

SHELBYVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

A FIVE YEAR MASTER PLAN

Prepared for: Mayor Thomas D. Debaun,
The Shelbyville Common Council, The
Shelbyville Board of Public Works and
Safety and the Shelbyville Parks Board

Prepared in accordance with the
"Planning Guidelines for 5-year Parks and
Recreation Master Plans" developed by
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Resources

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BOARD AND DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Park Board

This four-member board is appointed by the Mayor. The term is on a four-year rotation basis with one new appointment each year. The most basic and necessary function of a City Park Board is to outline proposed goals and objectives which will provide the framework and direction within which the board will direct its future land acquisition, development and recreational programming and budgets.

The Parks and Recreation Department

The Parks and Recreation Department is comprised of 15 full-time and 100 part-time and seasonal employees, and 120 regular volunteers. The months of April to August are the most active. An organizational chart for the Department is included on the following page, along with a list of all full-time staff below:

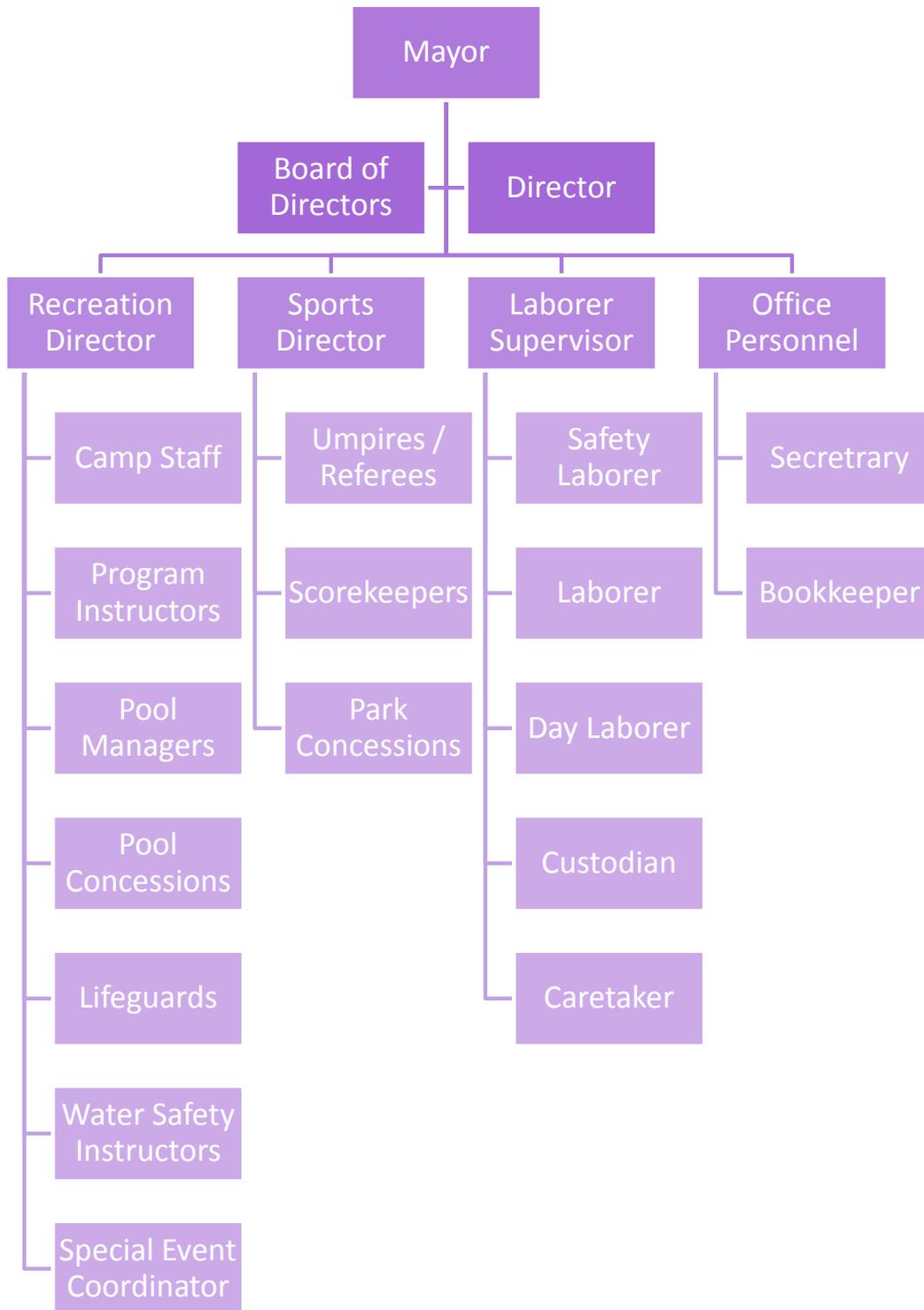
Staff Directory:

Karen Martin-Director	Dennis Blunk-Maintenance
Trisha Tackett-Recreation Director	Gary Leffler-Maintenance
Chris Stephens-Sports Director	Danny Wright-Maintenance
Jill Camp-Special Events Coordinator	J.R. Branum-Maintenance
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Jennifer Leffler-Admin. Assistant	Justin Anderson-Maintenance
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DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART



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President
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Jeff Wright - 5th Ward
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Mayor: Thomas D. DeBaun

Common Council Liaison:

Jeff Wright

Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Board Members:

Gary Bowen - President
Gary Nolley - Vice President
Terie Anderson - Secretary
Mike Babbitt

Shelbyville Board of Public Works and Safety Members:

Thomas D. DeBaun
David Finkel
Robert Williams

Shelby County Council Liaison:

Ryan Claxton



ADOPTING RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2018-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHELBYVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE
COMPREHENSIVE FIVE YEAR PARK AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department has drafted a Comprehensive Five Year Park Master Plan in accordance with Indiana Department of Natural Resource Guidelines;

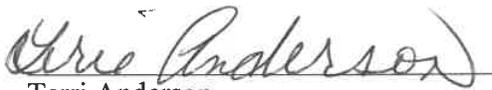
WHEREAS, the creation of the Plan included an inventory of current assets, a needs analysis, and goal formation; and

WHEREAS, a series of public meetings and workshops were held to collect input from community members; and

WHEREAS, the Plan will provide a roadmap for the future of the Parks and Recreation Department and provide a framework for determining priorities and costs of future projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Shelbyville, Indiana, that the Board accepts and approves the "Comprehensive Five Year Park Master Plan", as attached hereto and incorporated herein, and said Plan is now in full force and effect.

RESOLVED this 28th day of March, 2018 by the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Shelbyville, Indiana.



Terri Anderson



Mike Babbitt



Gary Bowen



Gary Nolley

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Department's purpose and mission is to make life better for our community and visitors by being community minded, healthy natured, family oriented and environmentally sound. We feel that the Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Department's positive influence on the quality of life will draw the younger generations back into our community.

Existing Conditions & Analysis

The City of Shelbyville has many strengths. We are the central highway for roads, air and trails which lends us to being marketable. We have a state-of-the-art hospital, schools that have been named as 4 star schools by the Board of Education, and great parks facilities. We have both a strong industrial and farming industry as well as a growing technology industry.

Our weaknesses show we have a lot of single families, reduced lunches, poor health and many seniors along with tired housing. Many homes lack the repairs and updates to draw the younger generation. We also show many financial constraints.

Public Input & Initiatives

The Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Department held several focus groups and public sessions. The initiatives were listed in the following order:

1. To develop a community center with a one-stop shop where each member of the family could get involved. The public suggested an indoor playground, fitness center, social area, gymnasium and pool.
2. Create adventurous activities in the parks such as a bike park, a bike/skate park, zip lines and canoeing/kayaking and tubing.
3. Develop social areas throughout the parks such as an amphitheater, a dog park, seating arrangements, quiet areas to relax, pods for music, and arts or camping.
4. Continue to develop more bike trails and continuous sidewalk connections.
5. Develop artwork throughout the parks and community including areas to display/sell or perform arts.
6. Make all activities ADA compliant.
7. Develop additional softball fields.

8. Build new maintenance building and sewage infrastructure at Blue River Memorial Park.
9. Secure additional ways to fund the parks maintenance and security.

Current/Future Projects & Future Goals

The Shelbyville Parks Department and City of Shelbyville is working on plans for a dog park. This area will be divided into space for small dogs and large dogs. It will also include an area for maintenance. The Leadership of Shelby County has taken on the task of securing donations for this project. The department is growing the Music in the Park Series. Future planning includes the continued development of the Blue River Trail as well as the construction of Bridge 13 in Blue River Memorial Park. There are also plans to construct a spectator berm that will be located by the future location of the amphitheater at Blue River Memorial Park. The department has purchased a plot of land adjacent to Blue River Memorial Park located across the river that will be developed into a bike/skate park, camping site, additional trails and a canoeing/kayaking/tubing site. Fishing will be allowed at this site as well. Zip lines may be added in the future. Currently the department is adding a social seating area at the outdoor musical instruments. A new trail is being developed that will start at the North 9 Trailhead, venture down the river through a stone quarry and eventually meet up with the trails that are currently located at the MHP Medical Center. The west reach of the Blue River Trail will be receiving a beautiful piece of artwork selected by the public and a special committee. This piece of art will be installed by November 2018 with the hopes of future additions. The department is currently looking to bring Wifi and cameras to the parks. It is also working with Shelby County Tourism in hopes of restoring and building additional softball fields. The department is also looking into energy savings as well as return on investments through the installation of LED lighting. Also a current project is the installation of a new fire alarm system. The department is also currently working on an Impact Fee Study as well as seeking to replace a bond with new sewage infrastructure and a maintenance building. There are also current plans to install a Japanese garden and to work on ADA compliance in the parks. Future plans also include additions such as an indoor playground, amphitheater, additional pedestrian/bike trails, disc golf, drone zones, camping, additional softball fields, additional artwork as well as additional shade and landscaping. Future goals for the department are to include zip lining, an ice rink, arts venue with additional artwork and updated computer systems.

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PART 2: COMMUNITY PROFILE & PARK INVENTORY

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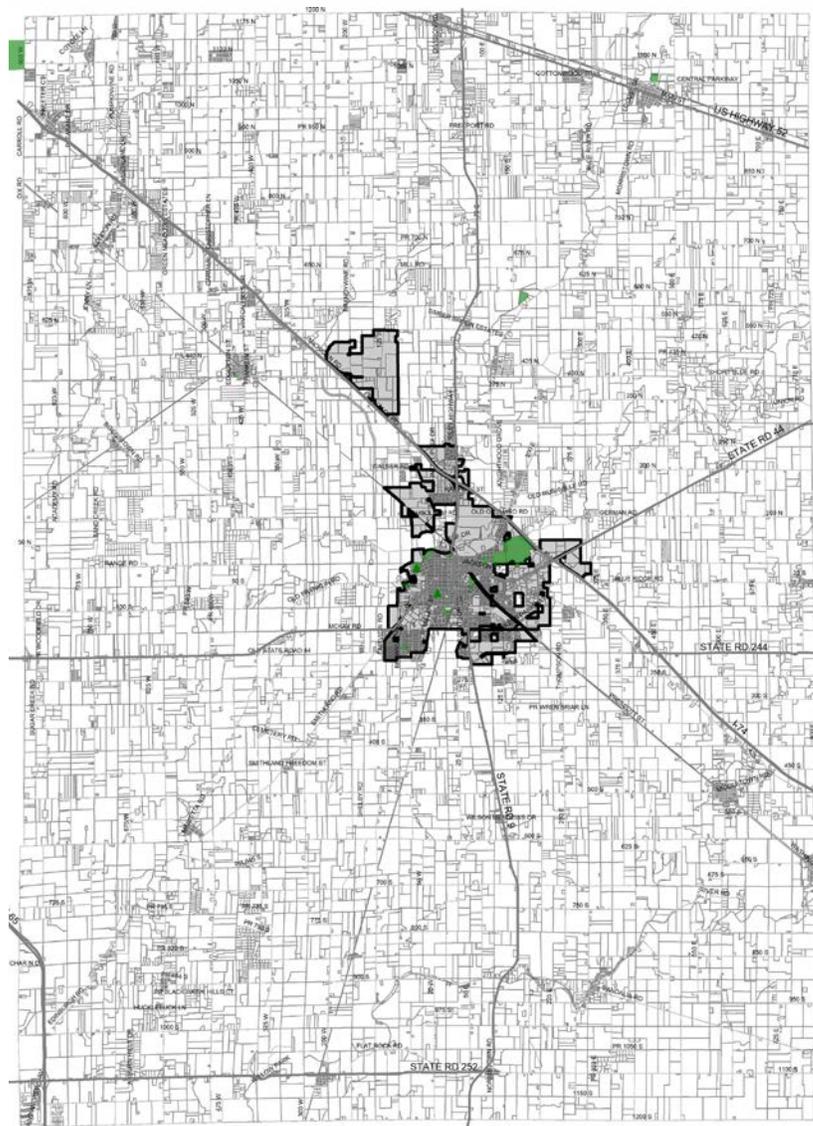
- Definition of Planning Area
- Natural Features and Landscape
- Man-Made, Historical, and Cultural
- Social and Economic Factors
- Current Facilities and Assets



DEFINITION OF PLANNING AREA

The City of Shelbyville is the county seat of Shelby County, Indiana, and consists of roughly 11.3 square miles of incorporated land within the center of the county. While the City of Shelbyville only covers a small percentage of the land area of the county, it is the urban center of the community and therefore serves a vast majority of the recreational needs for the entire county. This planning document takes into consideration these facts, but will only be focusing on planning changes within the corporate limits of the City of Shelbyville.

The map below shows the corporate boundaries of the City of Shelbyville in relation to all of Shelby County.



This map illustrates the official planning area for the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department, while, at the same time, placing it in the larger context of the entire county who's residents are also served by these facilities. Current parks and recreation facilities throughout both the city and county are shown in green on this map to show how they relate to one another.

Source: City of Shelbyville

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Shelbyville is located on the forks of the Little Blue and Big Blue Rivers near the center of the county. Shelby County is located in south central Indiana, 26 miles southeast of the state capital of Indianapolis. By highway, Shelbyville is 217 miles from Chicago; 83 miles from Cincinnati; 273 miles from Detroit; and 268 miles from St. Louis. Three state highways (9, 44 and 244), one US highway 52 and Interstate 74, plus several good county roads, converge in / near Shelbyville. Interstate I-65 and I-70 are also within easy access. The Shelbyville Municipal Airport for private and small business aircraft serves Shelby County. The Indianapolis International Airport is 40 minutes away on the southeast side of Indianapolis, and it is 23 miles to Mt. Comfort Airport on the east side of Indianapolis. There are also several small airstrips in the county for private aircraft. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service through the county, and the nearest navigable waterway is the Ohio River.

