Annual Report 2017

Board of Park Commissioners

Our Mission

The Parks and Recreation Department maintains over 2,800 acres of park land in 86 individual parks and currently manages 20 pavilions, 20 shelters, 5 recreation centers, 4 day camp facilities, 3 aquatic centers, 9 splash pads, 3 golf courses, 2 driving ranges, 3 disc golf courses, 2 dog parks, a botanical conservatory, an outdoor theater, a zoo and a greenhouse. Additional recreational sites include 57 playgrounds, 45 basketball courts, 60 tennis courts, 15 pickleball courts, 38 ball diamonds, 20 soccer fields, 8 multipurpose athletic fields, 4 boat launches, 48 miles of trails which include Rivergreenway, park paths and mountain bike trails, 14 ponds and lakes, a campground, a nature preserve, a BMX track, historic facilities and monuments and a 1930s era working farm. Along with hundreds of activities and program opportunities, the Parks and Recreation Department provides free or low cost special events for citizens of our community.

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in Fort Wayne by providing positive opportunities for leisure time and by being stewards of our parklands, facilities, public trees and other resources entrusted to our care.

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President's Message

To the Honorable Mayor Thomas Henry:

It is my privilege to present the Board of Park Commissioners' 2017 Annual Report. Much of the community's focus this year has been on Promenade Park. This first phase of Riverfront Fort Wayne development was based on public input—a shared vision for our future. No wonder there was so much excitement at the groundbreaking ceremony and so many people returning to the riverfrontfw.org website over and over to view progress on the time lapse construction camera. We welcome and share the enthusiasm, and look forward to opening day in 2019.

Even with the additional workload of Riverfront Fort Wayne this year, Parks & Recreation staff did an outstanding job, continuing to provide excellent programming and pristine parks for our enjoyment.

The Community Center celebrated its 40th anniversary and is busier than ever before as they strive to serve the growing number of downtown residents. They also launched Unwind Your Mind to provide activities for people with early signs of dementia—a program to improve their sense of competence, reduce depression and improve relationships with family members.

The Lifetime Sports Academy celebrated an anniversary as well—their 20th. It's hard to believe that this signature program spearheaded by Jerry Fox and Tom Jehl to instill a lifetime of sports to youth in Fort Wayne through tennis, golf and swimming has served close to 27,000 children.

Finally, Community Unity events at our youth centers created a healthy conversation between police officers and citizens to help reduce crime. It's great to see more scheduled for 2018.

On behalf of the commissioners, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Fort Wayne. We continue our commitment to the stewardship of our park system.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Samek

President of the Board of Park Commissioners

Director's Message

We're often surprised and humbled by the generosity of our community and this year was no exception. The William J. and Bonnie L. Hefner Foundation donated $300,000 toward the cost of converting a garage into a pavilion in Franklin School Park. The David Hefner Pavilion, named after their late son, is a rentable, year-round pavilion available to the neighborhood and other groups. A small office for the Fort Wayne Police Department was also included in the floor plan, to provide a place for officers to stop for a break and take care of paperwork. The Franklin School Park project was an excellent partnership between nearby neighborhoods and our team.

Longtime Parks & Recreation supporter Don Wolf helped raise $400,000 to renovate the historic Salomon Farmhouse. All of the renovations will be funded through private donations. We're looking forward to the completion of the Learning Center expansion in 2018 so that we can accommodate more campers at Farmin' Fun Day Camp.

Salomon Farm continues to be a favorite destination with record breaking attendance at events. The children from McMillen Park Community Center's summer program discovered what all the excitement was about when they visited the farm animals, fed the chickens and even got to do some fishing. This was a great collaboration between Recreation staff that will hopefully continue.

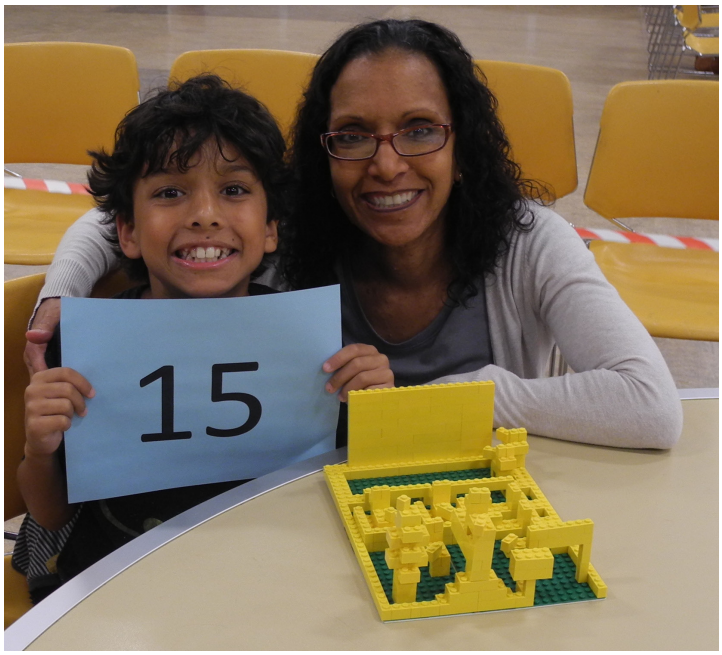
After the community spoke out about their vision of Memorial Park, we formed a task force to recommend improvements to the park and were immediately contacted by the Warrior Breed Motorcycle Club with an offer to help. They raised $40,000 to pay for the 71 trees needed to restore the Memorial Grove in the park. The original trees were planted 100 years ago to honor the 125 Allen County residents who died while serving in WWI. We rededicated the fully restored Memorial Grove on Veterans Day.

In the following pages, you will find many more details about our projects, facilities, events and programs.

Our accomplishments would not be possible without the support of Mayor Tom Henry, the City Council, your Board of Park Commissioners, and our devoted Parks & Recreation employees' commitment to excellence.

Al Moll

Executive Director of Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation



Board of Park Commissioners

Highlights of 2017

Awards Recognizing Park Excellence

- Aquatic Safety Staff Received the Gold International Aquatic Safety Award for the 7th Time.
- The non-profit organization KaBOOM! named Fort Wayne a "2017 Playful City USA Community" for the 8th consecutive year.
- City of Fort Wayne named "Tree City USA" for 27th consecutive year and received Growth Award for 12th year.
- First Place Fort Wayne Readers Choice Awards: Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Foellinger Outdoor Theatre, Foster Park, Lakeside Park & Rose Garden and Franke Day Camp.

