Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018-2022



CITY OF WALLED LAKE, MICHIGAN





2018-2022 Parks and Recreation Plan

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I. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

A. Location

The City of Walled Lake covers an area of approximately 2.9 square miles and is located in the southwestern portion of Oakland County. The City is named after Walled Lake which is located on the southern edge of the City. It borders the City of Novi to the south, Village of Wolverine Lake to the north and Commerce Township on the east and west. Walled Lake is 12 miles south of Pontiac, 9 miles northwest of Farmington, and 27 miles northwest of Detroit. Due to the proximity of I-96, 3 miles to the south, and M-5, a few miles to the east, regional highway access is convenient.

The jurisdiction of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan is the City of Walled Lake. The Master Plan's focus includes both recreation facilities and programs.

B. History

Walled Lake was situated along the path of an old Indian trail that bridged Grand Rapids with Detroit. The area of Walled Lake was first settled by the Pottawatomie Indians on the western shore of the lake. It is believed that the lake was named after a geological formation that resembled a stone wall, rising five or six feet above the water's edge along the western bank.

Walled Lake was founded in 1825 by Walter B. Hewitt, formerly from New York State who built a log cabin near the lake for his family. Many of the first settlers in the area shared the lake with the Pottawatomie Indians. A trading post was established in 1830 and the first general store in 1833. The first hotel, the Pioneer Inn, was a large frame structure built in 1840 by Harmon Pettibone on the corner of what is now East Walled Lake and Liberty Streets.

A stage route between Pontiac and Milford was established through Walled Lake in 1851. In 1883, the Grand Trunk Railroad was built through the locality.

Early in the 20th Century, the character of the rural community began to change. The beauty of the countryside and the recreation facilities offered by the lake brought many "summer people" from Detroit and surrounding areas to Walled Lake where former homes were converted to summer cottages and boating and fishing were enjoyed. In 1913, a "Jazz" hall was established along the lake, drawing more people to this remote area.

By World War I, solid gravel roads had been built to and from Pontiac and Detroit. Their presence and the establishment of a bus line in 1924, brought large crowds to the village and adjacent Novi Township, encompassing the southern edge of the lake. Walled Lake became the largest and best known public access lake near Detroit. Bathhouses and cabanas were built in the early 1920's to accommodate the bumper-to-bumper traffic of

sunbathers. By the mid 1920's the Walled Lake area became known as the "Playground of Detroit." Walled Lake became a Village in 1929.

Walled Lake Amusement Park, built in 1929 on the southern shores, continued to attract thousand of visitors each year until 1969. But even more glamorous in its day was the Walled Lake Casino - the mecca of the young and wealthy who came to the shores of the rural lake on warm summer nights to dance and listen to music played by some of the biggest name bands in the United States from the late 1920's to the mid 1960's.

The City of Walled Lake was incorporated in 1954 and adopted a Council-Manager form of government.

C. Population

In 2010, the population of Walled Lake was 6,999 (Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2010 Census of Population and Housing). The estimate for 2020 is a population of 7,331 (Source: Southeast Michigan Council of Governments).

II. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Role of the Parks and Recreation Commission

The Parks and Recreation Commission was established by Ordinance to act as an advisory body to the City Council (Chapter 54 of the City Code). The Commission consists of one member of the Planning Commission plus six additional residents and one recently appointed Council Representative. Each member has a three year term. The Parks and Recreation Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Walled Lake City Hall Council Chambers. All meetings are open to the public with notice posted beforehand at City Hall.

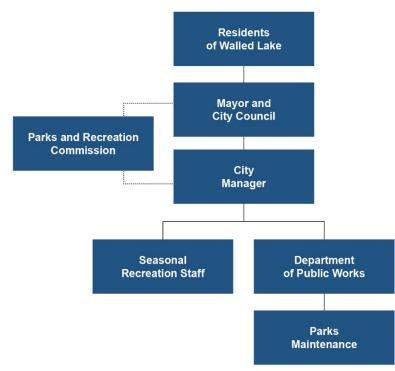
The Commission works together to bring fun and entertaining activities to the residents of Walled Lake and surrounding communities.

The Parks and Recreation Commission principally advises the City Council on matters related to the operation and maintenance of park facilities and seasonal programming.

Organizational Chart and Staff Description

The City Manager is ultimately responsible for implementing the parks and recreation program as approved by Council.

Parks and recreation services are provided by the City Administration as illustrated in the following chart:



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Annual Budget and Operations

The City owns and maintains seven park sites, and hires part-time staff in the summer to assist in recreation and special events programming with coordination by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The 2017-2018 total budget for Parks and Recreation is \$55,000. The proposed budget for 2018-2019 is \$57,600.

Current Funding

Funding for the Parks and Recreation is generated from the General Fund, donations, fundraising, and grants. The City has an option of requesting a millage from the voters.

Programming (Relationship with School District)

The responsibility for recreation programming in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District rests with the Director of the Community Education Department.

In addition to recreation and leisure activities, this department is responsible for community service programs, adult high school completion, special events programming, and other community education programs. Recreation facilities owned by the schools are maintained by school district maintenance staff and part-time seasonal employees.

The City of Walled Lake and the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools District have a symbiotic relationship. City parks are used for school picnics and activities. The School District offers the use of their facilities and parking during City events.

Roles of Volunteers

Volunteers serve on the parks and recreation committee and assist with the organization and preparation (e.g. attending meetings, gathering sponsorships and donations, etc.) of civic events and fundraisers. They also volunteer for various roles and responsibilities during these events.

III. RECREATION INVENTORY

A site visit was conducted by the Parks and Recreation Committee on xxx, 2017 to inspect all parks and recreation facilities within the City. The Department of Public Services did a physical inspection and grading of all inventory on January 3, 2018. Programming and special event information was provided by the City.

Park and Recreation Inventory

See Table 1: Parks and Recreation Facilities and Map 1: Existing Land Use & Park Locations.

Programs

The Parks and Recreation Commission sponsors the following annual events:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Farmers Market
- Memorial Day Parade
- Beach Party and Market Day
- Tree Lighting Ceremony



All City events are open to the public, including Walled Lake

residents and residents from surrounding communities. The City advertises events in local newspapers, radio, cable TV to encourage area residents outside the City to come to Walled Lake.

Park and Recreation Descriptions (see Table 1 for park inventories)

Mercer Beach (0.8 acres): Mercer Beach is named in honor of E.V. Mercer. Prior to 1908, the Milford Telephone Company provided Walled Lake telephone service. "MA4" was the exchange. The Home Telephone Company was established in 1908. In 1920, E.V. Mercer owned and managed the Home Telephone Company.

The City of Walled Lake purchased and combined multiple pieces of property, including E.V. Mercer Family's existing beach, to form the City Park now known as Mercer Beach.

Located on East Walled Lake Drive, ¹/₄ mile east of N. Pontiac Trail.



Mercer Beach

Pratt Park (0.25 acres): Pratt Park is named in honor of Leland F. Pratt (1923-1971). Leland Pratt gave 16 years of dedicated Police service to the City of Walled Lake. He was Chief of Police from 1964-1971. He died in office.

Located adjacent to the City of Walled Lake City Hall, Library and Fire Station at 1499 E. West Maple Road.



Pratt Park

Riley Park (1.1 acres): Al Riley, a local gas station owner and Optimist, transferred ownership of his land, now known as Riley Park, to the Walled Lake Optimist's Club. The park, previously known as Riley Field, remained a popular baseball and softball field for many years until the re-location of the Banks-Dolbeer-Bradley-Foster Farmhouse to this location . On October 19, 1971, the Walled Lake Optimist's Club donated Riley Field to the City of Walled Lake.



Gazebo at Riley Park

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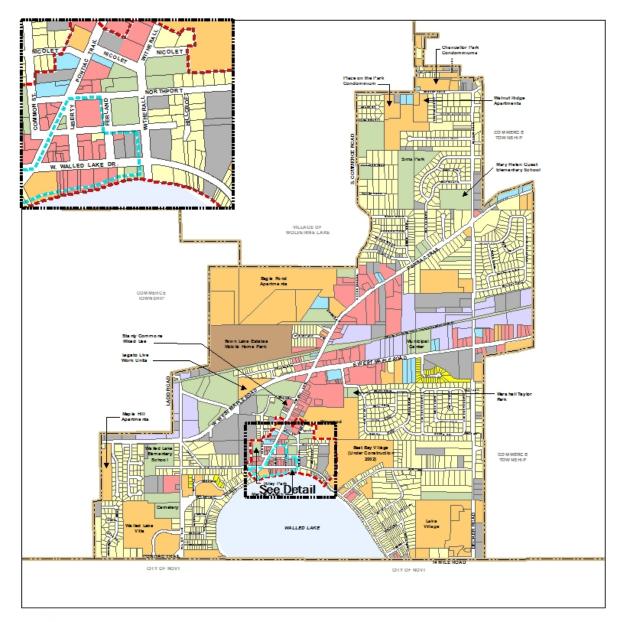
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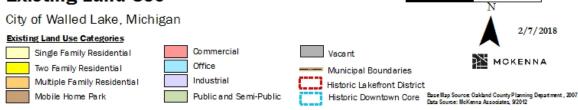
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Map 1 Existing Land Use



1,000 Feet

Hiram Sims Memorial Park (15.1 acres): The largest of Walled Lake's six parks, the Hiram Sims Memorial Park land was purchased from Hiram Sims in the late 1960's. Originally known as Quinif Park, the park was dedicated July 4, 1974 and renamed Hiram Sims Memorial Park.

Located on Quinif, north of N. Pontiac Trail, ¹/₄ mile east of S. Commerce.





Existing Pond



Volley Ball Court & Picnic Area

Marshall Taylor Park (3 acres): Marshall E. Taylor, two-time Mayor of Walled Lake (1961-1962 and 1971-1973), was first elected to the Walled Lake City Council in 1954. Dedicated to public service, Marshall E. Taylor also served on the Oakland County Board of Supervisors (1954-1969), was a three-time Mayor Pro-Tem, Street Administrator, member of the Public Safety Committee, member of the Walled Lake Optimist's Club, functioned as a school crossing guard, and even found time to direct traffic at St. Williams Parish on Sunday mornings. The park was rededicated, in honor of Marshall E. Taylor, on July 27, 1997.



Tot-Lot

Location: Gamma Street, south off E. West Maple Road, ¼ mile east of N. Pontiac Trial.

Veterans' Memorial Park (0.25 acres): Dedicated on Memorial Day 1999, Veterans' Memorial Park contains the Veterans' monument. The monument, erected in 1990, was the creation of former Walled Lake resident Frank Horencamp. The park is dedicated to the memory of the many men and woman that put themselves in harm's way, especially those that sacrificed the ultimate.

Located in front of Walled Lake City Hall and Library at 1499 E. West Maple Road.



Veterans' Memorial Park

Michigan Airline Trail (5.4 miles): A cross-state "super" trail, the Michigan Airline Trail, follows what was once the Michigan Airline Railway, from South Haven to Port Huron. Eleven existing multi-use trail sections follow this 200+ mile historical route. including the Kal-Haven, the Kalamazoo River



Trailway, the Battle Creek Linear Path, the Falling Waters Trail, the Jackson Intercity Bike Trail, the Lake Lands Trail, the Huron Valley Trail, the West Bloomfield Trail, the Clinton River Trail, the Macomb Orchard Trail and the Bridge to Bay Trail.