History and Culture:

Shelby County was organized in 1821 and was named after General Isaac Shelby, who defeated the British at the Battle of King's Mountain in the Revolutionary War. He was also instrumental in the War of 1812, defeating the British at the Battle of the Thames in 1813. Shelbyville and Shelby County were part of a huge territory, known as the "New Purchase." In 1820, the "New Purchase" was formally opened for settlement and purchasers claimed most of the rich farm land that now comprises Shelby County. In December of 1821, the Indiana State Legislature at Corydon authorized the organization of Shelby County and the establishment of a county "capital." The name Shelby was assigned to the new county in honor of Isaac Shelby. The State considered four sites for the county seat, finally deciding on the present location in the center of the county. A donation of 70 acres of land - 40 acres by John Hendricks, 20 by James Davison and 10 acres by John Walker aided the selection of present day Shelbyville. The city was platted in 1822 and incorporated as a town in 1837. The county was first divided into four civil townships, but since has been made into its present thirteen townships - Addison, Brandywine, Hanover, Hendricks, Jackson, Liberty, Marion, Noble, Shelby, Sugar Creek, Union, Van Buren and Washington. Shelbyville is primarily located in Addison, the central township. Shelbyville was incorporated January 21, 1837, by a special act of the Legislature. In 1973, the incorporated city limits of Shelbyville contained an area of 6.00 square miles. Today, Shelbyville city limits cover an area of roughly 11.3 square miles. Shelby County is 24 miles long, 17 miles wide and has an area of 407 square miles. Adjacent counties include Rush county to the northeast, Decatur to the southeast, Bartholomew to the south, Johnson to the west/southwest, Marion to the northeast and Hancock to the north.

The City has several significant transportation corridors, helping the city's recreational facilities serve a larger population than just the residents of Shelbyville. Of these transportation corridors, I-74 is the largest and most traveled, connecting from Indianapolis to Cincinnati and locating three exits within the city's limits. The other two major thoroughfares in the City are State Road 9 and State Road 44. Beyond vehicular connections, Shelbyville has an active CSX Rail Line that serves many of the manufacturing facilities in the community, and an expanding bicycle and pedestrian network that serves primarily as a recreational element in the community.

Geographic Features and Land Use:

The terrain in Shelby County and the City of Shelbyville is relatively flat with a few gently rolling hills. This flat terrain is ideal for the development of recreational fields and natural passive green space. Central Indiana's climate and temperature are relatively mild with generally no extreme temperatures in this Midwest region. Average temperatures range from 30 degrees Fahrenheit during the winter to 75.5 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer. Annual rain amounts average 39.94 inches; snow averages 27.5 inches. Shelbyville's average temperature is 54 degrees; annual average precipitation is 40.14 inches.

For many years, the chief industry of Shelbyville was the manufacture of high-grade furniture, using the fine hardwoods that grew in abundance in the surrounding area. As the forests gave way to farmland, the furniture business - while still important - has ceased to dominate the local manufacturing field. Today, Shelbyville is a community of successful diversified industries. A farm-trade center; it manufactures glass, metal and plastic products, transportation equipment, machinery and furniture. Outside the Shelbyville city limits, the county remains a rich farming and livestock area.

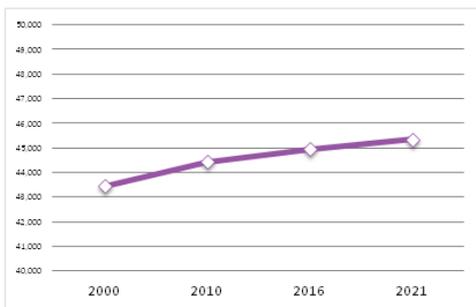


The Blue River as it runs along side Kennedy Park; Source: The City of Shelbyville, IN

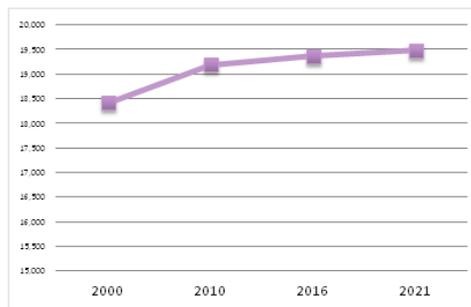
POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

The population of Shelby County has experienced growth as a result of the outward migration of Marion County and the City of Indianapolis. Close proximity to Interstates 70, 74, 65 and 465 around Indianapolis, along with US 52 and SR 9, 44 and 244 provide ease of commute to and from the communities of Shelby County and beyond. According to the 2010 US Census, the population of Shelbyville represented 43.2% of Shelby County's population. From 1990 to 2010, Shelby County experienced a 10.2% population increase. County population projections show growth over the next several years that are similar to that of the growth seen historically in Shelby County. (Source: US Census Bureau, and ESRI forecast models)

Shelby County Population Growth



City of Shelbyville Population Growth



Generally speaking, the age of citizens within the City has not changed much since the 2010 Census. The percentage of the population that is 18 years of age or younger, the section of the population most likely to utilize the park's facilities, has slightly decreased from 25.5% in 2010, to 24.3% in 2016. In terms of race and ethnicity, the community is primarily white, with this group making up 91% of the population, and individuals with a Hispanic origin making up 7.3% of the population. The Hispanic community is projected to grow to roughly 8% of the community by 2021.

To the right are some basic demographics that help to illustrate the current character of the City of Shelbyville:

2016 Demographics: City of Shelbyville, IN

Population	19,359
Median Age	37.2 Yrs Old
Median Household Income	\$47,129
Median Home Value	\$105,448
Percentage of Owner Occupied Households	56.1%
Percentage of Households with Children	34.3%
Percent of Population with HS Diploma or Higher	84.9%
Percent of Population with Associates Degree or Higher	22%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, and ESRI Forecasts for 2016

Education:

Shelby County has four separate school districts; Shelby Eastern Schools, Northwestern Consolidated Schools of Shelby County, Southwestern Consolidated School District of Shelby County, and Shelbyville Central Schools. The entire City of Shelbyville is contained within the Shelbyville Central Schools District, and their school facilities include:

- Coulston Elementary
- Thomas A. Hendricks Elementary
- William F. Loper Elementary
- Shelbyville Middle School
- Shelbyville High School



Shelbyville High School; Source: AroundIndy.com

Aside from the traditional educational facilities in Shelbyville, the residents have access to many alternative and higher-education options. A recent addition to the community is the Excel Center, which is a fully accredited, free public high school targeted at individuals that were not able to complete their high school diploma through a traditional route. This program is an effort to not only invest in the education of the youth of Shelbyville, but also to provide opportunities for everyone to receive a high quality education, no matter where they are in life.

Along with the alternative education options in the community, Shelbyville is home to satellite campuses and classrooms for Purdue University, Ivy Tech Community College, and Rose Hulman Institute of Technology. These higher education opportunities provide residents of Shelbyville with the chance to advance their education in a more cost effective manner than a traditional college or university setting. An effort that both the City of Shelbyville and Shelby County have jointly undertaken is a program called Advantage Shelby County. Through this program, any graduate of a Shelby County High School can receive a scholarship to cover the cost of tuition for two years at Ivy Tech Community College. The program focuses on a handful of degree paths that target industries that are in high demand within Shelby County and across the nation as a whole. The community's combined efforts to invest in all levels of education will continue to have a positive affect for generations to come.

Economic Base:

The county has a total resident labor force of 23,539 of which, roughly 9,656 are located in the City of Shelbyville. The 2010 annual unemployment rate was 11% for Shelby County; but as of November of 2017 the rate had dropped to 3.0. This was lower than the State's unemployment rate for the same time of 3.4%.

The largest employers in the Shelby County community are as follows:

Company	Number Employed
Major Health Partners	1,120
Indiana Grand Racing and Casino	968
Ryobi Die Casting	838
Knauf Insulation	700
PK USA, Inc.	595
Penske Logistics	585
Pilkington NSG	550
Shelbyville Central Schools	550
Freudenberg-NOK, Morristown	320
City of Shelbyville	204



MHP Medical Center, the newest and largest facility under the Major Health Partners umbrella; Source: City of Shelbyville, IN



Indiana Grand Racing and Casino, the 2nd largest employer in Shelby County; Source: Indianagrand.com

A breakdown of Shelby County industries by employment provided by the US Census Bureau is as follows.

Industry

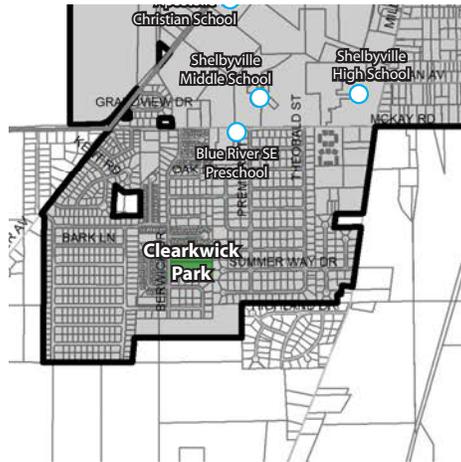
Agriculture/Mining:	1.8%
Construction:	5.9%
Manufacturing:	27.8%
Wholesale Trade:	2.7%
Retail Trade:	9.4%
Transportation/Utilities:	4.9%
Information:	0.8%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate:	3.4%
Services:	40.6%
Public Administration:	2.6%

CURRENT FACILITIES

The Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department has nearly 300 acres of park land spread throughout the entire City. Throughout all of these parks, there are numerous assets and facilities that promote both passive and active recreation across the entire community. Below is an inventory of all the current park facilities managed by the Shelbyville Parks Department and some of the main assets and features that are available at these parks, and on page 28 you will find a map outlining all of the park facilities throughout Shelbyville:

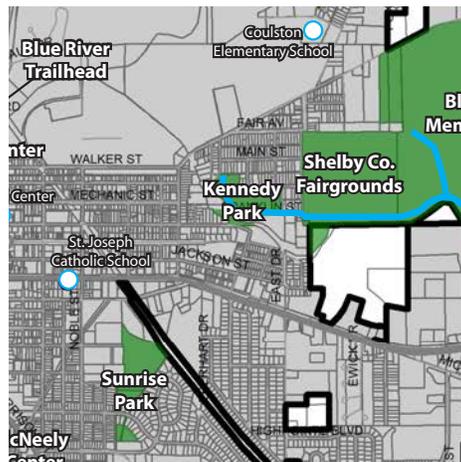
Clearwick Park - 8 Acres

- Picnic Shelters *
- Picnic Tables
- Grills
- Two Major Playground Structures
- Open Green Space



Kennedy Park - 10 Acres

- Picnic Shelters *
- Picnic Tables
- Grills
- Sports Facilities
 - Softball Field
 - Tennis Courts (2)
 - Basketball Court
- Connection to the Blue River Trail*
- Walking Bridge over the Blue River*
- Playground Equipment*

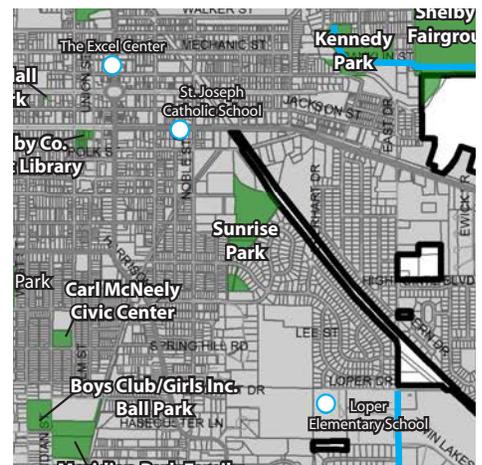


Bridge over the Blue River in Kennedy Park; Source: City of Shelbyville, IN

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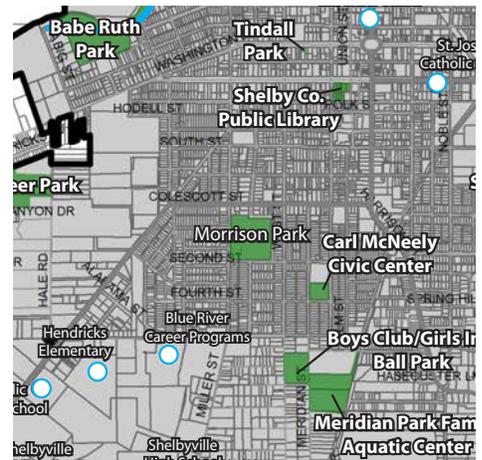
Sunrise Park - 10 Acres

- Picnic Shelters *
- Picnic Tables
- Grills
- Large Playground Equipment
- Sports Facilities
 - Basketball Court
 - Softball Fields (3)
- Concession Building



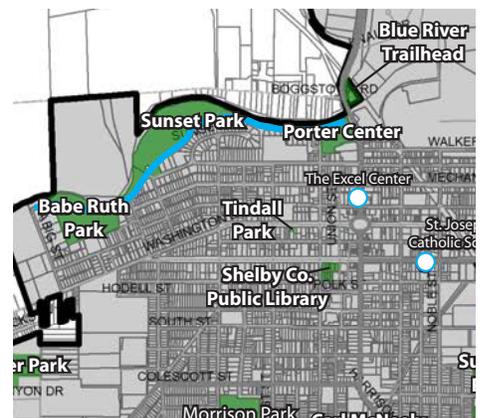
Morrison Park - 12 Acres

- Picnic Shelters *
- Picnic Tables
- Grills
- Open Green Space
- Playground Equipment



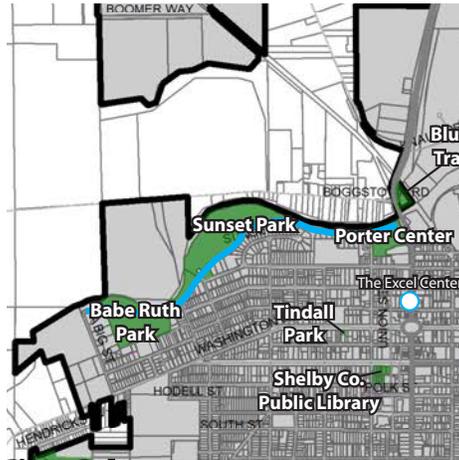
Tindall Park - .3 Acres

- Neighborhood Scale Park
- Picnic Tables
- Playground Equipment
- Located Next to Farmers Market Location



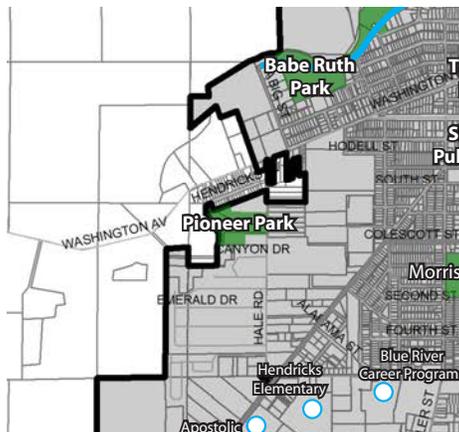
Sunset Park - 16 Acres

- Picnic Shelters *
- Picnic Tables
- Grills
- Large Playground Equipment
- 1/2 Mile Paved Walking Loop
- Connection to Blue River Trail*
- Fishing Access and Boat Ramp



Pioneer Park - 4 Acres

- Open Green Space
- Future Tree Farm



* : INDICATES FEATURES THAT ARE ADA ACCESSIBLE

Blue River Memorial Park - 186 Acres

- Picnic Shelters *
- Picnic Tables
- Grills
- Large Playground Equipment*
- Sports Facilities
 - Soccer Fields (10)
 - Lighted Softball Fields (4)*
- Splash Pad*
- Multiple Connections to the Blue River Trail*
- Multiple Concession Stands and Restrooms*
- Fishing Pier*
- Collegiate Cross County Course
- Sunflower Garden



Top Left: A child enjoys the splash pad at Blue River Memorial Park; Source: City of Shelbyville, IN

Top Right: Runners competing in one of the many Cross County events hosted at Blue River Memorial Park, drawing thousands of attendees every year.