New Projects and Renovations

- Northside Park Administrative Building Roof Improvements
- Swinney Park Colonel Foster Monument Restoration
- Klug Park New Walking Path and Entry Arch Improvements
- Various Parks Bicentennial Bench Improvements
- Roosevelt Park Pedestrian Boardwalk Improvements
- Johnny Appleseed Fishing Pier Improvements
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- Botanical Conservatory Patio, Storm Gutters & Glass Roof Improvements
- Franke Park Foellinger Theatre Stage Floor Improvements
- Franklin Park Phase II Project
- Franke Park Harris Road Barn Improvements
- Department's Five Year Master Plan Update

Financial Report

Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Condensed Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2017

REVENUES	
Property Taxes	$ 14, 987,754
Other Taxes	1,627,670
Charges for Services	5,237,809
Local Grants and Donations	2,663,396
Other Revenues	146,199
Total Revenues	$ 24,662,828
EXPENDITURES	
Parks and Recreation General	$ 19,087,426
Capital Outlays	2,030,644
Debt Service	339,133
Total Expenditures	$ 21,457,203

Children's Zoo

2017 Accomplishments

The Zoo's daily work centers around its mission to connect kids and animals, strengthen families, and inspire people to care. The Fort Wayne Children's Zoo is operated by the nonprofit Fort Wayne Zoological Society under a cooperative agreement with the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department.

Attendance & Membership

2017 was a record year for regular season attendance at 623,319. This marked the first time regular season attendance went over 600K. Wild Zoo Halloween had its second best year since being rebranded as a merry not scary day event at 29,008. When you combine these two activities we had total attendance of 652,327. These events combined made 2017 our best year by outpacing 2015 attendance of 618,498 by 5%. Zoo membership sales reached 14,983 households in 2017, a decrease of 1% from 2016. A Family Membership with unlimited zoo visits for the season cost $119.

Animal News

This year marked the debut of several new animals. Our new male lion "Bahati" got to meet our guests for the first time on opening day. "Mischief" and "Milton", the Zoo's new Tasmanian devils brought this species back to our community after a 13 year break. Modifications to the sitatunga exhibit allowed guests to see our male sitatunga for the first time, showcasing a full set of spiraling horns. A brand new radiated tortoise exhibit in the Kopjes in African Journey allowed guests to see this endangered species for the first time at our zoo.

Some existing exhibits received new updates as well. The Canadian lynx exhibit was greatly expanded with a stream and additional features added to create a larger, more engaging environment for the two boys. New aviaries were built near the picnic pavilions to create more spacious homes for the birds that used to live next door to the lynx. In the African Village, the small aviary was replaced with one over three times its size and vulturine Guinea fowl were exhibited for the first time.

It was another productive year for babies at the Zoo. Two giraffe calves, Kita and Thabisa, were the highlight of the season. The sitatunga herd grew by two female babies, Sage and Penda. 2017 marked the first time a wrinkled hornbill chick was successfully produced at our Zoo. Guests could see the male "Bayu" feed the female "Ayu" and the chick through a small slit in the nestbox. Hornbills naturally seal the female and chicks into the nesting cavity until the chicks are ready to emerge. Other zoo babies included a banded mongoose, three black-breasted leaf turtles, a green imperial pigeon, a DeBrazza's monkey, four red-tailed green ratsnakes, and a ring-tailed lemur.

Conservation & Research

The Zoo is a conservation leader, providing more than $251,000 in direct conservation support to organizations in 2017. This marked a 50% increase over 2016. The Zoo is committed to conservation locally and worldwide. The Kids4Nature program continued to involve guests in conservation, allowing them to vote among three projects with recycled metal washers distributed at the zoo entrance.

Fort Wayne Children's Zoo veterinarian, Kami Fox, represented the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo by participating in the Marianas Islands avian conservation program in the South Pacific. The Zoo provides financial support to more than 37 conservation organizations in Indiana and around the world.

Construction & Improvements

During the winter of 2017, the Zoo made substantial investments in the Heart of the Zoo campaign. A 53-year-old water main was replaced. The pond was dredged, lined, and landscaped. Guest paths on the west end of the zoo were replaced. On November 1, the next phase of Heart of the Zoo renovations commenced. These improvements will include a complete renovation of Monkey Island, a new River Otter exhibit, new pathways, and new landscaping. The Fort Wayne Children's Zoo remains committed to maintaining exemplary facilities, both exhibits and support services.

Fundraising

The zoo was fortunate to receive 2,420 gifts totaling $4.8 million in philanthropic support during 2017, as well as an additional $800,000 in pledges. These gifts were provided by individuals, businesses, foundations, and other organizations across our community.

Of this total, more than $580,000 was raised at our three fundraising events, Zoobilee, Zoo Brew & Wine too, and MaskZOOrade. We also received more than $160,000 in operational grants, $290,000 in general donations, $117,000 in program sponsorships, and over $100,000 in gifts-in-kind.

2017 marked the beginning of the public fundraising phase for a new funding initiative, Journey to the Heart of the Zoo. This project includes major renovations to Monkey Island, our North American river otter exhibit, and improvements to our pond, pathways, parking and wayfinding. The projected cost for this initiative is $6.5 million. To date, over $5.8 million has been raised.

Communications

With a limited budget, the zoo relies heavily on earned media to gain visibility locally, regionally, and internationally and was successful in leveraging our new lion Bahati and new giraffe calf, Kita. We had our first viral video in November, featuring our cute orangutan, Asmara's third birthday celebration. The video has been viewed almost half a million times and has been highlighted on sites across the globe including Good Morning America; ABC News; Yahoo Canada, Taiwan, & Japan; Australia News; and all across the US.

The zoo maintains a strong presence in social media. Facebook likes up 13.4%, Instagram up 17% and twitter 8% over 2016 numbers. Growing social media was a focus for the communications team in 2017.

Education Program

In 2017, over 22,000 people from 443 organizations participated in 805 formal zoo education programs, including Summer Safari Day Camp, Zoomobile, and Wild Nights sleepovers.

Fourteen all new Zoomobile programs were introduced for the 2017-2018 school year focusing on inquiry based learning.

Events

Zoo interns hosted twelve seasonal events at the Zoo, from birthday parties for our donkeys and kangaroos to the ever popular Ice Day a guest favorite. The most popular events were world conservation days for species including vaquita, giraffe, sharks, oceans and orangutans. More than 50,000 guests participated in these events. The Zoo Comes Alive after Five, evening hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day grew in popularity with guests attendance up double digit from 2016.

Personnel

Employees are hired for the zoo season at an annual Summer Job Fair. New employees are welcomed and trained to perform their job duties through area orientations, position-specific trainings, and New Employee Receptions with the Executive Director. Volunteers and interns donated 41,150 hours to the zoo in 2017, providing keeper support, program assistance, and guest service.

Community Service

The zoo is a self-supporting, non-profit organization, so it relies heavily on community support to succeed. To give back to the community, the zoo annually provides nearly 14,000 free zoo admission tickets to 125 local agencies serving disadvantaged children and families; free Zoomobile programs for Allen County third grade students; scholarship programs for college students and program attendees; ticket donations to charitable auctions; Dreamnight, an event for chronically ill children and their families; and free admission for armed forces members on Military Appreciation Day.

