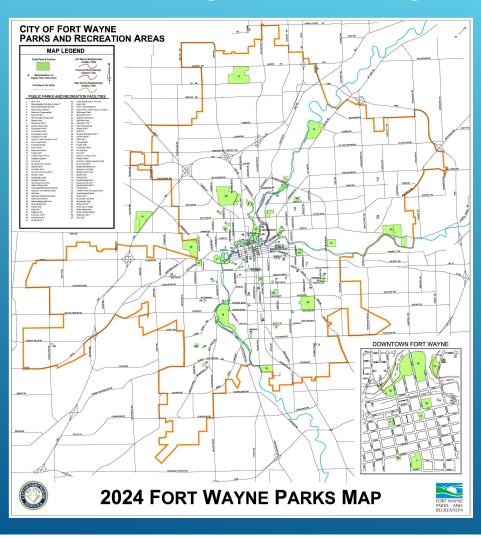
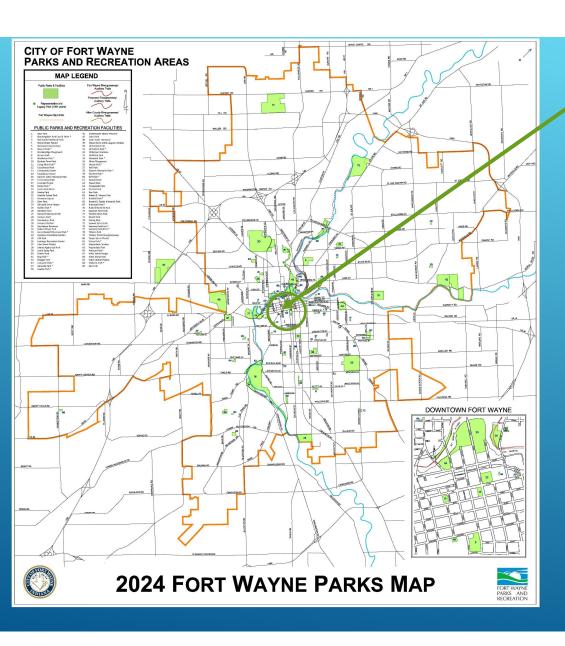
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MINER PLAYGROUND PARK

Located at Miner Street and Dewald Street



MINER PLAYGROUND PARK

Since 1973

Size in Acres: 1.80

While Miner Park is named after the street on which it is located, the street is named after prominent business man and city council member, Byrum D. Miner. Mr. Miner lived from 1816 – 1886. Prior to its current use as a city park, the property was occupied by the Miner Elementary School. It was one of the first schools built in Fort Wayne. The school operated from 1886 to 1962. After its closure, it sat empty for a few years before being demolished. In 1973 the property was transferred to the Fort Wayne City Public Works department. The property was then used as an open play area until 2004 when the Parks Department developed the site as it is today.







School Byrum D. Miner

Miner Elementary School

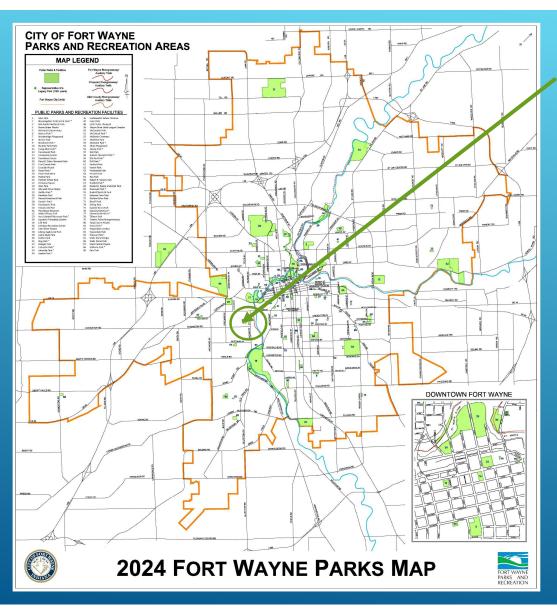
MINER PARK TODAY

The park consists mainly of a playground area. It is a nice flat area with a large play structure featuring slides, climbers, and swing set. There are also nice shade trees and seating benches to relax on.