Bottom: The Baseball/Softball Complex at Blue River Memorial Park shortly after it's completion; Source: City of Shelbyville, IN



Top: A child enjoys the new musical playground at Blue River Memorial Park; Source: Blue River Community Foundation

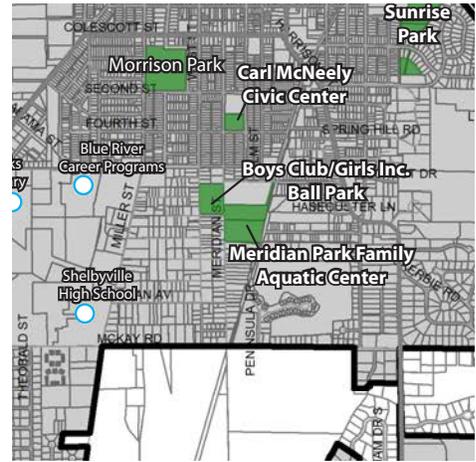
Middle: A view of the sunflower fields in Blue River Memorial Park; Source: City of Shelbyville, IN

Bottom: Veterans Memorial located in the center of Blue River Memorial Park; Source: City of Shelbyville, IN



Meridian Park Aquatic Center - 10 Acres

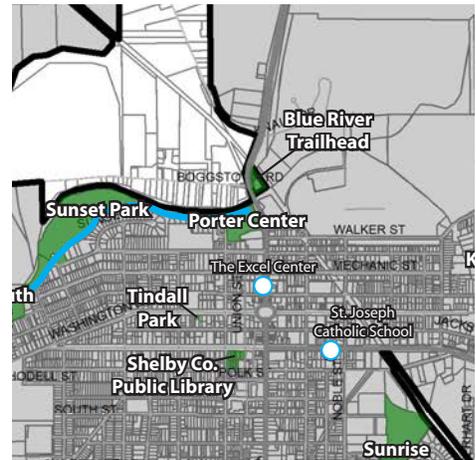
- Swimming Pool*
 - Zero-Entry Pool Access
 - Diving Boards
 - Water Slides
- Concession Building and Restrooms*
- Volleyball Court
- Open Lawns



Views of the Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center during the busy summer months; Source: City of Shelbyville, IN

Porter Center - 6 Acres

- Home to Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and Shelby County Tourism*
- National Registry of Historic Places
 - Was the bathhouse structure for the original Porter Pool



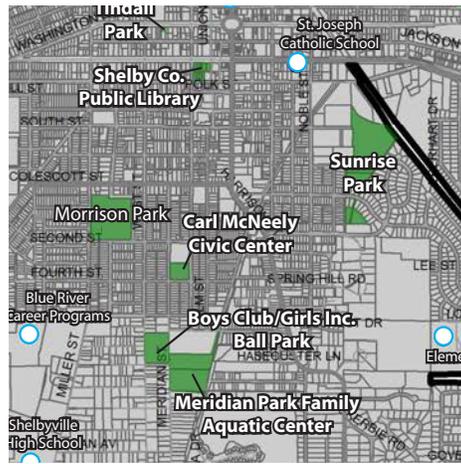
Porter Center; Source: Wikimedia Commons

Carl McNeely Civic Center - 2.25 Acres

- Gymnasium *
- Fitness Center*
- Community Activity Rooms* (2)
- Banquet Room*
- Preschool Classrooms*
- Parks Department Administrative Offices*



Flowers and Artwork at the Entrance to the Carl McNeely Civic Center; Source: City of Shelbyville, IN



Big Blue River Trailhead - 1.25 Acres

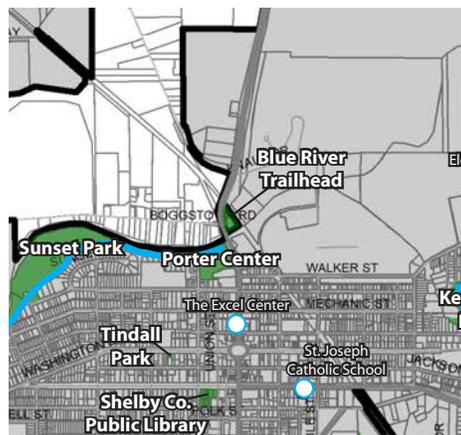
Connects the east and west reaches of the Blue River Trail

Roughly 2.7 mile trail along the Blue River

Many more miles of trails are planned to connect to this trailhead

Serves as a “rest stop” on the trail

Key entry gateway into Historic Downtown Shelbyville

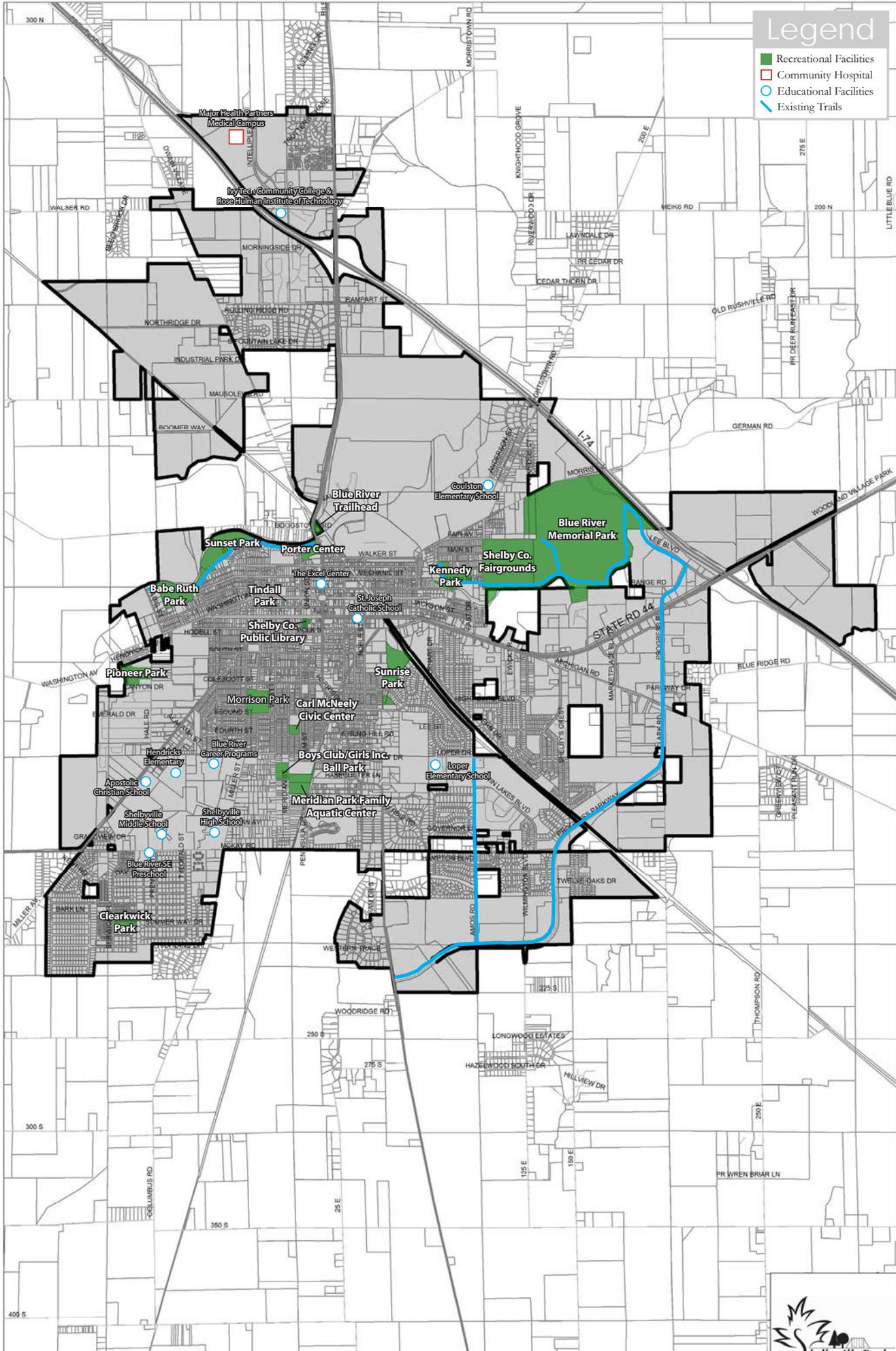


Big Blue River Trailhead; Source: City of Shelbyville, IN

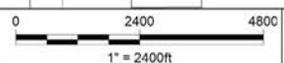
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Legend

- Recreational Facilities
- Community Hospital
- Educational Facilities
- Existing Trails



Existing Community Facilities



CURRENT PROGRAMS

The Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of recreation programs designed to meet the community's needs. Program offerings range from seminars and workshops to instructional classes, from aquatics fitness to passive fitness activities, from special events to activity programs, and from sports leagues to tournaments. The Shelbyville Parks & Recreation Department offers scholarships and financial assistance to assist those citizens who have a need.

Youth Activities

- Preschool
- Adventure Camp
- Camp Parks
- Junior Camp Counselor
- Teddy Bear Tumblers
- Parent/Youth/Tot Swim lessons
- Reading Adventures in the Park
- Hook a Kid on Golf
- Basketball Clinics/Camps
- SCG Fast Pitch Softball
- Lifeguard/Water Park Training

Adult Activities

- Water Aerobics
- Lap/Open swim
- Fitness Room
- ZUMBA
- Yoga
- Prime & Silver Sneakers
- Walking
- Open Gym
- Men's Softball
- Co-ed Softball
- Men's 45 and Over softball
- Blue River Softball Tournaments (24)
- Women's Volleyball
- Co-ed Volleyball



Children playing soccer on one of the many soccer fields in Blue River Memorial Park; Source: City of Shelbyville, IN

Special Events & Other Activities

- _____
Mother/Son Night and Daddy/
Daughter Night
- _____
Easter Egg Hunt
- _____
Halloween Fun Festival
- _____
Fitness Walking
- _____
Open Gym
- _____
Gingerbread House Class
- _____
Santa Letters
- _____
Ducky Derby

- _____
Spectacular Snowman Contest
- _____
Doggie Day at the Pool
- _____
Community Day/Night at the Pool
- _____
Community Garage Sales
- _____
Movies in the Park
- _____
Music in the Park
- _____
Arts in the Park
- _____
Breakfast with Santa
- _____
Cookies & Canvas



“Music in the Parks”, a summer concert series in Blue River Memorial Park; Source: City of Shelbyville, IN

The recreational needs of residents of Shelbyville and the surrounding communities are facilitated in a variety of ways through area schools, churches, and businesses. The Parks Board has long-term relationships with organizations such as these and they play a critical role in providing additional green space and recreational venues for community residents.

The department continues to foster relationships with a wide variety of businesses and organizations to provide and create programs and events. The list below includes many of the community partners and collaborations:

- _____
Eagle Scouts
- _____
Girl Scouts
- _____
Aktion Club
- _____
Shelby County Girls Softball
- _____
Shelby County Drug Free
Coalition
- _____
Shelby County D.A.R.E.
- _____
Shelbyville/Shelby County
Animal Shelter
- _____
Indiana Department of Natu-
ral Resources
- _____
Shelby County Chamber of
Commerce

- _____
Shelby County Tourism
- _____
Shelby County Public Library
- _____
Shelbyville Central Schools
- _____
Shelby Eastern Schools
- _____
Southwestern Consolidated
Schools
- _____
Northwestern Consoli-
dated Schools
- _____
Shelby Arts Alliance
- _____
Mainstreet Shelbyville
- _____
Shelbyville Senior Services
- _____
Blue River Soccer Associ-
ation

- _____
Healthy Shelby County
- _____
Major Health Partners
- _____
Wal-Mart
- _____
Blue River Community
Foundation
- _____
Shelby Shifters
- _____
Duran Chiropractic
- _____
Applebee's Restaurant
- _____
Denny's Restaurant
- _____
Giant FM Real Radio
(WSVX)
- _____
Saver Gator

PROGRESS EVALUATION

Since the previous Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Master Plan, many goals have been completed and many items not identified by the plan have been accomplished too. The following is a brief summary of the work that has been done since 2013:

2013

- IDNR 2 million grant for Phase I of Blue River Trail
- BRCF 100,000.00 Community Grant for North 9 Trailhead
- Resealed brick of Carl McNeely Civic Center
- Installed new flooring in Activity Room A at Civic Center
- Refurbished Slides at pool
- Coated dressing room floors at pool
- New coping stones at pool

2014

- Porter Center negotiations were finalized
- Cross Country Course Agreement Completed
- Soccer Agreement Completed
- Change in Non-Reverting Accounts Structure
- Bicentennial Nature Trust Grant was awarded for new Trailhead
- Get Healthy Here partnership began with Healthy Shelby County
- Farm lease completed for future park land owned by the City
- 1st Annual Music in the Park
- More pool coping stones & pool flooring were installed
- Rebuilt the historic Massey Ferguson tractor
- Plumbing was upgraded at Sunrise Park

2015

- Started discussions with Shelbyville Police Department in what became the Youth Assistance Program
- Combined budgets of general and non-reverting funds
- Increased Park Fees
- Put hand dryers in all the parks
- Put new Park signs in all parks

- Repaired 5 leaks underground at pool
- Replaced pumps and electrical boxes at pool due to damage
- Repaired the boiler system at the pool
- Installed a new PA system at the pool
- Installed new sidewalks in and around the City Cemetery

2016

- Purchased new mobile sound system for department programs
- Installed a sand filter at the Splashpad in Blue River Memorial Park
- Poured an in-place surface at Kennedy Park playground
- Installed a sand filter at the pool
- Repaired the roofs on shelters at Morrison Park
- Purchased Snow Plows for department trucks
- Purchased new baseball diamond lights for Sunrise Park

2017

- Sale of Roger Shaw Park
- Developed 1st phase of Blue River Trail
- Installed new windows at Civic Center
- Purchase of 19.7 across from Blue River Memorial Park for a future park
- Completed Blue River Trailhead on North SR 9



Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center; Source: City of Shelbyville, IN

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Accessibility and the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements must be taken into consideration for every program and facility. The department continually strives to achieve accessibility standards in all of its program services, facility renovations and developments. Existing facilities are in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The ADA coordinator is Matt House, City of Shelbyville Engineer. His office is located at 44 W. Washington Street, Shelbyville, IN 46176. His phone number is 317-392-5102. Forms to register a complaint or comment can be obtained at the City of Shelbyville offices located at 44 W. Washington Street or online at www.cityofshelbyvillein.com. Residents may also contact the director of the Shelbyville Parks Department with questions or concerns.