The zoo continues to provide superior animal care, exemplary guest service, and an outstanding experience for visitors while serving the community since 1965. In this record-breaking year at the zoo, it was again made clear: All employees are an important part of the mission and success of the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

Recreation

2017 Accomplishments

Recreation Services had a very exciting time in 2017 as it continued to grow and expand its wide offerings to the citizens of Fort Wayne. Jason Smith, Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation Manager of Athletics, and Mike Fritch, Fort Wayne Pickleball Club President, formed a Pickleball Committee to look at the current and future demand of pickleball facilities in the Fort Wayne area. The committee's goal is to offer recommendations by mid-2018. The committee spent most of 2017 researching the possibility of offering Futsal, which is a game similar to soccer that's played in a fenced-in area the size of a tennis court. Packard Park Tennis Courts were chosen to be converted to this game. Several meetings were held with Indiana Soccer, neighborhood groups and other interested parties over the year. The Homestead High School Soccer Club raised and donated $10,000 toward the project.

The Youth Athletics division had a very productive year, although staffing proved to be a challenge and there was a lifeguard shortage which led to Memorial Pool delaying its opening, then reducing hours, to maintain safety levels at all pools. An improved lifeguard recruitment plan was discussed for 2018 and the Aquatics Department earned the Ellis Gold Safety award for rescue readiness for the 7th time in the last 10 years. The second annual Dippin' Dogs Dog Swim was held at Northside Aquatic Center in August. The 20th Lifetime Sports Academy concluded on July 21. There were approximately 1,000 participants registered this year and a total of 30,000 over the last 20 years. The City Tennis Tournament had 212 participants in a wide range of singles, doubles, age groups and NTRP rating events--41 more entrants than last year.

Riverfront Programs were added to Recreation Services in the early spring. Megan Butler was hired as the Riverfront Program and Events Manager. The momentum continued for Riverfront in downtown Fort Wayne, and a wide variety of programs were offered to encourage people to visit the Riverfront area. Historic Boat Tours were a hit again with 57 individual trips being offered between May and September that covered a wide variety of historical themes. The 3rd Annual Dragon Boat Race was transitioned from the Mayor's Youth Engagement Council to Riverfront programs. In an effort to encourage more participants and engagement in this activity, Recreation Services purchased a Dragon Boat. Free learn-to-paddle sessions were held throughout the summer and early fall. The Dragon Boat Event was held in June at Headwaters Park with a total of 26 teams, 546 paddlers, and an estimated attendance of 2,500. The Riverfront Movie Series offered 3 films during the summer with attendance between 100 to 250. The largest movie attendance was at "Troop Beverly Hills," starring Fort Wayne native Shelly Long. The Girl Scouts partnered in this event by providing 400 boxes of cookies for free and making custom Girl Scout patches.

To ensure even more fun in future years, we purchased a large bubble/foam machine which was a hit at Salomon Farm's Fall Harvest Festival and will be enjoyed at many Recreation Services events. We also purchased an inflatable foot-dart activity which will be utilized in the summertime. Foot Darts is a mix between darts and football. The participant kicks a football at a giant Velcro, inflatable dart board.

The Community Center downtown had another busy year hosting numerous events and offering a wide variety of programs for pre-school youth through older adults. The Community Center began the season planning the downtown Winterval event. About 600 people attended the Community Center's Winter Carnival that day and in total, around 4,800 people came downtown to enjoy Winterval in 2017. The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was held in May to recognize the more than 200

regular volunteers at the facility and the theme was the "Community Center's Got Talent". The following individuals received special recognition: Keith Herring (Outstanding Commitment); Gerri Cook (Edna Berdelman Award for volunteering 348.5 hours) and Linda Forest (Living the Mission Award). The Longest Day Event was held in June. This is a global event to promote the movement to help end Alzheimer's disease. There were about 350 people in attendance and we raised $1,000 for the local Alzheimer's Association. We held our regular events as well. Senior Games took place June 5-22 and had a record number of 444 participants in 32 events. Active Aging Week (September 25-29) had 182 in attendance at the 11 events. The Halloween Haunt in October had 50 volunteers and about 700 people in attendance. Santa's Workshop in November had an estimated 1,900 attendees.

The McMillen Park Community Center (MPCC) entered its fourth year of operations, and continues to grow and flourish. In the spring they partnered with Parkview Health and Operation Fight for a Fitter Fort (OpF4) to offer a four session program called "Wellness Your Way". Participants learned about compiling a wellness journal, nutrition and fitness tips, water consumption, behavior modification and mindfulness. An Easter Egg Hunt was held in April after MPCC kids colored over 300 eggs and staff hid them all around the building and in McMillen Park. The Mother-Daughter Dinner was a great success, with 50 people attending. The Community Extravaganza in May began with a health and wellness fair sponsored by Parkview Health. A vendor fair took place in the afternoon with games, activities and food. Twenty six vendors were on site and more than 500 people attended the event. This event was also used to encourage families to register their children for summer programs. During the school year, the Afterschool Program averaged 150 participants and during the summer averaged more than 300 children. For the first time this year, participants could register online or on one of the computers at MPCC. This saved staff time and registrations were easier to read than the previous hand-written forms. The children at MPCC participated in numerous field trips that included Salomon Farm Park. They visited the animals on the farm, fed the chickens, and even went out on the pond to fish. The kids really enjoyed fishing, as a majority of them had never had that experience. The McMillen "Little Kickers" Soccer Program for youth ages 4-6 and 7-10 had a successful first session with 104 participants.

Food Service, managed by Costella Mack, continued to provide a valuable service to our area youth at ten summer sites and four year-round locations. Food was provided at several community events as well. The Food Service program is a partnership between Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation, Community Harvest Food Bank and Fort Wayne Community Schools.

Kellie Adkins was promoted to Manager of Outdoor Recreation and Eden Lamb was hired to be the Outdoor Recreation Coordinator. Special events continued to be a big hit at Salomon Farm. The Fiber Arts Festival was held in May, with nearly 1,000 in attendance. The first Market Madness was held with 679 attendees. Market Madness days took place during the Wednesday Farmers' Market, and include music, activities and beverages as a way to encourage people to come to the farm. The 4th annual Concert on the Farm was held in August. Adam Strack opened for the Hubie Ashcraft Band and there were close to 900 people in attendance. The Salomon Fall Harvest Festival in September had about 5,000 people in attendance. Christmas on the Farm in December had 1,109 attendees.

Outdoor Recreation summer day camps continued to be a huge success with Farm Camp and Franke Park Day Camp at full capacity. There were 500 campers and parents at the Franke Park Big Pow Wow. This was Camp Director Chris Freehill's 50th year involved with Franke Park Day Camp. Chris was a camper for ten years, a camp counselor for 13 years and camp director for 27 years. To recognize his years of involvement, the Chris Freehill award was created to give one child a free camp experience each year. The week-long River Camp was held for the second season and had 23 enrolled.

