

# City of Findlay

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## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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To Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The Recreation Department is located at 3430 N. Main St. at the Flag City Sports Complex. Our Recreation Department staff consists of Recreation Administrative Supervisor Lisa Mansfield, three full time employees, one part time employee, and twenty seasonal employees.

The Recreation Department currently oversees programming for Adult Slow Pitch Softball, Learn-to-Skate skating program, and Lacrosse, which was we added to our programming in 2016.

### Adult Slow Pitch Softball

Our Adult Slow Pitch Softball program has been providing a fun and competitive league for over 30 years. The league has two seasons, summer and fall, and has a men's division, and a co-ed division. The softball program is sanctioned by the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) and follows the rules set forth by ASA. This past summer we had 25 men's division teams, and 38 co-ed division teams, and in the fall we had 13 men's division and 18 co-ed division teams.

### Learn-to-Skate

Our Learn-to-Skate program is designed for people of all ages and skating abilities. We offer quality instruction on many comprehensive skill levels using the Ice Skating Institute (ISI) curriculum. Professional instructors conduct classes in a positive atmosphere, making learning to skate a fun experience for recreational, hockey, or figure skaters. This program was expanded in 2016 to offer additional instructional classes on top of existing classes, and to provide class times for home school groups.

Session	Description	Attendance
Summer Camp	Advanced Skaters	15
Summer Camp	Regular Skaters	32
February to March	Regular Skaters	46
May	Advanced Skaters	23
May	Regular Skaters	37
June	Advanced Skaters	21
June	Regular Skaters	51
September to Dec	Homeschool	24
September to Dec	Adult	7

## Lacrosse

Lacrosse is a program that is new to the Findlay area in 2016. The Recreation Department partnered with the University of Findlay's Women's Lacrosse team to host a Lacrosse clinic in March as a kickoff for the program. In September and October, we hosted Learn-to-Play Lacrosse nights, with the help of volunteers teaching basic Lacrosse skills.

The Recreation Department also oversees the rental of Shelter Houses at Riverside Park, and rental of the Millstream Art Plaza. We oversee the scheduling of the shelters and collecting the rental fees. There was 264 shelter house rentals in 2016 and 72 of those rentals were from non-profit organizations, and the Millstream Art Plaza was rented four times.

In addition to the programming, the Recreation Department oversees the scheduling and maintenance of the Flag City Sports Complex that consists of Huntington Bank Arena at The Cube, The Marathon Diamonds, Roethlisberger Football Field, and new in 2016 Blanchard Valley Health Systems Miracle Park.

## Huntington Bank Arena at The Cube

Huntington Bank Arena at 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, with the skate rental price increasing from \$2 to \$3 to help with the cost of maintaining quality rental skates.

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

In the past, we have had two meeting rooms available to rent. These can be used as two small meeting rooms or opened up to create one large meeting room. In 2016, we added one more small meeting room. These rooms were rented 110 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 2016, we hosted 32 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, 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 16 weekend tournaments, in addition to regular season games of our user groups. This past year, we were able to remove 2 older batting cages and build a new 4 cage batting area.

Looking forward to the 2017 season, in addition to the similar tournament schedule, we have the honor and privilege of hosting the 2017 U10 National Fast pitch Tournament. This will be a weeklong tournament starting July 30, with anticipation of around 70 teams participating. This will be an exciting time!

#### 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. This next year we will be making some upgrades by running electricity to the main building at the field to be able to install heat.

#### Blanchard Valley Health System Miracle Park

The Blanchard Valley Health System Miracle Park is the newest addition to the Flag City Sports Complex. In November 2015, ground was broke for this project, and was completed in September of 2016, with it being a privately funded project. 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.

Respectfully submitted,



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