The department strives to meet the ever-changing needs of their constituents and whenever possible, incorporate new activities that allow those with special needs to participate.

The department continues to upgrade facilities such as the restrooms and concession building at Blue River Memorial Park to allow for easier and more accessible use by the patrons. The park has been designed to incorporate easy access to park facilities through accessible paths, site furniture and interpretive signage.

As listed previously in this section, the department offers a variety of programs that allow those with physical disabilities to participate. Special considerations are incorporated into the programs to allow participation by various ability levels of the campers. The department desires to be flexible in their programming and allow all skill levels and abilities to participate.



A child enjoys one of the many ADA accessible playgrounds; Source: City of Shelbyville, IN

Department Goals for the Americans with Disabilities Act:

The department has had areas tested by Wheels on the Ground, a local group. Wheels on the Ground and the Livable Communities Group suggested the following list of improvements for our facilities:

Carl McNeely Civic Center

- Emergency exit ramp in the Fitness Room
- Emergency exit ramp in preschool upper hallway

Blue River Memorial Park

- Access to cross country course
- Access to soccer fields

Sunset Park

- Walk and access ramp to playground

Sunrise Park

- Access to playground
- Access to north set of restrooms

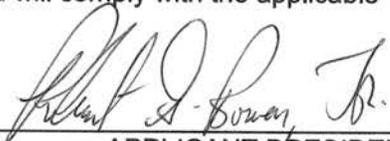
Clearwick Park

- Access to playground

In the Shelbyville Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan sidewalks that need to be adopted to create an even flow of accessibility are properly identified. We will also communicate through our marketing efforts those programs that are available and accessible by noting a wheelchair symbol next to each program. We will develop these goals based on financial capabilities/constraints.

**ASSURANCE OF ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE WITH:
ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT of 1968 (As Amended);
SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 (As
Amended);
AND TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF
1990 (As Amended)**

The Shelbyville Parks Board (Applicant) has read the guidelines for compliance with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (As Amended); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (As Amended); and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (As Amended) and will comply with the applicable requirements of these Acts.

SIGNATURE 
APPLICANT PRESIDENT

Robert G. Bowen, Jr.
(President's printed name)

SIGNATURE 

Teresa Anderson
(Secretary's printed name)

DATE 3/28/18

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PART 3: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & NEEDS ANALYSIS

IN THIS PART:

- Public Input Summary
- Focus Group Feedback
- Public Meeting Results
- Needs Analysis
- Community Needs



PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The Shelbyville Parks Department reached out to the community in a variety of ways. The focus of the input being sought after was facilities, programs, and administration that was desired or that needed improved. We provided many opportunities for people to become involved in the process, and hundreds of community members took advantage of these opportunities and provided input into the creation of this plan.

The first method of input received was from the members of the Shelbyville Parks Board at their monthly meetings in 2017. At each of their meetings in 2017 (the second and fourth Wednesday of each month) the board opened the meeting up to any members of the board or members of the public that would like to discuss the Parks Master Plan; these were the topics that came out of those discussions:

- _____ An Amphitheater
- _____ Community Building
- _____ Maintenance Building at Blue River Memorial Park
- _____ Upgraded Sewage Capacity at Blue River Memorial Park
- _____ More Baseball Diamonds
- _____ Bicycle/Skate Park
- _____ More Trails
- _____ Dog Park
- _____ More Security Cameras at Existing Facilities
- _____ Removal of Winter Creeper from Current Parks
- _____ Batting Cages
- _____ More Natural Plantings



FOCUS GROUPS

The next public input method was to hear from specific focus groups that had a vested interest in the recreational opportunities in the community. These meetings were a more intimate setting with a smaller group of people and therefore allowed more back-and-forth discussions to occur naturally. These focus groups spent roughly two hours each discussing some of the needs of the

Shelbyville Parks system, and explained how they envisioned the future of recreation in Shelbyville. Each focus group had different areas of interest and their results were all slightly different, below is a brief summary of each focus group meeting:

Focus Group 1: Healthy Shelby County, Wheels on the Ground, Mainstreet Shelbyville Inc., The Strand Theater, The Chamber of Commerce, and Shelby County Tourism

1. More Landscaping in Parks	7. Indoor Playgrounds
2. Reduced Vandalism W/ More Security Cameras	8. Re-establishing the Non-reverting funds
3. Outdoor Performance Stage	9. Issue bonds to build more facilities
4. Canoeing / Kayaking Opportunities	10. Connect Trailhead with temp. Trail
5. Development of the Old Hospital Site	11. Increase accessibility to many of our current facilities
6. Drone Flying Space	12. Develop more inclusive sports opportunities

Focus Group 2: Active Living Coalition, Shelby Senior Services

1. Develop a new park at McKay Road and Progress Parkway	6. Establish a "Silver Sneakers" program
2. Develop "adult playgrounds"	7. Provide shade structures along the trails
3. Create opportunities to showcase agriculture and gardening in the parks	8. Install more benches and other areas to sit in the parks and along the trails
4. "Group Home Fitness" programs	9. Incorporate music in the parks and playgrounds
5. More "Kid Friendly" fitness areas	

Focus Group 3: Students and Guidance Counselors from each of the schools, located both within the city and in all of the county school districts

1. Provide more lighting on the trails	13. Provide cooking and baking classes
2. Update Morrison and Sunset parks	14. Develop a theatre program
3. Develop better signage or an App for the parks	15. Promote preservation of nature throughout the community
4. Develop an ice/roller skating rink	16. Explore the addition of a robotics program
5. Construct a rock climbing wall	17. Develop an "Enrichment Day"
6. Build a Bike/Skate Park	18. Focus on making students more aware of the parks and programs offered
7. Provide more garden space in the parks	19. Improve the functionality of the website
8. Develop a Dog Park	20. Provide an Ultimate Frisbee League
9. Install a Zip Line / High Ropes Course	21. Promote Geocaching in the parks
10. Create a "Team-Building" park	22. Build an indoor pool facility
11. Develop a "Mommy and Me" program	23. Develop non-competitive sports leagues
12. Establish an Arts Center	

Focus Group 4: Blue River Soccer, Shelby County Softball, Shelbyville Cross Country, and the Shelbyville Parks Department's Sports Director

1. Provide more soccer fields	3. Fence off the soccer fields to better protect them from damage
2. Provide more softball fields	

Focus Group 5: Attendees of Special Events, Parents to Preschool and Summer Camp Students, Aquatic Users, and Arts and Music Groups

1. Provide an all-inclusive sensory park	11. Establish year-round swimming lessons
2. ADA accessible swings	12. Provide daycare services
3. Provide more shelters near the splash-pad	13. Develop more afterschool/before-school programs
4. Improve the facilities at Clearwick Park	14. Provide a larger selection of programs on the weekends; "Super Saturdays"
5. Improve the pool facility and add a lazy river	15. Promote Geocaching in the parks
6. Develop an outdoor kitchen	16. Host more festivals in the parks
7. Provide more trails	17. Develop an app for the Parks Dept.
8. Develop a dog park	18. Provide online registration for programs
9. Build a community center	19. Better communicate programs to the community
10. Construct an indoor pool & playground	20. Hire a Special Events Coordinator

Focus Group 6: City Council President, Mayor, Girls Inc. Representative

1. Expand on the number of accessible benches and shaded areas	6. Expand on the existing list of after-school programs
2. Focus on activities for Millennials	7. Develop an outdoor nature playground
3. Develop an expanded Community Center	8. Offer more opportunities for community gardening
4. Create an "Indoor Playground" area	9. Develop an ice/roller skating rink
5. Develop a Multi-generational Facility	10. Incorporate arts more in the Park

PUBLIC MEETING RESULTS

At the first Public Park Master Plan meeting held February 22nd from 6-7:30pm, we discussed improvements to facilities, and new facilities. We did the same with programs and administration. This first public meeting was held at the Carl McNeely Civic Center, and had approximately 75 participants who contributed some great feedback for the community. The appendix of this document will



An example neighborhood dog park; Source: okydoggy.com

include a complete list of topics discussed and suggestions made, but some of the more common items were:

- Public Art in the City
- More Adventurous Activities
- A Bike/Skate Park
- A Dog Park
- Expanded Art Programs
- More Sports Fields
- More Trails
- An Amphitheater
- Community Center



An example of a simple amphitheater in a park setting, in Albany Georgia; Source: Wikimedia Commons

The Second Public Park Master Plan meeting for the Shelbyville Park occurred March 22nd at 6pm with approximately 60 people at the Carl McNeely Civic Center.

From the first meeting we developed 6 larger categories that many of the suggestions had come from, and under those categories placed a number of subcategories that were related. The participants were asked to rank the subcategories, using colored dots with 1, 2 & 3 to rank with; 1 being = \$10, 2 being = \$5, and 3 being = to \$1. Each participant had 3 dots per category to rank their priority of subcategories only knowing #1 was their top pick, #2 second pick & #3 their 3rd pick. The results from the exercise were as follows:

Community Center	
Indoor Pool	\$223
Indoor Playground	\$134
After-school Camp	\$102
Art/Music Venue	\$97
Fitness Room	\$83
Indoor Track	\$71
Gymnasium	\$62
Preschool	\$32
Senior Center	\$16

New Adventurous Activities	
Bike/Skate Park / Pump Track	\$424
Canoeing / Kayaking	\$263
Ice Skating	\$122
Roller Blading	\$45
Zipline	\$32
Camping	\$28
Disc Golf	\$27
Rope Course	\$23

Social Areas	
Amphitheater	\$181
Festivals	\$181
Nature/Arts/Gardens	\$140
Activity Hubs	\$49
Benches (Social Set)	\$39
Family Shelters	\$31

The "Field-house"	
Archery	\$165
Guns/Target	\$151
Volleyball	\$104
Softball	\$62
Basketball	\$62
Soccer	\$39
Baseball	\$5

Dog Park	
Large Dog Area	\$220
Shade Structures	\$183
Small Dog Area	\$114
Licensed & Immunization	\$66

The Trails	
Complete the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan	\$275
Blue River Trail	\$232
Downtown Trails	\$134

After breaking these topics into generalized categories, it started to become clear which topics were going to be top priority. The top 10 items from this exercise at the public meeting were:



An example of a pump track; Source: bordentowncitypumptrack.com

Top 10 Topics

1. Pump Track & Bike/Skate Park
2. Complete the Bike and Ped Master Plan
3. Canoeing / Kayaking
4. Blue River Trails
5. Indoor Pool
6. Large Dog Park Area
7. Shade Structures
8. Amphitheater
9. Festivals
10. Archery



The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Blue River Trailhead; Source: WSVX.com

Existing Facilities

Update Pool	\$237
"Camera Web" in the Parks	\$151
New Maintenance Facility	\$85
Updates to Clearwick Park	\$49
More Benches	\$81
Accessibility to Cross Country and Soccer Facilities	\$49
More Landscaping and Trees	\$44
Update Picnic Shelters	\$44
Expansion of Softball Complex	\$12

The last category participants responded to was focused around existing facilities and the improvements that might be needed to them. Those results are shown to the left:

As the topics were spread out in this process, each was listed under a category title and grouped together. The crowd of participants then was given a \$10 park buck, a \$5 park buck and a \$1 park buck. The categories were grouped as stated above; Community Center, Adventure, Trails, Dog Park, and Fieldhouse. They placed their money with \$10 being the highest value on the upmost important category to them, \$5 the next important and \$1 the next. This would give the Parks Staff not only an understanding of the community's importance of facilities and programs, but would also begin to prioritize goals in this plan..