There were a few major projects in 2017, which included a new ventilation system in Franke Park Longhouse. Upgrades were underway in the Salomon Farm Heritage and Equipment barns so they could be certified for occupancy at public events. The Salomon Farm Learning Center expansion was approved as part of the Parks and Recreation bond, and is expected to be complete in the spring of 2018. A public fundraising campaign to make renovations to the Salomon Farm Homestead was initiated by long-time Salomon Farm Park supporter Don Wolf. Nearly $400,000 was committed to this project and is expected to be complete by early fall of 2018.

Golf operations continued to see a decline in revenue and attendance, but the Junior and Pee Wee Golf Tour had a rise in numbers this year. Golf Course Pro/ Manager Rick Hemsoth was inducted into the Fort Wayne Golf Association Hall of Fame.

Administration & Marketing

2017 Accomplishments

The Administrative & Marketing Division continued to utilize technology in 2017 to improve customer service and to communicate accurately and consistently. Once again, our seasonal staff was provided training that emphasizes positive interactions with customers. Program evaluations and user surveys were distributed to access all of the programs offered by the Department. A total of 4,220 evaluations received in 2017 will be analyzed and reported back to staff. Our overall Department Customer Service Rating based on this information is projected to be 94%. Complaint processing continues to be a priority. In 2017, 89% of complaints were processed within one business day. Continuously new Customer Service features were added to the five main Department websites, including the development of over 13 new web links created to enhance visitor experience. Existing links were redesigned as needed. Additional photos were added throughout the website to market our department. Content continued to be added to all 3 calendars. There were major updates 4 times a year to coincide with the release of the quarterly Fun Times and continuous updates to keep content fresh. In addition, the Botanical Conservatory and the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation websites were upgraded for a more responsive design leading to an enhanced mobile friendly experience.

The total web hits for 2017 reached over a million for the third year (1,187,277). The number of yearly hits has been steadily growing, up 442,561 hits from 2010. The new monthly average was 98,939 for 2017, up from 95,536 hits in 2016.

Additional marketing efforts in 2017 included: 71 print and accompanying web ads; 161 fliers/posters; 4 Fun Times program catalogs; 22 postcard mailers; 30 brochures; tickets and passes for 27 events; 9 seasonal kiosk displays for various facilities; signs/banners for 17 events; 15 event invitations and/or notecards; electronic sign/web graphics for 32 events;11 e-newsletters; a number of coupons, certificates, program props, award designs, calendars, promotional giveaways, event programs, t-shirt designs, activity/coloring books; and a photo show.

The following news conferences were held in 2017:

- Riverfront Development Progress Continues with Bank Stabilization Project (February)
- Foellinger Theatre Concert and Movie Series Announced (March)
- City Celebrates Arbor Day (April)
- It's Time to Get in the Games: Senior Games (June)
- Mayor Henry Leads Ceremonial Groundbreaking for Promenade Park (June)
- Lifetime Sports Academy Presents Awards (July)
- Mayor Henry Leads Celebration: Completion of Franklin School Park Project (December)

Donations and Grants

Plans and activities during 2017 lived up to the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation's emphasis on serving the citizens of our city and being outstanding stewards of our green spaces and facilities.

With the help of a $200,000 federal grant, we are adding a restroom and pavilion facility at the Shoaff Park splash-pad for the 2018 season. Another large federal grant of $100,000 has helped us to increase our urban canopy by 500 trees in the Northside neighborhood area. This particular project is critical to replacing the many large Ash trees we lost in this area. Trees help reduce the amount of storm water reaching the rivers during storm events, and they also help restore cleaner water emptying into the Great Lakes.

The past few years, our department has raised more than $20 million in public and private funds to help establish a riverfront park in downtown Fort Wayne. Located off Superior Street between the Old Historic Wells Street Bridge and the Harrison Street Bridge, Promenade Park is the centerpiece of Riverfront Fort Wayne and has jump-started significant amounts of private development around the parkland. Construction is underway and citizens will be able to enjoy this amazing downtown park in 2019.

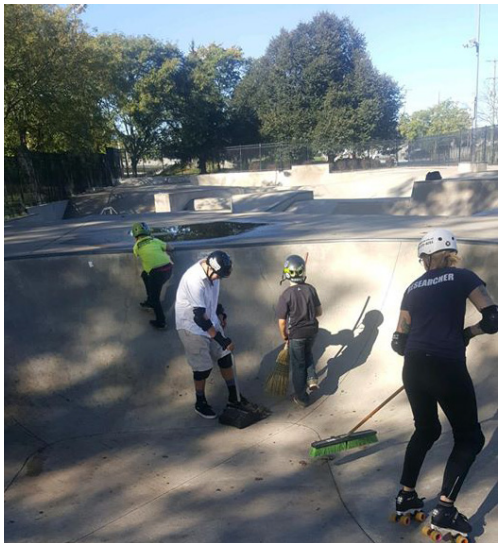
In addition to the financial support we receive to build and improve our parks, we are made stronger by the hundreds of volunteers who are critical to the smooth operation of many facilities. Thanks to volunteer efforts, the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory is able to provide additional programming and installations, The Foellinger Theatre is able to bring in outstanding national, regional and local performers, the Community Center operates numerous free and low-cost programs for citizens of all ages, and additional volunteers do work at youth centers, clean up park trails, and help to maintain our plants in the greenhouse. Without our amazing volunteers, we would not have the world-class operation we have today.

The Fort Wayne Park Foundation stepped up its support of our department by committing to raise more than $1 million for the Promenade Park pavilion, in addition to their annual commitments supporting numerous parks and programs. The Foundation is preparing to launch a public fundraising campaign to create a maintenance endowment for the park. If you would like to have your family honored, join this effort by visiting www.riverfrontfw.org or www.fortwayneparks.org and select the DONATE button. You may also choose to send a tax-deductible donation to Fort Wayne Park Foundation, P.O. Box 13201, Fort Wayne, IN 46867

Another important area of donations is for memorial gifts, which are given in memory of friends and family members. Often a memorial tree or bench is purchased at specific parks, or memorial gifts go to facilities for their continuing operations. These gifts are a wonderful way to remember loved ones. Street and park tree replacements will always be important, as Fort Wayne residents appreciate the urban canopy these trees create and their benefits to the city. Donations continue to be given as we replace the loss of one-fourth of the city's trees from the Emerald Ash Borer infestation.

If you are interested in making a donation to the Parks & Recreation Department, information is available online at www.fortwayneparks.org or by calling Sarah Nichter at 260-427-6024.

Park Maintenance



2017 Accomplishments

The Park Maintenance Division had a great year in 2017. Our patrons took advantage of all the wonderful, low-cost facilities and amenities we offer. This includes athletic fields, diamonds, and courts, pavilions and shelters, playgrounds and splash pads, floral gardens and community gardens, and unique facilities like our campground, dog parks, skatepark and theater.

