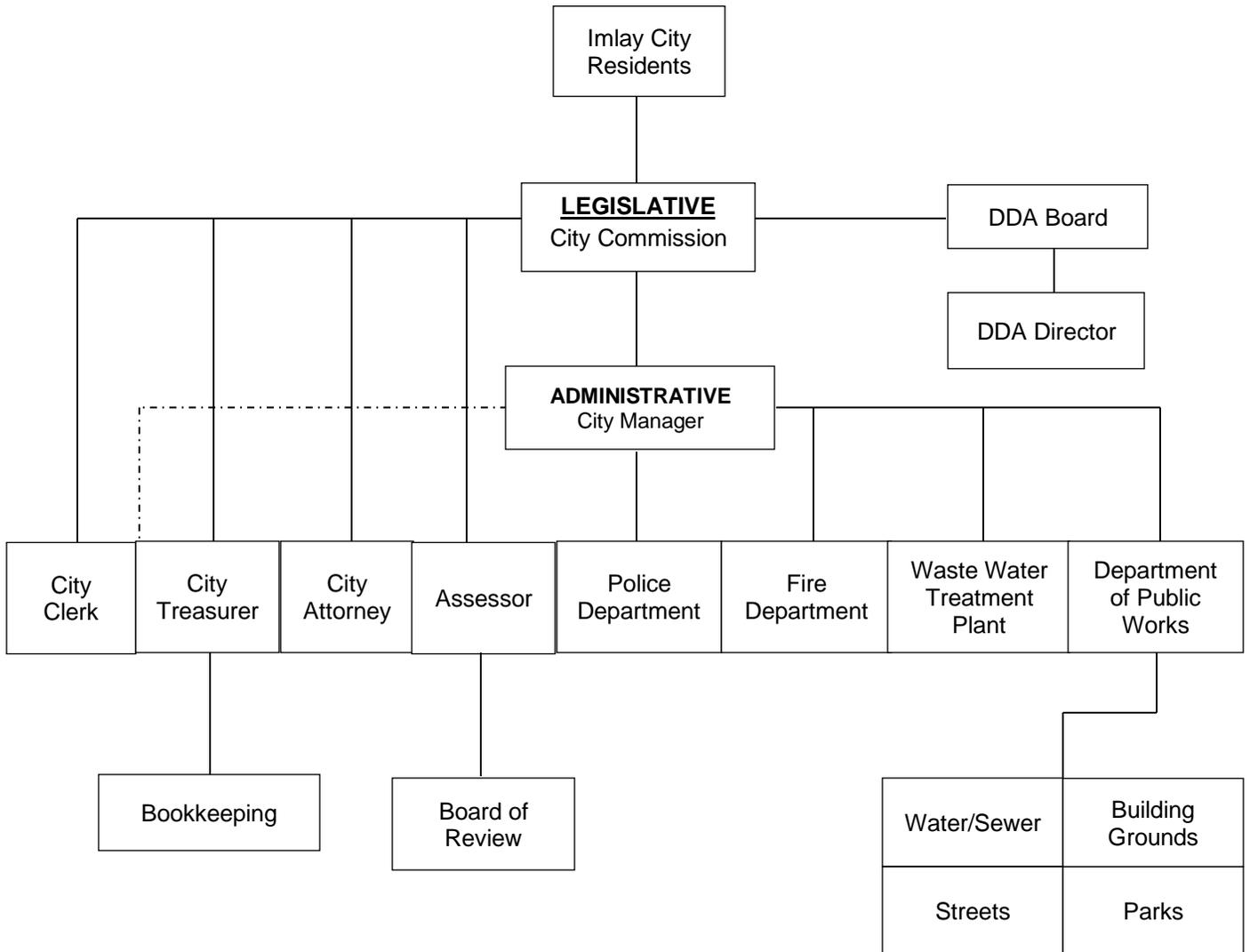
In the recent past, the Parks and Recreation Department has vigorously sought to supplement its funding through grants and fundraisers. In 2021, our splashpad opened, funded in part by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The City of Imlay City was awarded a recreation grant totaling \$150,000. With the money from the grant and City Commission support, our pool area was expanded. The splashpad is a fresh new feature to the Alvin Norlin Pool located within Lamb Steele Park.

The City of Imlay City will continue to seek support from the following sources as it works toward attainment of the objectives set forth within this plan:

- ✚ Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- ✚ Donations or contributions from local citizens or service organizations and foundations
- ✚ General Fund appropriations for projects that can be done in phases
- ✚ Fundraisers

Figure 1: City of Imlay City Organizational Chart



SECTION II COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Imlay City is a small town that has successfully maintained its traditional and historical character in spite of the growth pressures in the surrounding areas. The following section provides an overview of physical characteristics such as transportation systems, historic landmarks, and land use development patterns which define the City. It also includes an examination of natural amenities such as vegetation that are unique to the community and can be carefully utilized and protected within the park framework. Finally, this section identifies the opportunities and/or challenges these elements create for the City’s future growth and development.

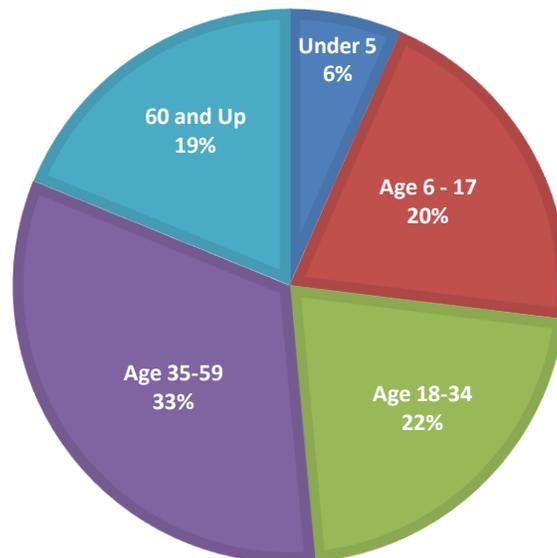
Population, Growth, and Income

Between the 2010 Census and the recent 2020 Census, Imlay City saw an increase of 2.9 percent in the population. This averages out to roughly 1,562 inhabitants per square mile (the city has a total area of 2.37 square miles). During the years between 1990 and 2000, the population increased by over 1,000 residents before decreasing between 2010 and 2000. The population trend is listed in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Population Trends for Imlay City 2000 - 2020		
Census	Population	Population Increase (%)
2000	3,869	32.5%
2010	3,597	-7.0%
2020	3,703	2.9%

The age groups that were represented in this previous census also represented that the median age was 35 years old. The age demographic is listed in Figure 2 below:

Figure 2: Age Demographics



The median income for Imlay City is \$37,070. This represents a 7.79 percent increase from the previous Census which identified the median income as \$34,390. During the 2020 census, the median property value in Imlay City was at \$97,100 while the home ownership rate was 51.1 percent.

Transportation/Access

The City of Imlay City is in the southeastern portion of Lapeer County, approximately 40 miles north of the City of Detroit, 32 miles east of Flint, and 34 miles west of Port Huron. The Interstate 69 freeway is located at the southern edge of the City. This interstate highway is linked to the City road system via an interchange at M-53. The I-69 corridor is an important commercial route between Canada and the Midwest. The M-53 corridor is the major north/south link between Metro Detroit and the “Thumb” area of Michigan.

This link to I-69 provides access to Imlay City and Michigan’s northerly recreation areas. Further, the grid pattern road network allows desirable accessibility to recreation within the community.

Land Use

The City offers a balanced mix of commercial, residential, public, and quasi-public uses. Future development of vacant parcels may bring more single-family residences to Imlay City.

Imlay City has two well-established commercial areas which are comprised of approximately 60 acres of developed land. The Central Business District is situated on Third Street between Handley Street and M-53, and the higher intensity “auto-oriented commercial” area is located along M-53, also known as Cedar Street.

Industrial land uses occupy 7.8 percent, or 46.8 acres of the total developed land. In general, industrial development has occurred with direct access to, or near, major thoroughfares or railroads. As a result, the principal areas where industry is located are along M-53, generally between Borland and Engle Street; on Second Street, from M-53 to Almont Avenue; along the east side of Blacks Corners Road; and on S. Almont Avenue from Newark Road to I-69.

Imlay City is like most older communities in terms of land use problems. The principal deficiencies in the City include long lot platting, poor transition between land uses, uncoordinated strip commercial development, and lack of new single-family residential development.

Water, Fish, and Wildlife Resources

The north branch of the Belle River is the only water resource in the City. The Parks Commission intends to plan for the potential for constructing a walkway along the river’s edge. A variety of aquatic plants abounds near the river particularly in and around Lions Park. Many educational programs involving biology with the Imlay City Schools have taken place here over the years.

In 2017, the City developed two vacant residential lots on Third Street adjacent to and north of the railroad into a Butterfly Garden. The city will look to utilize this garden as an educational resource for the schools and community.

Topography

As a developed community, the topography of the City is relatively level. The highest elevations (830 feet) extend centrally through the City from the southwest to northwest, and slope to elevations of 800 feet.

Soils

Major soil types in the area tend to be fertile, consisting of the grey-brown podzolic type, typically of heavy forestation. This type of soil lends itself to a wide range of agricultural crops such as grains, vegetable, and fruit orchards. Existing soil groups pose no obstacles for active recreation facility development. Soils map is included in Appendix A.

Drainage

Surface drainage within the City is accommodated through a system of improved storm drains and natural watercourses, including the north branch of the Belle River, the Hunt Drain, and the Bigelow Drain.

The drains are prone to flooding during wet weather events. Development within flood areas must be carefully managed.

For purposes of the National Flood Insurance Program, the concept of a floodway is used as a tool. Under this concept, the area of the 100-year flood is divided into a floodway and floodway fringe. The floodplain must be kept free of encroachment so that the 100-year flood may be carried without substantial increases in flood heights.

Climate

The general area has a humid, continental climate that may be considered typical of the upper Midwest, Great Lakes region of the United States. Prevailing southwesterly wind, frequent and often rapid weather changes, extreme seasonal temperature variations, reasonably uniform annual distribution of precipitation, and four distinct seasons characterize the climate. Average highs occur during the summer, topping out at 80 degrees Fahrenheit; with lows during the winter months of 15 degrees Fahrenheit.

Spring is delayed and fall extended approximately one month due to the moderating effect of the Great Lakes. The climate must be considered in defining year-round recreational opportunities.

Key Findings

The purpose for reviewing existing physical characteristics is to identify key findings that will guide decision-making as it relates to parks and recreational planning in Imlay City. They are as follows:

- ✚ Excellent connection to I-69 and M-53 increases accessibility to regional recreation.

- ✦ Grid pattern streets and sidewalks allow easy pedestrian access in and around the community.
- ✦ The City has an active downtown and a variety of land uses which present a system to accommodate residents, workers, and shoppers within the City.
- ✦ The level of topography will minimize development constraints.
- ✦ Good soil conditions present opportunities for landscaping and gardening enhancements.
- ✦ Climate conditions warrant concentration on indoor and outdoor facilities.

SECTION III PLANNING PROCESS

Community input for this parks and recreation plan was achieved through a community survey which was mailed to residents as an insert in a quarterly newsletter and made available for online completion as well. The survey is included on page III-13.

The planning process engaged residents, park users, City staff, advisory groups, and various stakeholders through public meeting, individual comments, and a community survey. The findings provided significant understanding and direction necessary to evaluate and prioritize the future direction of the park and recreation system.

The survey was the primary tool used to gain feedback from residents and park users. It was posted online from September 15, 2021 through October 29, 2021. The survey was also distributed with the quarterly City newsletter in September to approximately 1,500 households. A total of 101 surveys were returned compared to only 85 surveys returned as part of the 2016 plan. Survey results and additional comments from the survey will support the direction of park programs, amenities, and future initiatives. Below is a summary of the findings.

Respondent Demographics/Activity Level

Questions #1 through #4 collected information regarding age and attendance at parks and recreational activities. Most respondents were age 65 or older at 31 percent. A close second age group of 45 to 54 at 25 percent. This differed considerably from the 2016 survey where there was an equal percentage of respondents at age ranges of 25 to 34 and 35 to 44 at 34 percent, respectively, with only 6 percent of the 65 and older community responding in 2016. Respondents and members of their households regularly participated in activities such as hiking/walking, bicycling, swimming, and gardening. Parks visited most often were the newly lighted (2017) Polly Ann Trail, Old School Park, Lions Park, newly improved Butterfly Garden, Lamb Steele Park, Veteran's Park, and Rotary Park, respectively.

Surprisingly, 54 percent stated they used the Alvin Norlin Pool six or more times during the summer with 44 percent of those surveyed saying they five or less times a year. Most of the concerns and 0 usage of the pool stemmed from Covid-19 concerns.

Parks Satisfaction

About 44 percent of those surveyed stated they were "Somewhat Satisfied" with the City's Parks leaving only about 35 percent stating they were with "Very Satisfied". Only 7 percent said they were "Extremely Satisfied".

Park Accessibility and Connectivity

Improving connectivity between parks was important to many individuals, including walking and biking paths between parks and to major destination points was still something residents thought as an important addition to the community.

Community Outreach

During an open text portion of the 2021 survey, many residents stated that they would like to see updated or additional play equipment, more benches, updated grills, and additional pavilions to the different parks.

Volunteer Activities

Different from the 2016 plan was the expressed a willingness to volunteer, at 60 percent willing to volunteer in the 2016 survey and only 36 percent in the 2021 survey.

Millage

Most respondents indicated that they would support a new millage increase dedicated to parks, if asked. Forty-four percent (44%) of survey respondents stated they would equally support a one millage or a one-half millage request for parks.

Additional Suggestions

The questionnaire also asked respondents to prioritize several park initiatives for future implementation. Those identified as important include more bike/pedestrian paths, trees at parks, improvement of restroom facilities, picnic tables/benches, Belle River Walk, community gardens, and music/entertainment.

Imlay City Parks and Recreation Survey 2021

The Imlay City Parks and Recreation Commission is currently drafting a 5 Year Community Recreation Plan for the City's parks and recreation activities and facilities. The following survey questions will assist with the development of this Plan. Your participation is needed and appreciated. The survey is also available online at www.imlaycity.org

Please return the completed survey to City Hall either in person, by mail, or at the drop box located on the west side of City Hall no later than Friday, October 29, 2021.

1. What is your age range?

24 & under 25 to 34 35 to 44 45 to 54 55 to 64 65+

2. How often did you visit the parks in Imlay City last year?

(If your answer is "0", please go to question 4)

0 times 1 to 5 times 6 to 10 times 10+ times

3. Which Park do you visit most often?

Butterfly Garden Lamb Steele Park Lions Park Old School Park
 Polly Ann Trail Rotary Park Veteran's Park

4. Do you use the Alvin Norlin Pool /Splashpad during the summer and if so, how often?

0 times 1 to 5 times 6 to 10 times 10+ times
 (If you do not use the Pool/Splashpad, please share why not)

5. How satisfied are you with Imlay City's Park facilities?

Not Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Very Satisfied Extremely Satisfied

6. What outdoor activities do you enjoy?

7. How important are the following:

	Unimportant	Somewhat Important	Very Important
Belle River Walk	_____	_____	_____
Bike/Pedestrian Paths	_____	_____	_____
Community Gardens	_____	_____	_____
Ice Rink	_____	_____	_____
Music/Entertainment	_____	_____	_____
Picnic Tables/Benches	_____	_____	_____
Public Art	_____	_____	_____
Restrooms	_____	_____	_____
Skate Park	_____	_____	_____
Trees	_____	_____	_____