The portion of trail, formerly Coe railroad, runs through the communities of Commerce, Walled Lake, and Wixom and measures approximately 28,800 linear feet or 5.45 miles. The trail starts on the west side of Haggerty Road on the east to just west of Wixom Road on the west.

It bridges the gap between the Huron Valley Trail, the West Bloomfield Trail and the M-5 Metro Trail. The Coe Railroad Corridor in the City of Walled Lake extends from the intersection of the Coe Railroad with the western border of the City of Walled Lake, just west of Ladd Road to the eastern border of the City of Walled Lake, midway between Decker Road and Welch Road.

The Walled Lake Depot has been identified as a trailheads. Trailheads are locations that include multiple amenities like vehicle parking, bike parking, water fountains, restrooms, and trail map kiosks. Additionally, trailheads are marked with prominent signs and wayfaring.

HISTORIC AND CULTURAL FEATURES

Walled Lake Library

The Walled Lake Library is located adjacent to City Hall on E. West Maple Road and serves a broad network of communities through membership in The Library Network consortium. The Library has been nominated to xxx and offers books, computer workstations, videos, and compact discs as well as a wealth of children and adult activities.

located on Liberty at N. Pontiac Trail, was built in 1860 by Joseph



Stonecrest School

Stonecrest School was the first school in Walled Lake and today the building has earned the status as a State of Michigan historic destination. The school,

Sculpture at Library

B. Moore who later became a Supreme Court Justice in the State of Michigan. The building was used as a school until 1896 when it went into private ownership. Later, the Civic Welfare Society deeded it to the Commerce Township Area Historic Society. Currently the school is used by the historic society for community events and is rented for private functions.

Table 2, Analysis of Existing Facilities, provides classifications and further comments on each of the parks. In 2017, the Parks and Recreation commission performed a walk though of the park facilities. Their comments and recommendations have been added to this table.

		Table 2	
		Analysis of Existing Facilities	
Type of Facility	Recreation Standards ¹	City of Walled Lake Facilities	Comments/Recommendations
Mini-Parks	Mini-Parks are small, specialized parks, usually less than an acre in size, that serve the needs of residents in the surrounding neighborhood. A mini-park may serve a limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens.	Pratt Park has the greatest potential for being developed as an inter-generational park due to its proximity to the Library and City Hall. A former well site on the north side of N. Pontiac Trail, east of S. Commerce Road, could be developed into a mini-park.	The NRPA recommends 0.25 to 0.50 mini-park acreage per 1,000 residents. Additional seating and accessible walkways should be added at Pratt Park to accommodate seniors. Other general maintenance should be continued included mulching and weed control, tree trimming, and table repairs.
Neighborhood Parks	Neighborhood parks are typically multi- purpose facilities that provide areas for intensive recreation activities, such as field games, court games, crafts, playgrounds, skating, picnicking, etc. Neighborhood parks are generally 15 acres or more in size and serve a population up to 5,000 residents located within ¼ to ½ mile radius from the neighborhood they serve.	Riley Park and Marshall Taylor Park, although small in acreage, provide recreational opportunities for adjacent residential neighborhoods. In addition, two elementary schools (M.H. Guest and Walled Lake) provide many recreation opportunities (e.g. playgrounds, soccer fields, basketball courts, and open space) normally found in neighborhood parks.	One to two acres of neighborhood parks are recommended per 1,000 residents. Exterior and interior renovations to the Banks- Dolbeer-Bradley-Foster Farmhouse should be undertaken. Special programming can also be held at this park due to the historic farmhouse. At Riley Park, the gazebo is in need of maintenance. Other general maintenance should be continued included mulching and weed control, tree trimming, and general repairs. For Marshal Taylor Park, general maintenance should be continued included mulching and weed control, tree trimming, and general repairs.

Community Parks	wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents from several neighborhoods. Community parks may include areas for intense recreation facilities, such as athletic complexes and swimming pools. These parks usually contain other facilities not commonly found in neighborhood parks such as nature areas, picnic pavilions, lighted ball fields, and concession facilities.	Hiram Sims Memorial Park is the City's largest park and functions like a Community Park, since it offers unique recreation opportunities that draw residents from several neighborhoods.	The NRPA's standard requirement for community parks is 5 to 8 acres per 1,000 residents. Many facilities typically found in a community park are lacking in the City. Additional tennis courts, and little league fields have been identified as needs within the City. As the population continues to grow, demand for these facilities will increase. If areas cannot be identified within the City where these facilities can be developed, then partnerships with neighboring communities to share facilities should be considered. Sims Park, provides the community with a wonderful asset for both passive and active recreational opportunities. Use of this facility could be enhanced through special activities and annual events sponsored by the City. Protection of the natural environment, especially preservation of the two ponds and wildlife habitats, is important. The parking lot and courts need resurfacing and a number of the provided facilities are dated and can be improved. General maintenance should be continued included mulching and weed control, tree trimming, and power washing.
Regional/ Metropolitan Parks	Regional parks are typically located on sites with unique natural features which are particularly suited for outdoor recreation, such as viewing and studying nature, wildlife habitats, conservation, swimming, picnicking, hiking, fishing, boating, camping and trail use. Many also include active play areas.	The City is served by over 25,000 acres of regional parks, including many State, County and HCMA parks within a short drive of Walled Lake.	Regional parks typically serve several communities within a 30-60 minute drive. The City of Walled Lake is surrounded by an abundance of regional facilities within a short driving distance.

Special Use/ Conservancy Parks	Special use recreation facilities are typically single-purpose recreation facilities, such as golf courses, nature centers, outdoor theaters, interpretative centers, or facilities for the preservation or maintenance of the natural or cultural environment. Protection and management of the natural/cultural environment may be the primary focus with recreation use as a secondary objective.	Mercer Beach, which has 200 feet of frontage on the lake, is a good example of a special use park.	Improvements that would enhance Mercer Beach and elsewhere along the lake include a boardwalk, viewing deck, gazebo, pier, permanent restrooms and other amenities.
Passive Parks	The primary purpose of passive areas is to provide relief from highly developed residential and commercial neighborhoods. Facilities may include sitting areas and other pedestrian amenities, landscaping, monuments and fountains, and historical features.	Veterans' Memorial, a small passive park, is located in front of the Library.	Additional passive parks could be developed in connection with some of the historic sites and buildings located in the City. Potential exists for the development of a passive park at the former well site.
Linear Parks	 A linear park is any area developed for one or more modes of recreation travel, such as hiking, bicycling, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, canoeing, horseback riding, and pleasure driving. Park trails are multi-purpose trails located within greenways, parks and natural resource areas. Focus is on recreational value and harmony with the natural environment. Connector trails are multi-purpose trails that emphasize safe travel for pedestrians to and from parks and around the community. Focus is as much on transportation as it is on recreation. 	Michigan Airline Trail of Walled Lake, Wixom and Commerce	Development of a linear park trail along the railroad right-of-way and lakefront is in the design stages. The City wants to tie the community together with a sidewalks and pathways gap infill program and non- motorized pathway master plan.

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Accessibility Assessment

Access to parks can be improved not only by installing additional barrier-free pathways, but by providing wayfinding signage to the parks and within the parks; better field identification; installation of large print on signage and Braille for those who are visually impaired; and strategically located barrier-free parking and drop-off areas.

See Table 1: Parks and Recreation Facilities for specific assessments of each park.

Status Report for all MDNR-Grant Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

Project #	Title	Year	Elements	Status
26-01060	Sims Park Magic Square	1978	Basketball Courts and Lighting	Fair
BF91-384	Hiram Sims Memorial Park	1991	Access drive; fitness trail; renovate ballfield	Good
TF97-089	Mercer Beach	1997	Ship play structure and rubber safety surface (1,200 sf); 2 whale spring riders; decorative fence (200 LF); 6 benches, 5 trash receptacles; concrete sidewalk (1,500 sf) stone retaining wall (200 LF); barrier-free boardwalk (60 LF); landscaping; grading, topsoil and seed; 3 signs; cabana restroom enclosure; decorative pavers (400 SF); shower unit	Poor-Fair

IV. RESOURCE INVENTORY

Environmental Features

The topography in Walled Lake is generally flat, although there are some areas that could be characterized as gently rolling. The City is located on the drainage divide between the Huron River and Rouge River watersheds. Consequently, the northern portion of the City drains toward Wolverine Lake and the southern portion of the City discharges into Walled Lake. Elevations generally range between 940 and 950 feet throughout the City.



Walled Lake

The lake is considered by many to be the City's most valuable natural asset. The lake covers 670 acres. About 460 acres, or about 69 percent, are deeper than four feet. The lake exceeds 50 feet in depth at its deepest point.

The lake is used primarily for fishing, swimming, and boating. Water quality is generally considered good. Most of the lakefront property is privately owned. Walled Lake and Novi have municipal lakefront parks, but there is no state or

regional access. Walled Lake's park is approximately 100 feet in width and 60 feet in depth. Because of its limited size, its only practical use is as a beach; there is insufficient space for boat launching facilities and water-related recreation uses.

Numerous wetlands are found in the city including in the Hiram Sims Park where walkers see beautiful lily pads and cattails. The wetlands are habitat to various wildlife including waterfowl, shore birds and birds of prey including bald eagles and hawks, turtles, minks, frog, muskrats and fish.

Two general types of soils are found in Walled Lake. The southerly portion of the City, which is part of the Rouge watershed drains toward Walled Lake, consists of "well drained to somewhat poorly drained loamy soils," according to the Oakland County Soils Survey. The northerly portion of the City, which is part of the Huron River watershed, consists of "well drained sandy soils."

The City receives approximately 31 inches of precipitation and 32 inches of snow fall annually. Yearly temperatures average 73 degrees in the summer and 25 degrees in the winter. This climate is suitable for a variety of outdoor recreational activities throughout the year such as: swimming, boating, hiking, ice fishing, cross country skiing, etc.

V. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

This analysis is the most recent of several planning documents pertaining to parks and recreation that have been prepared for the City of Walled Lake since the 1960's. The previous Master Recreation Plan was approved by the City Council and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in 2009.

The City of Walled Lake Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018-2022, was prepared by the City's Parks and Recreation Commission. The City of Walled Lake Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for guiding the existing and future conditions of the City's Parks and Recreation facilities. The plan was prepared with the assistance of McKenna Associates, a planning consulting firm, and with the active involvement of the City administration. Citizen input, through public hearings and workshops, also served as key contributions to this report.

Throughout the process, all meetings were open to the public. Notices were posted beforehand, and advertised in the newspaper, as required by the Open Meetings Act.