Construction for projects funded by the Bond Issue began and many were completed, including a new roof for the McMillen Park Community Center, gutter improvements at the Botanical Conservatory and paving work on several park roadways and parking lots. We wrapped up the year with the second phase of Franklin School Park-- the dedication of the David Hefner Pavilion. This new facility will be our 21st pavilion and will provide year-round rental space. Bond Issue projects that will be completed in 2018 are: Foellinger Theatre Improvements, the Salomon Learning Center Addition, Reservoir Park Improvements, and new playgrounds and surfacing.

Riverfront Development was a central focus this year and construction will continue until the summer of 2019.

The accomplishments that follow in this report are made possible by the support of the administration, the citizens of our community, volunteers and the talented staff of the Parks Maintenance Division.

Grounds and Improvements

The Project Administration Section is responsible for design, engineering, technical assistance, cost estimating, project management and project inspection either directly or through the procurement of consulting Architects, Engineers or Landscape Architects. The staff also assists with short and long range planning, implements special projects and assignments, produces graphics and administers most of the Department's capital improvement projects. The staff consists of a Supervisor, two Project Technicians and one Engineering Intern.

Some of the major projects completed in 2017 were:

- Northside Park Administrative Building Roof Improvements
- Lawton Park Cannon Monument Restoration
- Swinney Park Colonel Foster Monument Restoration
- Klug Park New Walking Path and Entry Arch Improvements
- Various Parks Bicentennial Bench Improvements
- Roosevelt Park Pedestrian Boardwalk Improvements
- Johnny Appleseed Fishing Pier Improvements
- Memorial Park Splashpad Surfacing Improvements
- Downtown Containerized Floral Displays
- Franke Park Foellinger Theatre Fence Improvements

• Northside Park Administration Entrance and Sidewalk Improvements

• Northside and McMillen Parks Pool Slide Improvements

• Shoaff Park and McMillen Park Stone Entrance Signs

• Franke, Foster, McMillen, Shoaff, Vesey Parks Paving Improvements

• Botanical Conservatory Patio, Storm Gutters, and Glass Roof Improvements

• Franke Park Foellinger Theatre Stage Floor Improvements

• Franklin Park Phase II Project

• Franke Park Harris Road Barn Improvements

• Department's Five Year Master Plan Update

The goal of the Facilities/Trades Staff is to provide "outstanding services" to each park.

Facilities staff clean and arrange setups for rental pavilions, clean public restroom facilities, pick up and dispose of litter and assist with snow removal. There were 2,192 pavilion rentals in 2017, an increase of 16 from last year, keeping the staff very busy.

The Trades side deals with mechanical, plumbing and electrical repairs throughout the Parks & Recreation Department. In 2017, the Maintenance Technicians had 2,375 work orders/requests for the year, with a total of 155 alarm repairs, 21 appliance repairs, 12 bench repairs, 55 building repairs, 116 carpentry projects, 304 light repairs, 338 electrical repairs, 52 HVAC calls, 182 lock/key repairs, 584 Maintenance Technician general repairs, 194 play equipment repairs, 210 plumbing repairs, 66 sign repairs and 86 vandalism repairs.

The Facilities and Trades Manager is also in charge of overseeing annual maintenance contracts for HVAC, boilers and management of contract services for: alarm systems, filter replacement, electrical, plumbing, painting, roofs, and fence repairs, as well as supervising two part time utility people and helping to cover after-hours calls.

The Grounds Management Department consists of: Large Area Mowing Crews, Athletic Field Maintenance Crews, Kreager Park Maintenance Crew, Heavy Equipment Operators, Equipment Operators, and Grounds Relief Personnel.

Heavy Equipment Operations used over 200 tons of bulk salt and Grounds Operations applied over 7 tons of bagged salt on drives, parking lots, internal walks and entrances at various park locations, pavilions and centers. They performed 866 hours of snow-related removal tasks at various park and facility locations and Rivergreenway paths. They also performed 383 hours of excavation tasks and 4,157 hours of hauling and debris removal tasks, including hauling various products such as wood chips, mulch for playgrounds, ball diamond material, stone, sand, topsoil, compost, debris piles and zoo refuse.

Grounds crews performed 14,694 hours of mowing related duties. They performed 605 hours of litter pick up in parks, 1,266 hours of limb cleanup, 1,594 hours of trash removal services, 3,927 hours of combined tasks related to the maintenance of general turf areas, athletics fields and ball diamond maintenance. They performed 1,859 hours related to tasks involving trimming overgrowth and clearing undergrowth along the Rivergreenway.

Forestry

Spring started with an Arbor Day celebration on April 28th. We partnered with Fairfield Elementary School and Trees Indiana to encourage our students to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. The Arbor Day Foundation recognized the City of Fort Wayne's commitment to our urban canopy by naming us a Tree City for the 27th year in a row. We also received the Growth Award for the 12th consecutive year. The Growth Award highlights innovative programs and projects as well as increased commitment of resources for urban forestry.

Forestry contracted the removal of 1,252 stumps in 2017. This is a significant increase from the previous year and puts us closer to our goal of contracting stump removal as the stumps are generated. This improved service demonstrates our commitment to providing great customer service to the citizens of Fort Wayne.

This was the first year we did not have contractors assist with tree pruning. Forestry crews pruned 6,726 trees during 2017. Using our own Forestry staff to provide these services allows for a better customer service experience because our staff is trained to be knowledgeable and professional. Continuing education is an important part of maintaining this improvement and Forestry was able to provide several opportunities in 2017. All employees attended a "Safety Training Day" hosted by Wright Tree Service and a full day "Tree Climbing, Work Positioning & Aerial Rescue" seminar hosted by Vermeer of Fort Wayne. Two employees attended training and received certifications in Tree Risk Assessment through the International Society of Arboriculture.

A Level 1 tree inspection was completed for all of the trees located along our city streets. Through this inspection, 532 trees were identified as candidates for removal and were removed in 2017. Forestry crews also removed 116 trees from parks.

Thanks to a $100,000 grant awarded to the City of

Fort Wayne through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI), 550 additional trees were planted along our city streets. In total, 1,454 trees were planted in our parks and along our streets. An additional 300 trees were planted on Hobson Rd., Coldwater Rd., Fairfield Ave. and Maysville Rd. as part of Public Works road construction projects.

Storms were not a significant issue for Forestry this year. Crews removed 225 limbs from the right of way, 62 from the parks, 52 storm damaged trees from the right of way and 71 from the parks. A total of 58 privately owned trees were cleared from the streets this year and there were 22 removals completed as a result of vehicle damage.

Landscape and Horticulture

The Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation Department has a proud tradition of exceptional development and maintenance of landscape and horticultural displays throughout the system. From stunning annual beds at Freimann Square, Courthouse Green, Foster Park, Swinney Park, Foellinger Theatre in Franke Park, and Lakeside Park to pastoral park lands with open vistas and mature tree canopies. It is always our goal to maintain this tradition of care, with available funding allocated for that purpose.