Other (please specify) _____

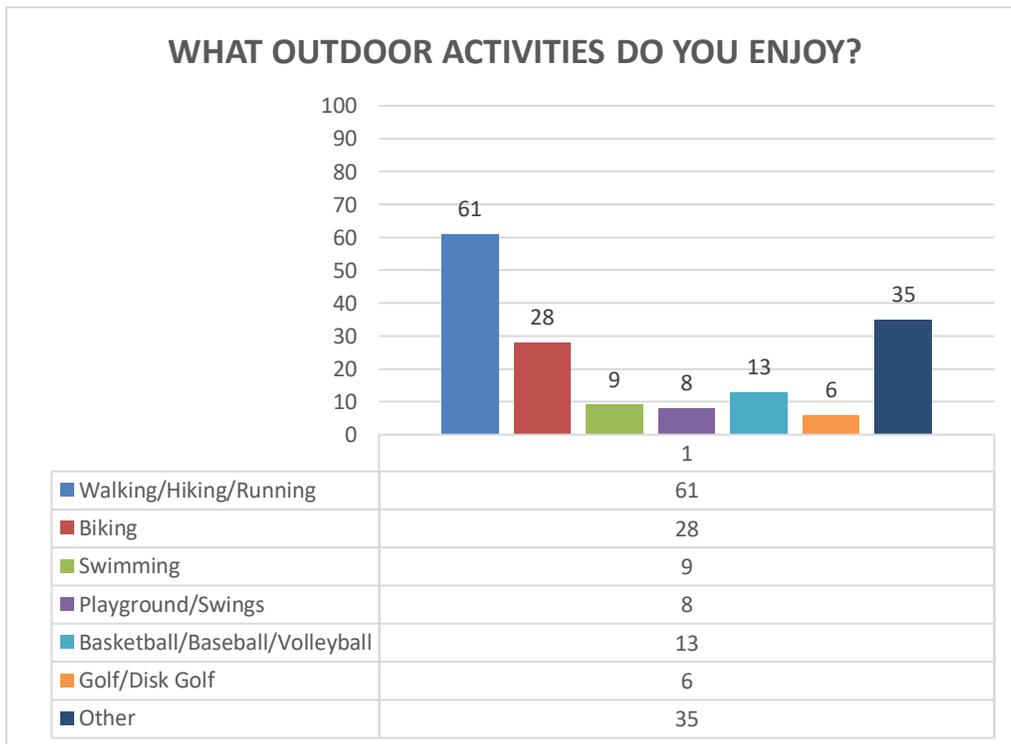
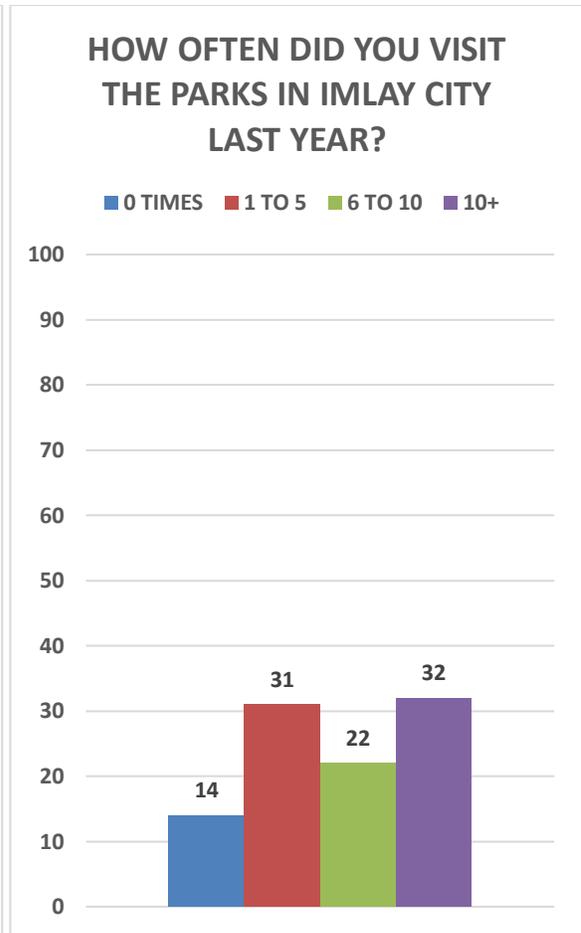
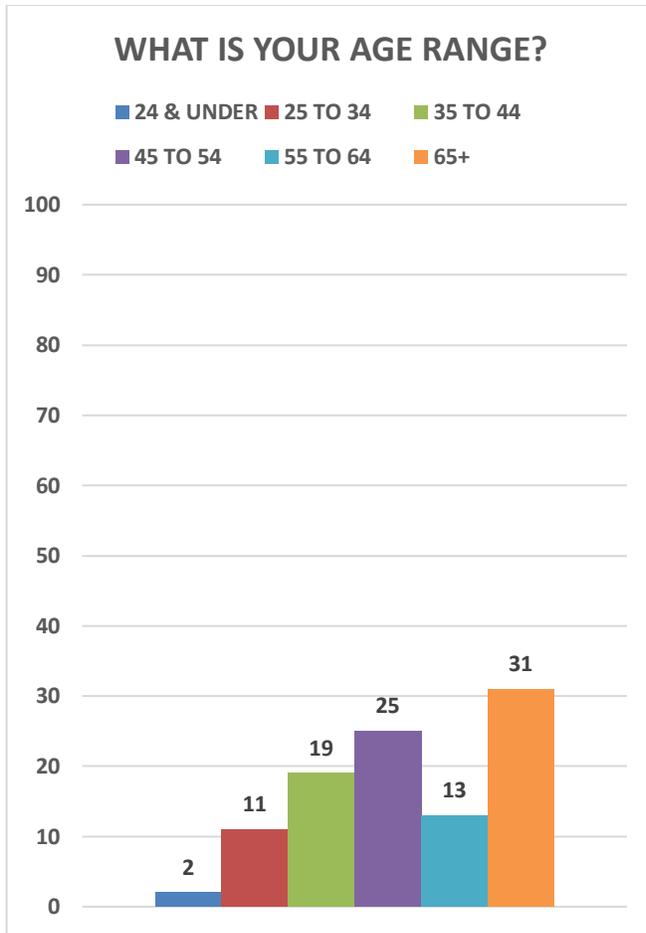
8. Would you be willing to volunteer for Imlay City Parks and Recreation activities/events?
_____ Yes _____ No

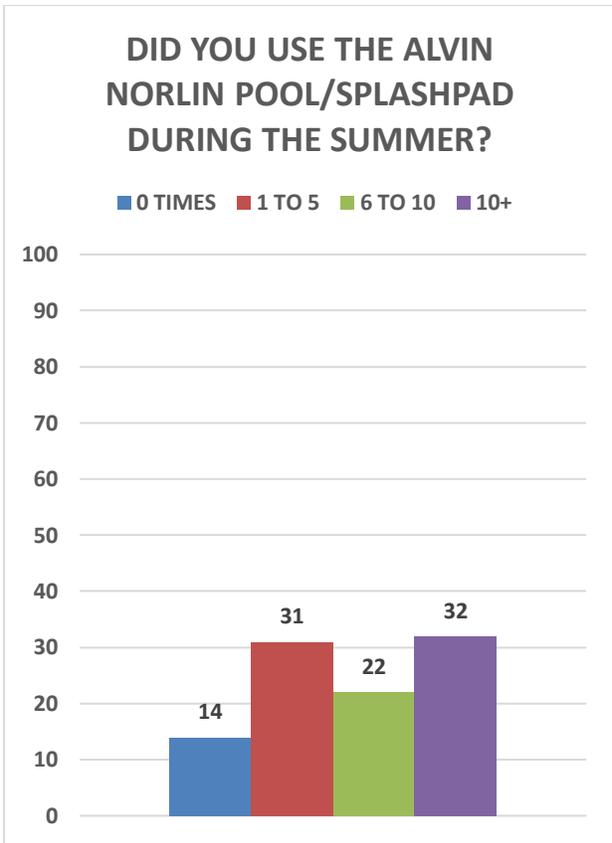
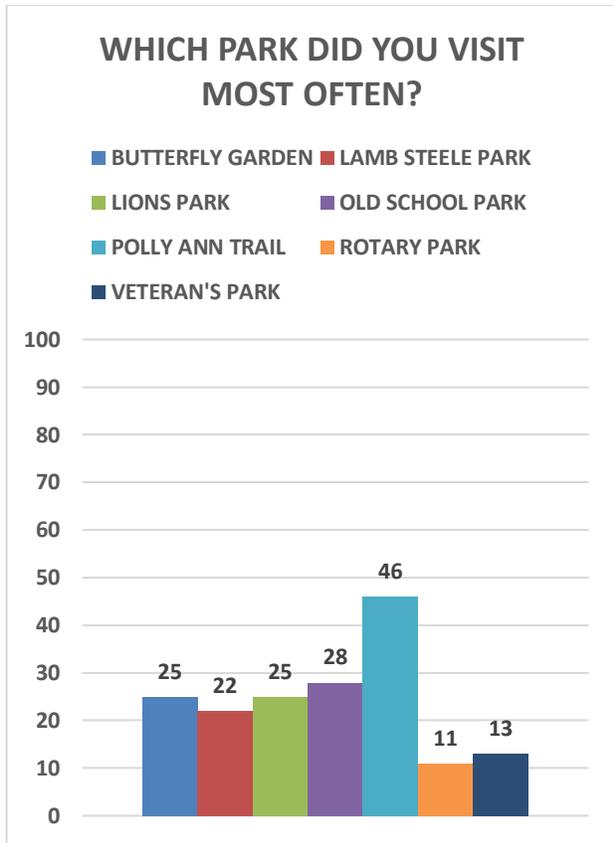
9. If a park millage is needed to add or improve facilities, would you support:
1 mill _____ Yes _____ No
1/2 mill _____ Yes _____ No

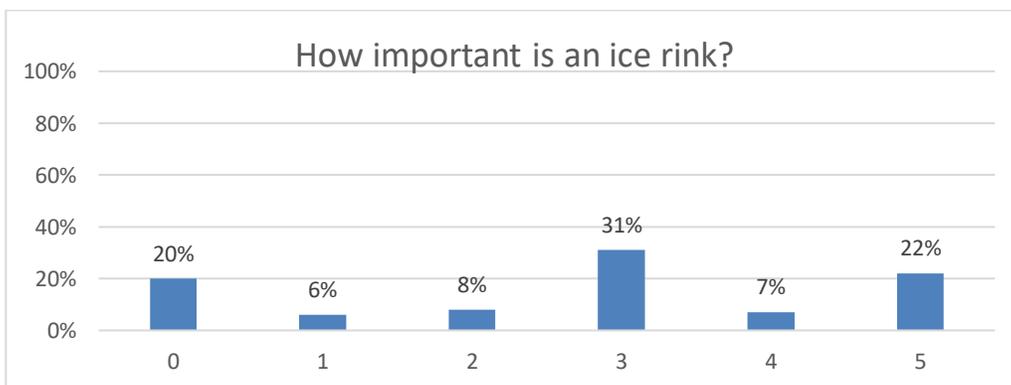
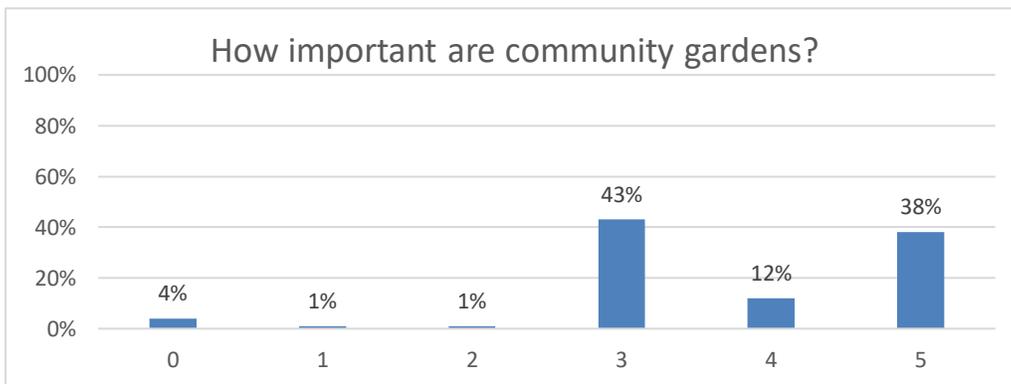
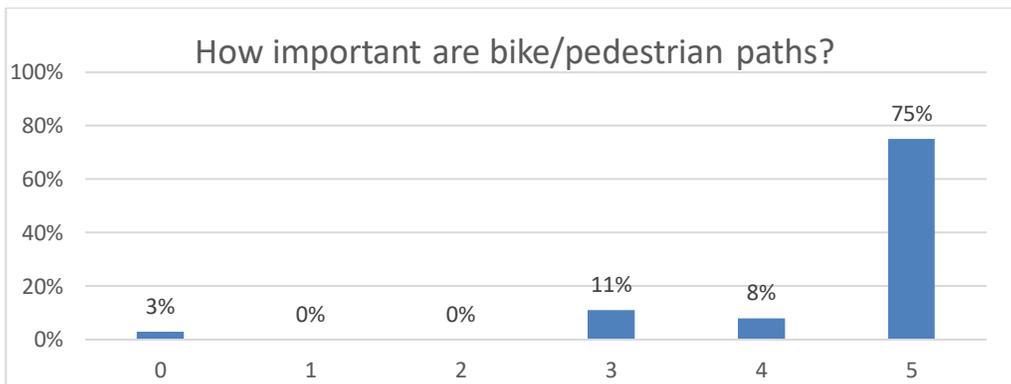
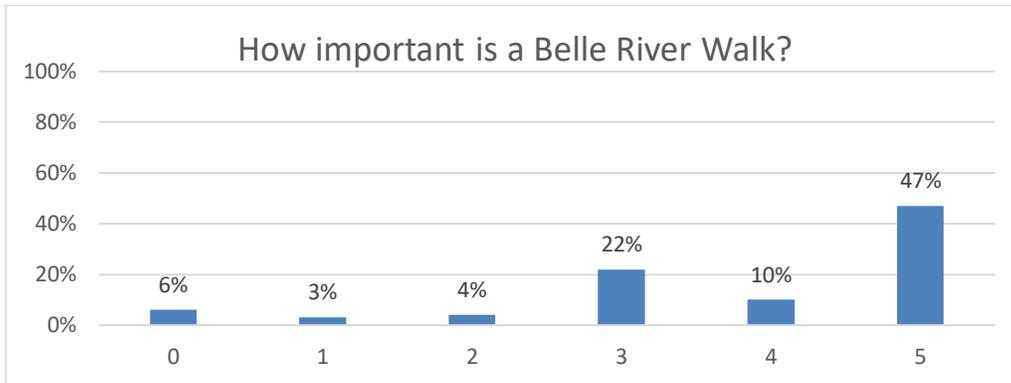
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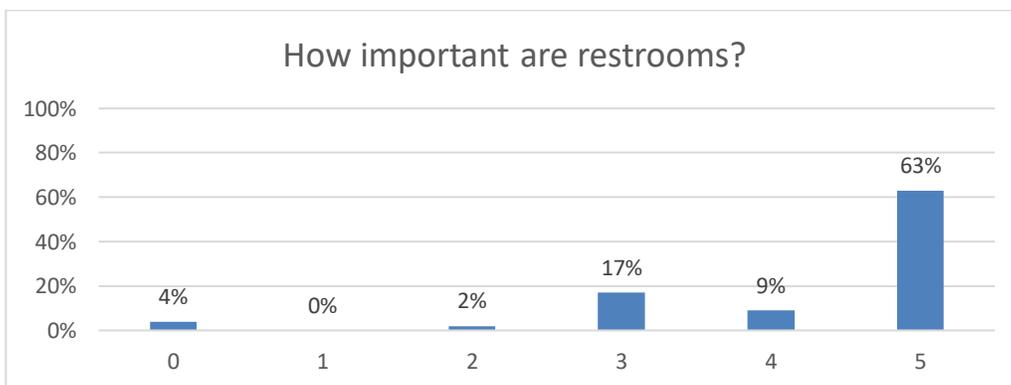
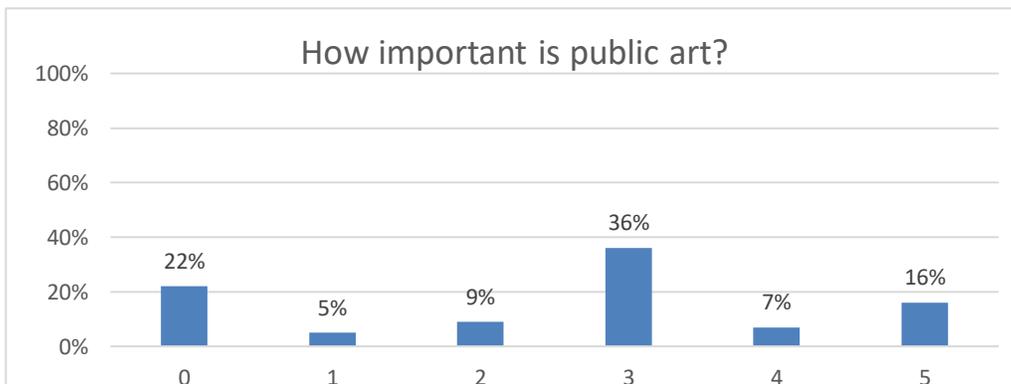
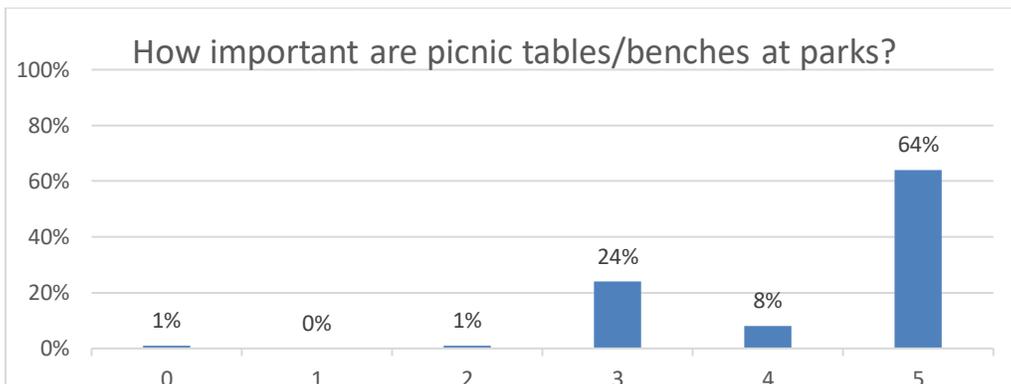
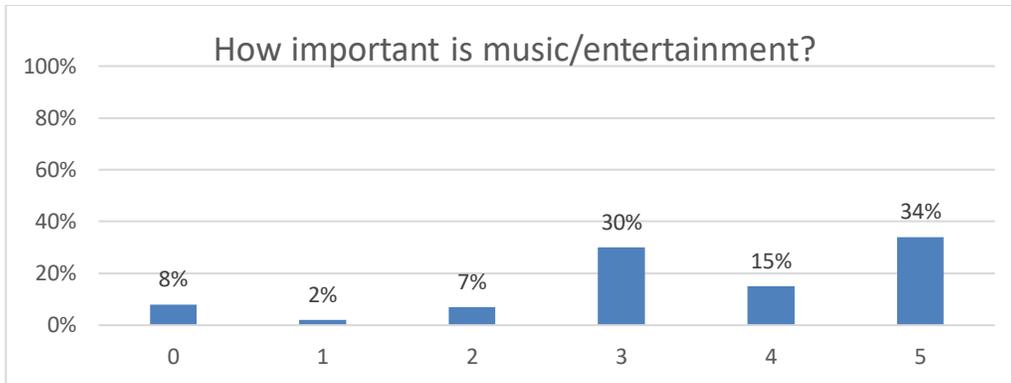
10. Do you have any additional suggestions for the Parks and Recreation Commission?

