

# City of Findlay

## 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 20 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 21 men's division teams, and 26 co-ed division teams, and in the fall we had 11 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.

Session	Description	Attendance
Session 1	Regular Skaters	9
Session 1	Advance	10
Session 2	Regular Skaters	17
Session 2	Advance	8
Session 3	Regular Skaters	24
Session 3	Advance	8
Session 3	Homeschool	38
Session 4	Homeschool	24
Summer Camp	Regular & Advance	23
Holiday Camp	Regular	13

## Lacrosse

With the help of volunteers teaching basic Lacrosse skills, we had 38 register for spring indoor, 18 for summer outside and 12 for summer indoor. We continue to work on growing interest in the lacrosse program.

The Keep Active summer program now in it's second year, 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 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 222 shelter house rentals in 2018 and the Millstream Art Plaza was rented 4 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 217 attend and our New Year's eve skate that had 219.

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 157 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 2018, we hosted 35 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 had the honor of being the host city for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual National Miracle League All-Star Game the weekend of September 14-16, 2018. This national event allowed 300 Miracle Leagues the opportunity to send an All Star representative and family to participate.

Respectfully submitted,



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