In 2017, the Lawton Park Greenhouse staff and volunteers produced 47,255 plants of 363 different varieties for floral displays in the parks throughout Fort Wayne. Botanical Conservatory Showcase plant production for the six floral changes were: Winter Show 1,062 pots, Spring Show 3,303 pots of bulbs, Butterfly Show 2,325 pots of annual flowers, 2nd Summer Show 1,736 pots, Fall Mum Show 1,800 pots and Holiday Show 4,425 pots of poinsettias.

The Gift Shop and Sales Garden sold 2,200 plants and 353 plants were sold at the Home & Garden Show. Plants grown for the Mother's Day Plant Sale included 595 different varieties; 10,462 were sold at the sale. Plants not purchased were sold at the Gift Shop and Sales Garden throughout the summer.

The School Children's Flower & Vegetable Association (SCFVA) sold 3,152 packets of seed and 18,674 plants were delivered to 61 schools. There were 353 plant, cut flower and vegetable entries from 212 students representing 48 schools at the City-Wide Blue Ribbon Show in September.

This year's tree plantings were a success again, planting a total of 300 trees in the parks alone. The Great Tree Canopy Comeback, supported through volunteer efforts and our partnership with Friends of the Parks, accounted for 175 of these trees. Quantities and locations included 30 at Buckner Park, 25 at Waynedale Gardens, 60 at Waynedale Park and 60 at Memorial Park. Fourteen other park properties had 125 trees planted as part of our replacement program.

Some of this year's landscape projects included renovations at Camp Allen Park, Northside Park Main Office, the Public Service Memorial at Memorial Park, Shoaff Park entrance sign and driving range, Nuckols Park, the WWII Memorial at Lakeside Park, and the Journal Gazette Building. An assortment of trees, shrubs, grasses and perennials were installed to improve the aesthetics in these areas.

Landscape and Horticulture also played a prominent role in the revitalization of Memorial Park. With the teamwork and guidance from the Memorial Park Committee, 71 trees (White Oak, Tulip, Hackberry and Elm) were planted as part of the MP-125 delivery/planting event at Memorial Park held on October 28th. Memorial Grove has now been fully restored to 135 trees; each tree representing a local service member that died during WWI. The trees were escorted to the park by the police, fire department, military, and the Warrior Breed Motorcycle Club. A dedication event at Memorial Park was attended by many on November 11th, Veterans Day, honoring Memorial Grove. In preparation for this event, gardeners spread over 350 yards of mulch in the park, to ensure it looked excellent for Veteran's Day.

The Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation Department has been tasked with implementing the City of Fort Wayne Riparian Management Plan. This plan was commissioned as a part of the Riverfront Fort Wayne master plan. The plan is a guide to improving and maintaining the riverbanks throughout the riverfront study area (W. Main Street Bridge to the confluence), and provides a series of recommendations in five main areas. One, removal of invasive plant species and trees. Two, planting native species especially suited for the riparian conditions. Three, bank stabilization in areas of extreme erosion. Four, removal of debris from the river channel and bridge supports. Five, the control of animal species such as beaver and Canada Geese that cause damage along the river banks. We have initiated multiple projects based on the plan recommendations. We have also coordinated volunteer projects focused on invasive removals, protecting trees from beavers with hardware cloth, and litter cleanup. In 2017 we completed 18 volunteer projects totaling 755 man hours and valued at $11,325. We have also hired a Riparian Supervisor to direct the implementation of the plan going forward.

Board of Park Commissioners

Safety and Operations Support

The Safety and Operations Support Section provides logistical and safety support for the various divisions of the Parks and Recreation Department. Major functions include storeroom operations and inventory control, automotive and equipment repair, property accounting and control, risk management, safety training and logistical support of department programs and functions.

Our stock inventory items included approximately 2,027 lines of high usage and critical repair parts and supplies and 6,724 transactions were completed, with a total value of $159,960. Approximately 1,580 automotive and preventative maintenance work orders were completed on equipment and vehicles in the department. Significant equipment purchases for the year were: hydroseeder, bucket truck and a chipper, mowers, tractors, transit vans, dump trucks, pickup trucks, and SUV's.

Safety and Operations trained over 350 employees and volunteers in General Safety, First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automatic External Defibrillation, Stormwater Pollution Prevention, Bloodborne Pathogens, poison ivy recognition and provided various equipment operation classes. The Department passed the annual Stormwater pollution prevention inspection of our maintenance facilities and pools by the City of Fort Wayne Regulatory Compliance Manager.

Forty nine employee injury incidents were recorded, with the most prevalent injury being minor lacerations. Seasonal employees accounted for 17 injuries. There were a total of 321 restricted workdays and a total of $62,597.71 in worker compensation costs for year to date.

Thirty nine vehicle/equipment/property damage incidents were recorded. Fourteen vehicle and equipment incidents were preventable and the damages accounted for totaled $2,173. Three non-preventable vehicle and equipment incidents resulted in $589 worth of in-house repairs to equipment.

Community Outreach & Conservatory/Theatre Operations

2017 Accomplishments

Community Outreach

Community Unity - The youth centers began 2017 with a new program to focus on safety within their communities called Community Unity. A total of nine programs were held, with the assistance of Fort Wayne United and the Fort Wayne Police Department. Youth center participants and their families as well as the wider community were invited to participate in fun & games, including a type of show & tell for officers to show off their K-9 dog partners and their SWAT vehicles. Adults were invited to a serious discussion with police representatives, and then a community meal followed all the activities for a fun and thought-provoking evening.

Some of the topics focused on “Safety in your homes,” “Safety during the holiday,” and “Snitching.”

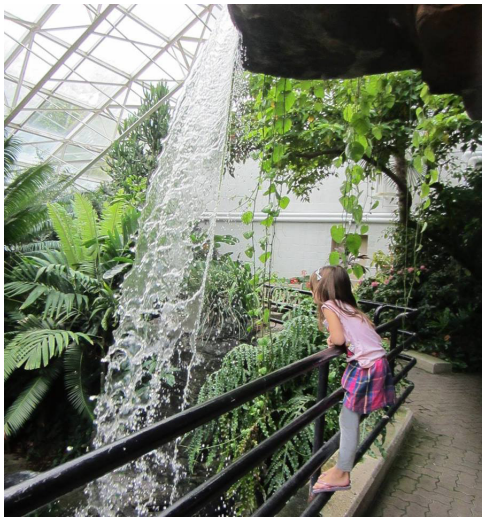
Partner Officer Program – The Parks & Recreation Department worked with FWPD and hired officers (one for each center) who committed to being with the kids after school 2-3 days per week. We have nearly completed two months of the program and already we are seeing attachments to the officers who are engaging in daily activities of the students.