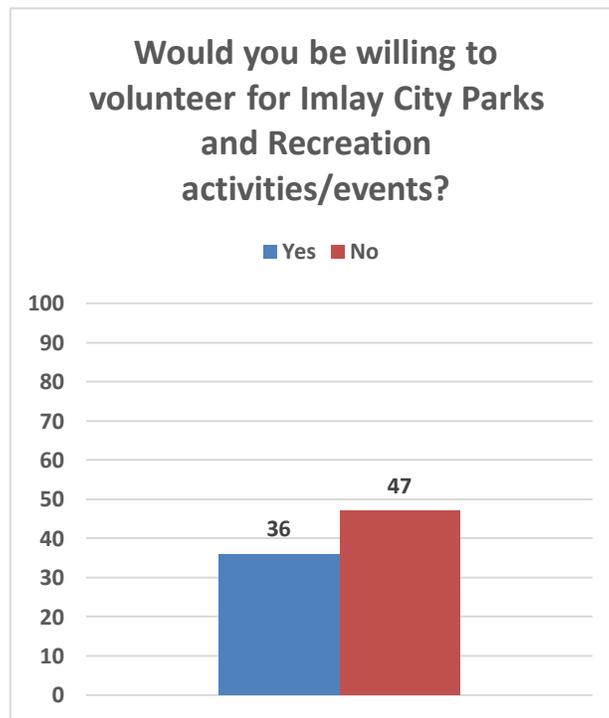
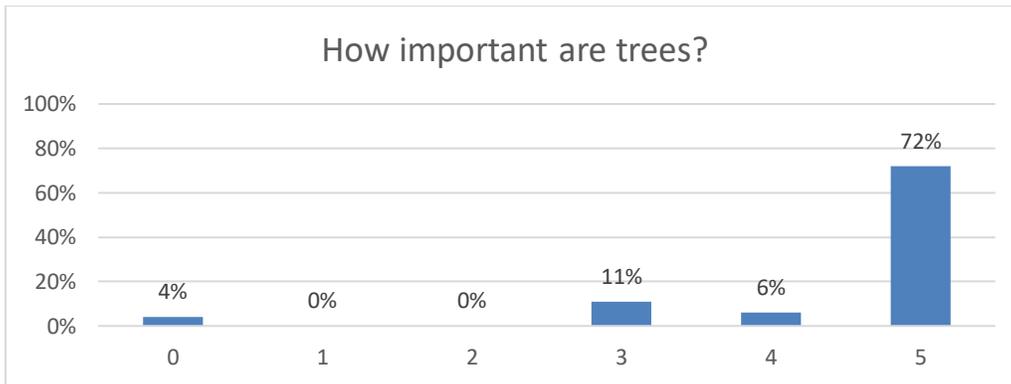
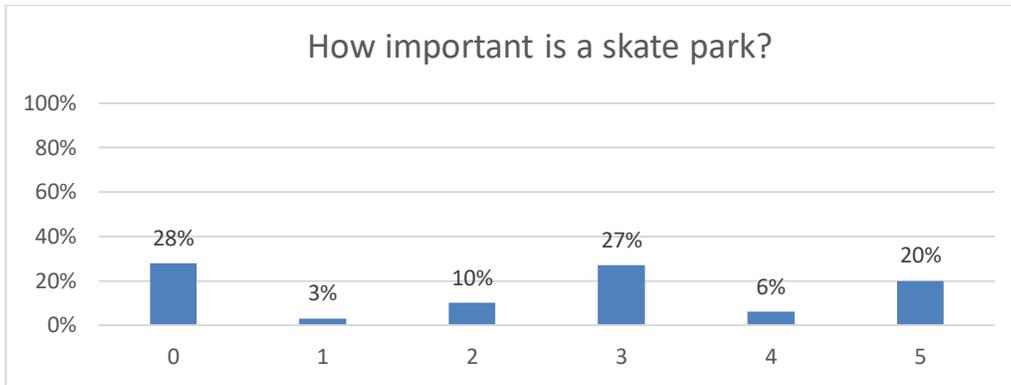
Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. The Parks and Recreation Commission Meets the Second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Imlay City Hall. These meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend and participate in the decision-making process to improve our Parks and Recreation facilities and activities.

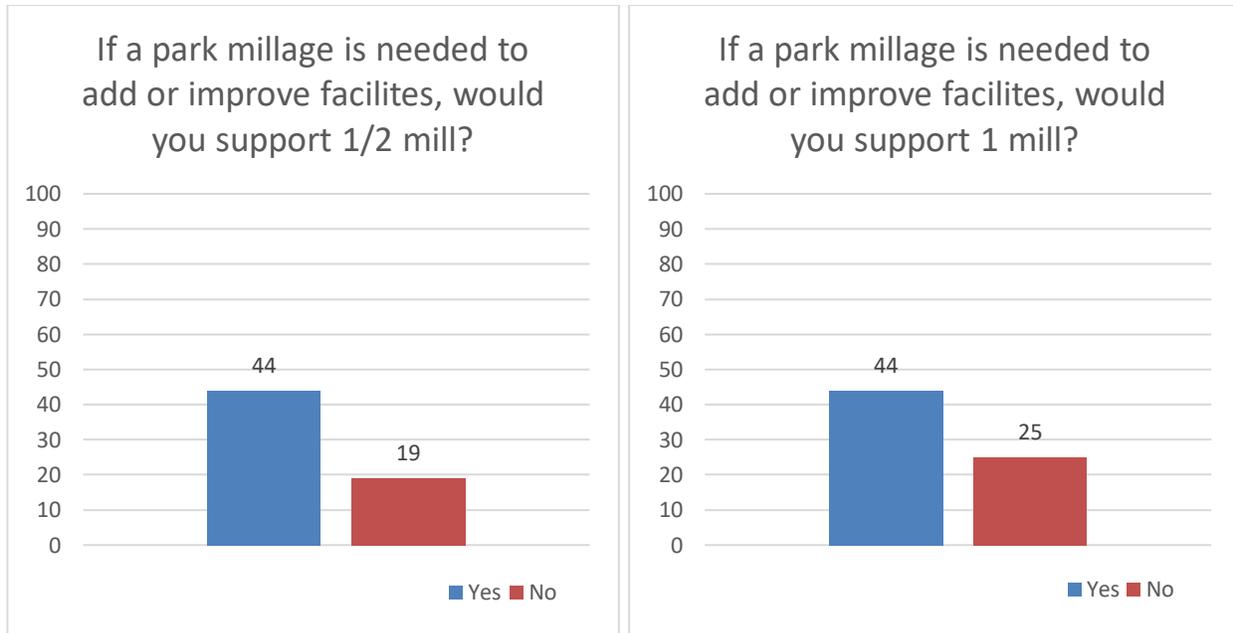












Question 18 was open text:

Please list any other perks you might like to see at a park.

- ✚ Update playground equipment, some of the playground equipment is falling apart and not in good shape. It might be nice to have a pavilion with picnic tables so people could reserve it for get togethers outdoors.
- ✚ Would like a community vegetable garden or place for allotment so we apartment dwellers had a place for a veggie patch of our own.
- ✚ I hate it's come to this, but cameras to stop vandalism! We love the lights on the Polly Ann Trail.
- ✚ Charcoal grill, pavilions
- ✚ A Belle River Walk would be a fabulous idea! A collaboration to make improvements with other Lapeer County communities that share the Polly Ann Trail might be helpful. Some areas are so bad you can't even tell there is a trail! The further south you go on the trail, the nicer it gets (think south of General Squire Rd in Dryden). Even focusing on the trail within the township would be an improvement. I use the trail year-round that runs through town, but I would use more of it (and so would many others) if it wasn't so treacherous north and south of the town sections. Many of the best parks I have visited recently include the elements of water (river/streams), mature trees, benches, playscapes, and open area for recreation that are both people and pet friendly. We have some nice spots here in town (Butterfly Garden/Lamb Steele Park), but they are too far from each other and are too small. The stream flowing through the Lions Park is a very underappreciated asset to that park. The sled hill made the ambiance worse, in my opinion but at least the kids probably like it so that is a benefit. I like the look and feel of the Lamb Steele Park and the Butterfly Garden the best. If you took those elements and added water, trails, and open recreation (or a way to connect them all) it would be a winner in my opinion.

Question 21 was open text:

Do you have any additional suggestions for the Parks and Recreation Commission?

- ✦ It isn't a suggestion but more like a complaint. Lions Park is an epic disappointment. I get there was someone who wanted it to be natural, so I'm told. But honestly, it is embarrassing. There's a bench on the south side of the river with a perfect view of weeds. Belle River is a drain and look at it! Especially from the Polly Ann Trail. I find it hard to believe the Dain Commissioner hasn't put his foot down about how pathetic it is. Trees, weeds, the water is blazing a new path for itself, it is so trashed w/ fallen trees. I will never go to Lions Park as long as the river itself looks like it currently looks. It's a park. A public park. Who can enjoy the river? No one. You want natural, go to Seven Ponds. The trees growing in the mess on the park side are junk trees. They are allowed to grow and will eventually fall into the river-because they are basically weeds-further blocking the drain and further or continue the downward display of an Imlay City Parks. I guess I do have a suggestion ... clean it up so people can enjoy it.
- ✦ REMOVE TRASH HILL AT LIONS PARK! This is a disgrace! Why is it not at a dump where it should be? DO NOT MAKE IT A SNOW HILL! My child is not happy about a trash hill at the park!
- ✦ A circular walking or biking path around, through, or near the city that residents could get to equally, would be a huge asset- especially if it could connect to the township trail.
- ✦ Enough Already! No more tax hikes! Stop spending other people's money!
- ✦ Thank you for great basketball court on 5th and Bancroft. Imlay City God Bless!
- ✦ Thank you for doing this community survey and giving us an opportunity to have some input for future parks and rec plans.
- ✦ Disc golf course
- ✦ Clean upriver at Lions Park add playscape and pavilion at Lamb Steele Park with bathrooms add bathrooms to old school park

The draft plan review was held on December 13, 2022, at a regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Citizens were given the opportunity to provide insight with regard to existing and future parks and recreation facilities and programs in the city during the January 10th regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. The plan process included:

- ✦ Background inventory and analysis of City Park facilities and programs.
- ✦ Background inventory and analysis of school district facilities and programs.
- ✦ Coordination with City staff
- ✦ A public hearing/final presentation with Parks Commission to City Commission
- ✦ Consideration of public comments
- ✦ Plan adoption

Summary of public comments:

Key Findings

- ✚ Parks Commission continued direction and involvement is crucial to the success of this document
- ✚ City Commission should continue to refer to Parks Commission recommendations and resolutions regarding policies and development
- ✚ City Commission should examine appropriate funding opportunities through City Manager
- ✚ Continued cooperation with the School District and Imlay Township is pivotal in providing recreational services to residents
- ✚ There is opportunity to expand and strengthen the Parks Commission's role in recreation planning for the city

The draft plan was available for review by the public after the December 13, 2022 Parks and Recreation Meeting until final adoption by the City Commission at a Public Hearing on January 17, 2023.

SECTION IV

PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES INVENTORY

Analysis of Imlay City's recreational needs requires evaluation of its present parks and recreational facilities at both the regional and local levels. Together, the city and school district control approximately 56 acres of parkland within the city. Recreation opportunities vary from activities of a small neighborhood park to numerous athletic fields at the school complex. City and school district facilities were inventoried under this plan.

To provide adequate information for this analysis, the inventory must provide information regarding parklands and the availability of facilities/activities whether these are located in parklands. Inventory, analysis, and planning must take place within a defined geographic area. This is called the service area. Recreational opportunities may be active or passive. Active recreational opportunity means games and athletic activities. All other recreational activity is passive.

City Park Facilities

The city owns and operates six public parks:

-  Lamb Steele Park
-  Lions Park
-  Old School Park
-  Rotary Park
-  Veteran's Park
-  Butterfly Garden

The Imlay City Parks and Recreation Commission uses the following standards to classify its parks.

Community Parks

Community Parks are commonly designed to provide areas for intense, active recreational opportunities. Play fields are also considered community parks. They may also serve only passive recreational uses. Community parks may include areas of significant natural features and/or land suitable for intense recreational development.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks provide facilities which are scaled to the recreational requirements of the surrounding neighborhood. These parks are generally designed to meet several active and passive recreational needs. Picnic tables, benches, lawn area, play equipment, and play fields are generally the basic facilities within a neighborhood park. Non-league ball diamonds, skating facilities, and sledding areas may also be included.

Mini Parks

Mini parks serve the immediate sub-neighborhood depending on their use. These serve a variety of purposes such as tot lots, block parks, or even a public garden. They are small, usually about the size of the average lot in the neighborhood (7,400 to 10,000 sq ft). If equipped for the use of small children, parks should not be situated so that children are required to cross heavily traveled streets.

Desirable features in these parks include fencing or hedging to define the area, swings, slides, sand boxes, benches, and tables in keeping with the size of the park.

Classification Standards – Table 2 and Table 3 identify the technical standards by the NRPA for the park classifications described above. These standards are applied in Section V where the park facilities inventory is analyzed. Lions Park is the City’s largest park, containing a variety of facilities. Rotary, Old School, and Lamb Steele Parks are smaller but provide various active recreation facilities. A large passive recreation area is provided at Veteran’s Park.

Table 2: Park Classification Standards

Community Parks	Neighborhood Parks	Mini Parks
<i>Local service Area Radius:</i>		
2 miles	.25 miles	<.25 miles
<i>Minimum Size Recommendation:</i>		
10 acres	5 acres	.25 acres
<i>Minimum Acreage per 1,000 Residents:</i>		
5 acres	1 acre	.25 acre

Table 3: City Park Classification

Park	Size	Park Type
Lions	9.3 acres	Community
Veteran’s	3.5 acres	Neighborhood
Lamb Steele	5.0 acres	Community
Old School	1.1 acres	Neighborhood
Rotary	.9 acres	Mini-Park
Butterfly Garden	.45 acres	Mini-Park

Park Inventory

Table 4 presents a complete inventory of City facilities. This inventory will be compared to national standard in Parks and Recreation Inventory Analysis. Appendix E identifies the location of the existing recreation facilities that were evaluated as part of this report.

Table 4: Imlay City Park Inventory

<u>FACILITIES</u>	Lions Park	Rotary Park	Veteran’s Park	Lamb Steele Park	Butterfly Garden	Old School Park
Ball Field	X					
Basketball Court	X					X
Ice Skating (Seasonal)						
Play Equipment (Wood, Metal)	X	X	X			X
Play Equipment (Structure)		X				X

FACILITIES	Lions Park	Rotary Park	Veteran's Park	Lamb Steele Park	Butterfly Garden	Old School Park
Soccer/Football Field	X					
Tennis Court						
Walking Path	X		X		X	
Swimming Pool/Splashpad				X		
Sledding Hill	X					
Natural Area	X		X		X	
Picnic Area (Pavilion/Gazebo)	X	X		X	X	
Picnic Area (Table, Grills)	X			X		X
Restrooms (Seasonal)	X	X				X

The school district is the major source of active recreation programs and facilities. Because of its importance to the recreational needs of the city, coordination and cooperation between the city and the school district is crucial. Table 5 lists the facilities provided by the Imlay City School District within the City.

Table 5: Imlay City School District Inventory

FACILITIES	Weston Elementary	Borland Elementary	Middle School	High School
Ball Field		1	4	6
Basketball Court	2	4	6	
Volleyball		1		
Play Equipment (Wood, Metal)	X	X		
Play Equipment (Structure)	X	X		
Football Field With track			1	
Soccer Field (Practice)				2
Tennis Court			1	8
Restrooms			X	
Gymnasium/ Multi-purpose Room	X	X	X	X

Regional Recreational Facilities

Regional recreation areas generally serve residents from the various communities in the regional service area. They may be publicly or privately held and may be designed to provide for a single recreational activity or multiple recreational activities.

Regional Park facilities provided for residents include county parks, state recreation and park areas, community recreation areas, and other facilities. Some facilities, which are located within a half hour to an hour drive, are listed along with the size and location in Table 6.

Table 6: Regional Park Facilities

Name	Location	Acres
Sutter's Recreation Area	North Branch	40
Washakie Recreation	North Branch	40
Seven Ponds	Dryden	245
General Squier Park	Dryden	80
Lapeer Recreation Center	Lapeer	6.9
Metamora Hadley	Lapeer County	683
Lake Callis Recreation Complex	Davison	40
Bald Mountain Recreation	Oakland County	3,118
Pontiac Lake Recreation	Oakland County	3,757
Ortonville Recreation Area	Oakland County	4,107
Highland Recreation	Oakland County	5,504
Holly Recreation	Oakland County	7,446
Lake Port State Park	St. Clair County	566
Algonac State Park	St. Clair County	1,024
Holloway Reservoir	Marathon Township	3,477
Lapeer State Game Area	Mayfield Township	7,000
Torzewski County Park	Oregon Township	69
Yntema Soccer Field	Imlay Township	20

Community Programs

In addition to the school district programs provided, there are various organizations that residents participate in.

- ✚ Lapeer County Sportsman's Club
- ✚ Various Local Church Groups
- ✚ Imlay City Boys Baseball
- ✚ Imlay City Girls Softball
- ✚ AYSO Soccer
- ✚ Little League Football
- ✚ Veterans of Foreign Wars
- ✚ Lion's Club
- ✚ Rotary Club
- ✚ Boy Scouts
- ✚ Girl Scouts
- ✚ 4-H Club

Private Recreation

Private recreation is also provided by various golf courses, driving ranges, and an bowling alley in the surrounding community.

Castle Creek Golf Club

5191 Lum Road
Attica, MI 48412
(810) 724-0851
www.castlecreekgolfclub.com

Holly Meadows Golf Course

4855 Capac Road
Mussey Township, MI 48014
(810) 395-4653
www.hollymeadows.com

Three Oaks Golf Center

79363 Van Dyke Road
Bruce Township, MI 48065
(586) 752-8262
www.3oaksgolf.com

IC Strikes

270 S. Cedar Street
Imlay City, MI 48444
(810) 724-6285

Deer View Golf Course

15886 Speaker Road
Imlay City, MI 48444
(810) 395-1821
www.deerviewgolf.com

Lake Nepessing Golfland

1125 Lake Nepessing Road
Lapeer, MI 48446
(810) 664-3514
www.lakenepessinggolfland.com

Washakie Recreation

3461 Burnside Road
North Branch, MI 48461
(810) 688-3235
www.washakiegolfrv.com

SECTION V

PARKS AND RECREATION INVENTORY ANALYSIS

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has adopted a set of standards, based upon those developed by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), to determine the need for recreation facilities in each community. These standards establish: 1) the specific recreation facilities such as tennis court or soccer fields, which should be available based upon the population of the community; and 2) the “service areas,” or number and type of parks that should be available to residents within a certain distance from their homes. Each of these standards will be applied to the existing inventory of community-wide and school distinct recreation facilities to determine if deficiencies are present. The results of this analysis will be incorporated, in part, into the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, contained in Section VI.

Existing Parkland

The analysis of existing parkland is contained in Table 7. Park acreage includes City-owned facilities, the Fairgrounds site, and the school facilities. The nationally recognized standard for parkland sizes and amount per 1,000 residents was applied. The population utilized was the projected population size for the year 2020 to address anticipated population increases.

Table 7: Parkland Acreage Comparison

Park Classification	Recommended Acreage Per 1,000 Residents	Existing Acreage	Recommended for 2020**	Projected Surplus/(Deficiency) 2022
Mini Parks	.375	1.35	1.389	(0.039)
Neighborhood Parks	1.5	4.6	5.55	(0.95)
Community Parks	6.5	119.3*	24.070	95.23
Overall Parkland Required	10	124.8*	30.745	93.79

*=105 acres of total including school and fairground sites

**=Population estimate used: 3,703 (2020 census)

Existing Facilities

Coupled with facilities provided by the school district, the city adequately serves the recreational needs of residents. The deficiencies identified in Table 8 include 9- and 18-hole golf courses; however, the smaller population of the City may not warrant provision of those facilities indicated as deficient.

The school district’s most recent recreational development consists of 65 acres adjacent to the Polly Ann Trail on Blacks Corners Road. The city is in a partnership with the Friends of the Polly Ann Trail and works with this volunteer group to assist in the promotion and maintenance of the portion of the trail that goes through the city. In the summer of 2016, the city shared in the cost

of connecting the high school's parking lot with a paved connection path to the trail and installed much-needed lighting thought the paved portion of the trail that went through the City.