Community Center	\$416
New Adventurous Activities	\$235
Social Areas	\$110
The Trails	\$65
The "Field-house"	\$64
Dog Park	\$19

In this exercise, community members used their "Park Buck" as shown to the left:

STAFF FEEDBACK

The final form of input was from the Parks Department Staff. These suggestions differ a little from the public due to the "behind-the-scenes" work that the staff is doing that the public is not fully aware of. The results from this feedback included:

Maintenance Building	Skate/Bike Park	Basketball Leagues
Camera Web	Parent/Child Swings	New Backhoe
Food/Beverage Tax	Group to Take Over Concessions	Zero Radius Mower
Impact Fees	Frisbee Golf	Power Painter
Improve BRMP Sewage Infrastructure	Finish Bike Trail	Permanent Shelter House at Blue River Memorial Park & Pool
New Trucks w/Plows	Accessible Picnic Tables (More)	More Trees at BRMP
Amphitheater at BRMP	Indoor Fieldhouse	Basketball Court at BRMP
New Playground at Clearwick	Adventurous Activities	Shade Structure at Splash Pad
More Ball Diamonds	Pool Toys/New	Rebuild Kennedy Shelter
Upgrade Pool	Better Mowing Crew	Get more involved w/Blue River Career Programs
Afterschool Program	Outside Play Area for Preschool	More Adult Programs
More Staff (Maintenance; Assistant for Karen, Trisha)	Dumpster at Blue River Memorial Park	Step Aerobics
Upgrade Equipment	Double Door at Civic Center	More Preschool
Arts	Lazy River at Pool	Bigger Fitness Area
Dog Park		Butterfly & Quail Habitats

COMMUNITY NEEDS

After careful analysis of the weaknesses identified by the Park Board, Staff and general public comment, and focus group interviews, and after reviewing the “2016-2020 Indiana Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan”, the following needs were identified:

Administration:

- Budget for more maintenance staff as more facilities and programs appear
- Budget for maintenance and upkeep & supplies as more facilities, programs and users increase
- Budget for new maintenance building & storage facility
- Continue to foster relationships & develop partnerships with service organizations
- Establish revenue generating facilities & programs
- Fix any broken equipment, including lights, or make repairs immediately and increase budget to accommodate
- Outreach using a Parks App
- Security/Camera web/wifi at all parks & hire park attendants
- Write grants for trails, arts, accessibility and natural plantings
- Establish impact fees for parks
- Establish food & beverage tax for parks

Facilities

- Continue development of bike/pedestrian master plan
- Continue development of Blue River Trails
- Add canoeing, kayaking, and other water sports
- Develop & design for bike course pump track and a bike/skate park
- Develop & design a dog park with the Leadership of Shelby County
- Fix Meridian Park Pool & continue to put away funds for a new pool
- Develop a camera web for each park to share IP address with the Shelbyville Police & Fire Departments as well as the Parks Department
- Change lighting in all facilities to LED
- Put in new alarm system for Civic Center

- New maintenance building
- Develop amphitheater
- Increase size of sewage infrastructure
- Place benches along South East Corridor & at BRMP musical instruments
- Develop camping area
- Develop ice skating rink
- Assist with plan for Community Center & amenities like indoor pool & playground
- Mill & replace trail at Sunset Park
- Seal parking lots in each park
- Purchase Kubotas
- New bleachers for ballpark
- Shade structures
- Put in new playground at Clearwick Park
- Take out warning tracks on softball fields at BRMP
- Purchase new scoreboards
- Put in Wifi
- Develop gardens/art/natural areas
- Develop better website
- Increase number of softball fields
- Make all facilities ADA accessible
- Develop more shade & landscape beds
- Develop disc golf
- Drone program & space/facility

Programs

- Research afterschool program
- Bring back “Dinner Under the Stars”
- Dog training
- Bike races
- Skate park contest
- Super Saturdays
- More fitness classes

- Mushball tourneys
- Whiffleball
- Nature hikes
- Fishing
- Camping
- Disc golf
- Gaga ball
- Archery
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Festivals



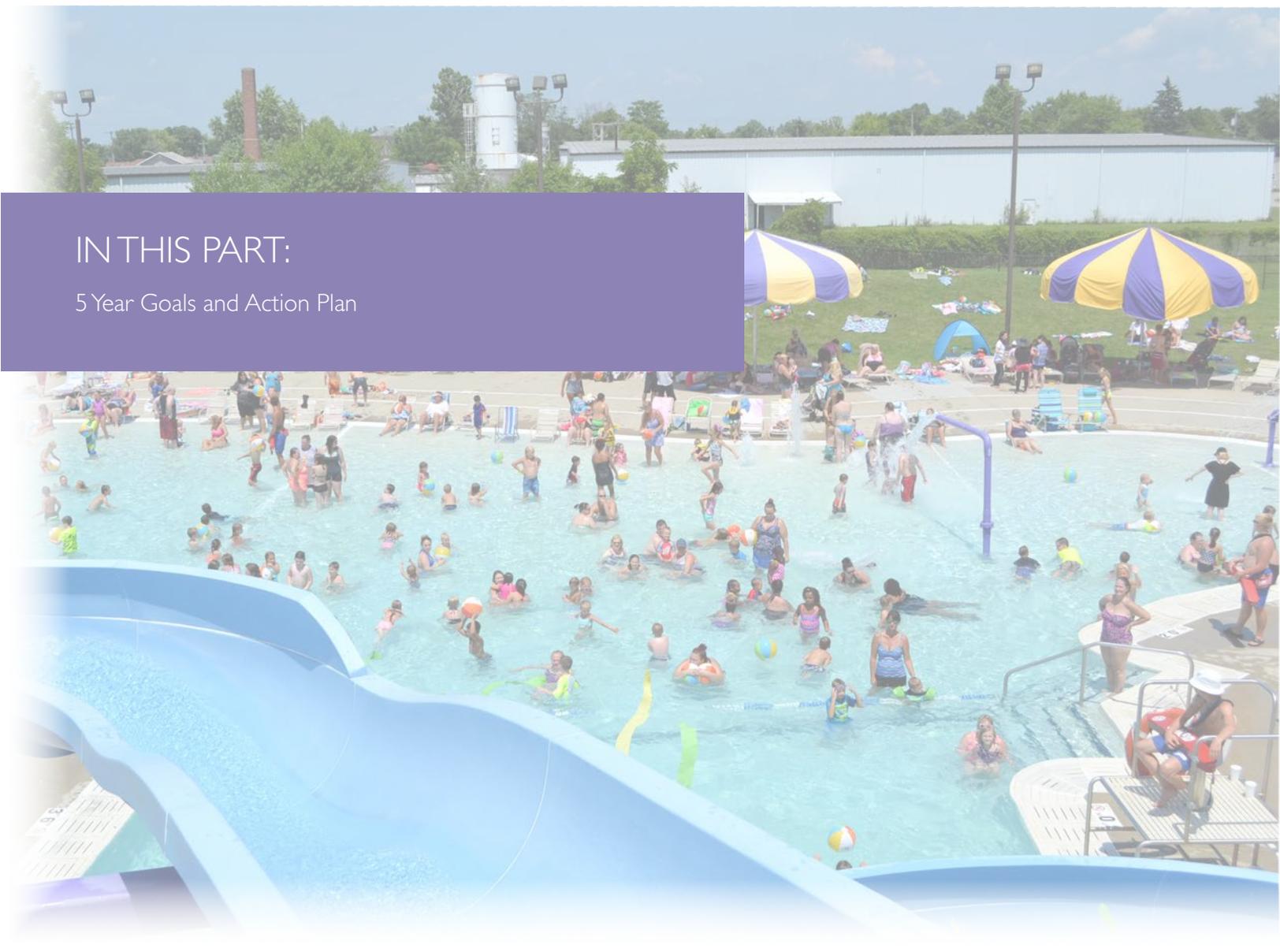
A young child spends a warm summer day playing in the new splashpad at Blue River Memorial Park; Source: City of Shelbyville, IN

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PART 4: GOALS & ACTION PLAN

IN THIS PART:

5 Year Goals and Action Plan



5 YEAR GOALS AND ACTION PLAN

2018

Goal	Funding Source	Responsible Parties
Develop Knauf Trail along the Blue River	DNR Grant & City's General Funds	Engineering Department and Parks Department
Install emergency trail markers along Knauf Trail	DNR Grant & City's General Funds	Engineering Department
Install emergency trail markers along the Blue River Trail	City's General Funds	Engineering Department
Develop "Bark Park" along Blue River Trail network	Shelby Co. Chamber of Commerce, City's General Funds, Blue River Community Foundation, and Private Donations	"Leadership Shelby County" Group and Parks Department
Install Gateway Sculpture Feature on Northern Entrance to Downtown	City's Racino Funds, Blue River Community Foundation, and Private Donations	Blue River Community Foundation, Mayor's Office, and Parks Department
Install Japanese gardens that are ADA accessible at the old Major Hospital site	Blue River Community Foundation, City's Racino Funds, OCRA Grant, and Private Donations	Planning and Building Department, Parks Department
Develop 2-4 new softball fields located on Meridian Street	Shelby County Tourism and City's Racino Funds	Parks Department
Install cameras and Wifi at Blue River Memorial Park	Shelby County Tourism and City's Racino Funds	Parks Department, and IT Consultant
Install natural plantings in parks and along some local streets	IDNR Grants, US Fish & Wildlife, Soil and Water Conservation District	Parks Department, Streets Department, and IDNR
Install shade structures and parkway benches along Progress Parkway trail	Healthy Shelby County, Blue River Community Foundation	Healthy Shelby County, Street Department, Engineering Department, and Parks Department
Install emergency exit ramp to Fitness Room and bathroom hallway at Carl McNeely Civic Center	City's Racino Funds	Parks Department
Develop marketing plan to include wheelchair branding to programs and facilities which are ADA accessible	City's General Fund	Parks Department

2019

Goal	Funding Source	Responsible Parties
Establish canoe drops and ADA accessibility	Blue River Community Foundation and Potential Grants	Parks Department, Engineering Department, and Shelby County Tourism
Submit applications to "Rails to Trails"	City's Racino Funds, IDNR Grants, US Fish and Wildlife	Parks Department, Engineering Department, and Planning Department
Install "Shares" metal artwork on the southeast corridor	Blue River Community Foundation and Healthy Shelby County	Healthy Shelby County, Parks Department, and Streets Department
Complete Knauf Trail from Blue River Trailhead on Central Reach to MHP Medical Center site	IDNR Grant and City's General Fund	Engineering Department, Streets Department, and Parks Department
Install cross country course timing building	Blue River Sports Authority	Blue River Sports Authority
Install larger sewage infrastructure at Blue River Memorial Park	Bond Issuance	Engineering Department, Planning and Building Department, and Parks Department
Install a maintenance building at Blue River Memorial Park	Bond Issuance	Engineering Department, Planning and Building Department, and Parks Department
Purchase right-of-way through Sundvall property for trail connection	City's Racino Funds	Engineering Department, Planning and Building Department, and Parks Department
Relocate former Shelby County Bridge 13 to the east reach of the Blue River Trail	Shelby County Commissioners	Shelby County Commissioners

2020

Goal	Funding Source	Responsible Parties
Build bike park and skate park at the old Weaver property to include a pump track with ADA accessibility	City's Racino Funds and Potential Grants for the Tony Hawk Foundation	Parks Department
Develop trail from Kennedy Park through Sundvall Property to Old Weaver Property and connect to IN-44	City's Racino Funds and Potential Funding for INDOT	Parks Department, Engineering Department, and Planning Department
Select and purchase a second art piece for the trails and park	City's Racino Funds, Blue River Community Foundation, and private donors	Blue River Community Foundation, Mayor's Office, and Parks Department
Develop primitive camping with ADA accessibility	IDNR Grants, US Fish and Wildlife, and City's General Funds	Parks Department and Shelby Co. Tourism

2021

Goal	Funding Source	Responsible Parties
Improve ADA accessibility at the soccer fields.	City's General Funds	Parks Department
Create disc golf areas with ADA accessibility.	City's General Funds	Parks Department
Develop plans for amphitheater at Blue River Memorial Park with ADA accessibility.	City's Racino Funds, OCRA Planning Grant	Parks Department, Planning Department, Engineering Department

2022

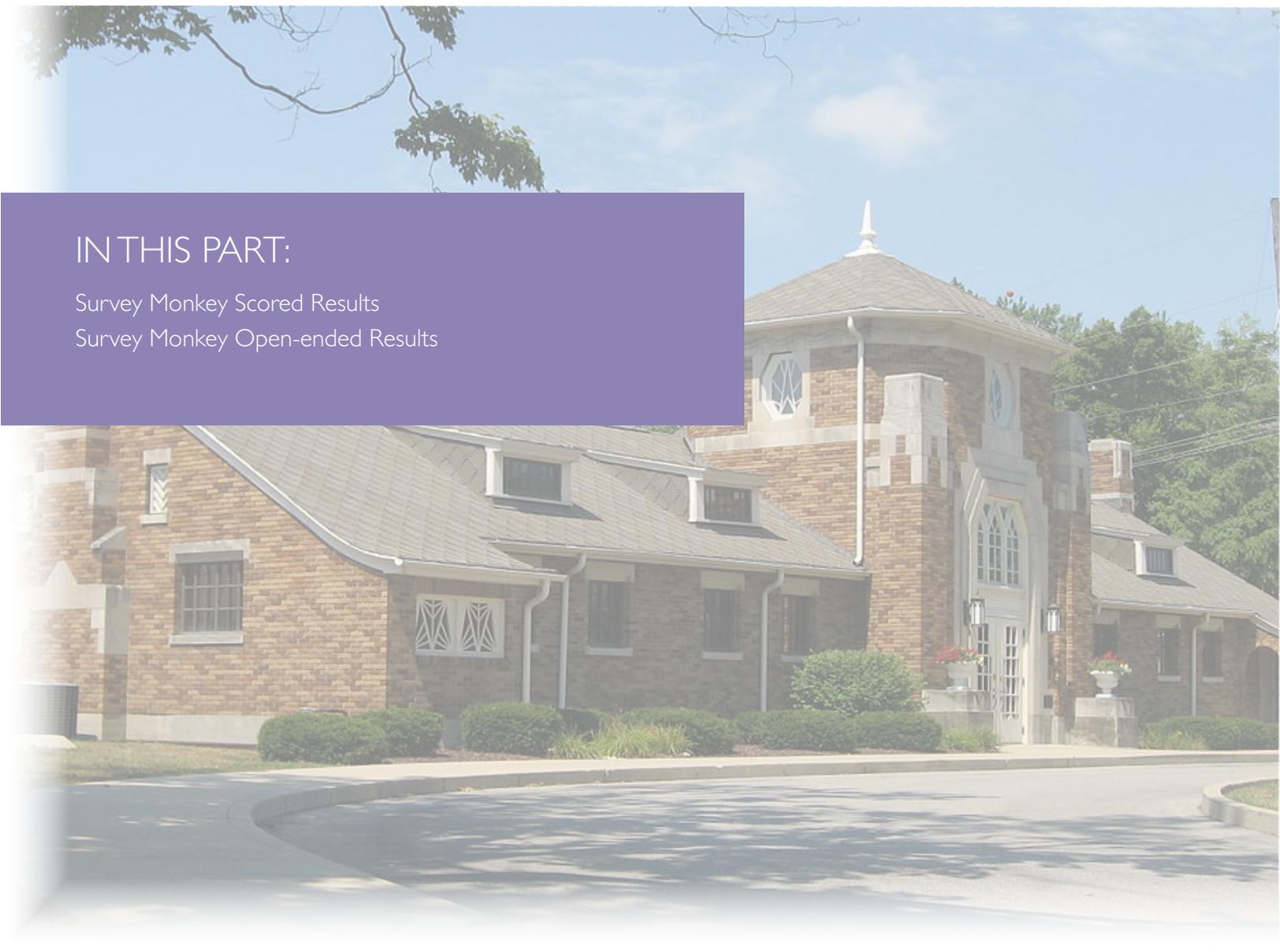
Goal	Funding Source	Responsible Parties
Build amphitheater at Blue River Memorial Park.	Bond Issuance and OCRA Public Facilities Program Grant	Parks Department, Engineering Department, and Planning Department
Discuss other adventure and quiet spaces for park users.	City's General Funds	Parks Department
Develop master plan for the next 5 years.	City's Racino Funds	Parks Department