Our Summer Playground Program consists of various activities such as enrichment, which is keeping the brain engaged with simple and fun activities based on math, science, spelling and social studies. Arts and crafts are also a part of the daily fun along with small and large group activities including structured (learning) and non-structured (free play) activities. 2017 Metrics: 648 registered in the program, 7,677 youth signed in and 16,717 meals were served (breakfast, lunch & snack).

Community Youth Centers: Cooper Community Center, Jennings Recreation Center, and Weisser Park Youth Center are open year round. They are a safe haven for children and families in the afterschool and evening hours. During the school year, we offer homework help as one of our many programs. The Character Building Program is a life skills program to help each child build positive self-esteem, respect for others, personal growth and development, social etiquette in a variety of settings, and become a positive asset and role model in the community. Arts & crafts are very popular among the students. We offer a basketball program for all ages as well as dance, freedom of expressions (poetry and drumming) and health, nutrition and fitness. Keeping the children safe, active and engaged is a daily practice. 2017 Metrics: 997 new registrations, 35,066 youth signed in & 45,780 meals were served (breakfast, lunch & snack).

Special Community Events: As a critical part of our safety efforts, we focus on educating and including families. If we don’t consider the community as a whole, efforts to change hearts and minds toward a healthier and safer environment will not be as successful. The following is a partial list of events: Back to School Bash, Harvest Fest, Thanksgiving dinner, Toys for Tots Holiday Party, Wassail Celebration, Kwanzaa Celebration and the Black History Bowl.

Botanical Conservatory

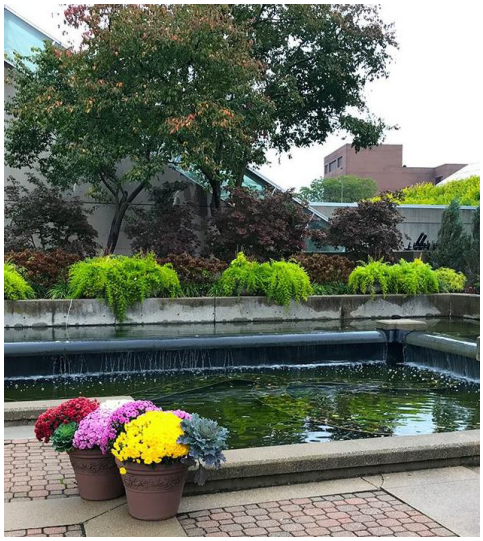


2017 was a banner year at the Conservatory with attendance of 84,037 – a more than 25-year high! Our special events included Winterval, an Orchid to Die For Murder Mystery, Practically Perfect Poppins Party, Painted Lady Butterfly Release, Easter in the Garden, Tea and Crafts, Mother's Day in the Garden, Mother's Day Plant Sale, Arctic Summer Fun, Jazzworks, The Botanical Roots Concert Series (6 concerts), Pumpkin Zone, The Pumpkin Path, Rocky Horror Picture Show, Saturdays with Santa and Live Reindeer, and the Holiday Kick-Off Party.

Major capital improvements included a complete redesign and construction of the garden space/patio between the Conservatory and Embassy Theatre. This created a bold, new space. Rebuilding the massive, concrete gutter system provided primary drainage for the facility.

The 2017 Showcase exhibits for the Conservatory included:

Mary Poppins Garden Party, January 14-April 2



When there was a bit of heavy weather brewin' outdoors this winter, parents brought the children down to the Conservatory to explore the Mary Poppins-themed garden exhibit. Jane and Michael Banks seemed always to be in trouble. But after their new nanny arrived (in a most curious way, mind you), nothing was the same. Visitors discovered Mr. Banks' world of finance, Admiral Boom's punctuality and nose for weather, a chimney sweep's rooftop perspective, and the magical imaginings of Bert's chalk drawings.

Perspectives, April 8-June 25

At the Conservatory's 2017 exhibit of live butterflies, visitors obtained at least three perspectives on these winged creatures as well as "up close and personal" time in our exhibit tent. With design input from Ball State University students, the garden offered views from microscopic, backyard, and global angles. Our visitors matched our display species with their country of origin and learned which plants are essential for caterpillars. We offered a super-close look at the awesome wing scales, proboscis, and compound eyes of our butterfly friends.

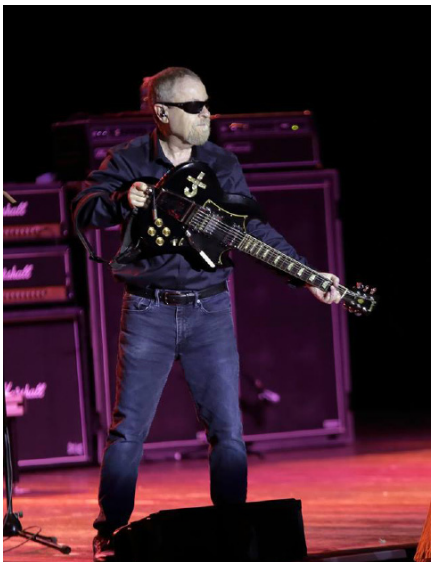
Blumengarten, July 1-November 12

From summer to fall we celebrated our German twin, the City of Gera, with a special garden of European flavor. Gera was established in medieval times and retains evidence of its millennia of political and social changes. It lies within the "green heart of Germany," the central state of Thuringia, and is conscious of its responsibilities for stewardship. From the Stadtwald, or city forest, to the Renaissance-era town square and market, from the dahlia garden to the botanical garden, Gera demonstrates a respect for both nature and history.

Snow Days, November 18-January 7

Do you remember when school was cancelled because of unexpected winter weather? Snow days were a surprise, a break in routine, an invitation to play. In the Conservatory's holiday imagination, snowkids got out for snowball fights and forts while snowmoms baked cookies and prepared hot chocolate. Snowmen and snow angels marked the spot where families spent time together.

These programs would not have been as successful without our media partners, including Majic 95.1 WAJI, Fun 101.7 WLDE, WMEE 97.3, WXKE, WANE TV15, ABC21, PBS39 and WBOI.



Foellinger Theatre

2017 was most certainly “the Year of the Diva” at the Foellinger Theatre as both Diana Ross and Aretha Franklin lit up the stage of our starry summer showcase.

Concerts produced by Pacific Coast Concerts continued to be a mainstay of our summer offerings. In addition to the divine ladies listed above, the facility hosted The Beach Boys, Blue Oyster Cult with Mark Farner, Chicago, Garrison Keillor, Gordon Lightfoot, Happy Together, Kansas, The Steve Miller Band, Styx, Ted Nugent, and ZZ TOP.

“The House” produced entertaining shows from national acts Steve Augeri, Barenaked Ladies, Christopher Cross, the Lettermen, and the Spinners. High quality tribute bands including BritBeat (The Beatles), Hotel California (The Eagles), Stayin’ Alive (The Bee Gees), and The Stranger (Billy Joel) rounded out the classic rock sound.