Table 8: Comparison of City and School Facilities with State Recreational Standards

Facility	State Standard	State Requirement	Existing City & School Facilities	Surplus/ Deficiencies
Basketball Courts	1/5,000	0.71	13	12.29
Tennis Courts	1/2,000	1.80	1	9.2
Volleyball Courts	1/5,000	0.71	1	.29
Baseball Diamonds	1/5,000	0.71	12	5.29
Softball Diamonds	1/5,000	0.71	5	4.29
Football Fields	1/20,000	0.18	1	.82
Soccer Fields	1/10,000	0.35	3	2.65
Golf Courses				
9 holes	1/20,000	0.14	0	(.14)
18 holes	1/50,000	0.07	0	(.07)
Swimming Pool	1/20,000	0.18	1	.82
Playgrounds/Tot Lots	1/3,000	1.19	8	6.81

Service Area

The standard service areas by park classification, as outlined in Table 3 in Section IV, have been applied. This standard generally identifies neighborhoods within the city that may be underserved by parkland. Neighborhood parks and mini parks were only evaluated because the intent of those parks is to provide parkland in proximity, ideally walking distance, to residential areas. Community parks provide service for the entire City with less emphasis on pedestrian access.

Based on

Appendix F, underserved areas include the southwest portion of the city, currently used for agricultural operation and three land packets in the northern area. The largest underserved area in the north is the northwest neighborhood near Lion's Park and the Belle River. There may be potential for a linear network along the river to serve these residents. A boardwalk along a portion of the river is identified in the Action Plan.

The two remaining underserved areas are to the north and east of Old School Park. Due to the large number of single-family residential homes in these areas, there is a potential for smaller pocket parks to serve the neighborhoods. There may also be potential for a larger scale park along Cedar Street as it redevelops.

Discussion

The purpose of this section of the analysis is to evaluate the various levels of parkland existing and begin to identify necessary improvements to these areas. The discussion is organized by

park classification. Some parks may fall into more than one category for the purposes of discussion.

General Parkland-to-Resident Ratio

Overall, the residents of the community are adequately served by parks and recreation. Based on the ratio formula, there is a surplus of parkland for residents.

It is important to note that a large portion of this acreage is provided by the school district and the Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds. Therefore, excluding that acreage, the total remaining parkland within the city is 19.8 acres.

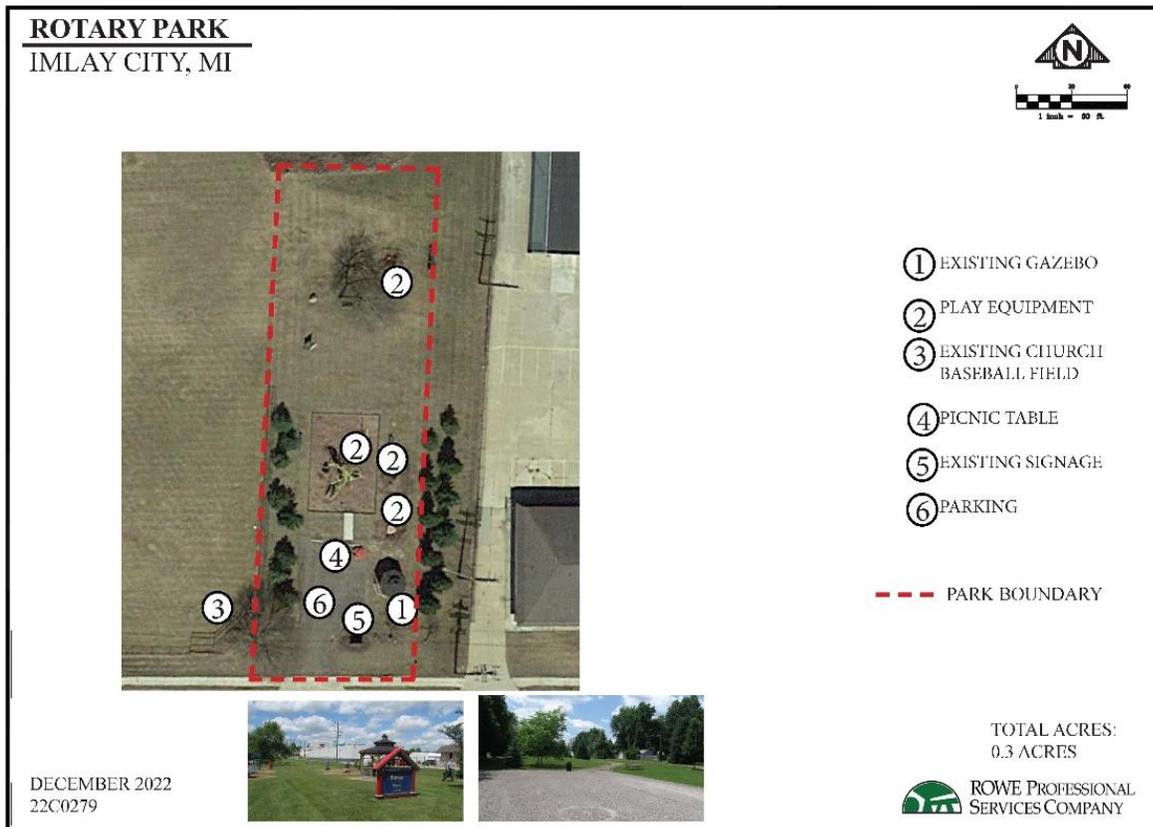
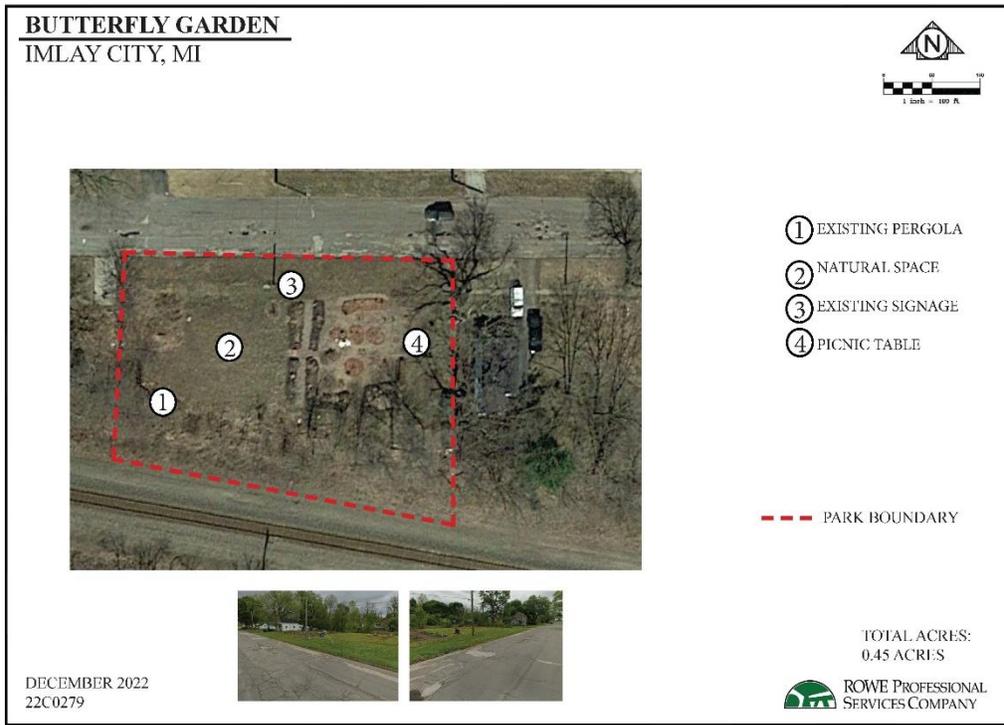
Applying the ratio standard of 10 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents creates a deficiency of 17.23 acres. Because the school has developed their 65 acres, there is more than sufficient parkland available to City residents, according to the same standard.

Mini Parks

As described in the previous section, mini parks are small, specialized parks that serve the needs of residents in the surrounding neighborhood. The park may also serve a specific group such as small children or senior citizens. The standards by the NRPA identify that there are deficiencies in Imlay City of mini parks and neighborhood parks.

Rotary Park and the Butterfly Garden are classified as a mini park. In 2015, Rotary Park realized construction of a new playscape area which was constructed by community volunteers and paid for by contributions from the Imlay City Rotary Club and other local grant programs. This addressed a need identified in a recent survey of the surrounding residential property owners which indicated the desire for a low-key park with small play equipment and picnic area. The Butterfly Garden was established in 2016 and has a pergola, walking path and natural area

with plant materials. Mini parks are deficient with 0.039 acre



Due to the

surplus of active recreational facilities, any additional land acquired should provide passive recreation areas. This would include benches, picnic tables, and other features that promote leisure time.

Two “pocket” parks were recently developed in the downtown setting to create a common gathering place for people.

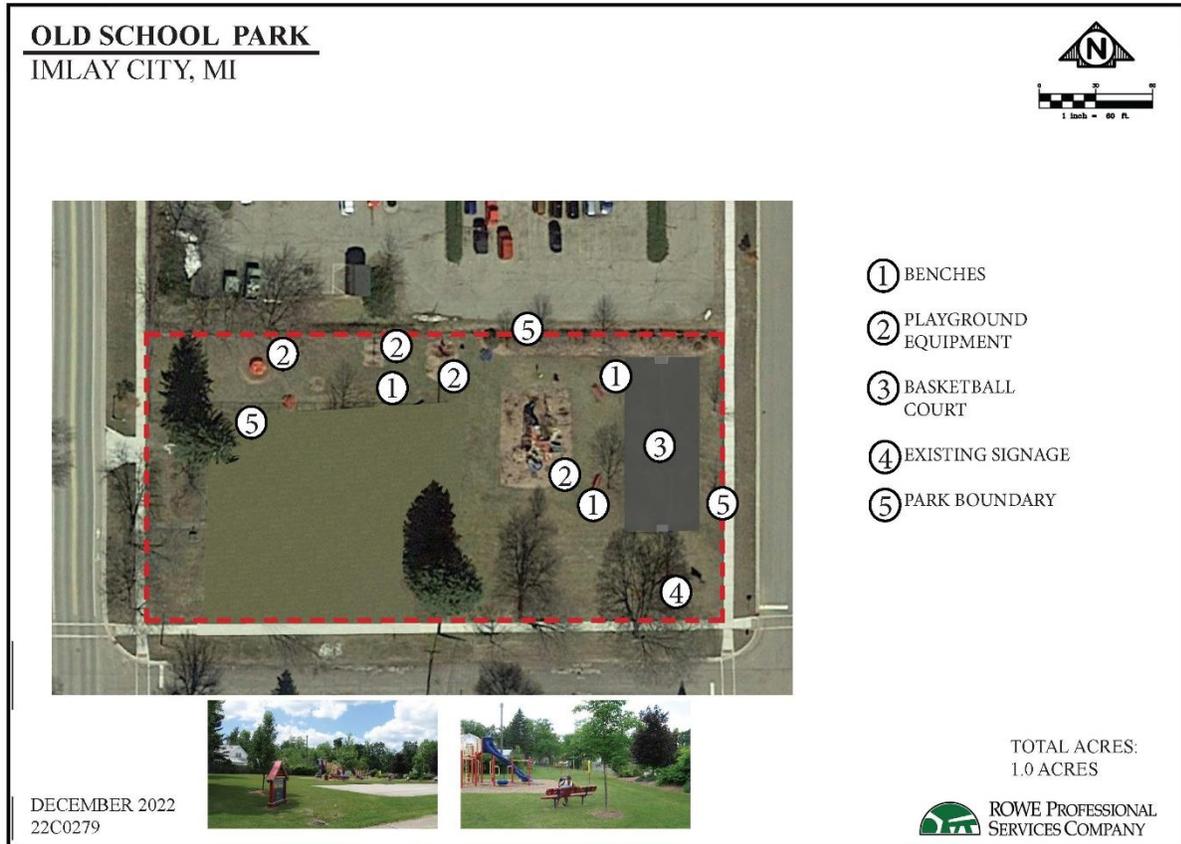
Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks typically are multi-purpose facilities, providing active recreation areas with some passive recreation space.

Veterans Park is classified as a neighborhood park because of its size; however, this park also fits the passive classification because it is generally open space with some park features.



Old School Park, which previously was identified as a mini park, has since been upgraded to a “neighborhood park” due to the additional 0.5 acres of property that is now a part of the parks system. There still is an additional 0.95 acres that could be added to the neighborhood park to meet the criteria for meeting the standard for this category.



Community Parks

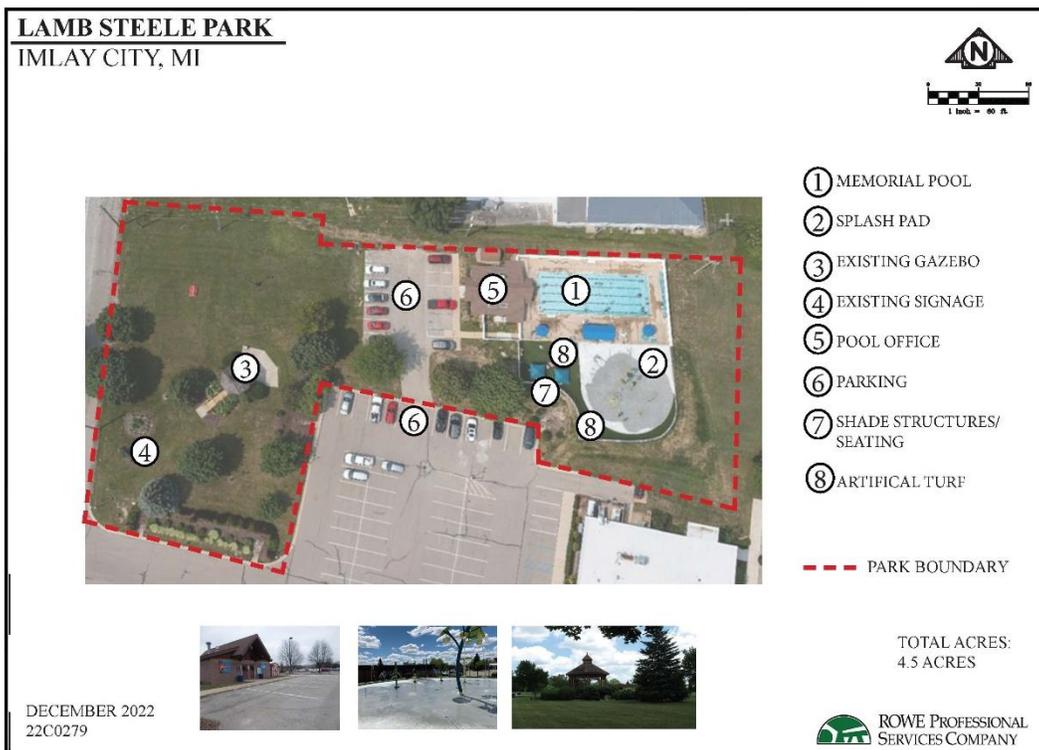
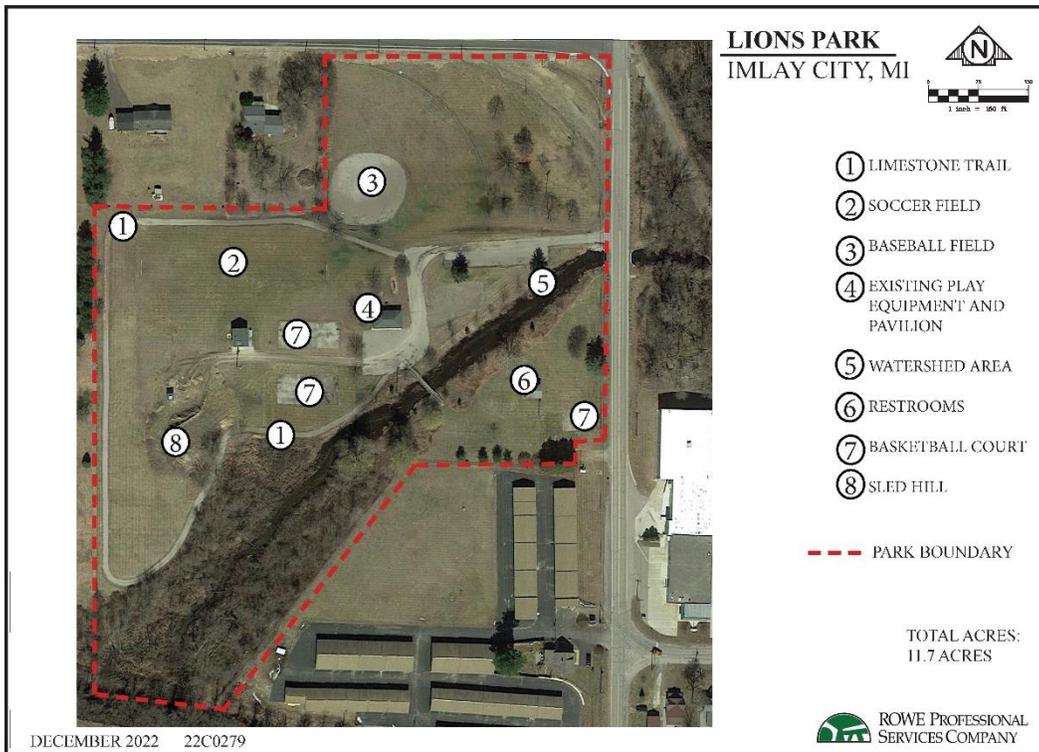
Community parks are larger in size and provide a wide variety of recreation opportunities for the entire population.

Lions Park and Lamb Steele Park are classified as community parks. Lions Park offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including ball fields, basketball courts, play equipment, picnic areas, and restrooms. Lamb Steele Park consists primarily of the swimming pool and splash pad with associated picnic area, and a gazebo used for summer concerts, outdoor movies, and weddings.

The school district playgrounds and play fields are also classified as community park facilities because they are located within the City’s limits and they are easily accessible for all City residents; however, students within the school district have priority over residents for use of school facilities.

The general parkland-to-resident calculations, excluding school property, created a deficiency of community parkland. The main reason for excluding school parkland from calculations is to fully evaluate whether the City is adequately serving residents. In other words, if it is a goal to become independent from the schools relative to parkland, these calculations assess what the community must do to accomplish the goal. Typically, good relations with the school district permit the overlapping of facility usage. If the City wishes to become less reliant on the schools, consideration should be given to land acquisition for community parkland. Due to the

abundance of active recreation, any land that could be preserved would be a benefit. This is especially true for land along the Belle River.