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PART 5: APPENDICES

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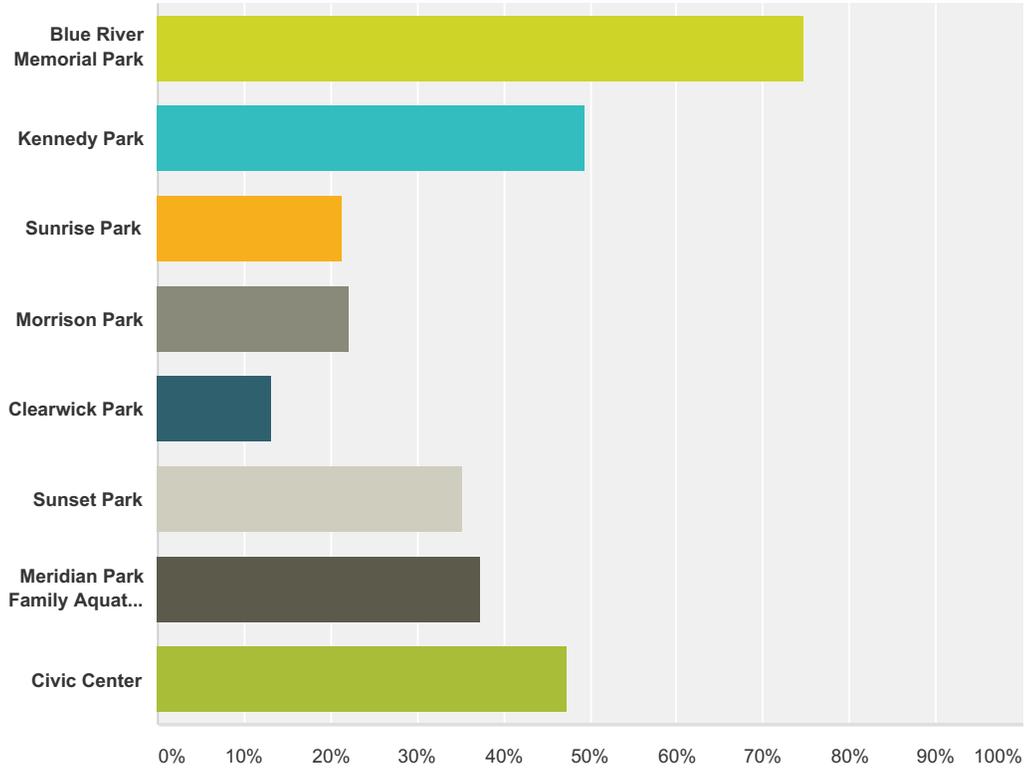
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Survey Monkey Open-ended Results



Survey Monkey Scored Responses

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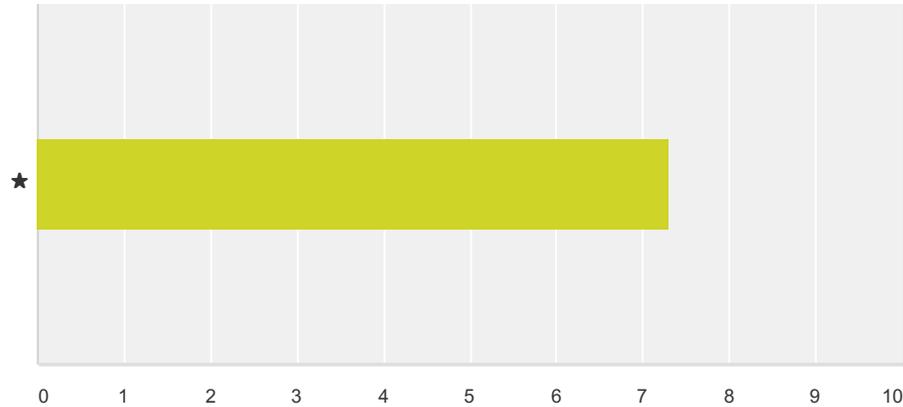
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Answer Choices	Responses
Blue River Memorial Park	74.75% 74
Kennedy Park	49.49% 49
Sunrise Park	21.21% 21
Morrison Park	22.22% 22
Clearwick Park	13.13% 13
Sunset Park	35.35% 35
Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center	37.37% 37
Civic Center	47.47% 47
Total Respondents: 99	

Q2 The Parks Department tries to continually improve the parks and facilities available to the residents of Shelbyville, because we understand the positive impact Parks have on quality of life. Please rate your experience with our parks and facilities.

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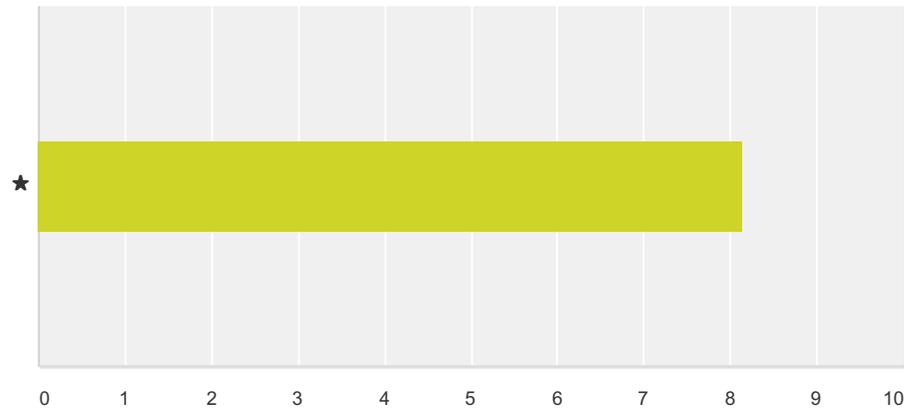
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	0	4	3	3	9	10	22	20	11	19		

#	Comments (Optional)	Date
1	Visited when kids were younger	3/17/2017 8:03 AM
2	Sometimes the bathrooms are locked on beautiful days. I miss having garbage cans but I'll survive without.	3/15/2017 9:48 PM
3	A cleaner upgrade of the Kennedy park shelter would be wonderful!	3/15/2017 9:04 AM
4	Non-functioning water fountains, would like better bathrooms.	3/15/2017 8:50 AM
5	Not enough play equipment for the amount of people that are visiting parks	3/14/2017 7:06 PM
6	Broken equipment at parks	3/14/2017 12:30 PM
7	Morrison Park needs cleaned up. Foul language, Foul teens, perhaps more security and more for the young ones to play on would benefit more than the skate park...which didn't work the last time!	3/12/2017 9:57 PM
8	The parks need more patrols for unruly teenagers	3/6/2017 7:37 AM
9	too many people smoking around the playgrounds	2/20/2017 12:02 PM
10	don't understand the lack of support from parks dept. regarding water aerobics and adult swimming availability	2/16/2017 9:32 PM
11	Staff should learn to control language at family pool.	2/15/2017 10:35 PM
12	Need more indoor programs.	2/15/2017 10:45 AM
13	this only provides our family warm weather activities, need something indoor. kids need to play year round. greenwood has built an amazing center.	2/15/2017 10:38 AM
14	The pool should be open longer. Could stay open even when school starts. Maybe night swims only?	2/15/2017 10:01 AM

15	I would like to see a snack shack with an adult. Too many kids without supervision go and vandalize. I think any long standing equipment should save back \$ from construction for Maintenance. Paint faded item, fix broken equipment etc.	2/14/2017 9:06 AM
16	While some parks have been updated, I believe Clearwick park really needs an update. I think it's been the same for several, several years and with many families moving into the area with young kids, it would be nice to have options nearby like Sunrise park. Nicer, bigger playground, maybe a walking trail like it used to have, etc.	2/13/2017 9:00 PM
17	Playground equipment is vandalized in some places. Trash is not always maintained.	2/11/2017 9:54 PM
18	the work out room is dirt needs alot of cleaning and repair and update equipment !!!	2/11/2017 7:37 AM
19	i feel we have a great parks department, but a few areas need some work. I feel as a community we need an actual COMMUNITY CENTER for families to have more to do together.	2/9/2017 11:53 AM
20	No updates have been made to the main building and it is showing.	2/6/2017 12:17 PM
21	Trash on the play grounds is very annoying!	2/6/2017 8:43 AM
22	We love Kennedy because of the ramps; it seems much more toddler friendly than the other parks, but there are always adults or young teens smoking near the equipment or running through the set or just sitting on the equipment and smoking. No smoking needs to be more heavily enforced.	2/4/2017 8:54 PM
23	Many of them have teenagers hanging off the equipment cursing and not letting little ones play	2/4/2017 6:53 PM

Q3 If you currently participate in Park Programs, or special events please rate your experience. If you haven't participated in these programs, please explain what we could change that is currently preventing your participation.

Answered: 91 Skipped: 12



	1 (Poor)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 (Great)	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
★	1.10% 1	0.00% 0	1.10% 1	2.20% 2	2.20% 2	7.69% 7	9.89% 9	16.48% 15	9.89% 9	27.47% 25	21.98% 20	91	8.14

#	Comments (Optional)	Date
1	I have a son who just turned a year old, and there are not a lot of programs available for that age group.	3/24/2017 1:56 PM
2	More variety would be nice.	3/24/2017 10:32 AM
3	I take my grandchildren to the Halloween and Santa Breakfast every year. They love it the parks employees do a great job putting these on.	3/22/2017 8:41 AM
4	Lack of awareness, probably on my part.	3/19/2017 10:41 AM
5	Last time I got a team together for softball to play in a league it was a joke. The rosters wasn't followed so anybody could play at anytime which didn't make it fair to the teams that was just starting playing there.	3/17/2017 9:40 AM
6	I am only interested in the arts; sports and recreation already have more than enough advocates.	3/17/2017 9:25 AM
7	Don't know what events are going on where	3/17/2017 8:03 AM
8	the workout facility at the civic center is lacking a locker room with showers. This would make it much more useful to those that don't live in the close proximity.	3/16/2017 11:33 PM
9	Love the arts in the park, more music events and craft or art type events.	3/15/2017 12:48 PM
10	Cost	3/14/2017 3:54 PM
11	Pickleball was shut down (gate didn't work) for a good part of the end of the season	3/13/2017 4:16 PM
12	I think your programs are great and I gave an 8 because I have watched some of the Summer Camp leaders with kids...some are very mean to the kids on their walks.	3/12/2017 9:57 PM
13	I love Music in the Park!	2/21/2017 3:58 PM
14	give a small open area so that we can fly small electric park flyers, which are made of styrofoam.	2/19/2017 5:45 PM
15	The floor in the Zumba room could use some work to prevent someone falling.	2/18/2017 4:00 PM

16	pool availability need more times per week, have lap swimming/wa due to pool temp	2/16/2017 9:32 PM
17	The softball scoreboards at Blue River Memorial Park have rarely worked for several years. This does not stop my participation, however, I find it embarrassing for the number of games played at the park per year.	2/15/2017 4:46 PM
18	Love water aerobics, summer and winter. Would love water aerobics 3 nights a week. Water is very cold, and we lose a lot of members in the winter.	2/15/2017 4:19 PM
19	Preschool	2/15/2017 10:45 AM
20	preschool	2/15/2017 10:38 AM
21	I play in the Sunday volleyball league	2/14/2017 2:52 PM
22	The preschool is WONDERFUL and the Santa Breakfast was as well!!	2/13/2017 10:10 PM
23	Preschool department is great.	2/11/2017 9:54 PM
24	taking CARE OF WHAT THEY HAVE !!	2/11/2017 7:37 AM
25	preschool is outstanding teachers love our kids, day camps are wonderful my children have all been a part of the camp program and it is very organized, fun and accommodating to parents, special events are created with heart and thought which makes them so fun for us to attend	2/9/2017 11:53 AM
26	would like to see more fitness group classes along with one fee to attend classes and fitness room.	2/6/2017 12:17 PM
27	People smoking, I do not like my children to be around it.	2/4/2017 8:54 PM
28	Preschool! Love it!!!	2/4/2017 12:17 AM

Survey Monkey Open-Ended Responses

Q4 What are the Parks Department strengths to build on for the future?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 29

#	Responses	Date
1	Very nice playground equipment that is kept up. The pool is also nice.	3/24/2017 9:49 PM
2	Creative staff members	3/24/2017 10:32 AM
3	The director and employees are great !!!	3/22/2017 8:41 AM
4	Possibly adding more preschool opportunities at a more competitive price. Extending the preschool days and adding another class to do so. Possibly full time t/the for 3-4 all day m/w/f for 4-5.	3/21/2017 1:59 PM
5	Outreach on social media and apps	3/19/2017 10:41 AM
6	The scale of the newest park....and adding bike trails to connect the park	3/17/2017 10:08 PM
7	Landscaping - flowers, trees, shrubs. Keep it up!	3/17/2017 2:51 PM
8	A large staff, many parks in different areas of the city. The support of the administration, mayor, council.	3/17/2017 1:44 PM
9	Parks does a great job of offering programs and events in a community I feel is generally lazy, disinterested in activities, and unappreciative.	3/17/2017 10:57 AM
10	The already existing landscape	3/17/2017 9:25 AM
11	Blue River Park is a strength and needs a larger variety of thinks to do for young people.	3/15/2017 12:48 PM
12	Friendly staff and fair rates for park rentals	3/15/2017 9:04 AM
13	The department does really well with planning events that bring people together	3/15/2017 8:50 AM
14	Blue river park is the nicest	3/14/2017 7:06 PM
15	Caring staff	3/14/2017 3:54 PM
16	Very organized and pays attention to detail	3/14/2017 12:30 PM
17	Several different parks	3/13/2017 4:16 PM
18	I think the Parks Department has many strengths to build on...Preschool, programs, etc.	3/12/2017 9:57 PM
19	Encouraging residents to get out and enjoy themselves.	3/6/2017 7:37 AM
20	Nice, clean parks	3/5/2017 2:33 PM
21	innovative.	2/24/2017 10:27 AM
22	Community connections, marketing, friendly staff	2/21/2017 3:58 PM
23	More adult programs	2/21/2017 3:47 PM
24	Variety of activities.	2/21/2017 2:50 PM
25	I would love to see an indoor pool and bigger gym facility.	2/21/2017 2:47 PM
26	Have a boys basketball program, Have a 13-14 year old summer camp program.	2/21/2017 12:52 PM
27	Continue offering fun events and things to do during the summer	2/20/2017 12:02 PM
28	Every venue I have visited has always been very clean. Great job! I have also seen an improvement in getting the word out about programs/classes/etc. In the past, I felt like I didn't know all the things the parks department offered. Now, thanks to things like social media, flyers, savor gator, etc, I have been well informed of upcoming opportunities!	2/19/2017 8:30 PM
29	Something for everyone.	2/19/2017 5:45 PM
30	Well kept and several around the city. Easy access to all folks.	2/18/2017 4:00 PM
31	Public need and enthusiasm	2/17/2017 5:45 PM
32	The splash pad is a great place for families and kids.	2/17/2017 10:11 AM