A kickoff meeting was held with City Staff on November 8, 2017 to discuss the project, collect data, and review existing documents. A special meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on December 7, 2017 to further clarify the objectives. A public notice was published in the January 17, 2018 edition of the Spinal Column News Weekly newspaper and in the February 2, 2018 edition of the Oakland Press newspaper notifying the public that a public hearing would be held by the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 12, 2018 to hear comments on updating the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

The following issues were discussed at the December 7, 2017 Parks and Recreation Workshop:

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Equipment maintenance at all parks by DPW team with limited budget
- Walled Lake Farmers Market on Wednesdays -13th consecutive year
- Park patronage
- Beach/Beach Party-Market Day Weekend
- Memorial Day parade
- Holiday events
 - Sims Easter Egg Hunt
 - Fire Hall Tree Lighting and Santa
- Free concerts and movies in the park
- Purchase of Michigan Air Line Trail

ACTION ITEMS

- Increase focus on environmental stewardship
- Control beach erosion due to storm water run-off utilizing green infrastructure technology

- Safer pedestrian crossings to parks
- Recommend to council and assist in implementing a solution to 20-year old Foster Farmhouse disrepair problem
- Support Council in expanding walkability of city
- Repair or remove Gazebo in Riley Park depending on use
- Unified look to lighting, picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles and flower pots around city
- Standardize mulching and weed control processes
- Plant additional trees at Mercer Beach
- Increase handicap accessibility to beach and showers and port-a-john
- Enclose port-a-johns at Hiram Sims Park
- Protect beach from neighboring restaurant parking lot
- Resurface walking path in Hiram Sims Park
- Repair or remove exercise stations depending on use
- Support committee to rehabilitate the Veterans Park Memorial including research into lost and missing name plates
- Develop a natural landscape and maintenance plan for Sims Park

WISH LIST

- New parking lot at Hiram Sims
- Resurface courts at Hiram Sims
- Expand Farmer's Market facilities and participants

TRAIL WAY

- Develop attractive and usable trailhead that supports seniors and handicap accessible use
- Support businesses in wayfinding signage ideas for trail users
- Generate annual maintenance plan for trail that includes active protection and maintenance of wetlands and other natural areas

PUBLIC SURVEY

The City of Walled Lake created an online survey to seek input from the public on the City's parks and recreation facilities and activities. The online survey launched in conjunction with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony held on December 4, 2017. 63 people responded to the twelve question survey. The full results of the survey can be found in the appendix.

Q9 What do you feel are the top three (3) recreational priorities for Walled Lake in the next 10 years?



Word Cloud for Top Priorities Responses

One of the goals of the survey was to identify the recreation priorities of the public for the next ten years. The survey allowed the respondent to write in their top three priorities. These responses are summarized as follows:

Priority #1

- Maintenance of parks
- Provide connections to the Airline Trail
- Protect Mercer Beach

Priority #2

- Provide more activities for all ages
- Hold more community events

Priority #3

- Improve park amenities
- Provide more parking for Mercer Beach
- Acquire more park land

On January 9, 2018 a notice was placed on the City website, posted at City Hall, and published in the Spinal Column News Weekly newspaper on January 17, 2018 notifying the public that the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan was available for the required 30 day review period starting January 9, 2018 and that a public hearing would be held by the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 12, 2018.

A copy of the draft plan was made available to the public at City Hall and a pdf of the plan

was available on the City's website on January 9, 2018.

On February 12, 2018, the Parks and Recreation Commission held a public hearing recommended approval of the draft plan to City Council.

A public hearing was held, after the required 30 day review period, by the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 12, 2018 to hear public comment on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018 - 2022. There were no comments made during the public hearing. The Parks and Recreation Commission passed a resolution to recommend that City Council adopt the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018 – 2022. The City Council passed a resolution to adopt the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018-2022 on February 20, 2018.

The final adopted plan was sent to the MDNR February 22, 2018.

Comparison to Recreation Standards

The provision of parks and recreation facilities are vital to a community's quality of life for its residents and those from outside the community alike. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has established a set of standards based on the size of the community as determined by population and the ratio of the acreage or facilities to the population. These standards establish a baseline for assessing the community's parks and recreation facilities, but can be tailored to meet the needs of the specific community. Standards can be increased or decreased based on the facility or activity desired or those which are not needed or wanted in the community, such as badminton courts versus the desire for increased tennis courts or soccer fields. Table 3 identifies the NRPA standards and the number of park acres present in the community compared to the recommended standards. Table 4 identifies the recommended number of facilities based upon existing and future population.

Type of Facility	Recommended Min. Acreage Per 1,000 Residents ¹	Existing Acreage ²	Need Based on Standard ³	Bonus/(Deficiency)
Mini Parks ⁴	0.25	0.25	2.1	(1.85)
Neighborhood Parks	1.0	4.10	8.2	(4.1)
Major Parks	5.0	15.1	40.9	(25.8)
Regional Parks 5, 6	5.0	25,311	40.9	25,270.1
Special Use Facilities ⁷	Variable	0.8	N/A	0.8
Linear Park ⁸	Variable	5.45 Miles	N/A	5.45

 Table 3: Park Acreage Evaluation

Footnotes:

¹ Based on National Recreation and Parks Association recommendations.

² Includes all existing public acreage in the Walled Lake Parks and Recreation Commission service area, excluding school acreage.

³ Based on ESRI 2013 population estimate for the City of Walled Lake: 8,184.

⁴ The need for mini-parks is also addressed partially by private common areas, apartment and condominium recreation areas (acreages not determined).

⁵ Includes acreage for regional Oakland County, HCMA, and State Parks only.

⁶ It would be misleading to assess the adequacy of regional park resources based on recommended acreage for the City's population, since the regional resource must serve a much broader segment of the metropolitan area.

⁷ Mercer Beach

⁸ Michigan Airline Railway Trail Rails-to-Trails non-motorized pathway connecting Commerce Township, the City of Walled Lake, and the City of Wixom.

Type of Facility	Standard ¹	Existing Public Facilities	Existing School Facilities ²	Total Existing Facilitie s	Need Based on Standard ³	Bonus/ (Deficiency)
Basketball Courts ⁴	1/5,000	3	2.5	5.5	2	3.5
Tennis Courts	1 court/ 2,000	1	0	1	4	(3)
Volleyball	1 court/ 5,000	1	0	1	2	(1)
Baseball/Softball Diamonds	1/5,000 Lighted 1/30,000	1 (0 lighted)	0	1 (0 lighted)	2 0 lighted	(1) 0 lighted
Football Fields	1/20,000	0	0	0	1	(1)
Soccer Fields	1/10,000	0	3	3	1	2
Golf Courses - 9 hole ⁵	1/25,000	0	0	0	0	(0)
Golf Courses - 18 hole ⁵	1/50,000	0	0	0	1	0
Driving Range ⁵	1/50,000	0	0	0	0	0
Swimming ⁶	1/20,000	1 outdoor	0	1	1	0
Ice Rinks – Indoor	1/100,000	0	0	0		
Ice Rinks – Outdoor	Depends on climate	0	0	0		
Running Track (1/4 mile)	1/20,000	0	0	0	1	(1)
Playgrounds/Structur es ⁷	1/3,000	5	2	7	3	4
Picnic Areas	None Published	5	1	6		
Trails	1 system per region	1	0	1	1	0
Multiple Recreation Indoor Court (Basketball, Volleyball)	1/10,000	0	2	2	1	1

Table 4: Recreation Facilities Evaluation

Footnotes:

¹ Number of facilities per population (Michigan Department of Natural Resources Suggested Standards).

² Includes public schools located in the City of Walled Lake only

³ Based on 2013 ESRI population estimates for the City of Walled Lake: 8,184, and rounded to the nearest whole number.

- ⁴ Two backboards were considered to be equal to 1 court.

- ⁵ Includes public courses
 ⁶ This figure includes Mercer Beach.
 ⁷ This figure includes schools playgrounds.

RECREATION DEFICIENCIES

Service Areas

The City is well built out with limited areas for future development. There is a good distribution of existing parks. However, the southeast portion of the City is lacking mini and neighborhood parks. Because the City is a compact community, access to most parks by car is relatively easy. A City wide non-motorized sidewalk and pathway system as being developed by City Council will provide greater park access to residents, especially youth and teens.

Facilities

Table 3 outlines park acreage standards recommended by the National Recreation and Parks Association. These standards recommend minimum acreage per 1,000 residents based on the type of recreation facility. According to this analysis, the City is underserved by the following facilities:

Mini-Parks: need 1.85 acres Neighborhood Parks: need 4.1 acres Major Parks: need 25.8 acres

The deficiency in neighborhood parks and major parks can be partially satisfied by existing school sites and regional parks.

Table 4 outlines recreation standards recommended by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). These standards recommend minimum standards for different recreation facilities based on existing and projected population. According to this analysis, the community is underserved by the following:

- Three (3) additional tennis courts
- One (1) additional volleyball court
- One (1) baseball field and one (1) football field
- One (1) $\frac{1}{4}$ mile running track

The raw numbers do not address the quality of the existing parks and recreation facilities. Upon closer examination, deficiencies or limitations may be apparent because of the location, accessibility, lack of safety material, maintenance, level of development, and individual size of existing and available open space.

These numbers also may not truly indicate the status of a surplus or deficiency. Local conditions, interests, and trends must be considered. When evaluating these numbers as a literal interpretation, the comparisons could be misleading. School sites may provide certain facilities, such as football and athletic fields. However, access to school athletic facilities may be limited. Other facilities, such as soccer fields and ice-hockey rinks, may actually be deficient due to the tremendous interest in those activities in the Southeast Michigan area, although numbers may indicate a surplus of such facilities. Private businesses may also provide some of these facilities and services (e.g. Soccer Zone in Novi and Total Sports in

Wixom).

The information and comments gathered through the public input process indicates a need for more facilities. Many of the participants' sentiments reflect the deficiencies identified above and other facilities that are not measured at the national level.

- Provide additional athletic fields
- Increase the amount of park land
- Provide more playground equipment
- Increase the amount of walking or bike trails
- Need more activities for younger people and families

Existing Conditions

Overall, many of the parks and recreation facilities in the community are well maintained, but could use additional financial resources to make additional improvements and more substantive upkeep. Some of the park facilities are still lacking accessible pathways to certain facilities within the parks.

The need for more amenities such as park signs (e.g. Riley Park); additional seating, shade structures, and dog waste boxes; restroom facilities with running water; additional accessible pathways; landscaping and tree planting; improved soil/turf conditions on fields; sport lighting; installation of water amenities; and installing environmental educational venues were observed.

Accessibility

Access to parks can be improved not only by installing additional barrier-free pathways, but by providing wayfinding signage to the parks and within the parks; better field identification; large print on signage and Braille for those who are visually impaired; and strategically located barrier-free parking and drop-off areas.



The Commission offers a wide variety of activities, programs and special events throughout the year.

Safety

Safety and the perception of safety are important to increasing the use of existing parks. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a program adopted nationally that increases the perception of safety for a normal user and the perception of risk for a would-be offender. CPTED "is [the] proper design and effective use of the built environment which can lead to a reduction in the incidence and fear of crime and an improvement in the quality of life..." (National Crime Prevention Institute, 1986). Four principles are utilized:



Accessible Path Needed

- 1. Natural Surveillance the placement of physical features, activities and people in such a way as to maximize visibility;
- 2. Natural Access Control the physical guidance of people coming and going from a space by the judicial placement of entrances, exits, fencing, landscaping and lighting;
- 3. Territorial Reinforcement the use of physical attributes that express ownership, such as fences, pavement treatments, art, signs and landscaping; and
- 4. Maintenance regular maintenance gives the impression that parks and facilities are cared for and watched. Poor maintenance makes the parks and facilities feel abandoned and encourage vandalism and graffiti.

The Commission will consider adopting and utilizing the CPTED program in their facilities and programming.

The Michigan Municipal League performs an annual risk management assessment of all municipal facilities including parks. Recreation staff should perform and keep inspection logs for each facility to help prioritize on-going maintenance, repair and replacement.