Regional Parks

There are no regional facilities within the City limits; however, Imlay City is adequately served by a large supply of regional parks within a one-hour drive.

Passive Parks

The primary purpose of passive areas is to provide relief from highly developed residential and commercial neighborhoods. Facilities may include sitting areas and other pedestrian amenities, landscaping, monuments and fountains, and historical features.

Based on the inventory of current facilities at each park, Veterans Park is the most passive park.

Linear Parks

A linear park is an area developed for one or more modes of recreation travel, such as hiking, bicycling, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, or pleasure driving. These parks can take the form of a pathway/greenway system or simply a greenbelt along the road frontage. A common goal is to link other components of the recreation system together either physically or visually.

The Polly Ann Trail, owned by the MDNR, has been hard surfaced within the city limits. It has been a goal of the City to link this trail with other trails, paths, and sidewalks in the City. The connections to the Polly Ann Trail as it extends into Imlay Township are yet to be completed. The city maintains a trailhead off Fourth Street.

A multi-purpose pathway also exists along the M-53 corridor from East First Street to Newark Road. Opportunities to link this path to others should be investigated.

Pathway System Map

City of Imlay City

Map 1: Polly Ann Trail



Existing Conditions at Proposed Trailhead Location



LEGEND

-  Existing Trailhead
-  Polly Ann Trail (existing)
- 10' Wide, Paved
-  Non Motorized Trail (proposed)
- 8' to 10' Wide, Paved
-  Non Motorized Trail (existing)
- 8' to 10' Wide, Paved
-  Shared Roadway
- Existing Signage
- "Bike Route"
- "Share the Road"



The development of the Polly Ann Trail is expected to provide additional customers to the downtown central business district as it creates excellent access to and from the main commercial area.

The City of Imlay City and the Parks and Recreation Commission have together adopted a Pathway Systems Plan to link existing sidewalks with new development and incorporate intermodal transportation into the system in the forms of non-motorized trails and shared roadways. Linking these modes of transportation will be a priority for the commission during the next five years. Map 1 shows the proposed linkages.

The location of parks is generally spread throughout the community. Accessible connections between parks, neighborhoods, downtown, schools, and other civic buildings should be provided for pedestrians, cyclists, and other non-motorized transportation. The City has incorporated bike lanes in local and major street reconstruction projects to improve connection to parks and recreation facilities.

Park Facilities/Equipment – A surplus of facilities is generally provided within the City and creates an important benefit to citizens. The City and school district may wish to convert some surplus facilities to facilities which are not provided. For example, the creation of a new facility that is not listed such as areas for skateboarding may also benefit the high percentage of younger residents.

Gateways to Commercial Areas – At the corner of Cedar Street (M-53) and Third Street, small areas of green space and enhanced site amenities coordinate with the park facilities to create an entranceway to the area. The downtown has constructed a streetscape to enhance the area.

Key Findings

- ✚ Two neighborhood parks are needed at both the very north and south ends of the City.
- ✚ With the inclusion of school park facilities, residents are adequately served by recreation.
- ✚ Without the inclusion of school park facilities, there is a deficiency in community parkland and in the overall ratio of parkland per resident.
- ✚ There is a surplus of recreation equipment/facilities, but there are still facilities which are lacking such as those for skateboarding.

Barrier-Free Evaluation

Ranking System

- 1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

The City of Imlay City is committed to providing access to recreation facilities for people of all ages and abilities. In recent years, the City has taken steps to renovate existing parks and provide new recreation opportunities. Recent projects have ensured compliance with barrier-free requirements, but further minor improvements are needed to improve accessibility to the City's recreation areas and natural resources. For all new park facilities and enhancements to the older parks, the addition or improvement of handicapped accessible routes to all areas and activities will be one of the major priorities.

An evaluation of universal access at the existing park and recreation facilities has been conducted as a part of the plan. Each park and its accessibility ranking are outlined below, along with actions to address improvements needed.

The accessibility improvements are scheduled to be completed during renovation and improvements to each specific park as outlined in the Five-Year Action Program and Capital Improvement Schedule.

Lamb Steele Park (Ranking: 2)

The Lamb Steele Park includes a gazebo (which is accessible), swimming pool, splash pad, and picnic area. Future considerations include a wheelchair lift for the pool and barrier-free picnic tables. Some small play equipment may be installed in the future. Barrier-free accessibility will be a priority for future improvements at this park.

Lions Park (Ranking: 1)

Play areas at this park are not accessible with safety surfacing at the present depth. Picnic tables are not barrier-free.

Old School Park (Ranking: 1)

This park has a play structure, swings, basketball/multi-use court, and other small play equipment. A small picnic area is also located in Old School Park. None of the current facilities are barrier-free and all the current amenities do not have access unless along bare turf. Hard surface walking trails/routes would be ideal to ensure that all park features have access for use.

Rotary Park (Ranking: 1)

Rotary Park has several play structures and a gazebo with picnic tables. None of the structures or tables are barrier-free. Attention to accessibility should be a priority for this park.

Veteran's Park (Ranking: 2)

A 1,000-foot walking path was recently constructed in this park with ADA certified wood chips. This park abuts a senior citizen housing facility and is most often used by those residents. Three exercise stations have been installed at this park, all of which are accessible.

Butterfly Garden (Ranking: 1)

Small mini-park in a residential area. Has pergola, natural walking path and picnic table. Does not have any accessible routes or playground equipment.

Source: MDNR Guidelines 2009

DNR Recreation Grant Inventory**GRANT NUMBER: **RP19-0053****

GRANT ADMINISTRATION: RP 2019

AMOUNT OF GRANT: \$150,000

YEAR: 2019

PARK NAME: LAMB/STEELE PARK

SCOPE OF ITEMS: SPLASHPAD AT ALVIN
NORLIN SWIMMING POOL

The *Imlay City Accessible Splash Pad* was constructed next to the Alvin Norlin Pool in the heart of Imlay City during the 2020/2021 off season. It was constructed with \$150,000 Michigan Recreation Passport Funding with a total cost of \$355,518.05. The splashpad includes five (5) Water Features and 15 Water Jets. Two metal canopied tables were also installed and a welcomed addition to the pool area. The Splash Pad and Pool are open to the public between Memorial Day and Labor Day each year. The water facilities employ seasonal employees including a Pool Director, a Deputy Director, and lifeguards who provide open swim sessions and beginner and intermediate swim lessons to Imlay City and the surrounding communities.

The Michigan Passport Funds are generated when Michigan residents renew their Michigan License Plates and check the Passport on their registration renewal.

GRANT NUMBER: **BF90-155**

GRANT ADMINISTRATION: BF-1990

AMOUNT OF GRANT: \$150,000

YEAR: 1990

PARK NAME: LAMB/STEELE PARK

SCOPE OF ITEMS: CONSTRUCTION OF SWIMMING POOL AND BATHHOUSE

Construction of Alvin Norlin Swimming Pool and Bathhouse.

SECTION VI

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Planning for the City's parks and recreational facilities involved a thorough process. This portion of the document is the culmination of a comprehensive planning effort that began with the thorough analysis of the physical and demographic attributes of the community. Existing parks and recreation facilities and programs were inventoried and evaluated. An assessment of need was then developed that considered both accepted recreation standards and the specialized needs of Imlay City's citizens.

A community survey was distributed with the City's quarterly newsletter and was also made available online for those who chose to submit the survey electronically. Finally, these needs were analyzed and reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission with input from the public. A final draft of the plan was then prepared, and public comments were accepted for a 30-day period before final changes were made. The plan was then adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission and referred to the City Commission for final adoption.

Summary of Findings

The following key findings were concluded during the planning process for the City of Imlay City:

- ✦ Excellent access to I-69 throughout the community
- ✦ Active downtown and land uses
- ✦ Good topography and soil conditions
- ✦ Climate conditions warrant concentration on indoor facilities
- ✦ Floodplain and drainage ways are present and to be protected
- ✦ Primarily a young population (average age is 33)
- ✦ Peak usage of parks is likely at evenings, during the week, and on the weekend
- ✦ More single-family homes suggest more demand on parks and recreation
- ✦ Continued involvement of the Recreation Commission is crucial
- ✦ City Commission should continue to refer to Recreation Commission
- ✦ Funding should be examined
- ✦ Continued cooperation with the school district is crucial
- ✦ There is a deficiency in neighborhood parks
- ✦ Without school park facilities, there is a deficiency in community parkland and in the overall ratio of parkland
- ✦ Overall, there is a surplus in recreational equipment/facilities
- ✦ Facility types should be more diverse

Goals and Objectives

The results of this summary are presented in the following statement of goals and objectives.

Goals are described as a desired situation for the community in the future. Goals are broad, public purposes toward which objectives and implementation strategies are directed.

Objectives are steps designed to achieve goals. These are more narrowly defined statements of public purpose and help clarify and identify appropriate implementation measure to achieve the goal.

Amount of Parkland

The City analyzed whether there is an adequate amount of parkland to meet current and future needs of the population. Additionally, the distribution of these park facilities was considered.

Goal: Provide additional recreational access in City.

Objectives:

- ✚ Provide multipurpose, active recreation facilities and access which are currently lacking within the City.
- ✚ Investigate opportunities to acquire additional parkland.

Existing Park Facilities

The City analyzed whether the parks were being utilized to their potential. The City must take steps to improve and modify park facilities to address physical deficiencies and recurrent and projected needs.

Goal: Upgrade the appearance and quality of current park facilities, recognizing the significance of parkland to the overall character and image of the community.

Objectives:

- ✚ Construct walking paths and/or fitness trails.
- ✚ Create image improvements at City parks by planting additional landscaping, gardens, and utilizing common site amenities.
- ✚ Facilitate volunteer efforts such as “adopt a park” program by which different community groups contribute time and labor toward improving overall park aesthetics.
- ✚ Renovate playground equipment at current sites and continue to make improvements to address accessibility throughout all park properties.
- ✚ Promote security throughout the sites (i.e., lighting, gates, trash receptacles).

Recreational Opportunities

The demand for additional recreation facilities that are not currently offered by the school district or the City was considered.

Goal: Provide indoor and outdoor recreation facilities that are not currently offered by the school district or the City.

Objectives:

- ✚ Create comprehensive bike/walking path network throughout the City.
- ✚ Work with area townships in planning for recreational facilities.
- ✚ Coordinate efforts with Lapeer County to take an active role in addressing the lack of physical activity in Imlay City residents.

Parks and Recreation Strategy

This portion of the master plan proposes tasks that incorporate the existing facility evaluation, the City's goals and objectives, and future projections/conditions within the City. The tasks are applied specifically to each park and recreational facility as well as to future conditions.

As improvements and redevelopment take place, universal access compliance must be a focus at all City Parks.

Efforts should be made to facilitate volunteer efforts such as "adopt a park" program by which different community groups contribute time and labor toward improving overall park aesthetics.

Lions Park

A primary community park, this park needs general improvements to enhance its appearance and desirability for user.

These include:

- ✚ Install new play structure
- ✚ Construct observation deck(s) along Belle River
- ✚ Landscape improvements at park entrance
- ✚ Provide universal access benches and grills
- ✚ RC Track
- ✚ Zipline

Rotary Park

General improvements include:

- ✚ Landscape improvements to buffer from adjacent industrial uses and in front of chain link fence along First Street. Provide additional parking to enhance use of the park.
- ✚ Seasonal port-a-johns

Veteran's Park

This is the only park that is categorized as providing passive recreation. To preserve this status, the following improvements are recommended:

- ✚ Create garden plots for seniors and other residents.

Lamb Steele Park

The primary function of this park is the community pool and splashpad. Passive recreation areas are also provided.

To further accommodate families and capitalize on its prime location downtown, the following should be considered:

- ✚ Provide benches and grills
- ✚ Construct a skate park
- ✚ Renovate pool building to provide universal access to changing rooms.
- ✚ Pavilion for parties around site
- ✚ Provide ADA access to Norlins Pool

Old School Park

Park is located near downtown and is identified as a passive relief from the nearby commercial development. The main priority is beautification of the site to enhance the area.

- ✚ Improve Park identification with landscaping/flower arrangements
- ✚ Construct new permanent structure for park (2026)
- ✚ Upgrade playground equipment to include universal accessibility
- ✚ Provide bathroom facilities (port-a-johns if permanent structure is not possible)
- ✚ Barrier-free tables and benches

Butterfly Garden

Continued support for volunteers at the Butterfly Garden.

- ✚ Develop universal access to site and flower beds/garden amenities

Connection Improvements

In addition to additional signage that is needed at some of the parks, the overall connection between the parks should be improved to increase use of the facilities. All parks should be accessible by the various modes of transportation, including pedestrian, bicycling, rollerblading, and vehicle traffic. This can be accomplished with the following:

- ✚ Lion's Park requires sidewalk connections for an improved pedestrian link between the neighborhoods and downtown.
- ✚ Veteran's Park should have visible and separate connections for residents from the road and adjacent neighborhood.
- ✚ Create a comprehensive trail network connecting all parks and other community facilities. Directional signage and markers could guide residents through the network. Trail markers can indicate information such as the minutes to the next few destinations and rest areas could be provided where land is available.
- ✚ Develop additional park signage in coordination with DDA way finding sign project.

Polly Ann Trail

Continued development of the abandoned rail right-of-way owned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is an excellent opportunity for the community and the region. The city should:

- ✚ Promote connection of the trail to downtown and school sites.
- ✚ Include trailhead and signage at Lions Park with benches and trash receptacle.

Fairgrounds

Though not under the control of the City, the following consideration should be promoted:

- ✚ As redevelopment occurs, Imlay City should seek to collaborate with the fairground property for future usage.

Land Acquisition and New Parkland Potential

As previously identified, excluding school property from parkland calculations creates a deficiency in acreage provided for residents. This can be remedied by land acquisition in the following areas:

- ✚ As redevelopment occurs, review the potential park acquisitions as necessary.
- ✚ Develop and enhance community gardens and a butterfly garden.

School Property

Continued cooperation with the school is crucial. The schools are a primary source of active recreation and organized sports. They are expected to continue to be a valuable recreation resource opportunity for City residents.

SECTION VII

FIVE-YEAR ACTION PROGRAM

This section provides information on the implementation and scheduling of recreation projects based on community input, trends, and administrative review. The Action Plan is structured over a five-year program, beginning in 2023 and ending in 2027. This method of reviewing the depth of public recreation improvements by facility allows the city agencies, elected officials, and residents the opportunity to adequately fund these improvements and complement local funding with other sources of non-local funds. In addition, the recommendations and timing of facility improvements are not static and can be altered periodically to reflect changes in public policy and redirection of recreation programming, as determined by the City Commission, City Parks and Recreation, and/or City administration.

Priority Criteria

To develop a usable program, the Action Plan required a set of criteria to establish priorities. The following is a description of the criteria in order of importance:

1. Improve existing park facilities to serve current users and to attract and increase new users.
2. Promote projects which can be funded easily through the general fund and through public participation.
3. Diversify and add new facilities at existing parks to serve a broader range of users.
4. Improve accessibility and visibility of parks for residents.
5. Acquire new parkland to provide facilities for under-served areas based on classification standards.
6. Obtain grant funding for land acquisition and recreational projects.

Plan Summary

With a mature park system in place, the plan focuses primarily on methods the City may use to improve/renovate existing facilities and better serve residents.

The recommendations of this plan respond to lifestyle trends in the community and forecasted population increases. To meet all the needs of younger residents, diversity among the types of activities is encouraged through conversion of existing facilities.

Planned improvements for the connection and visibility of the parks will further serve younger populations, who likely walk and bike to the parks. Older residents will also see additional benefits through simplifying access to areas.

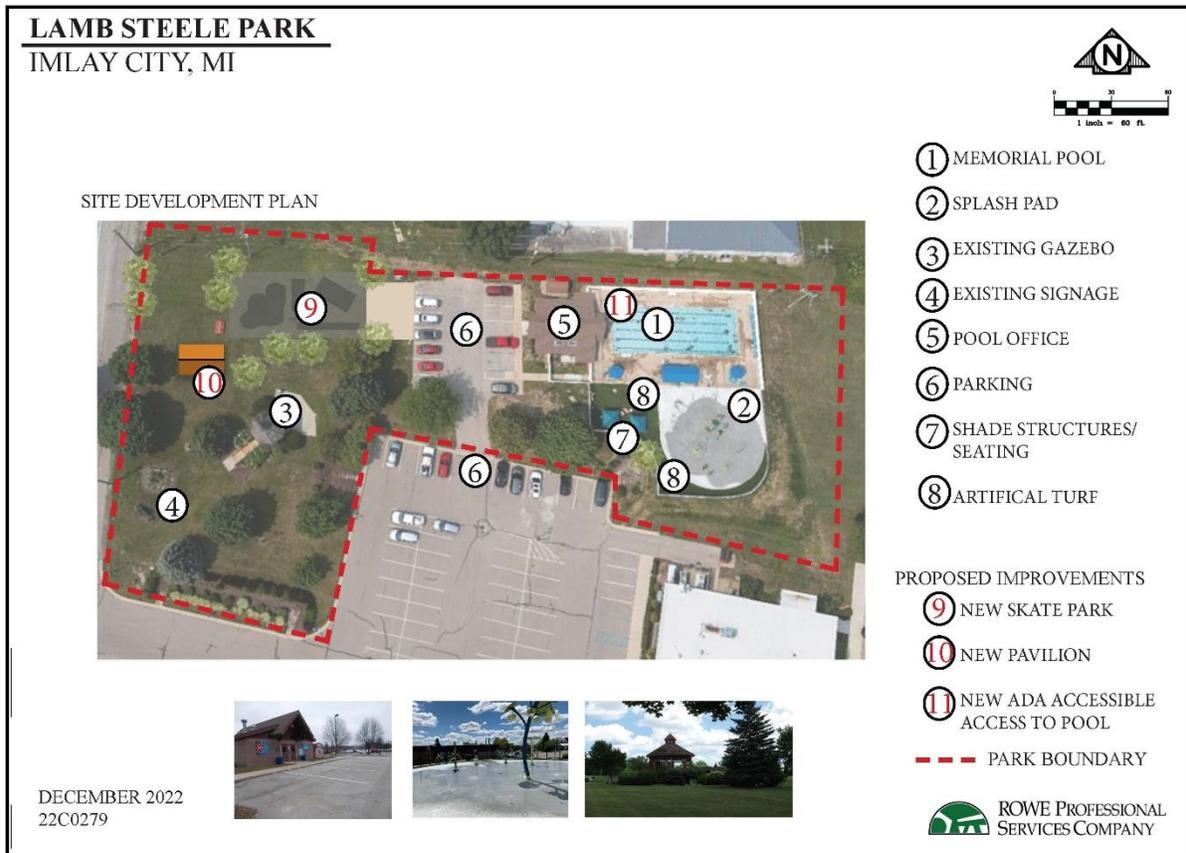
Finally, future populations will be accommodated by additional park acquisition when necessary to ensure that citizens will not be under-served by recreational facilities.