33	The parks are clean and well kept. The programs are always top notch.	2/17/2017 7:18 AM
34	need more water aerobic instructors/ non student life guards to increase the number of classes	2/16/2017 9:32 PM
35	Great prices and fees to participate. It is nice to see a true commitment to the community.	2/16/2017 2:59 PM
36	ample opportunities and options!	2/16/2017 2:06 PM
37	add more to Kennedy park, Marietta could use a park to lots of kids , more sidewalks on country roads	2/15/2017 10:35 PM
38	I do not know.	2/15/2017 8:31 PM
39	There is a strong department with a great deal of resources.	2/15/2017 4:46 PM
40	Summer Day Camp is awesome. Maintain the great counselors. Love the new Pickle Ball court.	2/15/2017 4:19 PM
41	Variety of parks. Seasonal events.	2/15/2017 3:19 PM
42	updating playgrounds, walkway planned on north side of town	2/15/2017 1:41 PM
43	You have a lot of great spaces	2/15/2017 12:40 PM
44	Clean, professional, friendly	2/15/2017 10:45 AM
45	clean, friendly, available for summer activities	2/15/2017 10:38 AM
46	Doing good.	2/15/2017 10:01 AM
47	Willing to listen to the community	2/15/2017 6:41 AM
48	The regularly updated website	2/14/2017 2:52 PM
49	events, coordination with the schools and other community groups	2/14/2017 1:23 PM
50	Caring leaders who are kind and inviting	2/14/2017 9:06 AM
51	Wonderful staff, wonderful programs!	2/13/2017 10:10 PM
52	Nice outdoor parks but the civic center is very outdated.	2/13/2017 9:52 PM
53	Summer camp is outstanding. Great locations that will include a bike trail in the future.	2/13/2017 9:15 PM
54	Events	2/13/2017 9:00 PM
55	Free family fun. Love the splash pad & kids enjoy the various playgrounds. I like the trail around town, but wish it would come down SR 9 (back south and then west on McKay to high school)	2/13/2017 8:17 PM
56	Excellent personnel - your staff is skilled and friendly	2/13/2017 7:12 PM
57	Work hard in all areas at all times.	2/12/2017 7:52 PM
58	Staff members are very friendly and helpful.	2/12/2017 7:44 PM
59	Great preschool. Great events for the community	2/11/2017 9:54 PM
60	TAKING MONEY from the tax payers	2/11/2017 7:37 AM
61	The parks dept. has wonderful employees that are always extremely helpful.	2/10/2017 12:21 PM
62	We love the programs that are offered that we are able to participate in! Great staff and prices are very reasonable!	2/10/2017 10:30 AM
63	Youth activities	2/9/2017 11:28 PM
64	continue to want to make a difference	2/9/2017 11:53 AM
65	Great locations along the river, a variety of settings (quiet and wooded; ballpark)	2/6/2017 1:15 PM
66	There is not a lot of stuff for the older kids to do at most parks. They hang out on equipment that they are too old for and are not considerate of the younger children.	2/6/2017 8:43 AM
67	Community	2/5/2017 10:40 PM
68	I love all the events that are planned and now with the Facebook page I feel I get adequate notice and can attend more events.	2/4/2017 8:54 PM
69	A good, strong community.	2/4/2017 7:55 PM
70	Upkeep of playground equipment	2/4/2017 6:53 PM
71	Lots of park options	2/4/2017 7:54 AM

72	Water Park	2/4/2017 12:17 AM
73	The preschool program is great. Santa's Breakfast is very nice.	2/3/2017 6:56 PM
74	Strong passionate staffing	1/31/2017 11:45 AM

Q5 What are some areas of weakness that the Parks Department could improve on?

Answered: 69 Skipped: 34

#	Responses	Date
1	I am not sure of the route for the bike path. Is it available?	3/24/2017 9:49 PM
2	They need more money	3/24/2017 10:32 AM
3	security at the parks. Sadly in the times we live in it is not safe and the people who think it's fun to vandalize equipment is so sad.	3/22/2017 8:41 AM
4	In Shelby County, there is little for any children to do through winter and through bad weather.	3/21/2017 1:59 PM
5	Public events at facilities, I see activity but not sure what it is	3/19/2017 10:41 AM
6	lack of funding, and cameras to catch those that deface the park, no trash cans!	3/17/2017 10:08 PM
7	lack of maintenance on walking path in sunset park	3/17/2017 8:33 PM
8	More flowers and trees!	3/17/2017 2:51 PM
9	The beauty of the existing/older parks, utilization of the river at sunset park in some way	3/17/2017 10:57 AM
10	Taking care of the property. Looks likethey will just hire the lowest bidder to mow the grass and upkeep. Needs improved.	3/17/2017 9:40 AM
11	Art; i.e.sculpture and installation art that would stimulate curiosity and discussion, and not just be decoration.	3/17/2017 9:25 AM
12	Gear the "pool day" towards the kids more and the staff less.	3/17/2017 7:15 AM
13	no locker rooms at the civic center. It is not feasible for some people to workout before work, because of this.	3/16/2017 11:33 PM
14	Cleanliness of facilities	3/15/2017 8:50 AM
15	Install more equipment and keep bathrooms open longer and earlier	3/14/2017 7:06 PM
16	putting all eggs in few baskets. getting rid of small, neighborhood parks	3/14/2017 3:54 PM
17	Keeping them clean and supervised	3/13/2017 4:16 PM
18	Easy Morrison Park!! You have taken soo much away from that park because of punk kids...and now there is literally nothing there anymore. The stage, The large metal slide, the tires, the swings, sew-saws, enclosed shelter house, tennis courts, skate park, and so much more has been removed and not replaced. That skate park cost a lot of money and it just sat empty for years, now its a pay to play pickle ball court. The tennis courts were used a lot in the summer and now its a fenced in grass area for summer camp, who didn't use it last year. Another skate park is not the answer here...at all...perhaps you need to look at the situation from a different angle because what is there now...is nothing compared to what was there. That park use to be filled with families, lots of children, and a place to make friends (not the junkies that sleep in the slides)...The equipment there now is not safe for children...they climb up to the top slide and there is openings in the back that many have fallen from. Let's work on a Master Plan of taking the bad habits out of the parks and bringing back the families that didn't ask to have it all taken away.	3/12/2017 9:57 PM
19	More patrols for unruly teenagers	3/6/2017 7:37 AM
20	needs new facilities to attract and keep people in shelbyville.	2/24/2017 10:27 AM
21	Spray more often for bugs in shelters	2/24/2017 9:09 AM
22	Accessibility...mulch is not accesible. Look at Johnson County Parks for inspiration.	2/23/2017 9:41 AM
23	Accessibility, integration with everyday activities, multigenerational opportunities	2/21/2017 3:58 PM
24	Need more walking/biking trails	2/21/2017 3:47 PM
25	I don't feel that the activities target people of all ages. We have many folks in the community with disabilities that love feeling included, and sometimes activities are targeted for young children.	2/21/2017 2:50 PM
26	The lack of trash cans in the park it's a great thing to try and have a trash free park and everyone take theirs but they aren't doing it they are leaving it everywhere.	2/21/2017 2:47 PM

27	Offer more things during the winter.	2/20/2017 12:02 PM
28	More trash cans in parks	2/19/2017 9:51 AM
29	Swimming opportunities!	2/17/2017 5:45 PM
30	Lack of shade, rest areas, walking trails	2/17/2017 10:11 AM
31	obesity is very present in shelby county, would be nice to work on water aerobics and adult swim times per week, not just school/janitor available times	2/16/2017 9:32 PM
32	Using Universal Design to make everything accessible to all. More marketing to show inclusive programs.	2/16/2017 2:59 PM
33	I can't think of any at this time.	2/16/2017 2:06 PM
34	staff overall could focus more on hospitality skills. no seems happy. I often use franklin just bc people are nicer.	2/15/2017 10:35 PM
35	more trashcans	2/15/2017 8:31 PM
36	Expand water aeroics programs. Several people I know go to Greensburg YMCA because they offer so much.	2/15/2017 4:19 PM
37	Indoor activities in bad weather are limited and cost money usually.	2/15/2017 3:19 PM
38	adding special needs swing or other adaptive equipment to Sunset Park	2/15/2017 1:41 PM
39	Weeding. Also, was out at the ball diamonds and couldn't find anyone in charge. Finish the trail!	2/15/2017 12:40 PM
40	Add more programs. Need indoor activities, greenwood has built a great site. Need rec center	2/15/2017 10:45 AM
41	program offerings. need some winter activities, indoor space greatly needed.	2/15/2017 10:38 AM
42	Cleanliness	2/15/2017 10:01 AM
43	None	2/15/2017 9:58 AM
44	More typical rules for the coed volleyball league.	2/14/2017 2:52 PM
45	Lack of adults overseeing park property	2/14/2017 9:06 AM
46	Some minor touches at the Splash Pad.	2/13/2017 10:10 PM
47	More open gym time. More walking hours. Cleaner restrooms.	2/13/2017 9:52 PM
48	Just the trail to connect.	2/13/2017 9:15 PM
49	Parks	2/13/2017 9:00 PM
50	I wish people wouldn't leave trash. Before I lived in town, I had no idea it was a take it with you policy. I think it should be posted, if it is not at all parks.	2/13/2017 8:17 PM
51	Monitoring behavior of users - dogs running loose in parks, loitering, etc.	2/13/2017 7:12 PM
52	More signs in parks. More maint. on what you have.	2/12/2017 7:52 PM
53	Taking better care of current parks/facilities rather than building new areas	2/12/2017 7:44 PM
54	The biggest weakness is the lack of a skatepark for all of the young people who ride bikes, scooters, and boards.	2/12/2017 6:47 PM
55	Safety at the parks.	2/11/2017 9:54 PM
56	Taking care what what they have. Always wanting what the BIG towns have.	2/11/2017 7:37 AM
57	I would love to see more things offered in the evenings so that working parents can participate in activities with kids too.	2/10/2017 10:30 AM
58	Softball fields	2/9/2017 11:28 PM
59	more programs for 6th grade and above, more adult sports, beautifying parks and civic center a little more curb appeal, more partnerships in our community to make things happen	2/9/2017 11:53 AM
60	We badly need a tree replacement program! When the larger trees come down, nothing is ever replanted.	2/6/2017 1:15 PM
61	more fitness classes, indoor pool, keep gym open past 5 pm if no games.	2/6/2017 12:17 PM
62	Keeping the parks clean would be great and making sure bathrooms are clean and fully stocked with tp. Nothing ticks a toddler off more than having to leave because you can't use the parks bathrooms.	2/6/2017 8:43 AM
63	Upgrade older parks, add amenities	2/5/2017 10:40 PM

64	Ensuring there aren't people smoking near playground equipment or the fair, more trash cans at the parks so people aren't littering, and doggie waste disposal bag sites would be helpful and encourage people to clean up after their pets.	2/4/2017 8:54 PM
65	Variety of equipment	2/4/2017 6:53 PM
66	Need more variety of programming	2/4/2017 7:54 AM
67	Leave the trash cans ... put them back, please!	2/4/2017 12:17 AM
68	Hiking trails	2/3/2017 6:56 PM
69	Details of maintaining parks	1/31/2017 11:45 AM

Q6 As we develop the next Parks Master Plan, its important to identify what the community's vision for the Parks Department is moving forward. In a few words, please describe the changes and additions you would like to see for the Parks Department in the next 10 years.

Answered: 84 Skipped: 19

#	Responses	Date
1	Community center with pool, expanding of current city pool, update of Clearwick Park, trails, dog park	3/30/2017 1:29 AM
2	Bike trails the loops process Parkway and around the whole city	3/24/2017 9:49 PM
3	More programs for small children.	3/24/2017 1:56 PM
4	Skatepark, trails,	3/24/2017 10:32 AM
5	Would like to see the adventure park completed looks like so much fun for a range of ages. The community center would be nice as the older people would be able to use that more.	3/22/2017 8:41 AM
6	I have heard a lot of people mention a skate park, and I believe it could be a great idea. But I also think if it were indoors that it would allow for so much more use through out the entire year. It would help prevent vandalism, allow for private parties, and over all generate a lot of great things in the community. The facility wouldn't only have to be geared towards skating, box, etc. The facility could easily be used for an obstacle course and par core training could easily be added.	3/21/2017 1:59 PM
7	Integration with the fairgrounds (why be separate?), concerts, & maybe runs at the facilities	3/19/2017 10:41 AM
8	Tournaments for all "intramural" type sports for all ages, connecting the parks, security lights, water sports in the river	3/17/2017 10:08 PM
9	Tennis and basketball courts would be nice.	3/17/2017 2:51 PM
10	Partnering with local club sports to grow them and host events. The rec leagues offered are great for those wanting to participate, and I wouldn't want to take anything from them. I feel there is an opportunity for the clubs and Parks to grow and bring events and business local.	3/17/2017 10:57 AM
11	I think the Master Plan should be something the people want, not what the Mayor wants. Seems to me we get things pushed down our throat and then you see a tax hike or something to pay for it but the people didn't really want it and now we get stuck with it.	3/17/2017 9:40 AM
12	The development of gardens and the placement of quality art. Doesn't have to be complicated.	3/17/2017 9:25 AM
13	Would LOVE LOVE LOVE to see a dog park!!! Closest one is in Columbus but you have to be a member to their Parks Department.	3/17/2017 8:03 AM
14	Indoor pool. I feel you are looking seriously into a skate park which will only benefit a small few. That same small few could benefit from an indoor pool as well as all the other kids.	3/17/2017 7:15 AM
15	improve civic center by adding locker rooms with showers to make it more convenient. Or maybe reduce the cost to join. why would someone pay \$30 a month, when there are other options locally for similar cost.	3/16/2017 11:33 PM
16	The Bike and running trail is a good start but we still need a larger variety of activities than we have.	3/15/2017 12:48 PM
17	Indoor pool	3/15/2017 10:56 AM
18	accessible paths, trails, or track	3/15/2017 9:23 AM
19	An indoor skating facility would be nice for year round use and would be good exercise for all ages	3/15/2017 8:50 AM
20	Need a water park for all ages with slides	3/14/2017 7:06 PM
21	Skatepark, Indoor Pool, LOWER POOL PRICES,	3/14/2017 3:54 PM
22	Batting cages, swim lessons in winter -indoor swimming facility	3/14/2017 12:30 PM

