



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Recreation Department is located at 3430 N. Main St. at the Flag City Sports Complex. Our staff consists of a Recreation Administrative Supervisor, Lisa Mansfield, five full time employees, and 21 seasonal employees.

The Recreation Department currently oversees programming for Adult Slow Pitch Softball, Learn-to-Skate skating program, and Lacrosse, and Keep Active, Keep Healthy.

Adult Slow Pitch Softball

Our Adult Slow Pitch Softball program has been providing a fun and competitive league for over 30 years. The league normally has two seasons, summer and fall, but due to COVID-19 we were only able to have one season this year. The league consists of a men’s division, and a co-ed division. The softball program is sanctioned by USA Softball and follows the rules set forth by USA Softball, with a few rule modifications to increase local interest. This past summer we had 15 men’s division teams, and 12 co-ed division teams.

Learn-to-Skate

Our Learn-to-Skate program, designed for people of all ages and skating abilities. We offer quality instruction on many comprehensive skill levels using the Learn to Skate USA curriculum. Professional instructors conduct classes in a positive atmosphere, making learning to skate a fun experience for recreational, hockey, or figure skaters. This program expanded in 2016 to offer additional instructional classes on top of existing classes, and to provide class times for homeschool groups. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we put an 18 student restriction on the classes at the beginning of our 20-21 season.

Session	Description	Attendance
Session 1	Beginners (ages 5-16, Intermediate & Adult	15
Session 1	Homeschool	18
Session 2	Beginners (ages 5-16), Intermediate & Adult	18
Session 2	Homeschool, 10am class	10
	Homeschool, 11am class	15

Lacrosse

Due to COVID-19, we were not able to have a Lacrosse season this year. We hope to be able to continue to work on growing interest in the lacrosse program.



Keep Active, Keep Healthy

The Keep Active, Keep Healthy summer program is now in its third year. This program highlights different parks throughout the city with organized activities such as kickball, whiffle ball, and an obstacle course to name a few activities. This program is free to attend with the purpose of providing structured activities to encourage kids and adults to “Ditch the devices”, get outside, and be active. We collaborate with Hancock Public Health, who provides information about healthy nutrition options. Unfortunately, we were only able to have two inside events in January and February this year. Due to COVID-19, we were forced to cancel all in person activities. Using our social media platforms we were able to provide virtual activities throughout the year.

Shelter Houses

The Recreation Department also oversees the rental of Shelter Houses at Riverside Park, and the rental of the Millstream Art Plaza. We oversee the scheduling of the shelters and collecting the rental fees. There were 97 shelter house rentals in 2020. This is down from 2019 due to the restrictions and concerns surrounding the Coronavirus. The Millstream Art Plaza did not have any reservations in 2020.

In addition to the programming, the Recreation Department oversees the scheduling and maintenance of the Flag City Sports Complex that consists of The Cube Ice Arena, The Marathon Diamonds, Roethlisberger Football Field, and the Blanchard Valley Health Systems Miracle Park.

The Cube

The Cube is one of only three ice arenas in Northwest Ohio and is the home ice for the Findlay High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Hockey program, Silver Blades Figure Skating Club, Gliding Stars adaptive skating program, Findlay Amateur Hockey Association (FAHA), and the Findlay Adult Hockey program. In addition to these user groups there are open skate seasons available to the public to take advantage of for recreational skating. Public skate is popular with teens and families alike. Admission prices remained the same at \$5 and skate rental prices remained the same at \$3. In 2020, we were only able to hold Public Skate times until March 8th before being closed due to COVID-19.

Off the ice, the Recreation Department operates the concession stand during hockey games, skating competitions, ice shows, and public skate sessions

At The Cube, we have three meeting rooms that can be rented. This past year they were rented 25 times.

During our Public skate sessions, we also offer Birthday Party Packages. The party package includes a private party room, pizza, pop, skate rental, and ice-skating. During 2020, we hosted 12 birthday parties.

The Marathon Diamonds

The Marathon Diamonds is a lighted 5-field baseball/softball complex. It is the home field for the University of Findlay Baseball and Softball programs, Findlay Girls Fast pitch Softball, Findlay Youth Baseball, Findlay Diamond Dawgs Travel Baseball, and Findlay Blackhawks Travel Softball. The Diamonds is a highly used facility starting in March with the start of collegiate games and going through mid-October to the end of fall leagues. This past year, we hosted 19 weekend tournaments, in addition to regular season games of our user groups. Due to COVID-19 and guidelines by the NCAA the University of Findlay Baseball and Softball seasons were cancelled for 2020.

The Roethlisberger Football Field

The Roethlisberger Football Field is the premier football field for the Findlay Youth Football Program. It currently hosts youth from grades 3 through 8.

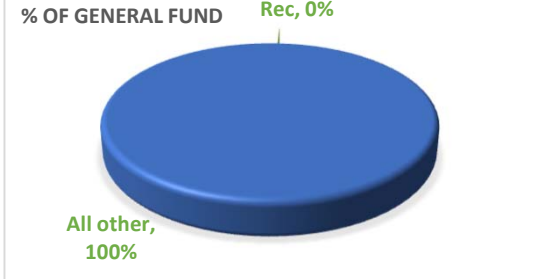
Blanchard Valley Health System Miracle Park

This facility is an all-inclusive baseball field and playground. This field, designed to provide opportunities for children with disabilities to play baseball, regardless of their abilities. The playground allows children of all abilities to develop strong sensory and motor systems that are so vital to their future.

FINANCIAL VISION	BUDGET	2017 actual	2018 actual	2019 projection	Original 2019 request	2020 request	\$ change from 2019 request to 2020 request	% change from 2019 request to 2020 request
	Personal Services	\$ 360,796	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 485,392	\$ -	\$ (485,392)	-100.00%
	Other	\$ 335,992	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 367,627	\$ -	\$ (367,627)	-100.00%

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Continue off site tournament maintenance at Swale and Emory Adams parks
- 1.61% wage increase
- Change Recreation Activities Coordinator position from part-time to full time



STAFFING LEVEL	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Recreation FT	4.5	4.5	5.5	5.5	6
Seasonal/PT	20	20	22	22	22

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE 2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Purchased 40' Articulating Boom
- Purchased rotary broom attachment for Kubota utility cart
- Phase 3 - electrical installation to building at football field
- Purchased Utility Trailer

2019 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Expanded Keep Active...Keep Healthy program to include winter dates
- Complete football field electrical project
- Installed additional netting for safety on The Diamonds to reduce risk of injury from foul balls
- Assisted with "Move with the Mayor" campaign
- Growth of Dry Floor Events from three in 2018 to seven in 2019
- Collaborated with Movement Church for Playball with the Mayor event - Over 130 kids participated

2020 OBJECTIVES

- Partner with YMCA to create a hybrid program combining Keep Active... Keep Healthy and Y on the Fly to bolster our programming in underserved neighborhoods
- Increase public aweness & knowledge of the recreational opportunities available
- Continue to work with Obesity/Diabetes taskforce to help reduce the obesity epidemic in the area by coordinating efforts
- Continue retention of existing tournaments
- Begin phased project for parking lot paving
- Implementation of Point of Sale system
- With increasing the Activities Coordinator position to full time, we plan to increase our recreation programs & activities