PARKS AND RECREATION

MASTER PLAN

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Introduction

During the winter of 2010, the Fairmont City Council began discussing the issues and challenges within the current park system and the need for significant upgrades. The priority for Council was to ensure that our parks are safe and secure for the families and children who use them. The lack of investment over the past 20 years was evidenced in the poor condition of the overall park facilities. The City needed to research and understand that if funds were available, what parks and facilities should receive funding and at what level.

To answer this question, the Parks Commission requested the assistance of the City Planning Department to create a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for all city-owned parks. The plan was to review the entire park system, gather resident input into what they would like to see at City parks and plan and prioritize improvements that can be incorporated into a Capital Improvement Plan. In February, 2011, the Fairmont Parks Commission and Planning staff began the task of outlining a work plan and schedule. The following summarizes the Master Plan components developed by the Commission to complete the Master Plan.

1. Parks as a quality of life asset is discussed to highlight the importance of parks and recreational programs to a community. The benefit they provide is not only embodies in health and mental well-being but they also have a significant and profound impact on the economic health of a community.

2. Complete an Existing Conditions Analysis of all city-owned parks to provide a snap-shot of current facilities, equipment, maintenance, acreage and past investments. In addition, facilities owned and operated by Marion County Parks and Recreation Commission are also inventoried and discussed since MCPARC serves Fairmont residents as well as the larger Marion County area.
3. Perform a detailed and in-depth analysis of parks and recreation needs and desires of residents. To do this, the Planning Department hosted children’s workshops at each of the neighborhood parks. An online survey was also used to gather public opinion and recommendations for the city park system. The West Virginia Recreation and Parks Association Outreach Program provided a significant level of support by sponsoring a team of local Parks and Recreation professionals to inventory the City park system and organizational structure. The outcome of this review is a strong recommendation for the creation of a formal Parks Department and director in order to address park improvements, develop a consistent fee structure for facilities and align grant programs with planned improvements. In addition, individual recommendations for each of the city parks was provided by the outreach team.

4. Recommendations are the final component to the plan. Although the priority recommendation of the plan is to create a Parks Director position, recommendations for individual parks are also provided. Recommendations are based on the research and analysis compiled over the past 7
months and are broken down into both short term and long term improvements. In addition, potential funding sources for these recommendations are discussed. One of the most significant findings of this process was the number of people and organizations who are ready and available to assist with parks. These groups include local girl scout and boy scout troops, the Boy and Girls clubs, Fairmont State University classes and students, local civic and religious institutions such as South ridge Church. Utilization of these groups combined with a focused grant program can help improve parks at a minimal cost to the City’s general fund.

### The Economic Impact of Parks

The perception of parks, public open space and recreational facilities has seen a significant change over the past 150 years. Once thought of as an important community service, similar in status to the provision of roads, water, public safety and sanitary sewer, parks are now considered a discretionary governmental service. As municipal budgets wane during economic downturns parks are seen as easy targets and are too often the first programs to be reduced or eliminated. What is usually not considered is the positive effects that parks have on not only stabilizing and raising a communities quality of life but on the local and regional economy.

Well planned, maintained and appropriately located parks can help stabilize and strengthen neighborhoods by providing public space for leisure activities, social gatherings and local celebrations. They also provide areas for meaningful physical activity which has a positive affect on the overall health and well-being of a community. Recreational facilities provide an even greater opportunity for active play and practice time for the ever increasing demand for organized sports. Providing these highly sought after facilities also emphasizes the important role that health and fitness play within the community.

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(Parks and Economic Development, APA-PAS Report 502)
25 Free Things To Do In Greater Morgantown

1. Climb Sky Rock at Dorsey’s Knob for a 360 degree panoramic view of the area
2. Spend some time with local potter Anna Brown at her studio and store, Brown’s Creations In Clay
3. Drop by “Eleanor’s Little Village,” historic Arthurdale is the first of FDR’s “New Deal” towns
4. Bird watch at Cranesville Swamp
5. See the star show at the WVU Tomchin Planetarium & Observatory
6. Stroll through the current art exhibit at the Mesaros Galleries at the WVU Creative Arts Center
7. Enjoy a wine tasting and tour at Forks-of-Cheat Winery
8. Explore the WVU Core Arboretum
9. Visit the specialty shops at Seneca Center, a restored glass factory
10. Reflect from one of six pews inside “Our Lady of the Pines,” the smallest church in 48 states
11. Remember Pearl Harbor at the USS WV Mast and memorial, Oglebay Plaza, WVU
12. Climb the 30’ boulders in Rock City at Coopers Rock
13. Join Allegheny Treeware “spooners!” in their wood shop
14. Discover the story behind the “Whiskey Stone” at the 1775 Forks-of-Cheat Baptist Church cemetery
15. Check out the featured artist at the MAC Benedum Gallery
16. Look for the 50 species of wildflowers at Cathedral State Park
17. Take your best friend to Stanley’s Spot Dog Park
18. Visit the Suri Alpaca and Wensleydale Sheep at the Crimson Shamrock Ranch in Egion
19. Take the kids to Tugboat Depot playground
20. Browse the valuable, insightful WV Collection at the West Virginia University Library
21. Schedule WVU facilities and campus tours with the WVU Visitors Resource Center
22. Hike to the Coopers Rock overlook, a 1,200’ drop to the mile-wide gorge below
23. Bring everyone to the summer-long Family Movie Night Under the Stars at Hazel Ruby McQuain Amphitheatre, held every Friday night, Memorial Day - Labor Day
24. Visit the historic Dent’s Run Covered Bridge (c 1889) in Morgantown
25. Walk the Rail-Trail in Star City and stop by the JFK Memorial