23	More opportunities for exercise such as a fitness trail.	3/13/2017 4:16 PM
24	I already said what needs to change...stop adding to the other parks and help the Morrison Park out. You took everything from it and all we now have is young druggy punks. When is it Morrison Parks turn for a brighter day....Yes Blue River is nice and all but what about where the majority of people live? I see this park getting neglected. I would also like to say that maybe its time to change up the head staff or add a fresh new leader in there that is going to bring back what has been taken.	3/12/2017 9:57 PM
25	More walking paths other than just in Sunset park	3/6/2017 7:37 AM
26	More activities for the youth besides parks	3/5/2017 2:33 PM
27	needs new indoor facility/ recreation center.	2/24/2017 10:27 AM
28	Year around indoor pool for family and exercise programs	2/24/2017 9:09 AM
29	I think our community would benefit from an indoor pool for all year round swimming for great exercise! Our community could also use a good after school program with daily rates.	2/22/2017 9:19 PM
30	Update to equipment at Clearwick Park, More walking trails at Blue River Park	2/21/2017 8:43 PM
31	Healthy concessions, more rest and activity stations along accessible trails, wayfinding to encourage active transport and use of the parks	2/21/2017 3:58 PM
32	Connecting walking trails throughout city, better restroom facilities, more arts festivals	2/21/2017 3:47 PM
33	I would like to see more cost effective activities that target all ages in the community. I would like to see a community that welcomes animals at parks as well.	2/21/2017 2:50 PM
34	Pool.gym, more younger kid activities	2/21/2017 2:47 PM
35	Afterschool care program for ages through middle school age.	2/21/2017 12:52 PM
36	more wellness classes (nutrition, stress reduction, etc); find ways to keep my children from being exposed to second hand smoke while they are playing on the playground, as we don't use a lot of the parks (unfortunately) for that reason. A little "no smoking" sign doesn't do anything if it's not enforced.	2/20/2017 12:02 PM
37	I would like to see a bigger time frame available for open gym walking. (Maybe a start time at earlier in the morning so people that have to be at work could take advantage of this opportunity.)	2/19/2017 8:30 PM
38	The bike trail is a great idea. It will help us ride without fear of being hit by vehicles.	2/19/2017 5:45 PM
39	Batting cages and maybe mini golf something families can do together	2/19/2017 9:51 AM
40	Bigger room with better floor for exercising.	2/18/2017 4:00 PM
41	Add a lap pool to Meridian Aquatic Center and keep it open in the winter.	2/17/2017 5:45 PM
42	Shelter houses in scenic areas.	2/17/2017 10:11 AM
43	Dog park	2/17/2017 7:18 AM
44	need community center-aquatic center, more available swim/water aerobic classes per week including Saturday mornings.	2/16/2017 9:32 PM
45	Community Center that is fully accessible, all programs to be inclusive, sensory park, yoga,more parent and child type classes.	2/16/2017 2:59 PM
46	`already said.	2/15/2017 10:35 PM
47	I would love to see more trashcans	2/15/2017 8:31 PM
48	A facility for expanded winter activities. Something like Greensburg's YMCA would be great if it could fund itself with a community partner.	2/15/2017 4:46 PM
49	I had heard that Parks Dept might lease middle school pool. Would love the opportunity that could provide.	2/15/2017 4:19 PM
50	Indoor Playground	2/15/2017 3:19 PM
51	marked walking trails (with names) throughout Shelbyville...maybe one on the E, W, and S sides of town...about 1 - 2 mile loops.	2/15/2017 1:41 PM
52	Finish the trail!! More public art in the parks.	2/15/2017 12:40 PM
53	Need rec center for indoor sports, after school programs. Too many people leaving for these activities. This would attract more families, more jobs, more tax payer money.	2/15/2017 10:45 AM

54	need rec center for indoor sports, after school programs, creative learning, to help grow our community.	2/15/2017 10:38 AM
55	Make the pool nicer. Sand in volleyball pit? Indoor pool for year round swimming?	2/15/2017 10:01 AM
56	Would really like to see a Community Center come to the city, I think this would be a great asset to our community	2/15/2017 9:58 AM
57	More activities for seniors - shuffleboard, pool tables,	2/15/2017 6:41 AM
58	Bike paths,mountain bike trails	2/14/2017 4:01 PM
59	More sessions of coed volleyball.	2/14/2017 2:52 PM
60	I would like the Parks Department to resemble the Ys that are located in other communities--gym, classes, open courts, childcare, etc	2/14/2017 1:23 PM
61	Obviously a teen center that parents feel comfortable dropping their kids off at. A place with technology and charging stations, both quiet and rowdy seating, like group seating with music and hammocks with earphones. Snack food for after school prepared by students from culinary school, teen salon for hair and nails, students gain credit for working as hairdressers or nail tech? A garage for guys to tune up cars?	2/14/2017 9:06 AM
62	An after school "camp" would be a nice addition.	2/13/2017 10:10 PM
63	I would love to see a bigger building with an indoor walking track. It should have locker room facilities. It needs to compete with a YMCA.	2/13/2017 9:52 PM
64	Dog park, moving all youth sports to Blue River including Babe Ruth and youth softball. The visibility and accessibility of Blue River park makes it an ideal location for all youth sports.	2/13/2017 9:15 PM
65	Mainly above with improving older parks, especially Clearwick	2/13/2017 9:00 PM
66	Further development of Blue River Memorial Park	2/13/2017 7:12 PM
67	A new Center for all the people.And open all daylight hours.	2/12/2017 7:52 PM
68	Better care/updating of current parks/facilities rather than creating new areas.	2/12/2017 7:44 PM
69	Skatepark is a must.	2/12/2017 6:47 PM
70	Dog park.	2/11/2017 9:54 PM
71	More winter sport activities for kids on weekends or after school. Especially for active boys!	2/10/2017 12:21 PM
72	I would love to see an indoor swim facility with swim lessons offered thru the winter.	2/10/2017 10:30 AM
73	After school camp	2/10/2017 6:30 AM
74	COMMUNITY CENTER, indoor pool, more at the Meridian Park Family Aquatic Center, before and afterschool program for kids, dog park, more wooded nature space in our parks, more oportunites for those with disabilities programs and facilities	2/9/2017 11:53 AM
75	More trees planted at all of the parks, plantings for wildlife or birds, like the sunflowers, canoe rental	2/6/2017 1:15 PM
76	better facility.	2/6/2017 12:17 PM
77	I think the BRMP has so much wasted space. The playground is for younger kids only. I always see older kids wondering around trying to find something to do between soccer and softball tournaments. Basketball courts, volleyball courts would be a great idea for all that empty space and to give the older kids somthing to do. More swings for the kids would be a great idea. I don't think this area was planned to meet everyones needs. So much time was put into the court yard/ shelter area, there wasn't much thought into the play areas, especially for the older kids/adults.	2/6/2017 8:43 AM
78	YMCA style ,indoor swimming, track	2/5/2017 10:40 PM
79	Please do indoor swimming or an indoor playground! I would love someplace close to take my kids during Indianas unpredictable weather spurts. A dog park would be beneficial but if nothing else adding doggie waste disposal posts at all the parks in a few different areas would encourage people to clean up after their pets. More trash cans throughout, cameras would be nice so people who smoke near the equipment can be found and fined.	2/4/2017 8:54 PM
80	An Indoor Aquatic Center, and a community center with multiple uses would be very benifical to the Community of Shelbyville.	2/4/2017 7:55 PM
81	An indoor play area for when weather is bad.	2/4/2017 6:53 PM
82	Indoor aquatics center, more walking trails, variety of programming for all ages (Franklin has TONS of options)	2/4/2017 7:54 AM
83	Addition of Indoor pool, hiking trails, roller skating and/or ice skating, better paths on cross country path so you don't get lost	2/3/2017 6:56 PM

84	I would like to see dog park, zipline, and bike skate park ,as well as trails.	1/31/2017 11:45 AM
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Q7 Please provide any additional comments you might have that were't addressed in the previous questions.

Answered: 37 Skipped: 66

#	Responses	Date
1	I'm excited about the bike paths and will use them regularly. I go to Greenfield now to ride the penzy trail	3/24/2017 9:49 PM
2	I think that our community could use more activities for young children through out the poor weather months. I have 4 children with winter birthdays, and each of them struggle to choose anything for a party because other than bowling or a small venue rental there is nothing to do here. (Skating, indoor playscapes, etc) looking towards the future it would be nice to have more options indoor for families. (Also senses has limited hours which prevents spontaneous visits)	3/21/2017 1:59 PM
3	Contact employers in county on how they can use the park system to attract talent from outside area	3/19/2017 10:41 AM
4	Park attendants each day during the summer to help keep the youth busy	3/17/2017 10:08 PM
5	I love seeing Shelbyville grow, but at what expense does this have to happen? We are tired of being taxed for everything.	3/17/2017 9:40 AM
6	Questionnaire completed by Lee Marks.	3/17/2017 9:25 AM
7	I would really like to see us get a dog park. A lot of communities around us have them, and we really have nowhere where we can take our beloved pets and let them run and play off leash.	3/15/2017 1:53 PM
8	I believe we are headed in the right direction but things move a lot slower that people would like....	3/15/2017 12:48 PM
9	Put more pick nick tables and grills and trash cans in the park	3/14/2017 7:06 PM
10	Like the idea of connecting the river parks	3/13/2017 4:16 PM
11	There are good kids in this neighborhood that don't know what it is to live near a great park because...and I know for a fact because it has been said by the Parks staff that they are tired of dealing with this park. Stop taking from it.	3/12/2017 9:57 PM
12	I enjoy the mother/son night but for parents that have just one child my husband doesn't get the opportunity to go to events like that with him and our son.	2/26/2017 8:33 PM
13	have each park host the Easter egg hunt and each park have a different age group. It's too long and confusing the way it is now.	2/24/2017 9:09 AM
14	Pioneer Park does not really have any amenities, parking, or trail connections. Hopefully this can become a place (gardens or otherwise) for people to enjoy.	2/21/2017 3:58 PM
15	I really look forward to some of the changes coming, and look forward to a more encompassing activity selection.	2/21/2017 2:50 PM
16	I'm excited to see what the parks department has to offer in the coming years! Keep up the great work!	2/19/2017 8:30 PM
17	There is a lot of room at Blue River park that could be used for electric park flyers, even if it was for early mornings before crowds arrive. Park flyers are small and made of foam so there is no threat of damage to anything.	2/19/2017 5:45 PM
18	Trails to bike/walk that are somewhat shaded and connect to each other. Progress parkway is one of the best to walk/run/bike but there is NO shade anywhere. Intermittant benches to rest at would also be nice	2/17/2017 10:11 AM
19	sad that the middle school pool could not be used for the community, I heard a rumor hat it might be used, but anticipate changes later versussooner	2/16/2017 9:32 PM
20	thanks!	2/15/2017 10:35 PM
21	if there were something to happen to zumba would you still do it or no?	2/15/2017 8:31 PM
22	Funding needs to be the main consideration. We need to consider community funding to help offset costs. A wish list is nice, but not at the full burden of the tax payers.	2/15/2017 4:46 PM
23	I think our Parks Dept is very good for a small town, and the employees are great! Thank for all you do.	2/15/2017 4:19 PM
24	I am so proud of parks dept. Great director and foresight to include all residents with something to do.	2/15/2017 1:41 PM
25	We will never grow as a community without developing our kids.	2/15/2017 10:45 AM

26	too many people leaving our community, we need to attract families would would bring jobs, more tax money to help our community.	2/15/2017 10:38 AM
27	N/A	2/15/2017 10:01 AM
28	I think not just providing a place for young kids to run off energy but keeping teens entertained. Like every month have a free lesson on painting, sewing, cooking, cake decorating, and for guys lessons in bondo for cars, booth painting, tuning up cars, dj, survey teens to see what they love. Also using other teens to help, chefs, art students. Because if they build it or create it or paint it, they will protect it not vandalize it.	2/14/2017 9:06 AM
29	The Splash Pad is such a wonderful addition to our community!! It needs a few minor touches though in the bathrooms. The floors are VERY slippery and I've witnessed several falls. Maybe install some "grip strips" on the floors to make them safer. Also would love to see some benches put in there so parents can have a place to sit their kids to get shoes on. Also some hooks on the walls to hang towels and bags to keep them from getting wet on the floors. Would also love to see a smaller shelter house closer to the splash pad itself. Would be a blessing to those who are wanting to rent one for a party. That way they could be close by to keep an eye on their children and not so far away like it is now.	2/13/2017 10:10 PM
30	I would love to gain access to the weight room and take Zumba classes for 1 combined fee.	2/13/2017 9:52 PM
31	Great job, Parks Dept! You are a community asset.	2/13/2017 7:12 PM
32	I think it is Time for new leadership at the parks department !!	2/11/2017 7:37 AM
33	I think you could actually charge a little more for things in some cases in order to help pay for things that are not revenue generators.	2/6/2017 1:15 PM
34	Would love if could pay a fee for all things. fitness room, group classes, using of gym	2/6/2017 12:17 PM
35	I think the lack of trash cans is a poor choice. I hate seeing trash at the parks especially floating in the rivers and on the playground equipment. This was a poor choice.	2/6/2017 8:43 AM
36	I know I have said it a lot but PLEASE address the smokers or find a way to do something about it. Our trips are always cut short or taken away all together if we get to the park and there are people smoking near the equipment or they show up while we are there and start smoking. Even though they are outside enough smokers leave clouds of smoke that I can't tolerate my child being around for health reasons and this always forces us to leave. Make parks fair and fun for everyone!	2/4/2017 8:54 PM
37	Maybe add some times for parents and little ones to attend gym to play. bikes, mats, crafts, etc. Times that are not run by staff but parents can come to interact with one another and the kids can play. Check out Greece Ny Community and senior center as a reference. It is awesome! Facilities are already there why not use them more!!	2/3/2017 3:31 PM