The Department once again provided its free family-friendly movie series offering eight feature films at no charge. 2017 was particularly popular with the screening of the entire Harry Potter series. The entertainment value of the program was ramped up with door prizes, costumed visitors, and eerie themed décor. Even our muggle visitors enjoyed the theme.

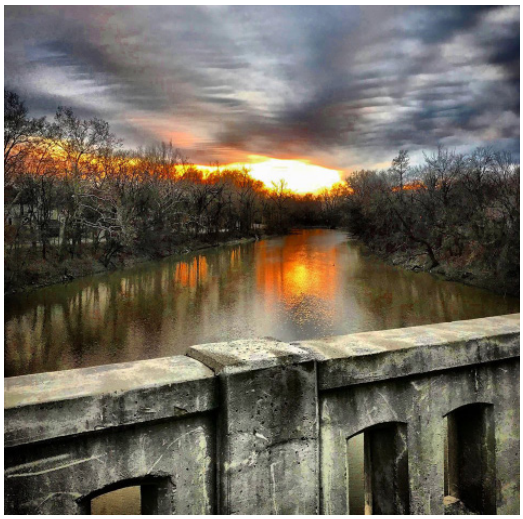
Free concerts were a draw too. In 2017, the Theatre offered 6 free shows including The US Air Force Jazz Band, The Fort Wayne Children’s Choir, The Fort Wayne Area Community Band (3 performances), and the Fort Wayne Youth Symphony.

Two operational policies were put into place that significantly improved customer service: a “no pass out” policy and “reserving the primary and secondary parking lots for theatre customers only during show nights” allowed for better management and a safer environment for customers, volunteers, staff and performers.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Old National Bank who donated funds to help us make our concert and movie season the best it can be. We would not have the attendance success we enjoy if not for our media sponsors including Fun 101.7 WLDE, PBS 39 WFWA, Whatzup, and 97.3 WMEE. Holiday Inn-IPFW & Coliseum as our official lodging sponsor was also indispensable!

Riverfront

2017 Accomplishments



Major progress was made in 2017 toward securing the necessary property, funding, and approvals to allow "Promenade Park" to begin construction, and a key funding source was approved to advance future phases of Riverfront Fort Wayne. Key highlights include:

• The Fort Wayne Board of Park Commissioners reached agreements for property acquisitions and relocation expenses of the final three riverfront properties located in the area planned for Riverfront Development Phase I. (February 8)

• Parks & Recreation Director Al Moll and Deputy Director of Riverfront Development Mark Becker appeared before the board of the Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) to request $5,276,000 in Regional Cities funding for Riverfront Development Phase 1. (February 14) RDA approves $5,170,480 in funding (April 11), and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation approved funding on June 29.

• The Fort Wayne Board of Park Commissioners closed on the final three riverfront properties located in the area planned for Riverfront Development Phase 1. (March 10)

• Construction contracts for Riverfront Development Phase 1 were approved by City Council. The approved construction contracts totaled $17,154,558. (May 24)

• Board of Park Commissioners approves Promenade Park as the official name of Riverfront Phase I. (June 8)

• Mayor Henry Leads Ceremonial Groundbreaking for Promenade Park (June 29)

• New Riverfront Fort Wayne website launched at www.riverfront-fw.org. (June 29)

• City Council approves local income tax, creating a revenue stream for Riverfront Development Phases II and III. (July 11)

• *Convergence,* by Linda Howard, selected to be Promenade Park entryway sculpture. (August 10)

• Parks & Recreation Director Al Moll announces that $5.5 million in donations have been raised for Promenade Park development. (September 14)

• Continental Property Group announces $62 million housing/retail project east of Promenade Park (December 11)

Board of Park Commissioners

Sponsorships & Grants

Grants, sponsorships and gifts of $5,000.00 or more:

NAME	DONATION	PROJECT
Capital Improvement Board	**$ 884,516.50**	**Riverfront Development**
Hefner Advisory Fund	**300,000.00**	**Franklin Park Pavilion**
Sweetwater Sound	**290,065.17**	**Riverfront Development**
Fort Wayne Park Foundation	**241,569.00**	**Various endowments**
AWS Foundation	**230,000.00**	**Riverfront Development**
Waterfield Foundation	**151,037.97**	**Riverfront Development**
Fort Wayne Park Foundation	**76,936.84**	**Botanical Conservatory**
English Bonter Mitchell Foundation	**50,000.00**	**Salomon Homestead Renovation**
Fort Wayne Park Foundation	**50,000.00**	**Riverfront Development**
Kreager Endowment	**40,264.42**	**Kreager Park improvements**
Edward & Mary Wilson Foundation	**30,000.00**	**Salomon Homestead Renovation**
Auer Foundation	**25,000.00**	**Lifetime Sports Academy**
Downtown FW Economic Imprv. District	**19,356.48**	**Downtown Planters**
English Bonter Mitchell Foundation	**15,000.00**	**Lifetime Sports Academy**
Mary C. & Perry F. Spencer Foundation	**15,000.00**	**Salomon Homestead Renovation**
Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne	**15,000.00**	**Neighborhood Youth Programming**
Lincoln Financial Foundation	**15,000.00**	**Neighborhood Youth Programming**
Sweetwater Sound	**15,000.00**	**Salomon Farm Homestead**
Thomas & Margaret Jehl Foundation	**13,218.00**	**Lifetime Sports Academy**
The Friends of the Parks	**11,620.00**	**Great Tree Canopy Comeback**
Old National Bancorp	**10,000.00**	**Foellinger Theatre sponsorship**
Auer Foundation	**10,000.00**	**Botanical Conservatory**
Department of Natural Resources	**8,000.00**	**Franklin School Park area trees**
Kelly Foundation	**7,500.00**	**Riverfront Development**
Indiana Department of Natural Resources	**7,382.50**	**Shoaff Park Restrooms**
Parkview Health	**6,120.38**	**Riverfront Development**
Downtown FW Economic Imprv. District	**6,000.00**	**Tree Replacements**
Fort Wayne Park Foundation	**6,000.00**	**Great Tree Canopy Comeback**
Magee-O'Connor Foundation	**5,000.00**	**Botanical Conservatory**
Heffner Advisory Fund	**5,000.00**	**Historic River Boat Tours**
Lincoln National Life	**5,000.00**	**Dragon Boats Races**
M.E. Raker Foundation	**5,000.00**	**Botanical Conservatory**
Optimist Club of Fort Wayne	**5,000.00**	**Neighborhood Youth Programming**
Parkview Orthopedic Hospital	**5,000.00**	**Junior Golf**
Hefner Advisory Fund	**5,000.00**	**Botanical Conservatory**

Total 2017 Contributions: **$2,663,396**

(For a complete list of 2017 grants and gifts, please visit our website at www.fortwayneparks.org.)

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