Table 9: Plan Summary

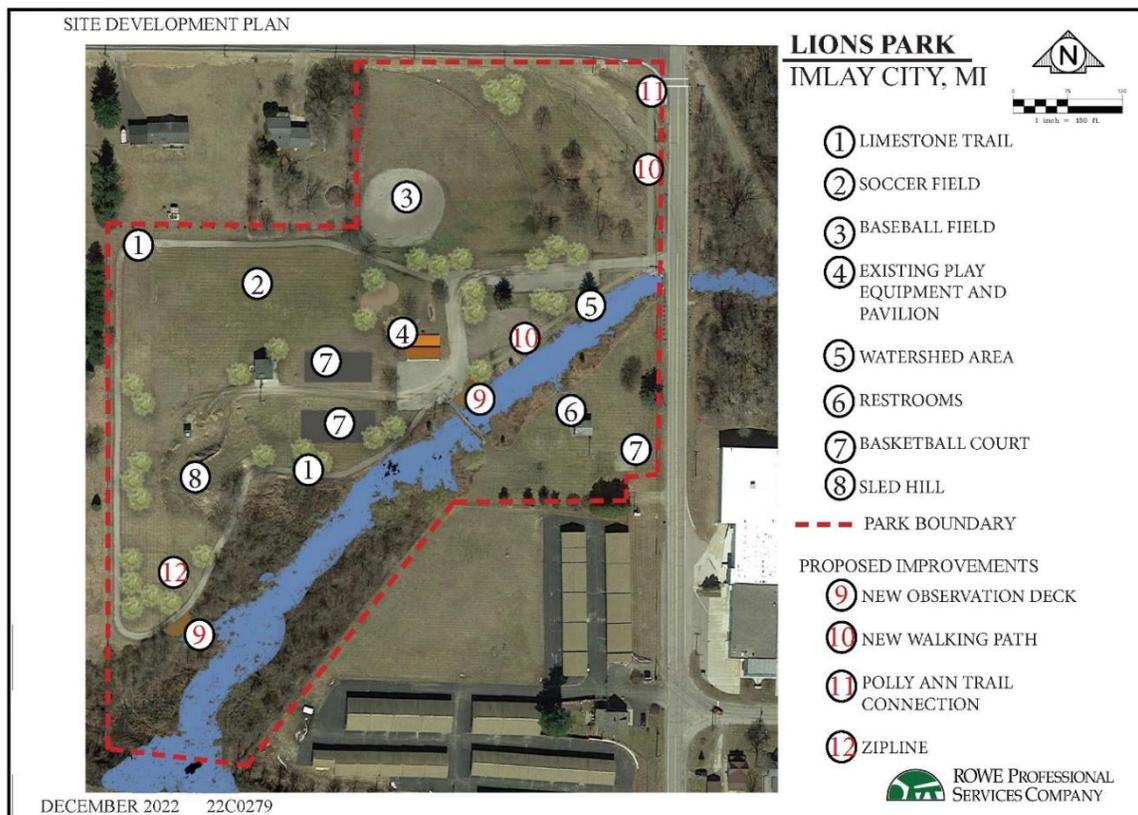
Year	Name of Park	Type of Improvement	Cost	Funding
2023	LIONS PARK	Landscape improvements at entrance	\$3,000	Private Donations
		Add clean dirt as needed to sled hill	\$5,000	General Fund
		Benches and grills	\$7,500	General Fund
		New pavilion and picnic tables	\$250,000	Grants
		New playground equipment	\$200,000	General Fund/Grants
		Maintenance	Variable	General Fund
	BIKE/WALKING PATHS	Review bike/walking path connections throughout the city	Variable	Donations, General Fund, Grants
	OLD SCHOOL PARK	Restroom facilities	\$150,000	General Fund/Grants
		Pavilion	\$200,000	Donations, General Fund
		Benches and grills	\$10,000	General Fund
		Skate Park	\$250,000	Donations, General Fund, Grants
		Maintenance/Additional Improvements	Variable	General Fund, Donations
2024	LAMB STEELE	ADA Access to Norlin's Pool Renovated pool building at Norlin's Pool	\$300,000	Lamb/Steele Fund
	LIONS PARK	Reassess Park layout	\$2,500	General Fund/Grants
		Observation deck(s)	\$50,000	General Funds, Grants
		Construct walking path along river	\$150,000	General, Grants, Donations
		Improve bridge	\$50,000	General Fund, Grants
		Skate Park	\$250,000	Donations, General Fund, Grants
		Upgrade sports fields (baseball and soccer)	\$175,000	General Fund, Grants, Donations
		Zipline	\$200,000	General Fund, Grants
		Replace fence around perimeter	\$100,000	General Fund, Grants, Donations
		Barrier-free inclusive	\$225,000	General Funds, Grants

Year	Name of Park	Type of Improvement	Cost	Funding
	PATH CONNECTIONS	Develop comprehensive path network and bike/pedestrian path accesses where needed	Variable	General Fund, Grants
		Develop bike path/trailway/sidewalk plan including maps	\$1,000	General Fund
	POCKET PARKS	Upgrades, various usages	Variable	General Fund, Grants
	OLD SCHOOL PARK	More play structures	\$4,000	General
	POLLY ANN TRAIL	Maintenance	Variable	General Fund
	VETERAN'S PARK	Crushed limestone pathway	\$10,000	General Fund
		Play structure	\$200,000	General Fund, Donations, Grants
		Develop/construct Veterans Memorial	\$250,000	General Fund, Donations
		Additional fitness station	\$25,000	General Fund
2025	ACQUISITION	Begin investigating potential for acquiring easements along Belle River for a complete connection from Lions Park to Handley Street.	\$25,000	General Fund, Private Donations, Grants
	LIONS PARK	Observation deck	\$50,000	General Fund, Private Donations, Grants
		Walking path	\$150,000	General Fund, Private Donations, Grants
	ALL	Investigate opportunities w/ recreation Authority (School/Twp/City)	Variable	Fundraising, Grants
2026	LAMB STEELE	Pavilion for parties	\$200,000	Grants, General Fund, Donations
2027	UPDATE MASTER PLAN	Re-evaluate Action Plan	\$10,000	General Fund
	LIONS PARK	Path along river or raised deck	\$150,000	General, Grants, Donations

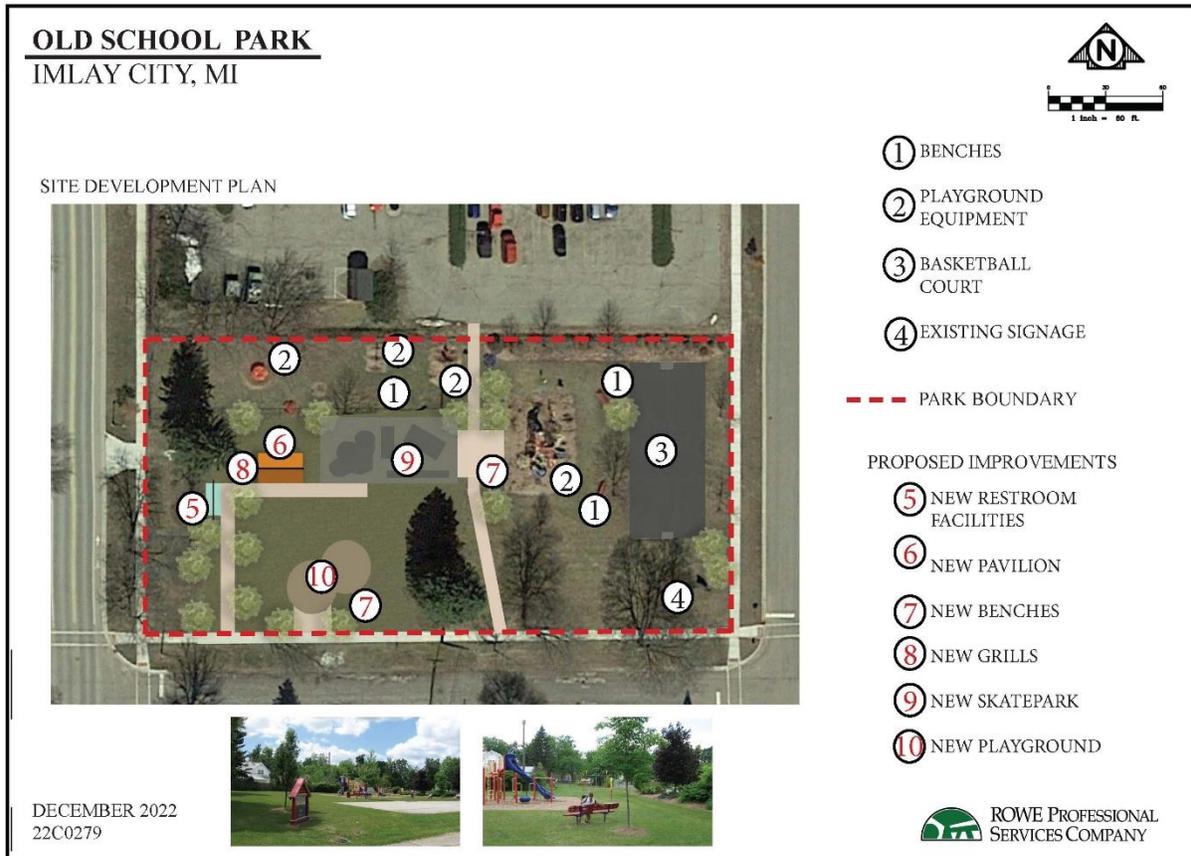
Map 2: Lamb Steele



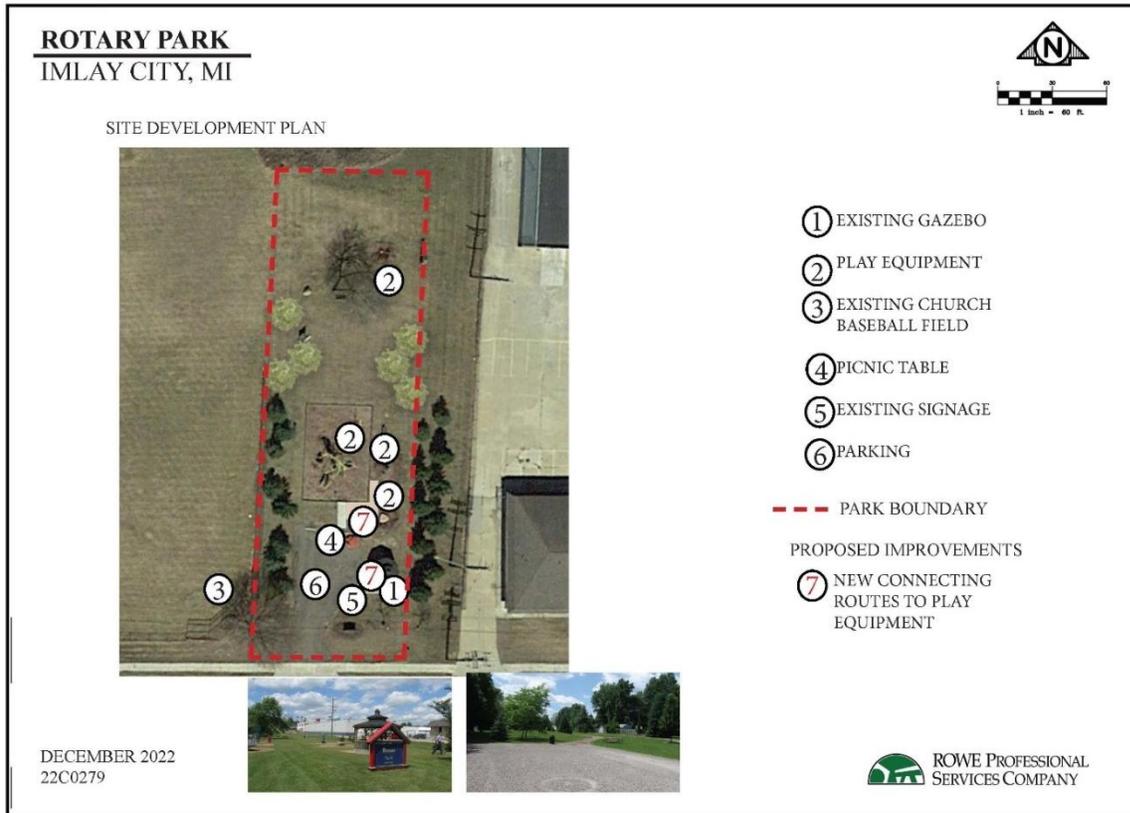
Map 3: Lion's Park



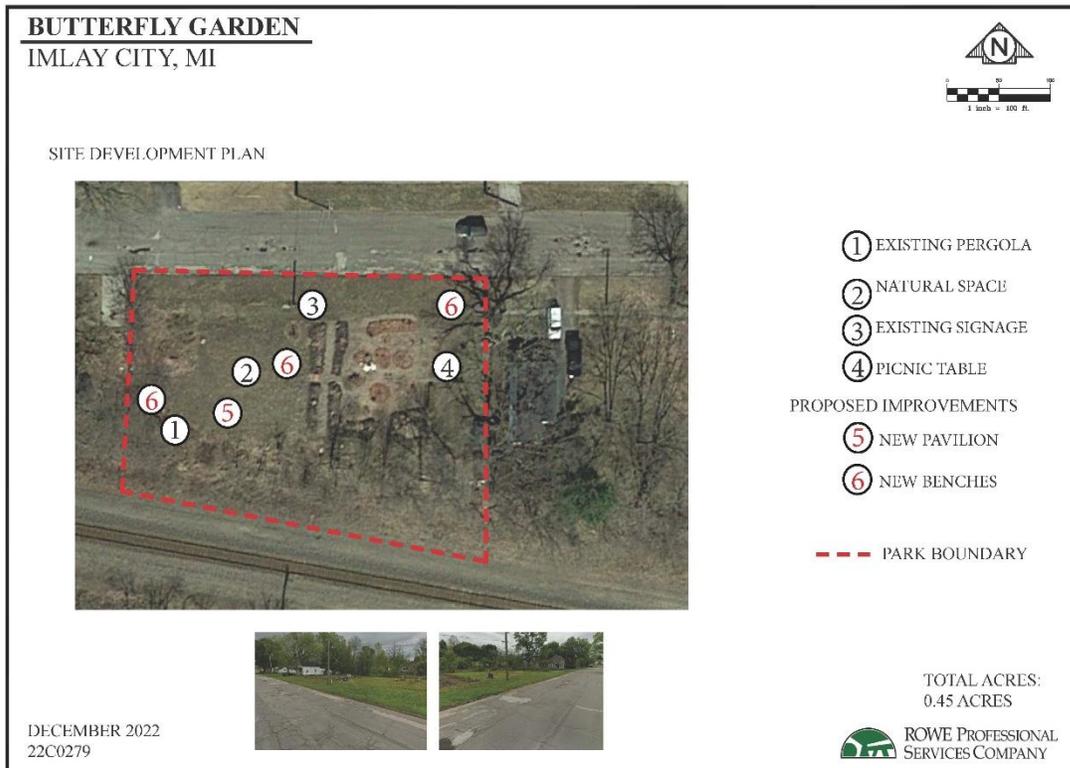
Map 4: Old School Park



Map 5: Rotary Park



Map 6: Butterfly Garden



Map 7: Veteran’s Park



Program Implementation

The scope of recreation improvements proposed in the Five-Year Action Plan can be financed solely through general fund proceeds or a combination of the funding sources that have been listed as suggestions. The City does not have park or recreation department staff, with the exception of seasonal pool employees. The 2021 budget for the parks and recreational facilities is \$112,000 allocated for maintenance of existing parkland and monthly operating costs.

Funding Initiative

In general, there are several existing and potential funding sources available to the City for Parks and Recreation facility improvements. In addition to the City providing resources to pay from the general fund, other resources of funding include a dedicated millage, user fees, bonds, grants, donations, foundations, contractual agreements, and conveyances. The following is a brief description of these funding sources:

General Fund

The General Fund may continue to provide a healthy budget for recreation programming and to accommodate the recommended improvements to City parks as funds are available.

Dedicated Millage

A property tax millage can be used to finance specific park and recreation projects, for park land acquisition, or for the operation of recreation facilities. The dedicated millage has gained favor in many communities because voters are increasingly wary of approving millage increase for non-specific purposes.

Use Fees

Fees could be charged to the users of specific recreation facilities or for enrollment in recreation programs. User fees can provide substantial support for park facilities. Other communities in Michigan have established user fees for swimming pools, tennis courts, wave pools, use of lighted athletic fields, and use of indoor facilities. User fees are a promising source of funding in the municipality if used selectively for specific facilities and services.

Bonds

Several bond programs can be used to finance construction of parks and recreation facilities. General Obligation Bonds are issued for specific community projects, such as park land acquisition, and may not be used for other purposes. These bonds are usually paid for with property tax revenues. Revenue Bonds are issued for construction of public projects that generate revenues. The bonds are then retired using income generated by the project.

Special assessment Bonds are used to pay for projects that benefit a particular segment of the population. For example, recreation improvements that benefit a defined subdivision or neighborhood could be financed using special assessment bonds, in which case only residents who receive the benefit would be assessed.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants:

Following is a summary of the two viable recreation grant programs now available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The Land and Water Conservation (LWCF) provides grants for projects which include community recreation and trailway improvements. These are grants between \$30,000 and \$100,000 to local units of government for development of facilities such as ball fields, tennis courts, playgrounds, trails, and picnic areas, including support facilities and renovation of existing facilities. Funds are provided through federal appropriations. The required grant match from the community is 50 percent.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grants are available for projects which include land acquisition or rights to land for recreational users. This may also include protection of land because of its environmental importance.

Development of public outdoor recreation facilities is eligible. Funds are provided through the sale of oil and mineral leases on state land.

The required local contributions required equals at least 25 percent of the project cost. There is no minimum or maximum amount for acquisition projects. The minimum allowable grant for development is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$300,000.

There are three special initiatives approved by the Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

- ✚ Trails/Greenways
- ✚ Wildlife/Ecological Corridors and Winter Deeryard Acquisitions
- ✚ Project is located within an Urban Area

Community Development Block Grants

Revenues obtained through the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program can be used for a variety of community improvement projects, including the development of recreation facilities or land acquisition for new parks or athletic fields in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods that qualify under the program.