VI. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A. Long-Range Goals

- 1. Expand Recreation Opportunities. Increase recreation opportunities, particularly outdoor park facilities and trails, which meet the needs of all segments of the population including youth, young adults, families, the elderly and persons with disabilities.
- 2. Address Residents' Preferences. Provide parks and recreation facilities and programs that are based on the preferences of residents in the City of Walled Lake.
- 3. Maintain Fiscal Responsibility. Develop parks and recreation facilities and programs based on a sound fiscal policy. Consider the use of volunteers, state and federal funding programs, and other funding sources.
- 4. Natural and Aesthetic Qualities of Parks. Provide parks and recreation facilities that not only satisfy recreation needs, but also complement the topography and natural terrain and contribute to the aesthetic quality of the City.
- 5. Cooperation with the School District. Cooperate with the Walled Lake Consolidated School District in the planning and programming of parks and recreation facilities. Written agreements of cooperation should be entered into when appropriate.
- 6. Reduce Duplication of Services. Strive to reduce duplication in recreation services. Overall recreation planning should consider existing facilities and programs offered by the school district, adjacent municipalities, and other agencies.
- 7. Consider Maintenance Needs. Consider the cost of maintenance and operation in designing new recreation facilities. Projections of costs should be compared to future revenue projections for the life of the facilities.
- 8. Upgrade Existing Facilities. Maximize the use of parks and recreation facilities by upgrading existing facilities to make them safer and more accessible.
- 9. Improve Accessibility. Improve the accessibility to parks, recreation facilities, and programs by residents of Walled Lake, particularly for youth, young adults, families, elderly and persons with disabilities. Provide trail and pathway linkages from neighborhoods and business districts to parks and school sites.
- 10. Continue the Planning Process. Maintain the ongoing parks and recreation planning process. The parks and recreation master plan should be reviewed annually and updated at least every five years.
- 11. Promotion. Continue to promote activities and special events sponsored by the City of Walled Lake and the Walled Lake Community Education Center, using all media

types. A brochure should be developed showing park and school facilities with a schedule of dates and activities of annual events including a list of key officials and phone numbers.

- B. Parks and Recreation Objectives
 - 1. Community Parks. The City may want to explore opportunities to acquire a new site for a community park to replace the ballfields lost to the Maple Road extension located behind the Walled Lake Community Education Center (the former Junior High School site).
 - 2. Neighborhood Parks. Continue to develop Sims Park as a neighborhood park designed for community and family activities. Focus on protection of the natural environment especially preservation of the two ponds and wildlife habitat.
 - 3. Waterfront Protection. Explore opportunities to acquire additional lakefront property for public beach use and to expand Mercer Beach if the opportunity arises. Develop and implement a unified waterfront plan that utilizes green infrastructure technology and supports accessibility to all residents.
 - 4. Additional Facilities. Construction of adequate support facilities, such as restrooms, concession stands, off-street parking, and barrier-free facilities, are important to make the best use of the parks.
 - 5. Optimize Park Use. Optimize the use of all parks and recreation facilities through multiple use of park space, adequate maintenance, and timely repair and replacement of facilities.
 - 6. Recreation Programs. Continue to support and expand recreation programs and festivals in cooperation with the Walled Lake Consolidated School District.
 - 7. Acquisition and Expansion. Consider purchasing additional land for parks and recreation use. Land acquisition efforts should be guided by two principal objectives: the need for uniform geographic distribution of facilities and the need for adequately-sized parks. With respect to acquisition and expansion, consideration should be focused on the following:
 - a. Possible utilization of obsolete well sites and storm-water retention areas for recreation purposes.
 - b. Possible acquisition of land in the southeast part of the City to serve the recreation needs of existing residents.
 - c. Possible utilization of wetland areas for recreation purposes

- 8. Needs Survey. A city-wide recreation needs survey should be completed on a regular basis to determine with greater accuracy the recreation needs and desires of residents.
- 9. Park Design and Landscaping. Enhance the appearance of all parks, recognizing the significance of parkland to the overall character and image of the City. A five-year landscaping/tree planting and lighting program will be developed for all parks.
- 10. Promotion. Prepare and update a brochure showing park and school facilities, with a schedule of dates, times and activities for special events. A list of key officials and phone numbers could also be included.

VII. ACTION PROGRAM

The Action Program is the part of the master plan where the City identifies how they intend to meet, or work towards meeting goals and objectives over the next five years (See Map 1 for Locations).

Sims Park

Solicit grant funding for improvements to Sims Park including:

- Landscape and maintenance of the pond and surrounding area.
- Improve accessibility of trails and parking lot through maintenance and repaying trouble areas.
- Refresh and update playground and exercise equipment, including ADA accessible swings at the playground.
- Renovate the bathroom facilities.
- Consider adding a fenced in area for a dedicated dog park.
- Provide amenities such as benches and updated waste receptacles.

Environmental Stewardship

Solicit grant funding for green infrastructure solutions to storm water management control and retention at all parks. Emphasize the native elements of the parks including the city's profuse wetland areas by developing signage explaining the various features.

Veteran recognition

Actively support the Veteran's Commission in refurbishing the veteran's memorial by assisting with the research of the missing nameplates from the memorial.

Trailhead Development: "Michigan Air-Line Railway Trail"

The City of Walled Lake as part of the Commerce Walled Lake Wixom Trailway Council has acquired a new trail (5.45 miles) named "Michigan Air-Line Railway Trail" and is working toward the development, construction, operations and management of a rails-to-trails system linking the "West Bloomfield Trail" to the "Huron Valley Trail".

Accessible pathways

Provide additional handicap accessible pathway links within parks (e.g. Sims Park) to required facilities and program areas emphasizing protection, preservation and appreciation of the native landscape.



Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train

Non-Motorized Pathway Master Plan

Identify existing pathways, gaps, and future development of sidewalks, pathways, and bike lanes throughout the City. Provide design standards, sign guidelines, and estimated development costs and identify possible funding sources.

Focus attention on the missing links in the City's non-motorized pathway system between neighborhoods, schools, parks, and business districts.

Interpretive Panels

Install additional interpretive panels and wayfinding signs within the park system.

Sports Facilities

Rehabilitate or install new tennis courts and sports fields to meet the demands of the community.



Interpretative Panel at H. Sims Memorial Park

APPENDIX

- Plan Certification Checklist
- Public Participation Survey
- Post Completion Self-Certification Reports
- Walled Lake City Council Adoption Resolution
- Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation of Adoption Resolution
- Draft Minutes from the February 12, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment
- Copy of Public Hearing Notice Following 30 Day Review
- Copy of Letter Transmitting Adopted Plan to Oakland County
- Copy of Letter Transmitting Adopted Plan to SEMCOG

APPENDIX I: COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management



COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this

information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan. All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR <u>with</u> a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than March 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

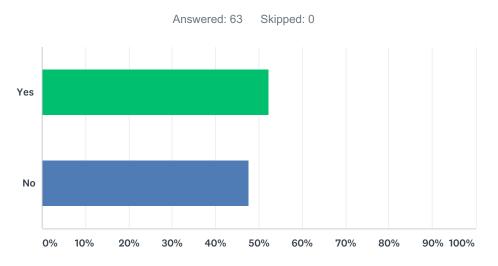
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The City of Walled Lake	Oakland	February, 2018			
PLAN CO					
INSTRUCTIONS: Please check <u>each</u> box to certify that the listed in I. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE	nformation is included in	the <u>final</u> plan.			
Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)					
Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and	d Organizational Chart				
Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming					
Current Funding Sources					
Role of Volunteers					
Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public	Agencies or Private Org	janizations			
Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions	s Only:				
Description of the Relationship between the A	uthority or Commission a	and the Recreation Departments of			
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Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Invert	ntory				
Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Rec	creation Facilities				
Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)					
Accessibility Assessment					
Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Re	creation Facilities				
Waterways Inventory (if applicable) 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)					
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Plan Location	City Website and City Hall	-
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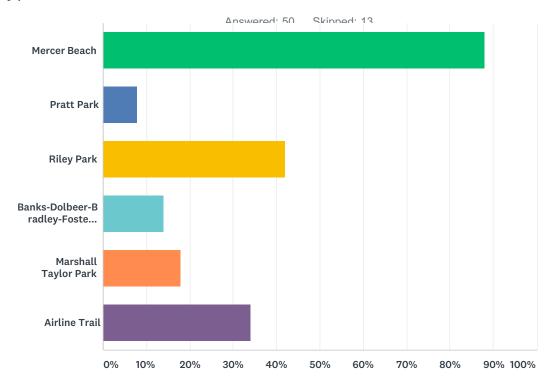
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Q1 Are you familiar with the facilities and programs offered by the Walled lake Parks and Recreation?

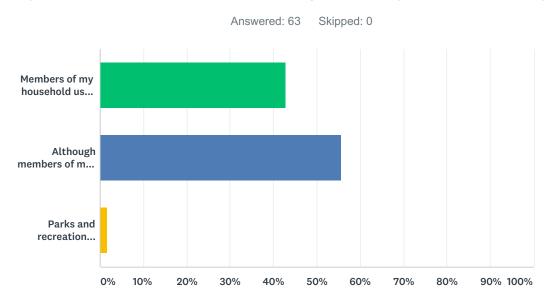


Q2 As a resident, what facilities do you visit? (please select all that apply)



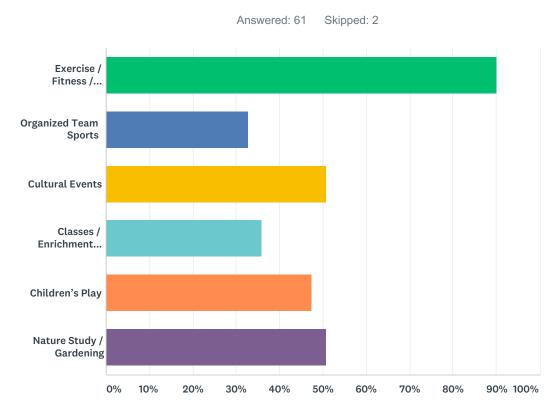
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Mercer Beach	88.00%
Pratt Park	8.00%
Riley Park	42.00%
Banks-Dolbeer-Bradley-Foster Farmhouse	14.00%
Marshall Taylor Park	18.00%
Airline Trail	34.00%
Total Respondents: 50	

Q3 Which one of the following three statements comes closest to the way you feel about parks and programs in your community?