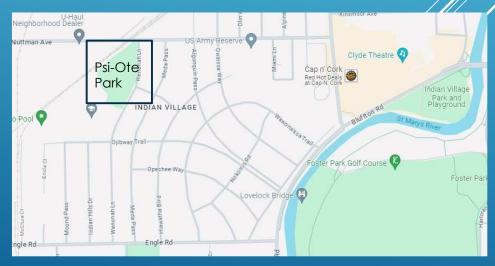






PSI OTE PARK

Wenonah Lane in Indian Village Neighborhood



PSI OTE PARK HISTORY

Since 1953

Size: 8.9 Acres

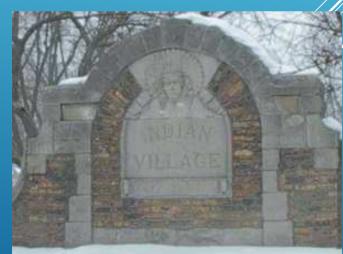
Psi Ote Park is located in the Indian Village Historic District. In 1925 the City And Suburban Building Company purchased 180 acres of what had been the Allen County Farm for the Poor and the County Orphanage. The developer then hired Indiana-native landscape architect and planner Lawrence V. Sheridan to design the housing addition. Sheridan worked with and was a student of the famed George E. Kessler, thus many of Kessler's ideas can be seen throughout the design of Indian Village.

Designed to be easily accessible by vehicles, free of smoke from factories, and spacious enough so none of the houses felt cramped, the Indian Village was meant as an oasis from the realities of modern life. The Native American theme was used to market the neighborhood as a return to simpler times without noise and factory smoke.









PSI-OTE PARK HISTORY CONT'D

In 1953, The Pi chapter of Psi lota Xi Sorority purchased an 18.2 acre tract of land in Indian Village upon which a new public school, Indian Village Elementary was built. Upon completion of the school, the sorority deeded 8.9 acres of the remaining area to the city for the purpose of the development of a park. This was the first instance of school and park site planning in Fort Wayne and established a precedent for such combined planning in the future.



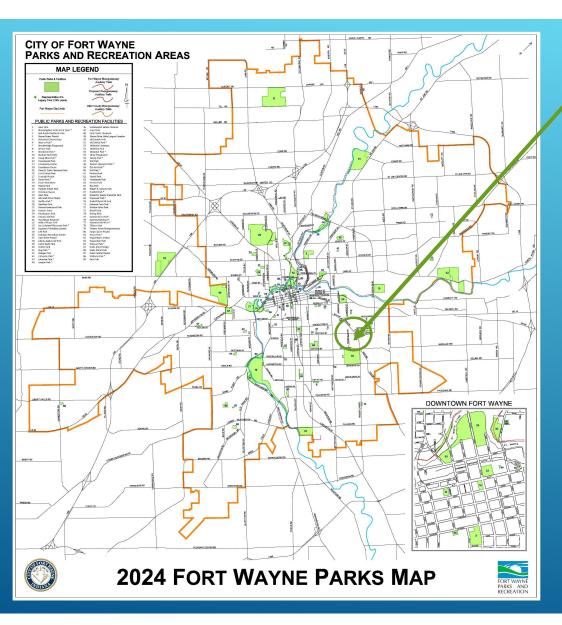


INDIAN VILLAGE ELEMENTARY

PSI OTE PARK TODAY

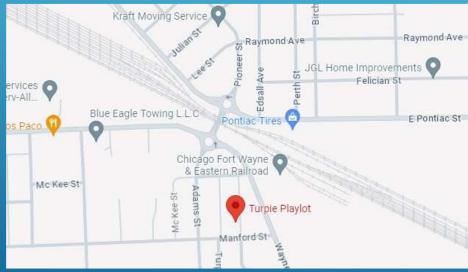
The park today consists of a small open-air shelter with restrooms, along with a large playground and a basketball court set in a picture sque setting of large, native hardwood shade trees providing acres of shade areas for relaxation and picnicking.





TURPIE PLAYLOT PARK

Located at Turpie and Manford Streets



TURPIE PLAYLOT PARK

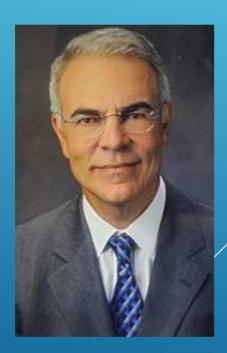
Since 1969

Size: .62 Acres

In 1969, Mr. Richard D. Waterfield, former CEO of Waterfield Capital donated a small tract of land to the Board of Park Commissioners with the intention of creating a small playground that would give neighborhood children a safe place to play. The 200' x 134' plot at Turpie & Manford Streets was well received. The park was then established as Turpie Park, named after the adjacent street.



Turpie Playlot



Richard D. Waterfield

TURPIE PLAYLOT PARK TODAY

Currently, the park is under construction with a completely new playground being installed. When completed, it will be a beautiful play area with a large multi-component play structure that contains multiple slides and climbers, along with activity panels to inspire imagination. Alongside this, will be a large swing set for kids of all ages. Installation is scheduled to be complete in April of 2024.



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