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“63% of all users of parks within the Board of Parks and Recreation Commission (BOPARC) jurisdiction come from outside the City of Morgantown.” (Mark Wise, BOPARC Director)
“Cities need to understand that parks are a necessary community service.” (Don Burton, Bridgeport Parks and Recreation Director)
INTRODUCTION

“People working in high-tech companies are used to there being a high quality of life in the metropolitan areas in which they live. When we at Dell go and recruit in those areas, we have to be able to demonstrate to them that the quality of life in a City is at least comparable or they won’t come. It’s about what’s the community like where I’m going to live.” (Crompton 1999b,8)

“We started working on community development initiatives about 5 years ago and parks were a big part of what we were trying to do. We then started working on economic development initiatives and parks were just as important.” (Debra Herndon, Shinnston City Manager, March 2011 when asked why the City hired a Recreation Coordinator)

Parks and Tourism

Parks, especially those which include special events and festivals, can be engines of economic investment comparable to the most successful commercial venture. Take a look at any Convention and Visitors Bureau website and the majority of local attractions and events advertised for tourist are public parks and local festivals. The WV Tourism office indicates that the top 3rd activity that visitors undertake is visiting Civil War sites, a free, public program administered through the WV division of Tourism. Communities who do not view their parks systems and fairs and festival programs are losing out on an unique economic opportunity. One that will also showcase their communities to visitors and potential residents.

The ancillary purchases that occur during tourism events make a huge economic impact within a City. Consider the amount of expenditures on food, small purchases and hotel rooms while attending a festival or league games.

Parks and Business Attraction

Parks and leisure activities also help establish a quality of life that can help a community compete in attracting businesses. With a growing high technology market, higher paying, white collar jobs are on the rise. Businesses can and are selective in locating and expanding their facilities based on a community’s quality of life and their professional employees demand it. If company executives are not enthusiastic about what a community has to offer in terms of education, housing, recreation and shopping, they are less likely to consider relocating their companies. Just as providing basic services to the technology park such as roads, water and sewer is crucial for the success of the park, it is equally important to provide a community that companies want to live in. When technology companies do relocate to our high-technology park, the City needs to be prepared to offer them a community that they want to live in otherwise they will relocate to nearby communities that do provide those services.
CITY OF FAIRMONT PARKS

This Chapter will define those parks that serve the general Fairmont population including their size, functionality, programming and location. An overview of parks and recreation funding by the City and recent improvements will also be included.

The City of Fairmont owns and operates six (6) neighborhood parks, two (2) community parks and one special event park within their jurisdiction. Marion County Parks and Recreation Commission also operates parks and recreational programs within and near the City which serve City residents. Those park facilities are discussed within the following Existing Conditions Chapter.

5th STREET PARK

5th Street Park is located at the corner of 5th Street and Benoni Avenue. 5th Street park is a neighborhood park which would generally serve nearby residents and adjacent neighborhoods. The park property is adjacent to Oliver Avenue Park and together amount to 7.55 acres. The park has a pavilion, older play equipment, basketball courts and a gymnasium which is owned and operated by the Marion County Board of Education. The park is adjacent to Coal Run Hollow (Benoni Avenue), an uncertified scenic road, and due to its location along Coal Run creek the site has natural features which have not been fully realized.

Recent upgrades to the park include a walking trail constructed by a recreational programming class from Fairmont State University. This same class has plans to rehabilitate the putting green over the next few months which was once located at the park. The City has also budgeted to replace the fencing around the basketball courts in fiscal year 2011/2012.
**OLIVER AVENUE PARK**

This park has been closed by the City. At one time it was home to what was called the “City Tennis Courts”. Abuse by delinquents and lack of staff to monitor and maintain the park forced the city to close the park for recreational use. This park is physically separated from the previously discussed 5th Street Park by Coal Run Hollow creek. Access is limited to secondary road access from Oliver Avenue.