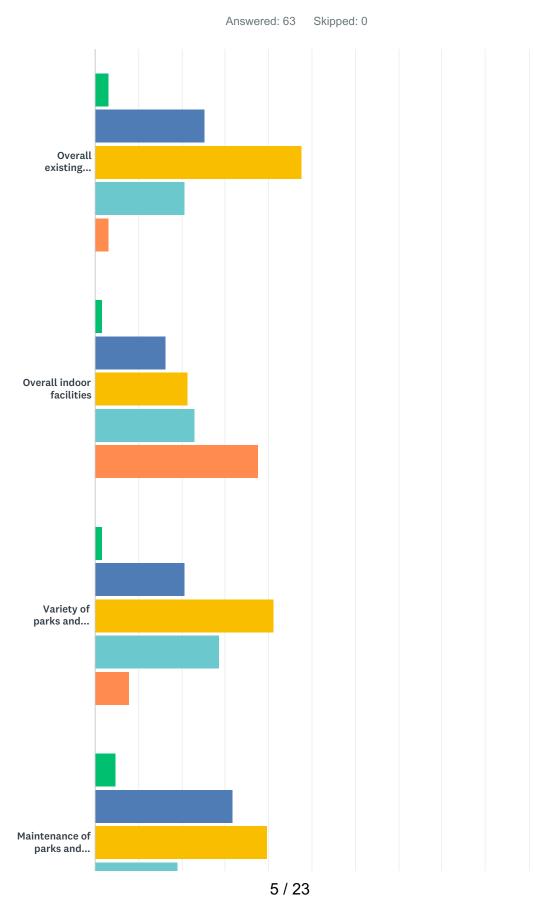
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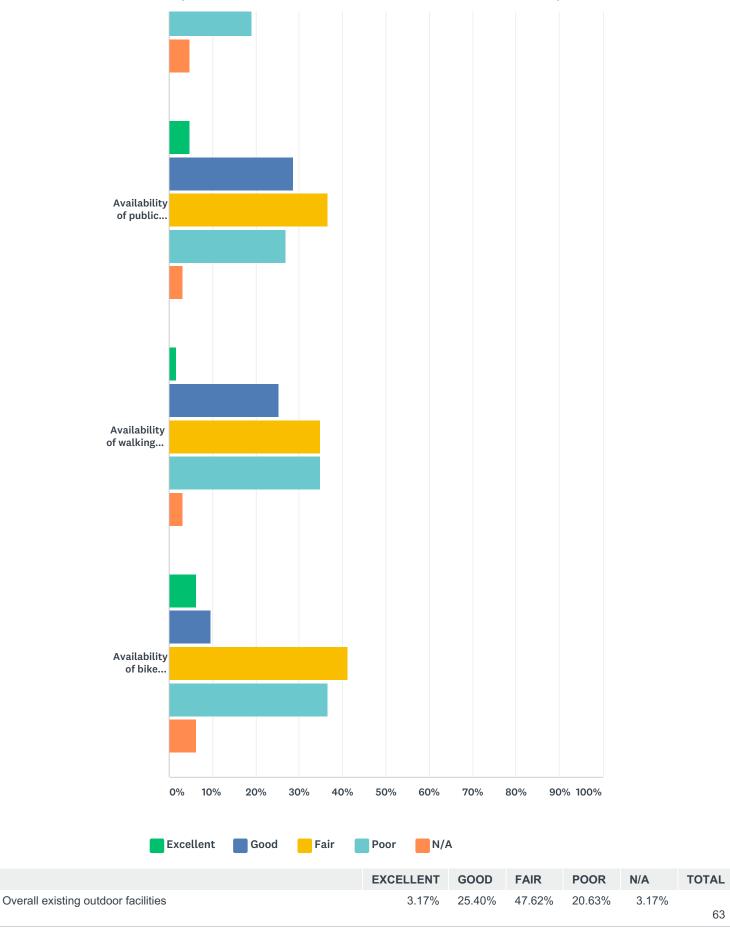
Q4 In general, what kind of recreation / leisure activities do you and your family members participate in? (select all that apply)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Exercise / Fitness / Casual Sports	90.16%
Organized Team Sports	32.79%
Cultural Events	50.82%
Classes / Enrichment Programs	36.07%
Children's Play	47.54%
Nature Study / Gardening	50.82%
Total Respondents: 61	

Q5 Please rate the following aspects of public parks, recreation facilities, and spaces in Walled Lake:

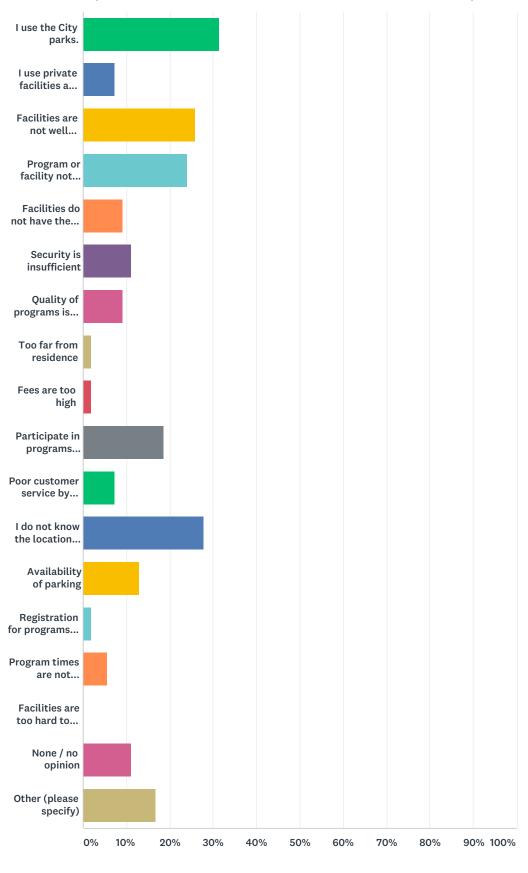




Overall indoor facilities	1.64%	16.39%	21.31%	22.95%	37.70%
Variety of parks and recreation facilities	1.59%	20.63%	41.27%	28.57%	7.94%
Maintenance of parks and recreation facilities	4.76%	31.75%	39.68%	19.05%	4.76%
Availability of public spaces where people want to spend time and feel safe	4.76%	28.57%	36.51%	26.98%	3.17%
Availability of walking paths (including sidewalks)	1.59%	25.40%	34.92%	34.92%	3.17%
Availability of bike facilities and paths	6.35%	9.52%	41.27%	36.51%	6.35%

Q6 If you do not frequent City parks, recreation facilities, and/or programs, please select the reasons that prevent you or members of your household from doing so.

Answered: 54 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

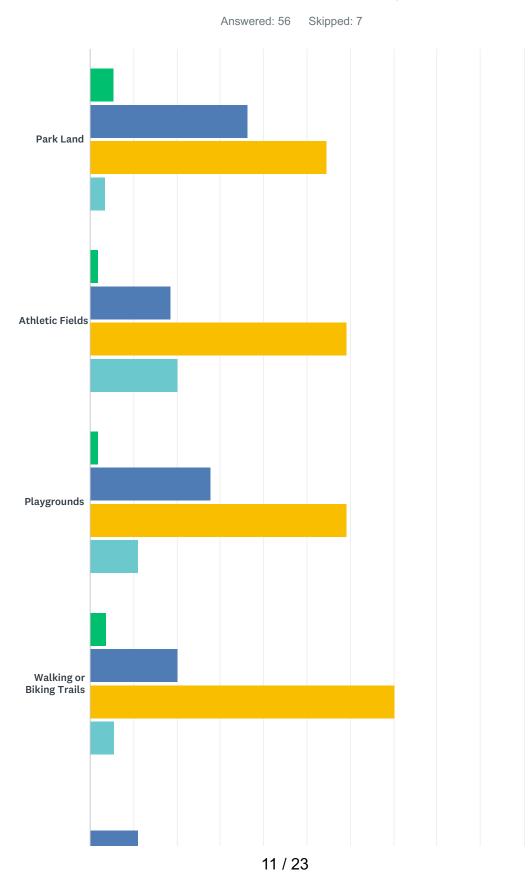
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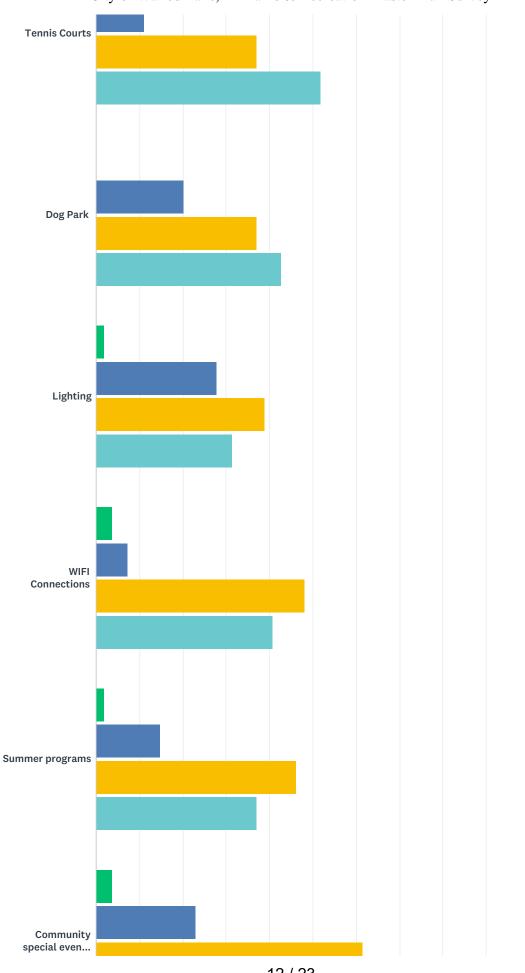
I use the City parks.

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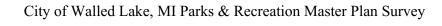
I use private facilities and programs	7.41%
Facilities are not well maintained	25.93%
Program or facility not offered	24.07%
Facilities do not have the right equipment	9.26%
Security is insufficient	11.11%
Quality of programs is poor	9.26%
Too far from residence	1.85%
Fees are too high	1.85%
Participate in programs provided by other communities or organizations	18.52%
Poor customer service by staff	7.41%
I do not know the location of parks and facilities	27.78%
Availability of parking	12.96%
Registration for programs is too difficult	1.85%
Program times are not convenient	5.56%
Facilities are too hard to reach, poor access	0.00%
None / no opinion	11.11%
Other (please specify)	16.67%
Total Respondents: 54	

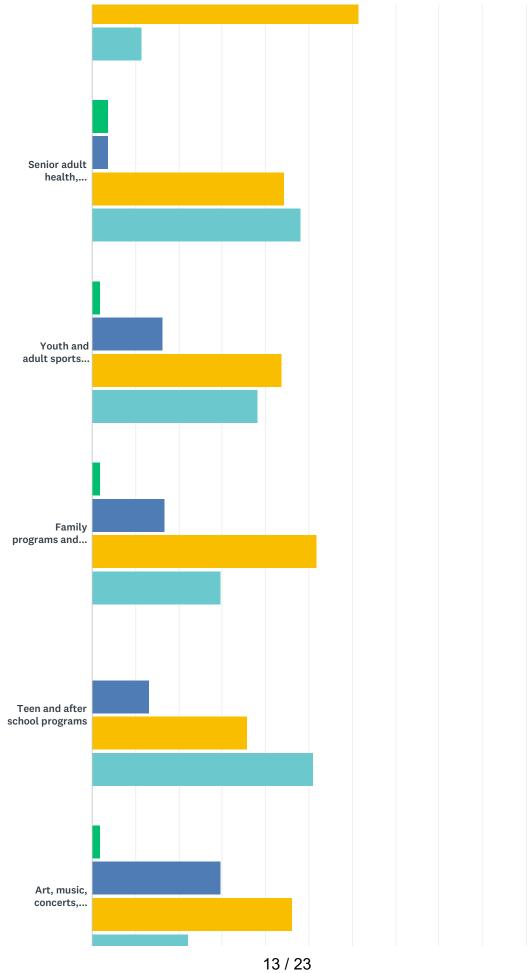
Q7 Please identify if you feel the facilities and recreation programs below fall short of meeting the needs, meet the needs, or exceed what is needed in the community.