Donations

Businesses, corporations, private clubs, community organizations, and individuals will often contribute to recreation and other improvement programs to benefit the communities in which they are located. Private sector contributions may be in the form of monetary contributions, the donation of land, the provision of volunteer services, or the contribution of equipment or facilities. Often, communities show their appreciation by providing a plaque of some sort to signify the contribution. Crowdfunding is an additional program the City can use to raise funds from citizens wishing to contribute to projects.

Foundations

A foundation is a special non-profit legal entity that is established as a mechanism through which land, cash, and securities can be donated for the benefit of parks and recreation services. The assets are disbursed by the foundation Board of Directors, according to a predetermined plan.

Lease or Contractual Agreements

The City may increase the availability of recreation facilities to its residents by leasing sites and facilities from other recreation providers. For example, the City may agree to help maintain school recreation facilities in exchange for guaranteed availability of the facility to the public.

The City may also contract with private entrepreneurs to provide services such as City-owned park facilities, recreation programming, food service, or facility maintenance. Privatization of services can increase recreation opportunities to residents, while minimizing City administrative costs.

Public Use Conveyances

Administered by the MDNR, this program provides state lands acquired through delinquent taxes for local government units for public use. Acceptable uses of land acquired under this program include the development of local parks.

Action Initiatives

There are additional steps the City can take beyond obtaining funding to improve the parks and recreation system for residents. The following will assist in facilitating local initiatives toward implementing this document.

Intradepartmental Involvement

Maintain good communication between the City Boards to ensure that consistent goals are followed in decision-making.

Public-Private Partnerships

Implications of reduced funding at the public and private sector has prompted both sectors to work collaboratively in the development of projects. For example, private companies could build recreation facilities on public property through a long-term lease agreement.

Neighborhood Park/Neighborhood Group Partnerships

Projects identified in the Five-Year Action Plan include renovations and the upgrading of neighborhood parks. It is recommended that neighborhood associations and residents be involved in the design and implementation process prior to the renovation of the neighborhood park. This level of involvement should include participation in the design process, fundraising, maintenance assistance, seasonal park cleaning, and monitoring.

Kick-Off Project

To prove that the City is committed to improving parks and recreation programming within the City, it is recommended that a kick-off project be identified. This project would serve as a symbol to the success of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Kick-off projects are something that can be easily implemented and visible for the residents.

SECTION VIII

LOCAL ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATION

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**IMLAY CITY
COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN
2023 - 2027
30-DAY DRAFT REVIEW NOTICE AND
PUBLIC HEARING**

A draft of the Community Recreation Plan for the City of Imlay City is available for review at City Hall (150 N. Main Street), Ruth Hughes Library (211 N. Almont Avenue) and online at www.imlaycity.org at from December 15, 2022, until January 13, 2023 during normal business hours.

Following the 30-Day Review period, a public hearing will be held on January 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, located at 150 N. Main Street, Imlay City, MI 48444.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments on the draft 5-Year Community Recreation Plan prior to consider of its adoption by the City Commission.

Comments may be submitted in writing or in person. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact the City Clerk a week in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance. You may contact the City Staff at (810) 724-2135.

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IMLAY CITY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

**150 N. MAIN STREET
IMLAY CITY, MI 48444**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022

6:00 P.M.

**KELLY VILLANUEVA, CHAIRMAN
HEATHER SAMPLE, VICE-CHAIRMAN
FRANK DEMSKE**

**JOI KEMPF, MAYOR
CYNTHIA STROEBEL, SECRETARY
RENEE HOAG**

AGENDA

1. CALL ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
5. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 10, 2022
7. FINANCIAL REPORT
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Parks and Recreation Plan Discussion
 - B. Parks Commissioner Applications
9. NEW BUSINESS
 - A.
 - B.
10. OTHER BUSINESS
11. ADJOURNMENT

Next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Date is Tuesday, January 10, 2023

**IMLAY CITY COMMISSION
150 N. MAIN STREET
IMLAY CITY, MI 48444**

**REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

7:00 P.M.

6. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR
7. PUBLIC HEARING – 2023-2027 Community Recreation Plan
 - A. Notice and Publications to Record
 - B. Public Hearing – OPEN
 - i. Parks and Recreation Resolution 2023-01
 - ii. Public Comment
 - C. Public Hearing – CLOSE
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Resolution 2023-02 to adopt 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan 2023-2027
 - B.
9. DEPARTMENT – DPW, Superintendent Ed Priehs
10. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project Plan – Fiscal Year 2024
 - B. Proposed Updated Language and Rate for Additional Recycling Bin Per Residence
 - C. Cross Connections Ordinance Revisions – Ordinance 52.54
11. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR
12. CLOSED SESSION - As Needed
13. CITY MANAGER TIME – As Needed
14. COMMISSIONER TIME
15. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Commission Meeting Date is Tuesday, February 07, 2023

**IMLAY CITY COMMISSION
150 N. MAIN STREET
IMLAY CITY, MI 48444**

**REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

7:00 P.M.

**JOI KEMPF, MAYOR
TED SADLER, MAYOR PRO-TEM
JOE DELUCA
SHANE COLLISON
BOB TANIS**

**AL RAMIREZ
BARBARA YOCKEY
CRAIG HORTON, CITY MANAGER
DAWN SAWICKI-FRANZ, CITY CLERK
ROBERT SEIBERT, CITY ATTORNEY**

NOTICE ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Welcome to the Imlay City Commission meeting. We are pleased that you are expressing your interest in issues to come before the commission by attending our meeting.

To facilitate quality discussion and input, please observe the following rules for public participation that have been adopted by the Imlay City Commission.

- The Public may only address the Commission during Agenda item **Citizens from the Floor** and you may include comments for both agenda and non-agenda items.
- The Mayor will recognize every person who wishes to speak and when it's your turn, please step to the podium, state your name and address before presenting your concern
- When addressing the Commission, please address all questions and comments to the Mayor.
- Although a specific time limit will not be strictly enforced, a 3-minute limit is recommended for comments. All comments are to be made with one single visit to the podium.
- Please keep in mind that we are very interested in hearing your views, and we ask that you observe common courtesy and respect for all participants at our meeting. Please do not address the commission from your seat before or after you have made your comments at the podium.
- All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the City Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commission Member requests.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes - January 03, 2023 – Regular Meeting

B. Other Minutes – December 01, 2022 – Ruth Hughes Memorial
December 12, 2022 – DDA Meeting
December 14, 2022 – DDA Special Meeting
December 13, 2022 - Parks and Recreation
January 04, 2023- Lapeer County Commission

C. Payment of Bills in the amount of:	General Fund Checking	\$	308,114.04
	Tax Account	\$	257,202.39
	HRA Account	\$	0.00
	Total	\$	<u>565,316.43</u>



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANT TYPE: [] MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND [] CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
[] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [X] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: City of Imlay City - Lapeer County

PROJECT NUMBER: BF90-155

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Alvin Nolin Pool

PROJECT SCOPE: Construction of a public swimming pool

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: City of Imlay City, Craig D. Horton, City Manager, 150 N. Main St., 810-724-2135, Imlay City, Michigan 48444, citymanager@imlaycity.org

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [X] No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [X] No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No

Summer months maintained daily

Winter months inspected monthly

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

\$4.00 daily walk-in

\$60.00 season pass

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Open daily Memorial Day till Labor Day

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Craig D. Horton
Please print


Grantee Authorized Signature

01/06/2023
Date

Dawn Sawicki-Franz
Please print


Witness Signature

01/06/2023
Date

Send completed report to: **POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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GRANTEE: City of Imlay City - Lapeer County

PROJECT NUMBER: BF19-0053

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Imlay City Splashpad

PROJECT SCOPE: Development of splash pad with shade structures and picnic tables

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POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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Craig D. Horton

Please print


Grantee Authorized Signature

01/06/2023

Date

Dawn Sawicki-Franz

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Witness Signature

01/06/2023

Date

Send completed report to:

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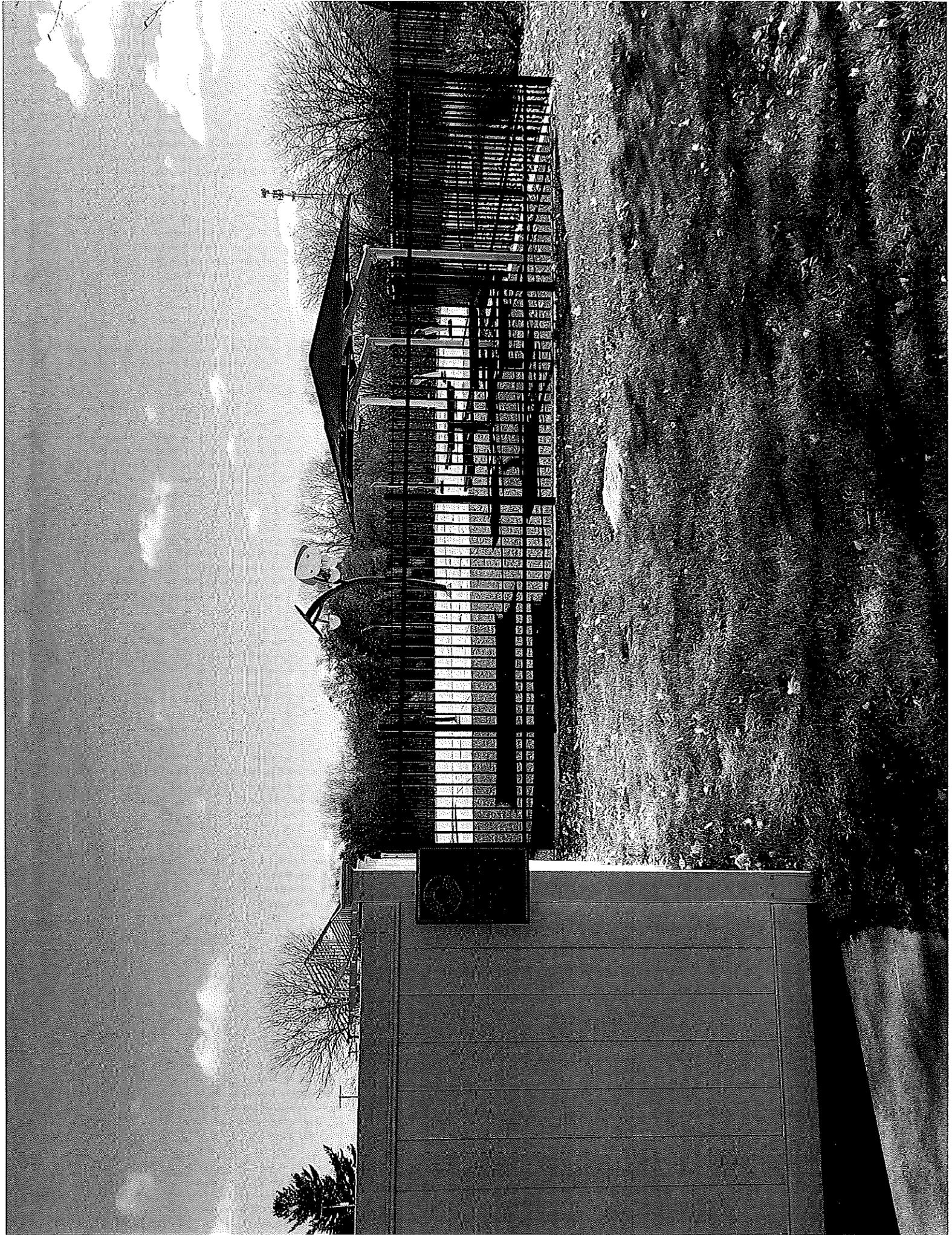


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IMLAY CITY, MI 48444

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023
7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Joi Kempf called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Joi Kempf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Joi Kempf, Mayor Pro Tem Ted Sadler, Commissioner Shane Collison, Commissioner Joe DeLuca, Commissioner Al Ramirez, Commissioner Barbara Yockey

Absent: Commissioner Bob Tanis

Also Present: City Manager Craig Horton, Rowe Professional Services Landscape Architect Blake Strozier, Rowe Professional Services Senior Project Manager Douglas Skylis, DPW Superintendent Ed Priehs, Fire Chief Rick Horton, Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Sawicki-Franz and Public.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Ramirez seconded by Yockey to approve the agenda with the addition of **NEW BUSINESS D. APPOINT JAMES BLOUNT TO BOARD OF REVIEW AS AN ALTERNATE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Sadler seconded by Yockey to approve the consent agenda to include:

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 03, 2023 – Regular Meeting

B. **OTHER MINUTES**

December 01, 2022 – Ruth Hughes Memorial Library

December 12, 2022 – DDA Meeting

December 01, 2022 – DDA Special Meeting

December 01, 2022 – Parks and Recreation Meeting

January 04, 2023 – Lapeer County Commission Meeting

C. PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF:	General Fund Checking	\$ 308,114.04
	Tax Account	\$ 257,202.39
	HRA Account	\$ 0.00
	Total	<u>\$ 565,316.43</u>

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Sadler, Yockey, Collison, DeLuca, Ramirez, Kempf

Nays: None

Absent: Tanis

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

7. **PUBLIC HEARING 2023-2027 COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN**

A. **NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS TO RECORD**

MOTION by Sadler seconded by Yockey to enter all notices and publications for this Park and Recreation Plan Public Hearing to record.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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B. PUBLIC HEARING – OPEN

MOTION by Yockey and seconded by Ramirez to open the Parks and Recreation Plan Public Hearing at 7:04PM.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Rowe Professional Services Landscape Architect Blake Strozier who worked closely with City Staff on this project was on hand to answer any questions if needed.

City Manager Horton explained that the prior Parks & Recreation Plan has now expired and the Parks and Recreation Commission has been working throughout the last year to update the plan with the assistance of Administrative Assistant Leah Mills and obtained the services of Landscape Architect Blake Strozier from Rowe Professional Services to assist in the process. Horton stated that copies of the Park and Recreation Plan 2023-2027 are available for each of the Commissioners and public to review.

Commissioner Yockey stressed the importance of this Parks and Recreation Plan to be in place in order for groups such as “Friends of the Polly Ann Trail” of which Yockey is a member of, can apply for grant funding to maintain and improve the parks and trails located within the City of Imlay City.

C. PUBLIC HEARING – CLOSED

Public Hearing closed by Mayor Kempf at 7:07PM

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION 2023-02 PARKS AND RECREATION 5-YEAR PLAN 2023-2027

MOTION by Yockey seconded by Ramirez to adopt Resolution 2023-02 Parks and Recreation 5-Year Plan 2023-2027 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Yockey, Ramirez, Sadler, Collison, DeLuca, Kempf

Nays: None

Absent: Tanis

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD – DPW SUPERINTENDENT ED PRIEHS

DPW Superintendent Ed Priehs introduced himself to the Commissioners and informed that he has been with the City of Imlay City for over 20 years and he and 4 DPW staff members together have over 70 years of experience. Priehs continued stating DPW utilizes the Street and Sidewalk Millage Funding as well as the ACT 51 revenue loss funds from MDOT to help maintain sidewalks, roads and parking surfaces. Priehs stated that the DPW maintain both dirt and paved roadway, all traffic signs, as well as the water distribution system which includes 22 miles of water main, 225 main valves, 253 fire hydrants, over 1100 services, 1400 meters, pressure reducing valves and water storage tanks while conducting all testing and necessary reporting. The DPW maintains and operates 17 miles of Sanitary Sewer System which includes 372 man holes in addition to nine miles of storm water sewers and the catch basin man holes. The DPW has assisted the City with the Arbor Day Foundation in maintaining the title of “Tree City USA” for over 20 years and maintain the parks, trails and other public grounds within the City including the public pool and splash pad. Upcoming projects slated are: to improve the City Hall parking area and sidewalks, replacing the DPW building roof, replacing the 2001 Sterling Dump Truck and update the heating and cooling system, control system and windows at the Lamb Steele building.

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The Fourth Street sewer project from M-53 to Main Street will begin this fall with a four-to-six week duration time as well as the upcoming trestle project under the railway on M-53 will go out for bid this spring and move forward soon after.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT PLAN – FISCAL YEAR 2024**

Rowe Professional Services Senior Project Manager Douglas Skylis explained that Rowe Professional Services assisted the City with submitting a Letter of Intent to apply for funding through the State of Michigan Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Programs. The next step in the process will be to prepare a formal project plan that incorporates the proposed project.

MOTION by Ramirez seconded by Collison to approve Rowe for the amount of \$16,600 to complete the scope of services as identified in the proposal to bid out the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project Plan presented as recommended by DPW Superintendent Priehs.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Ramirez, Collison, Deluca, Sadler, Yockey, Kempf

Nays: None

Absent: Tanis

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. **PROPOSED UPDATED LANGUAGE AND RATE FOR ADDITIONAL RECYCLING BIN PER RESIDENCE**

DPW Superintendent Priehs explained that the proposed updated language will include a \$15 fee charged for an additional recycling bin. Residents that bring in their damaged recycling bin will get a replacement as is currently done and new residents will receive one bin free of charge with proof of residency.

MOTION by Yockey and seconded by Sadler to approve the updated language to include a \$15 fee charged per residence for an additional recycling bin as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Yockey, Sadler, Collison, Deluca, Ramirez, Kempf

Nays: None

Absent: Tanis

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. **CROSS CONNECTIONS ORDINANCE REVISIONS – ORDINANCE 52.54**

DPW Superintendent Priehs explained that this ordinance update is required. Ordinance 52.54 needs updated to include: Only individuals that hold a valid Michigan plumbing license and **hold an ASSE 5110 certification shall be approved to inspect and test a testable backflow device** and remove and have successfully passed an approved backflow testing class shall perform such testing as presented

MOTION by Sadler seconded by Yockey to approve the update to Ordinance 52.54 to include **hold an ASSE 5110 certification shall be approved to inspect and test a testable backflow device** as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Sadler, Yockey, Collison, DeLuca, Ramirez, Kempf

Nays: None

Absent: Tanis

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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D. APPOINT JAMES BLOUNT TO BOARD OF REVIEW AS AN ALTERNATE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM

City Manager Horton explained that the Board of Review will be meeting in March and that Assessor Nathan Hager would like to have an alternate Board of Review member available if one of the three members of this board is unable to perform their duties on the specified meeting dates.