**BELLVIEW PARK**

This park is located in the community of Bellview. It is a neighborhood park serving surrounding residents. The park is approximately 1.8 acres in size and is located behind Pennsylvania Avenue, at Liberty Avenue. The park is well positioned within the center of the community, has good access from multiple city roads, and is of a size and layout conducive to active recreational needs.

The park has a small play area (although dated) basketball courts and a small off-street parking area. The park was upgraded by use of state funded grant monies (Land and Water Conservation Funds) which makes conversion to non-recreational uses challenging.

**MORGANTOWN MINI-PARK**

This city-owned park would be considered a true “pocket park”. Tucked into a small, 0.65 acre parcel off of Morgantown Avenue, it provides active recreational opportunities to neighborhood children and the closely located, East Park Elementary school. Pedestrian access is good with sidewalks along the main and side roads. Automobile access is limited due to the lack of parking except for side streets.

Recent updates include assistance by the Boys and Girls Club for painting existing equipment, a new merry go round, funded in part by a MCPARC mini-grant. New water fountains, basketball hoops and a bounce horse were also recently added to the park.
NORWOOD PARK

Located at the intersection of Suncrest Boulevard and Morgantown Avenue, Norwood Park is an older neighborhood park. Facilities include aged play equipment and tennis courts. At one time a skate park was constructed by local children on the tennis courts but due to neglect was removed. No recent upgrades have been made to this park. Pedestrian access to this park is non-existent and there is no on or off-street parking except the neighboring church parking.

GATEWAY CONNECTOR PARK

The most recent neighborhood park within the City is the Gateway Connector Park. This park was constructed as part of the new connector road and has a playground, pavilion and picnic benches. Although open for only a few short months it is well used even during winter months. Use and popularity of this park is anticipated to grow and is a good indication that active neighborhood parks are welcomed by City residents.
EXISTING CONDITIONS

WINDMILL PARK

Windmill Park is a good example of a community park serving city residents beyond the adjacent neighborhood. Facilities include three (3) ball fields for baseball and football and one soccer field. There are two pavilions available for daily rentals, restroom facilities, bleachers, a walking path and playground. The use of this park is heavy and constant during the spring and summer months.

The park is sufficiently sized at 22 acres and is accessed off of Maple and Ogden Avenues. Access is good for both pedestrian and automobiles through available sidewalks and off-street parking.

MORRIS PARK

Morris Park is considered a community park serving the entire City and Marion County. This park is also a multi-use facility for the City. The park area has a number of recreational assets for city residents while a portion of the property is home to the City’s Pre-treatment water facility. Maintaining appropriate security for this important public service while providing freedom to use the park by the public has presented challenges for the City. However, Morris Park continues to be a jewel to the City’s park system.

The park is the City’s largest park property with over 110 acres. Recreational assets include two pavilions available for rent, walking trails, tennis courts, two 18-hole Disc Golf Courses, basketball court and various play structures throughout. The Park is also home to the Festival of Lights during the winter months.
Palatine Park is considered a special event park. This park is located along the Monongahela River and is primarily used for festivals and events such as the Three Rivers Festival and the 4th of July celebration. The park has stage facilities and a fountain. Plans for the park include a pavilion and bathroom facilities.
As work begins on a Master Plan for parks in the City of Fairmont, we take inventory of not only the parks under our jurisdiction, but all parks that provide a service to our residents. In looking at the many facets of supervision that are provided by MCPARC, such as maintenance and funding, we will gain much needed knowledge in the proper approach to manage our park system. This data compiled will be a valuable asset in our attempt to revitalize the City parks that we now find under the authority of the Fairmont Parks Commission.

**12TH STREET POOL**

The 12th Street Pool, originally built in 1937, has reopened to the public under the management of MCPARC. The pool is located in the City of Fairmont near East-West Stadium.

**CURTISVILLE LAKE**

Situated on 695 acres, this 30-acre lake near Mannington, WV, features activities including non-motorized boating, hiking, biking, fishing, and a newly constructed ADA accessible fishing pier. The lake is stocked by the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources. This facility is not located within the Fairmont city limits.
EXISTING CONDITIONS

**East Marion Park**

This 32-acre park offers tennis, horseshoes, a basketball court, a softball field, hiking and jogging trails, pavilions, a playground, picnic areas, mini golf, and the famous "Wave Pool" and water-slide. East Marion Park also offers the County’s first Dog Park. Residents and visitors alike have easy access to the park from the new Gateway Connector.

**Guyses Run Fishing Park**

The fishing park, near Colfax, is located on former Peabody Coal property. MCPARC in cooperation with WVU and the Marion County Commission, have completed many renovations at this facility which provides an opportunity for visitors to catch trout, hybrid blue gill, catfish, largemouth bass, and hybrid striped bass. The fishing pond is just outside city limits on the east side of town.
HUTCHINSON PARK

Located in the town of Hutchinson; the park is situated along the West Fork River Rail Trail. MCPARC has been working on improvements at this location including trailhead parking, a kiosk and water fountain, and upgrades to the existing playground equipment. The park is not within the City of Fairmont’s boundary.