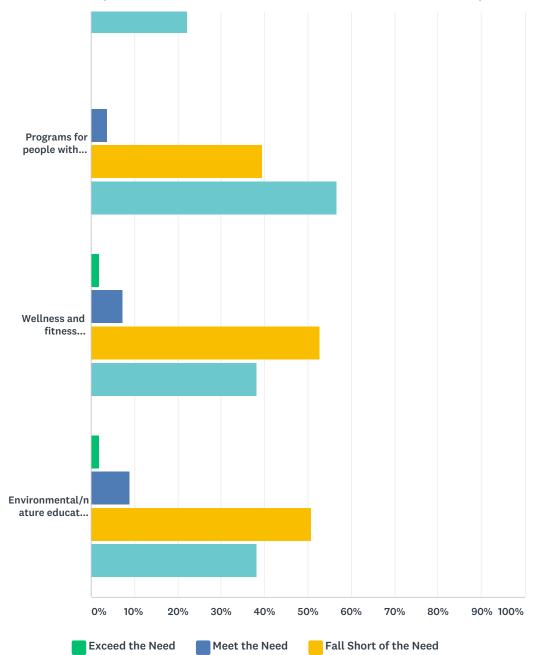




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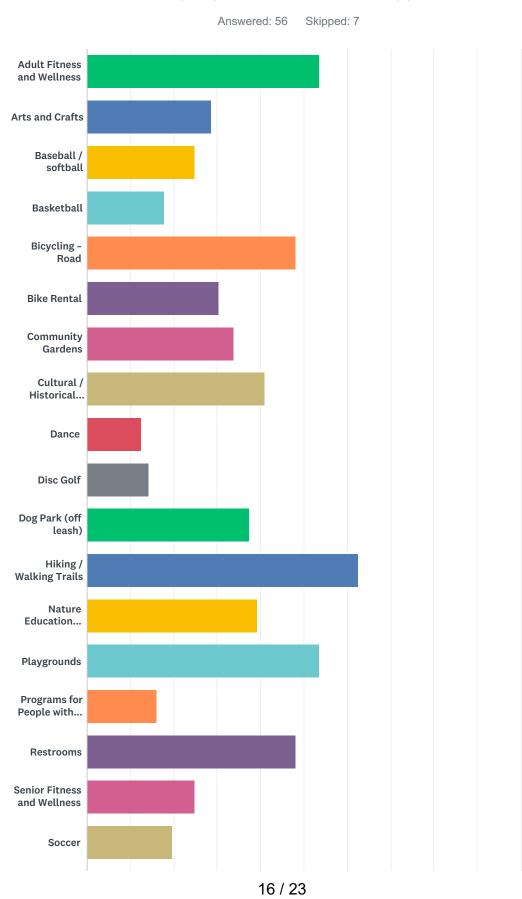
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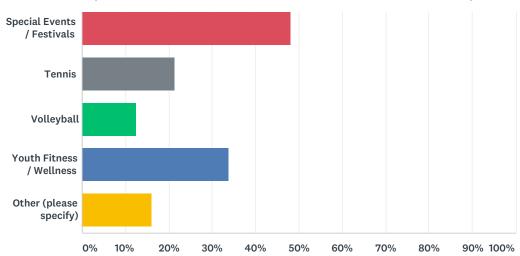
Athletic Fields	1.85%	18.52%	59.26%	20.37%
Playgrounds	1.85%	27.78%	59.26%	11.11%
Walking or Biking Trails	3.70%	20.37%	70.37%	5.56%
Tennis Courts	0.00%	11.11%	37.04%	51.85%

3.64%

Dog Park	0.00%	20.37%	37.04%	42.59%
Lighting	1.85%	27.78%	38.89%	31.48%
WIFI Connections	3.70%	7.41%	48.15%	40.74%
Summer programs	1.85%	14.81%	46.30%	37.04%
Community special events and festivals	3.85%	23.08%	61.54%	11.54%
Senior adult health, fitness, social programs	3.70%	3.70%	44.44%	48.15%
Youth and adult sports programs	1.82%	16.36%	43.64%	38.18%
Family programs and activities	1.85%	16.67%	51.85%	29.63%
Teen and after school programs	0.00%	13.21%	35.85%	50.94%
Art, music, concerts, theater, dance	1.85%	29.63%	46.30%	22.22%
Programs for people with disabilities	0.00%	3.77%	39.62%	56.60%
Wellness and fitness programs	1.82%	7.27%	52.73%	38.18%
Environmental/nature education programs	1.82%	9.09%	50.91%	38.18%

Q8 What new or enhanced opportunities would you like to see within the City? (Select all that apply)





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Adult Fitness and Wellness	53.57%
Arts and Crafts	28.57%
Baseball / softball	25.00%
Basketball	17.86%
Bicycling – Road	48.21%
Bike Rental	30.36%
Community Gardens	33.93%
Cultural / Historical Programs	41.07%
Dance	12.50%
Disc Golf	14.29%
Dog Park (off leash)	37.50%
Hiking / Walking Trails	62.50%
Nature Education Programs	39.29%
Playgrounds	53.57%
Programs for People with disabilities	16.07%
Restrooms	48.21%
Senior Fitness and Wellness	25.00%
Soccer	19.64%
Special Events / Festivals	48.21%
Tennis	21.43%
Volleyball	12.50%
Youth Fitness / Wellness	33.93%
Other (please specify)	16.07%

Q9 What do you feel are the top three (3) recreational priorities for Walled Lake in the next 10 years?

Answered: 45 Skipped: 18

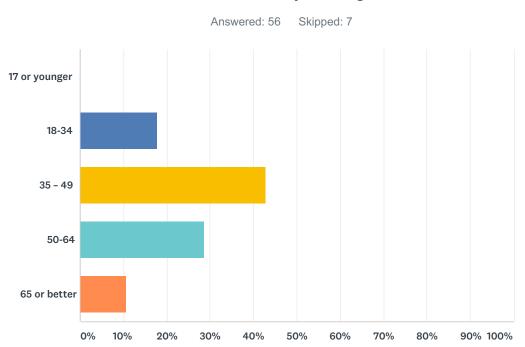
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
#1 Priority	100.00%
#2 Priority	93.33%
#3 Priority	84.44%

#	#1 PRIORITY	DATE
1	Updating and maintaining parks/playgrounds	12/30/2017 9:40 AM
2	Bike Paths, Kayak Rentals for Walled Lake, Tennis & Volleyball Courts	12/29/2017 7:03 PM
3	Clean up parks and get new equipment	12/29/2017 8:37 AM
4	Air Line Trail and Depot	12/27/2017 6:04 AM
5	PARKS THAT ARE MAINTAINED	12/21/2017 9:34 AM
6	Protect the integrity of merger beach, it has turned into a place full of cig butts, dog poop, and empty liquor bottles	12/19/2017 10:03 PM
7	Lake to lake trail development with parking	12/19/2017 5:31 PM
8	sidewalks and bike paths	12/14/2017 11:48 AM
9	Support the Michigan Airline Trail after it becomes operational	12/11/2017 3:27 PM
10	additional walking trails (network/connected)	12/11/2017 12:31 PM
11	Accessibility to parks	12/9/2017 7:10 PM
12	Upgrade current park facilities	12/9/2017 1:14 PM
13	Visibilitywhere are you located. Lived in Walled Lake for 20 years and did not know you existed.	12/9/2017 12:55 PM
14	More community events/festivals	12/9/2017 7:10 AM
15	Bike trails	12/9/2017 4:50 AM
16	Reducing costs to participate	12/8/2017 11:19 PM
17	Safe Bike Path throughout the city	12/8/2017 2:00 PM
18	Cleaning up and reviving walled lake's downtown area	12/8/2017 1:19 PM
19	Airline trail	12/8/2017 12:51 PM
20	Wellness for all ages	12/8/2017 11:54 AM
21	Parks for exercise	12/8/2017 11:22 AM
22	Clean up Walled Lake make it desirable for people to want to come here. Get some ordinances in place or enforce some ordinances that might be in place!	12/8/2017 10:10 AM
23	Maintenance of current parks	12/8/2017 7:33 AM
24	Restrooms	12/8/2017 6:34 AM
25	Safer bike path	12/8/2017 6:34 AM
26	Better sidewalks and bike paths. Many sidewalks are dangerous.	12/8/2017 6:29 AM
27	Well maintained parks	12/8/2017 5:43 AM
28	Maintenance	12/8/2017 2:40 AM

29	Restore Banks farmhouse to preserve community history and use as cultural center.	12/7/2017 11:00 PM
30	Finish the bike path along Pontiac Trail so you can bike and walk around the lake.	12/7/2017 9:48 PM
31	Grow Mercer Beach into an economic engine for the negleted downtown area.	12/7/2017 9:46 PM
32	Natural habitat	12/7/2017 9:11 PM
33	Upgrade and maintain Mercer Beach	12/7/2017 4:25 PM
34	A nice walking/bike path along walled lake on walled lake side	12/7/2017 4:11 PM
35	Take advantage of the waterfront	12/7/2017 1:21 PM
36	Improve what we have and offer more programs	12/7/2017 12:11 PM
37	Improved beach	12/7/2017 11:12 AM
38	Airline Trail	12/7/2017 10:05 AM
39	Develop a walking / bike path where the old train track was	12/7/2017 9:41 AM
10	Upgrade parks	12/7/2017 9:38 AM
41	Parking, bathroom facilities and clean up for Mercer Beach	12/7/2017 9:26 AM
42	More sidewalks	12/7/2017 9:02 AM
43	More/clean restrooms	12/7/2017 8:54 AM
14	Finish the Michigan airline trail. been eyesore for too long	12/7/2017 8:54 AM
45	Youth Sports	12/7/2017 7:03 AM
ŧ	#2 PRIORITY	DATE
1	Community building activities	12/30/2017 9:40 AM
2	Lighting throughout the city can be improved	12/29/2017 7:03 PM
3	Refaced storefronts on east walled lake drive	12/29/2017 8:37 AM
1	Banks-Dolbeer House	12/27/2017 6:04 AM
5	MORE ACTIVITIES	12/21/2017 9:34 AM
6	Better play structers for kids of all ages.	12/19/2017 10:03 PM
7	Senior services health, and wellness	12/19/2017 5:31 PM
8	maintaining parks for walled lake residents; do not expand the beach/boardwalk as it will cut down on lake access for residents.	12/14/2017 11:48 AM
9	Sidewalks along Pontiac Trail between Ladd and West Park to avoid dangerous Pontiac Trail crossings.	12/11/2017 3:27 PM
10	permanent restroom facilities at hiram sims	12/11/2017 12:31 PM
11	Mercer Beach Cleanup and Revamp	12/9/2017 7:10 PM
12	Creat a need for people to want to use the parks	12/9/2017 1:14 PM
13	Better upkeep of existing parks	12/9/2017 7:10 AM
14	Hiking trails	12/9/2017 4:50 AM
15	Providing more opportunities for organizations	12/8/2017 11:19 PM
16	Increased outdoor entertainment. I understand there is an expense, but perhaps fireworks more than 1x per year could be a nice marketing tool?	12/8/2017 2:00 PM
17	Improving foot paths and bike ways	12/8/2017 1:19 PM
18	Bike paths/ sidewalks	12/8/2017 12:51 PM
19	Hiking, walking & bike trails	12/8/2017 11:54 AM
20	Dog parks	12/8/2017 11:22 AM

