

# 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 staff consists of a Recreation Administrative Supervisor, Lisa Mansfield, four full time employees, one part time employee, and 21 seasonal employees.

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

### 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 USA Softball, previously Amateur Softball Association (ASA) and follows the rules set forth by USA Softball. This past summer we had 25 men's division teams, and 26 co-ed division teams, and in the fall we had 15 men's division and 14 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 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 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
Session 1	Regular Skaters	41
Session 1	Advance	19
Session 2	Regular Skaters	23
Session 2	Advance	12
Session 3	Regular Skaters	17
Friday Session 4	Regular Skaters	26
Saturday Session 4	Regular Skaters	30
Friday Session 1,2&3	Homeschool	52
Summer Camp	Regular & Advance	35
Holiday Camp	Regular	23

## Lacrosse

We had a successful 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.

In addition to these programs, in 2017 we started a Keep Active summer program, that twice a month highlighted different parks throughout the city with organized activities such as kickball whiffle ball, and an obstacle course to name a few activities. This program was free to attend with the purpose of providing structured activities to encourage kids and adults to "Ditch the devices", get outside, and be active.

The Recreation Department also paired with the Findlay City Schools, Hancock Co Family First Council and Hancock County United Way Halt Hunger Initiative to provide physical activities on Thursdays during their free lunch program at Glenwood Middle School.

## Shelter Houses

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 238 shelter house rentals in 2016 and 68 of those rentals were from non-profit organizations, and the Millstream Art Plaza was rented 9 times.

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 new in 2016 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. Two of our most popular Public Skate sessions is Skate with Santa that had 230 attend and our New Year's eve skate that had 145.

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 99 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 2017, we hosted 31 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 17 weekend tournaments, in addition to regular season games of our user groups.

### 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. 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. In 2018, we look forward to being able to be the host field for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual National Miracle League All-Star Game the weekend of September 14-16, 2018. This national event allows 300 Miracle Leagues the opportunity to send an All Star representative and family to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

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