MOTION by Yockey seconded by Collison to approve James Blount as a Board of Review alternant for a three-year term until June 30, 2026

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. CITIZENS FROM THE FLOOR

None

12. CLOSED SESSION

None

13. CITY MANAGER TIME

City Manager Craig Horton reminded the Commission that the budget calendar was passed out at the last Commission meeting and the department heads will be receiving their budget documents very soon and working with Clerk/Treasurer Sawicki-Franz to get these ready for the upcoming meetings. Also, included with the new budget Sawicki-Franz is working on an updated City wide fee schedule to be adopted annually with the budget each year going forward. Horton continued informing that the Imlay Township fire agreement is still being worked on and hoping to have a meeting with the township later this week.

City Clerk Dawn Sawicki-Franz updated the Commission informing that Medical Marijuana applications were available on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 8AM through Friday, January 13, 2023 at 5PM. Six applications were received for the two provisioning center licenses that are available per the ballot initiative that was voted by the people in the November 2022 election. These six applications will have to be reviewed and scored based on the scoring procedure set forth in the ballot initiative.

14. CITY COMMISSIONER TIME

Commissioner Yockey wished Commissioner Bob Tanis well as he had notified the Commission that he had surgery today and would not be at the meeting. Commissioner Yockey also briefed the Commission on her recent attendance to new Commissioner training in Ann Arbor and stated that it was a privilege to be able to attend and she appreciated the opportunity.

Commissioner Collison congratulated the DPW on the great response on the recent snow storm this year. DPW Superintendent Priehs thanked Commissioner Collison and stated that he believes this is the first time their department has swept the streets in the winter due to the lack of snow.

Commission Sadler welcomed the new County Commissioner Truman Mast who was in the audience. Sadler continued with information from the recent EMAC meeting and discussed 2021 Homeland Security grants that are available and the delay in the delivery of the AEDs from the 2020 grant. Sadler also commended the county on the handling of the recent 911 break that

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happened in Marquette, MI and affected the entire state and continued with accolades of how they worked together with neighboring St. Clair County to ensure three layers of redundancy to make sure that residents had adequate coverage during the outage.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Yockey seconded by Collison to adjourn at 7:53PM.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Commission Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Dawn Sawicki-Franz, City Clerk

APPROVED:

DRAFT

CITY OF IMLAY CITY
2023-2027 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN
RESOLUTION 2023-01

At a regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission of Imlay City, Lapeer County, Michigan, held in the Chambers at 150 N. Main Street on the 10th day of January 2023:

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Sample and supported by Commissioner Renee Hoag.

WHEREAS, The City of Imlay City Parks and Recreation Commission has conducted a revised edition of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2023 – 2027 for the community, and

WHEREAS, the plan needs to be adopted by the City Commission and then submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for final approval, and

WHEREAS, the parks and recreation plan provides a solid foundation for development of recreational facilities and continued improvements in recreation programming to support a healthy, desirable quality of life for the resident throughout the City of Imlay City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Parks and Recreation Commission hereby declares its support for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update for 2023 – 2027 and recommends to the City Commission approval of the plan at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing resolution was voted with a roll call vote.

Upon a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

AYES: Sample, Hoag, Villanueva, Stroebel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Demske, Kempf

ABSTENTIONS: None

DATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED: January 10, 2023

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Park and Recreation Commission of the City of Imlay City, Lapeer County, Michigan at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. The original of which resolution is on file in my office. I further certify that notice of said meeting was given in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Dated: January 10, 2023



Kelly Villanueva, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission



Dawn Sawicki-Franz, Clerk/Treasurer
City of Imlay City

**CITY OF IMLAY CITY
5-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN 2023-2027
RESOLUTION 2023-02**

At a regular meeting of the City Commission of Imlay City, Lapeer County, Michigan, held in the Chambers at 150 N. Main Street on the 17th day of January 2023:

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Yockey and supported by Commissioner Ramirez.

WHEREAS the City of Imlay City has made investigations of the existing recreation resources and probable future need for recreation lands, facilities, and services; and

WHEREAS, the plan provides detailed recommendations for park and recreation facilities, and recreation programming with an action plan of improvements for the next five year; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of the plan is established with the Action Program consisting of overall goals and supporting objectives and specific action programs for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, said plan is represented to meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, thereby making Imlay City eligible for State and Federal grants administered by the Michigan Department of Natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Imlay City Commission held a public hearing on the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan to provide an opportunity for citizen comments and subsequently adopted said Recreation Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission does hereby adopt the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan for 2023 - 2027 at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing resolution was voted with a roll call vote.
Upon a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

AYES: Yockey, Ramirez, Sadler, Collison, DeLuca, Kempf

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Tanis

ABSTENTIONS: None

DATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED: January 17, 2023

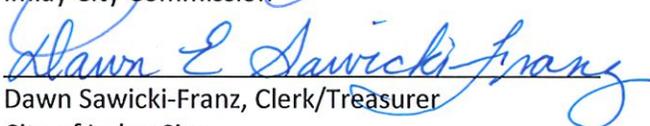
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Dated: January 17, 2023



Joi Kempf, Mayor
Imlay City Commission



Dawn Sawicki-Franz, Clerk/Treasurer
City of Imlay City



January 27, 2023

GLS Region V Planning and Development Commission
1101 Beach Street, Room 223
Flint, Michigan 48502-1470

RE: Community Recreation Plan 2023 - 2027
City of Imlay City

Dear Mr. Bradshaw:

On behalf of the City of Imlay City, please find for your use an attached copy of the recently adopted Five-Year Recreation Master Plan. The plan has been adopted by the City Commission on January 17, 2023, and by the Parks and Recreation Commission on January 10, 2023.

The City Commission is submitting a final document to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for acceptance. The plan was developed with our assistance and under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Commission, which also included various methods of public input.

Please contact Craig Horton, Executive Director at (810) 724-2135 (ext. 1306) or me at (810) 341-7500 with any questions.

Sincerely,
ROWE Professional Services Company

Blake D. Strozier
Graduate Landscape Architect

Attachment

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January 27, 2023

Mr. Tom Kohlman, Commissioner
Lapeer County Board of Commissioners
255 Clay Street, Suite 301
Lapeer, Michigan 48446

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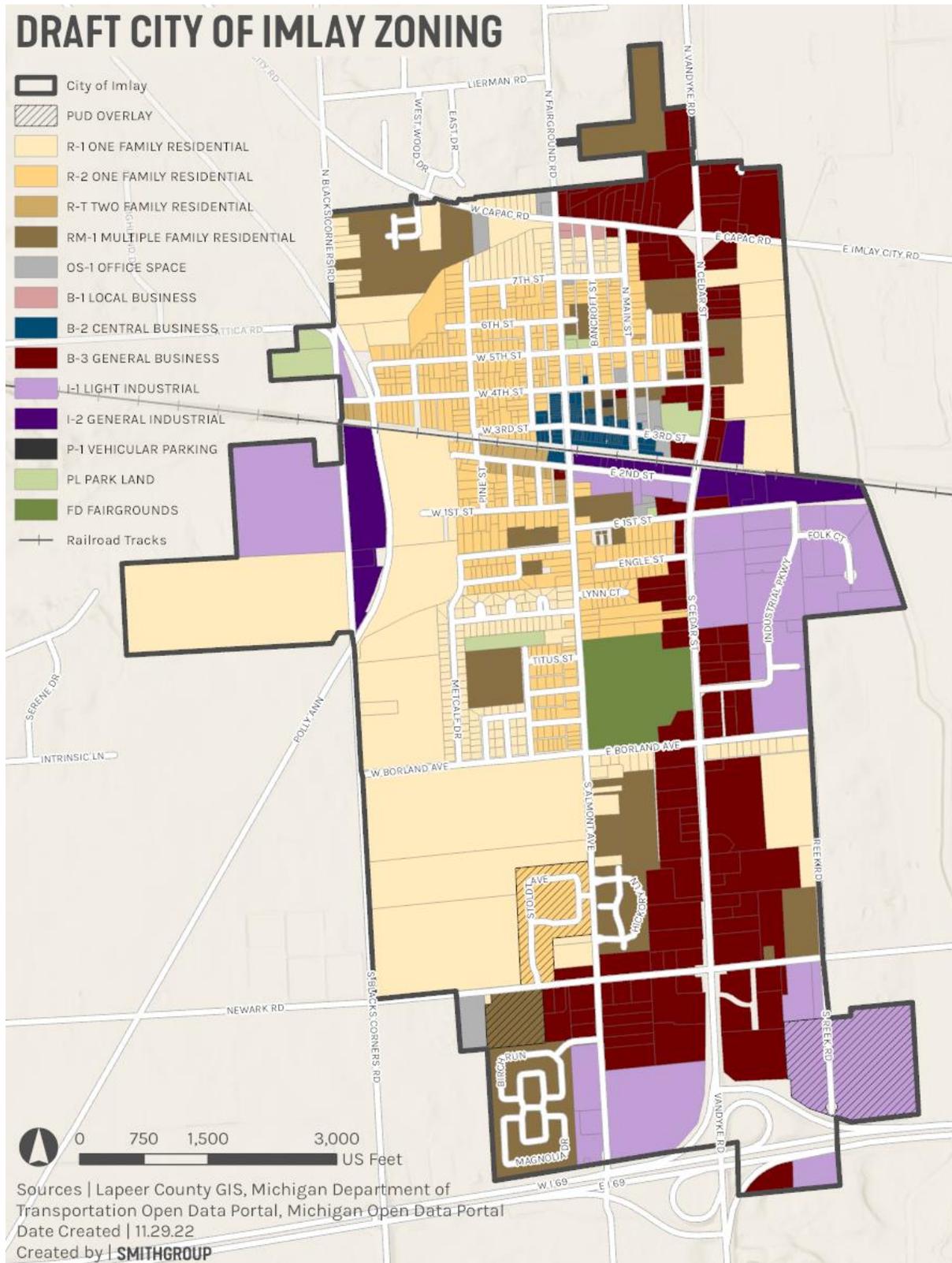
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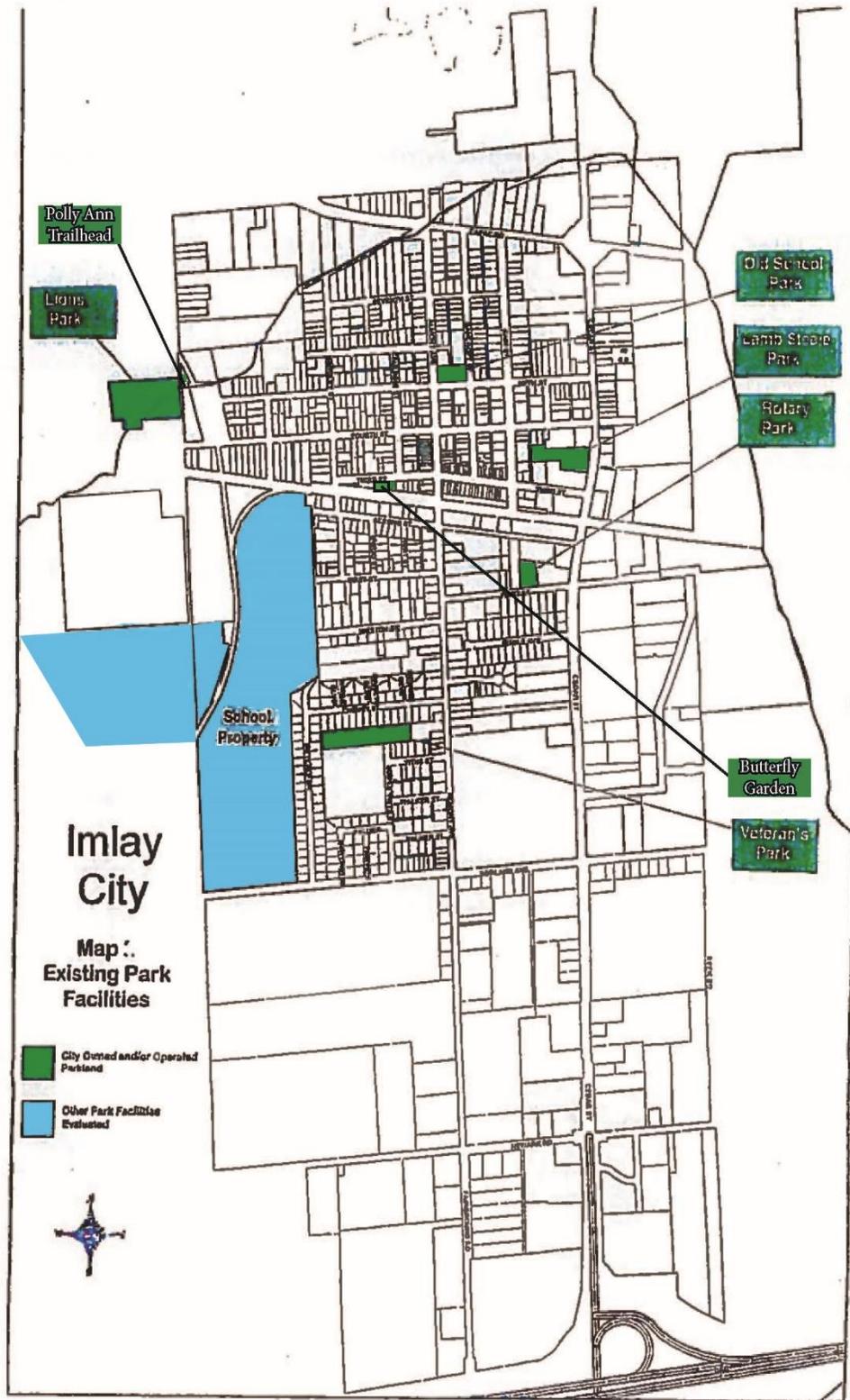
Appendix A: Soils Map



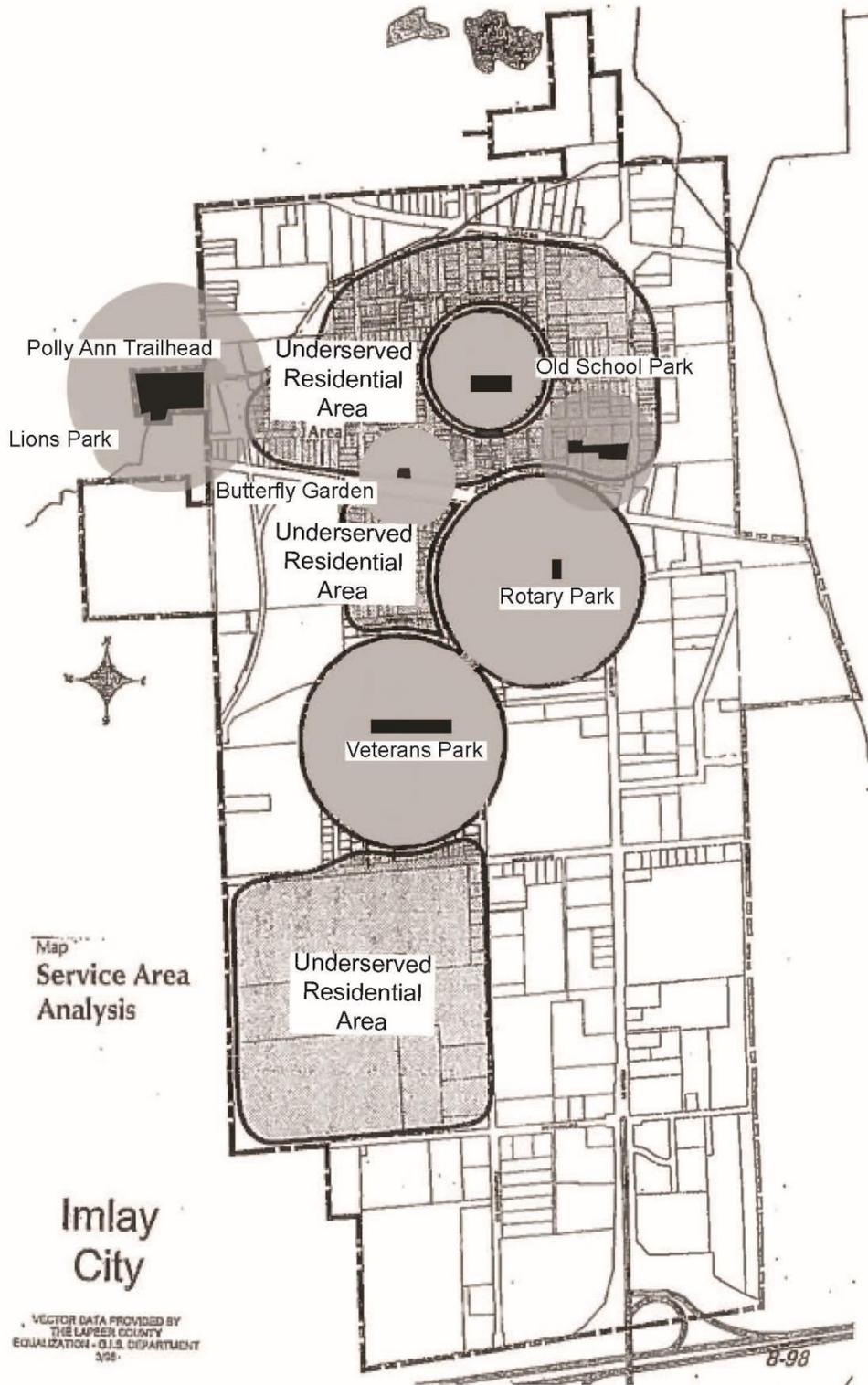
Appendix D: Zoning Map



Appendix E: Existing Park Facilities



Appendix F: Underserved Areas





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 Imlay City Community Recreation Plan 2023 - 2027**

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
Imlay City	Lapeer	January, 2023

PLAN CONTENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

- 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION
- 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE
 - Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
 - Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
 - Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming
 - Current Funding Sources
 - Role of Volunteers
 - Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations
 - Recreation Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:**
 - Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
 - Articles of Incorporation
- 3. RECREATION INVENTORY
 - Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
 - Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
 - Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
 - Accessibility Assessment
 - Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities
 - Waterways Inventory (if applicable)
- 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)
- 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

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 12/16/22
 - Type of Notice Newspaper
 - Plan Location Imlay City City Hall and Ruth Hughes Library
 - Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 12/15/22 to 1/13/23
- 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 12/16/22
 - Name of Newspaper The County Press
 - Date of Meeting 1/17/23
- 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.

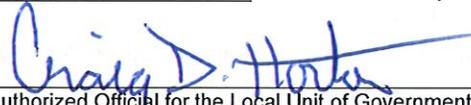
- 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: 1/17/23
- 2. Official resolution of the Parks and Recreation Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: 1/10/23
- 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: 1/27/23
- 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: 1/27/23

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 Imlay City, Michigan includes the required content, as indicated
(Local Unit of Government)
above and as set forth by the DNR.


Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government 01/27/2023
Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.