21	Yet the business and we are still cleaning up their areas their store fronts so everything is not a mismatched mess. That's a start	12/8/2017 10:10 AM
22	New parks	12/8/2017 7:33 AM
23	Updated playground equipment	12/8/2017 6:34 AM
24	Hiking paths	12/8/2017 6:34 AM
25	Senior activities - possibly our own senior center. Not just inside apartments.	12/8/2017 6:29 AM
26	more events in the city for the community	12/8/2017 5:43 AM
27	Increase services/activities	12/8/2017 2:40 AM
28	More public beach & boat access & less large motorized boats.	12/7/2017 11:00 PM
29	Bike rental and maybe a little store at the rails for trails.	12/7/2017 9:48 PM
30	Link all neighborhoods to Airline trail and patks via biking. Improve cement or ashpalt where areas are linked.	12/7/2017 9:46 PM
31	Get rid of some of the traffic	12/7/2017 9:11 PM
32	sidewalks - in front of Walled Lake Villa are non existent - someone needs to see the number of people who jog, walk a bike that area. They are times when they are forced onto Pontiac Trail	12/7/2017 1:21 PM
33	Development of new opportunitys including multi city bike path	12/7/2017 12:11 PM
34	Biking / Walking Trail	12/7/2017 11:12 AM
35	Any way to extend Mercer Beach?	12/7/2017 10:05 AM
36	Promote the recreational stuff we do have - I am not aware of anything going on in Walled Lake	12/7/2017 9:41 AM
37	Promote programs	12/7/2017 9:38 AM
38	Dog Park	12/7/2017 9:26 AM
39	Dog Park	12/7/2017 9:02 AM
40	enough parking for events	12/7/2017 8:54 AM
41	outdoor activities for kids	12/7/2017 8:54 AM
42	Playgrounds	12/7/2017 7:03 AM
#	#3 PRIORITY	DATE
1	Safety / security functions	12/30/2017 9:40 AM
2	Playgrounds for Children	12/29/2017 7:03 PM
3	Update buildings/strip malls	12/29/2017 8:37 AM
4	General Park improvements	12/27/2017 6:04 AM
5	MORE PARKS	12/21/2017 9:34 AM
6	Not spending a dime on that money trap of a bike path	12/19/2017 10:03 PM
7	Overall walk-ability of the community	12/19/2017 5:31 PM
8	Work with Commerce/RCOC to add sidewalk between western city limits on Maple to Airline Trail crossing.	12/11/2017 3:27 PM
9	more seating and better landscaping at all parks	12/11/2017 12:31 PM
10	Walking trail	12/9/2017 7:10 PM
11	Creat more festival's or attractions to bring in commerce.	12/9/2017 1:14 PM
12	Airline trail completion	12/9/2017 7:10 AM
13	Concerts in park	12/9/2017 4:50 AM
14	Reducing costs to provide opportunities	12/8/2017 11:19 PM
15	Programs for young families	12/8/2017 1:19 PM

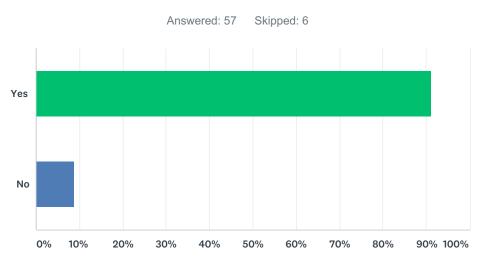
16	Maintenance of existing infrastructure	12/8/2017 12:51 PM
17	Commuity Garden	12/8/2017 11:54 AM
18	Youth Fitness	12/8/2017 11:22 AM
19	Clean and fix up the parks they ridiculously run down.	12/8/2017 10:10 AM
20	City activities	12/8/2017 7:33 AM
21	Parking at mercer	12/8/2017 6:34 AM
22	Boat docking options	12/8/2017 6:34 AM
23	More activities, shows , etc by the lake. Fix up the blocks across from the beach. Do not allow medical marijuana facility in the middle of downtown. Need more parking.	12/8/2017 6:29 AM
24	more park space by the beach	12/8/2017 5:43 AM
25	Festivals/concerts	12/8/2017 2:40 AM
26	Continue with Community events like market day, parades, concerts, fireworks, tree lighting.	12/7/2017 11:00 PM
27	Finish or get rid of/tear down the Foster/Bates house.	12/7/2017 9:48 PM
28	Make train station dual use - coffee type place with bike shop. Allow Bayside/The Beach to place an eating/ordering shed near Mercer Beach. Align signage to explain WL history / Pics - Lake Info, Train Station, Pontiac Trail, etc.	12/7/2017 9:46 PM
29	Less building more natural	12/7/2017 9:11 PM
30	Offer better marketing of programs and initiatives.	12/7/2017 12:11 PM
31	More festivals? Food/music/etc	12/7/2017 10:05 AM
32	Develop the house on Pontiac Trail	12/7/2017 9:41 AM
33	Sidewalks/walking paths.	12/7/2017 9:38 AM
34	Community Gardens	12/7/2017 9:26 AM
35	Playgrounds	12/7/2017 9:02 AM
36	cultural/dance events	12/7/2017 8:54 AM
37	community special events	12/7/2017 8:54 AM
38	Maintaining and Updating Existing Parks and Beaches	12/7/2017 7:03 AM



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
17 or younger	0.00%
18-34	17.86%
35 – 49	42.86%
50-64	28.57%
65 or better	10.71%
TOTAL	56

Q10 What is your age?

Q11 Do you live in the City of Walled Lake?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	91.23%
No	8.77%
TOTAL	57

Q12 Please feel free to leave any additional comments that were not addressed in the above questions.

Answered: 15 Skipped: 48

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Regulate the beach, although I have LF property I would spend more time down town if I didn't have to dodge dog poop and make sure my kids didn't pick up cig butts. The railway bike path is a waste of resources	12/19/2017 10:06 PM
2	The community outreach has been inadequatemaybe use the city's Facebook page or email list or a note on water bills. Ideally a mailing if there are funds.	12/11/2017 12:35 PM
3	Why are we not getting new business in Walled Lake. Council and City Manager do not look out for best interest of city. It's an old boys club and must change.	12/9/2017 12:57 PM
4	City planning should develop the downtown area to be a destination with more shops and upscale restaurants. Stop putting in auto related business and thrift stores.	12/9/2017 4:52 AM
5	Would like to see more co-branded programs with Wixom, WB and Commerce. Perhaps a co-op arrangement could be reached and consequently, a shared burden could be achieved?	12/8/2017 2:01 PM
6	Thank you for exploring new ideas/options.	12/8/2017 11:55 AM
7	I just hope that this year that you can accomplish more for the taxpayers then to pave a parking lot then you did last year if I sound better it's because I am and I'm sure I'm not the only one.	12/8/2017 10:16 AM
8	1)much better service and professionalism by the staff at city hall. 2) better communication on city events specifically advertising and signage around the city	12/8/2017 5:45 AM
9	Lake Fireworks were great this year with Beach Party and movie night in the park. Looking fwd to Airtrail being fully functional in the future. Need bike accessibility / lock areas linking dowtown to recreation areas/all parks (eliminate need to drive to rail head). Playground equipment needs updating in multiple areas.	12/7/2017 10:00 PM
10	More activities. Younger people are moving into the area, just note how many showed up to the Christmas tree lighting event. Get out the word on events, use social media more and a way were residents will get an email of events in advance.	12/7/2017 9:53 PM
11	I would like to see the path along walled lake be continued so that its safer when waking/biking along the lake by Pontiac trail	12/7/2017 4:12 PM
12	I believe your age groupings are off. 18-34 is a huge gap. I am 30 own my own home and have a wife and child. Please do not take my opinions as those of a high school senior living with his parents	12/7/2017 12:13 PM
13	Walled Lake does a poor job advertising of the activities. Only activities I am aware of is the fireworks as well as the Christmas Tree Lightening Ceremony. (The Ceremony activity is boring - same stuff every year).	12/7/2017 9:43 AM
14	Marketing and promotion and an update of the city website.	12/7/2017 9:39 AM
15	Park locations need to be publicized better.	12/7/2017 9:27 AM

APPENDIX L: Post Completion Self-Inspection Report					
Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended; the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.					
GRANT TYPE: (Please select one)	☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRU ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FU		CLEAN MICHIGA		BOND FUND
GRANTEE:	City of Walled Lake				
PROJECT NUMBER:	TF97-089	PROJECT TYPE:			
PROJECT SCOPE:	Mercer Beach 2 Whale Spring Riders, 3 Signs, 6 Benches, 9 Restroom Enclosure, Concrete Sidewalk (1,5 Grading, Topsoil and Seed				
	D BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (G	·			
Name of Agency (Grant City of Walled		Contact Perso Colleen		Title Finance I	Director
Address 1499 E. West Ma	aple	Telephone 248-624-4	4847		
City, State, ZIP Walled Lake, M	I 48390	Email finance@	walledlake.com		
SITE DEVELOPMEN					
Any change(s) in th If yes, please descr	e facility type, site layout, or recreation ad ibe change(s).	ctivities provide	ed?		□Yes ⊠No
	he project site been converted to a use of an and describe use. (This would include				□Yes ⊠No
Are any of the facilit	ties obsolete? If yes, please explain.				□Yes ⊠No
SITE QUALITY					
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. ⊠Yes □No					
Are the facilities and	I the site being properly maintained? If n	o, please expl	ain.		⊠Yes ⊡No

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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vanda	alism.	□Yes ⊠No
Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Weekly maintenance as needed		⊠Yes ⊡No
GENERAL Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	□Yes	□No ⊠N/A
Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.		□Yes ⊠No
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.		□Yes ⊠No
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site? 8 am to Sunset COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)		
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I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

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GRANTEE:	City of Walled Lake					
PROJECT NUMBER:	BF91-384	PROJECT TYP	E:			
PROJECT TITLE:	Hiram Sims Memorial Park					
PROJECT SCOPE:	Access Drive, Fitness Trail, Renovate Ballfi	eld				
To BE COMPLETE Name of Agency (Grant	D BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE) Contact Per	son	Title		
City of Walled Address		Colleen			Director	
1499 E. West M	aple	248-624	-4847			
City, State, ZIP Walled Lake, M		Email finance	@walledlake.com	n		
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Are the facilities and	d the site being properly maintained? If	no, please exp	plain.		⊠Yes □No	
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Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.	□Yes ⊠No
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site? 8 am to Dusk	
COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)	

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Jennifer A. Stuart Please print Colleen M. Coogan Please print Please print

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GRANTEE:	City of Walled Lake					
PROJECT NUMBER:	26-01060	PROJECT TYP	E:			
PROJECT TITLE:	Sims Park Magic Square					
PROJECT SCOPE:	Magic Square					
TO BE COMPLETE	D BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY	(GRANTEE)				
Name of Agency (Grante City of Walled	ee)	Contact Pers Colleen		Title Finance	Director	
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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CITY OF WALLED LAKE

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2018-2022

RESOLUTION 2018-05

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Walled Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 1499 E. West Maple, Walled Lake, Michigan 48390, on the 20th day of February 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

WHEREAS, the City of Walled Lake has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2018 through 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walled Lake began the process of developing a parks and recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walled Lake has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Walled Lake; and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission held a public hearing was held on February 12, 2018, at 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake, Michigan to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation committee desire to have this plan adopted and on file with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources no later than March 1, 2018 so as to qualify for certain grant applications; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission Resolution 2018-01 recommends the adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018-2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Walled Lake, County of Oakland, State of Michigan that:

Section 1. The City Council hereby adopts the Parks and Receation Master Plan 2018-2022 as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Motion to approve Resolution offered by Owsinek and seconded by Robertson.

AYES: (5)Lublin, Owsinek, Robertson, Costanzo, AckleyNAYS: (0)Loch, AmbroseABSENT: (2)Loch, AmbroseABSTENTIONS: (0)Loch

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)) SS COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

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City Clerk

LINDA S. ACKLEY

Mayor



CITY OF WALLED LAKE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018

The Meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL:Cheney, Hecht, Moore, PalmerABSENT:*Loch, SkronekOTHERS PRESENT:Recording Secretary Joyce, Financial Advisor Colleen Coogan,
DPW Laborer Dan Ladd, Planning Consultant Mike Deem, City
Councilman Bennett Lublin

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

P&R 01-01-18 APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 8, 2018, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Hecht, seconded Cheney, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the January 8, 2018, Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

COMMUNICATION: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Public Hearing** Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Open public hearing: 7:42 p.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

Close public hearing: 7:43 p.m.

2. Adoption of Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Financial Advisor Colleen Coogan stated there are a few typos that need to be cleaned up before bringing the Master Plan to City Council. On page 21 and 22 City Council needs to be changed to Parks and Recreations Commission.

The Resolution number needs to also be changed to Resolution 2018-01

*Tamara Loch arrived – 7:46 p.m.

Colleen Coogan stated that she will add a cover letter to the Council packet explaining the importance to the timing in the approval of the master plan for grant applications deadlines.

P&R 02-02-18 MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2018-01 FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Motion by Loch, seconded Palmer, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adopt Resolution 2018-01 for the Parks and Recreation Commission

DISCUSSION

The Commission discussed different opportunities to which they can apply for grants. It was felt that the Action Items on Page 19 or the Long-Range Goals on Page 29 be looked at so they could be tied in together. Mike Deem was asked approximately how much the grant application process would be for. He said it could run from \$5,000 - \$75,000 range. More than one grant can be applied for. They are matching grants; matching at different rates.

Commissioner Hecht mentioned treating the pond at Hiram Sims Park. Commissioner Loch stated that a lot of the people that utilize the park lot the natural aspect of the park and the pond. They were very upset a few years ago when the brush was cut back.

Commissioner Hecht stated that we maybe able to tie in accessibility to the pond with redoing the path around the pond. Tennis courts and basketball courts also need to be done. Some of the playground equipment also need to be replaced. Commissioner Hecht stated that we have to be specific as to what we want when applying for these grants.

Commissioner Loch stated that she would like to see Hiram Sims Park more ADA. She felt some ADA playground equipment would be nice. Commissioner Hecht stated we could probably tie in the blacktop pathway into ADA also.

Mike Deem stated that these multiple ideas do not have to be linked.

Commissioner Hecht asked how we get quotes/estimates. Mike Deem stated it depends on the estimate that is being sought. Some of it has a standard and other will have set catalog prices. McKenna has some staff on hand that can give estimates/quotes, i.e. landscapers.

Commissioner Hecht felt that all the requests could be wrapped into one grant request. Everything could be tied in together – ADA benches, playground equipment, pond, pathway. It was felt that the priorities were: the pond, the pathway, and play structures.

Colleen Coogan mentioned the complaints about the number of dogs in Sims Park. Commissioner Loch stated that most of the people that use Sims Park are dog walkers. She stated that most dogs are well behaved and handled by their owners.

Commissioner Hecht asked to add the evaluation of a potential dog park area be added to the list for the Master Plan.

Commissioner Hecht stated that we should also request to update bathroom facilities on the grant request. He stated that the different grants

Direct Passport – Up to \$150,000 – 25% Match Trust Fund – Up to \$300,000 – 25% Match Land/Water – Up to \$300,000 – 50% Match

Mike Deem they are working on another grant proposal and the cost of writing the grant for this community is \$4000. There is no guarantee that the grant will be approved.

Commissioner Hecht stated that we need to reapply for grants every year. We may not get them every year but there is no delay in the process. We owe it to the taxpayers to try and get a return on their dollars with grant money.

Mike Deem felt that up \$4000 would cover the cost of the grant writing process. If it is a time and materials up to \$4000 and a contract is not signed it would not have to be taken to City Council for approval. If it were agreed to pay McKenna exactly \$4000 it would be a contract and would have to go to Council.

P&R 02-03-18 MOTION TO APPROVE TIME AND MATERIALS UP TO \$4000 FOR GRANT WRITING TO MCKENNA AND ASSOCIATES

Motion by Loch, seconded Hecht, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve time and materials up to \$4000 to McKenna and Associates for grant writing.

3. Easter Egg Hunt

Secretary Janell Joyce stated that the Easter Egg Hunt flier that the Commission approved last month was rejected by the Walled Lake Schools for distribution. They will not let us use the word "Easter".

The Commission decided to take out the word "Easter" where ever it is used and call the event the Annual Spring Egg Hunt. The original flier can still be published and distributed at City Hall, the Library, St. Matthews and St. Williams schools.

P&R 02-04-18MOTION TO APPROVE THE EASTER EGG HUNT FLIER WITH
REVISED NAME TO ANNUAL SPRING EGG HUNT.

Motion by Cheney, seconded Hecht, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Easter Egg Hunt Flier with changes for the Walled Lake School distribution.

Secretary Joyce obtained a quote from Suburban Party Rental for the rental of two bounce houses. Their quote was \$445.02. Finance Director, Colleen Coogan stated that she had budgeted for it. We have also contacted the face painter and she is willing to once again participate.

The Commission went over the Preparation List and will have one more meeting to finalize this event.

4. Memorial Day Parade

A. Memorial Day parade Application Colleen Coogan said she would talk the City Attorney on how it should be stated on the application that the Commission can deny one's application for the parade.

P&R 02-05-18 MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE APPLICATION WITH THE ADDITION OF THE COMMENT THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DENY ANYONES APPLICATION BASED ON THEIR CRITERIA

Motion by Hecht, seconded Palmer, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Memorial Day Parade application with the addition that the Commission has the right to deny one's application based on Memorial Day criteria.

B. Parade Grand Marshall

Chairman Tim Moore suggested the Leo Barris, who is a World War II veteran, be this year's Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshall. He was in the Battle of the Bulge and was a tank jockey. Mr. Barris is a Walled Lake resident and was honored to be asked.

Secretary Janell Joyce will send him a letter regarding the event.

5. Summer Concerts

The Commission went over the schedule and the only change was to switch the dates for "All Directions" and "Secrets". It was also agreed to pay the "Secrets "an additional one hundred dollars as they do not have a P.A. system.

Pete Fetters Band has asked if the Commission would be willing to pay \$800 this year. The Commission felt that the bands that have been playing for many years for the same amount should be the ones to get any increases. Chairman Moore will let Pete Fetters know that it is not in our budget this year.

There was discussion on putting the basic concert information on the water bills and doing a flier. Colleen Coogan stated that the Library now has a graphic artist on staff and maybe they could get her to design some type of mailer as well as putting it on the water bills. Colleen will contact the Library and see if something can be arranged for her help. She will report back next month.

6. Fireworks/SummerFest/Beach Party

Commissioner Hecht asked if the sub-committee had yet been formed for this event. Commissioner Loch stated that Casey Ambrose was going to mention it at the DDA meeting. She has not heard back from him.

Secretary Janell Joyce stated that she has had 3 or 4 individual's inquiry about the event as potential vendors. It was mentioned that we made need more vendor space this year. It was felt that preparations for this event need to move forward.

There was discussion on the possibility of Wilson's displaying some of their boats.

7. Farmers Market

Secretary Janell Joyce stated that she has sent out the applications and the first one came back today. The event starts May 2^{nd} this year.

8. Parks Repair/Maintenance Update

Dan Ladd reported tree removal at Sims Parks is on the agenda and they hope to get to it before everything thaws.

Commissioner Hecht asked about the maintenance on the gazebo. Dan Ladd stated this will be taken care of in the spring. It is project for time and materials up to \$3500.

The waffle iron project was also approved for \$3500 and will be worked on in the spring.

Secretary Janell Joyce stated that Tom Percha, is an electrician who is with one of the bands in our concert series. He is willing to give a quote on the electrical work in Sims Park. He is willing to work with the DPW staff.

Commissioner Hecht stated that his Dad and his friend have licenses to apply chemicals and know how to treat ponds. They may be willing to give a quote on this type of service if we so desired. They are licensed and have the equipment. Dan is willing to meet if them. They would have to be insured.

Commissioner Hecht asked if there was anything resolved with the Foster Farm House. Financial Advisor Colleen Coogan stated that the City Manager did meet with members of the farmhouse committee, but she does not have an update. She stated that the Commission's request to move forward was given to him.

The Commission thanked Secretary Janell Joyce, Dan Ladd and the DPW for their hard work and support to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

P&R 02-06-18 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Janell Joyce Recording Secretary Tim Moore Chairman



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK CITY OF WALLED LAKE, MICHIGAN

1499 E. WEST MAPLE WALLED LAKE, MI 48390 (248) 624-4847

jstuart@walledlake.com February 21, 2018

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified City Clerk for the City of Walled Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the City of Walled Lake City Parks and Recreation Resolution 2018-01 is on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk



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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CITY OF WALLED LAKE

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE ADOPTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN 2018-2022

PR RESOLUTION 2018-01

At a Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Walled Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 1499 E. West Maple, Walled Lake, Michigan 48390, on the 12th day of February 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

WHEREAS, the City of Walled Lake has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2018 through 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walled Lake began the process of developing a parks and recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Walled Lake were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan; and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 12, 2018, at 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake, Michigan to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Parks and Receation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walled Lake has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Walled Lake.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Walled Lake, County of Oakland, State of Michigan that:

Section 1. The Walled Lake Parks and Recreation Commission hereby recommends the City of Walled Lake City Council adopts the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018-2022.



Motion to approve Resolution offered by Loch and seconded by Palmer.

AYES: (5)Cheney, Hecht, Loch, Moore, PalmerNAYS: (0)ABSENT: (1)ABSTENTIONS: (0)Skronek

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)) SS COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

TIM MOORE Chairman

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To Whom It May Concern:

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified City Clerk for the City of Walled Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the notice for the required 30-day public review period and notice of the scheduled Public Hearing for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018-2022 was posted to the City website on January 9, 2018.

Jennifer A. Stuart, City Clerk



CITY OF WALLED LAKE, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN HAS SCHEDULED A 30 DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

30 Day Public Review Period:

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 - Friday, February 9, 2018

Public Hearing: Monday, February 12, 2018 7:00 PM

Walled Lake City Hall 1499 E West Maple Road Walled Lake, MI 48390

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to any and all interested parties that the draft 2018-2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the City of Walled Lake, Oakland County, MI will be available for review and comment beginning Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at City Hall, located at 1499 E West Maple Road Walled Lake, MI 48390 during regular business hours.

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The City of Walled Lake is preparing a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements. When completed, the Plan will serve as a guide for the acquisition and development of community recreation facilities and programs over the next five (5) years.

All interested parties may submit comments in person or in writing to City Hall during regular business hours. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Township at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the Public Hearing, if requesting accommodations.

Website Publication Date: January 10, 2018

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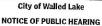
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Mr. Bret Rasegan, Planning Supervisor Planning & Economic Development Services, Oakland Co. 2100 Pontiac Lake Road Building 41 Waterford, MI 48328

Subject: Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018-2022, City of Walled Lake

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