MARY LOU RETTON PARK

A football field, five baseball fields, basketball court, picnic area, playground equipment, and the North Central West Virginia Miner’s Memorial are just a few of the amenities available at this 25-acre location. The park is also home field to Fairmont Senior High School’s Baseball team, Fairmont Little League, the American Youth Football Association, and Fairmont State University baseball.

MCTRAIL AND MEREDITH TUNNEL

This trail, named for Marion County, was completed in 1993 and restored the 1200 foot long Meredith Tunnel to its original 1914 condition. The converted railway property offers 2.5 miles of paved surface for walkers, joggers, and bikers with connecting trails to Prickett’s Fort State Park. A future trail is planned connecting McTrail to Morgantown.
EXISTING CONDITIONS

RALPH S. LARUE/WEST FORK RIVER TRAIL

This section of MCPARC’s Rail Trail is located between the cities of Fairmont and Shinnston. The 14.5 mile, plus 1-mile spur, is paved from Fairmont to Worthington with an average 1% grade. The difficulty level for the trail is considered easy to moderate. The area is utilized for biking, fishing, running, walking/day hiking, boating, horseback riding.

WORTHINGTON PARK

This 10-acre facility, located in Worthington, WV, offers a pavilion, picnic areas, a playground, horseshoe courts, a softball field and fishing.

“FOR THE KIDS” SOCCER COMPLEX

MCPARC, the Marion County Youth Soccer Association and volunteers have developed this soccer complex consisting of six fields, a concession stand with restrooms, bleachers, a walking track, and a playground.
PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS

This chapter summarizes the background information and technical analysis that form the basis of the recommendations for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. It represents key findings from public meetings, children’s workshops and the online survey. For more detailed information and full reports refer to the Appendix at the back of the Plan.

Methodology

To identify community needs, the planning process included a level of service and geographic analysis of existing parkland. In addition, public input into the analysis was provided using various community meetings. The first workshops were held with a number of children’s groups including Boy and Girl Scout troops and a local chapter of the Boys and Girls club. Follow up community meetings were also held at some of the neighborhood parks to gather input into needs specific to parks that serve the local needs of residents.

An online survey was also available between April and July of 2011. The purpose of the survey was to establish, in quantifiable terms, the need for park land and recreational programs. The survey provided input into funding options and volunteerism that could be incorporated within an improvement program for the parks.

To gather additional input into the organizational and administrative aspects of a parks and recreational program, the West Virginia Recreation and Park Association Outreach Committee provided a full assessment of the City’s parkland. The assessment was completed by directors from 3 nearby and successful municipal park departments.

LOS and Geographic Analysis of Community Parks

As discussed within the Existing Conditions chapter of this plan the City of Fairmont currently owns and operates 6
NEEDS ANALYSIS

neighborhood parks, 2 community parks and 1 special event park. Total parkland within the City is approximately 150 acres with 11 acres in neighborhood parks, 132 within community parks and about 6 acres in the special event park.

MCPARC owns and operates 3 community parks within City limits including East Marion Park, Mary Lou Retton and 12th Street pool. Total acreage for these parks is 58 for a total Community Park acreage serving city residents of 190 acres.

The most recent population estimates for the City is 18,982. The City provides Level of Service (LOS) of community parks of 6.95 acres per 1,000 residents and when combined with MCPARC parks a LOS of 10 acres per 1,000 residents is achieved.

Geographically the community parks owned by the City and MCPARC are well dispersed throughout the community. Typically community parks serve residents within a 3 to 5 mile radius. Mary Lou Retton is located within the southwestern section of the City, Windmill Park serves residents within the northwestern portion of the City, East Marion and Morris Parks serve southeast residents.

However, a gap in service exists for the northeastern portion of the City. This gap in service is somewhat mitigated with the MCPARC owned and operated BMX/ Poor Farm park which is not located within City limits but is nearby and accessible to residents. Although not at full development, this site has potential for future recreational programs. Future park planning for the City should consider parkland that serves the greater community within the northeastern portion of the City with consideration given to MCPARC’s plan for the BMX/ Poor Farm Park.

LOS and Geographic Analysis of Neighborhood Parks

The six neighborhood parks within the City are fairly well dispersed within the distinct neighborhoods that make up
the City. 1 park within Bellview, two parks within East side, 1 park on the west side of the City. The Watson district is not currently served by a neighborhood park but does have a new playground located at Watson Elementary that provides local play opportunities.

The 6 neighborhood parks provide a LOS of 0.59 acres per 1,000 residents. However, significant upgrades to existing parks is needed to neighborhood parks in order to meet the daily demands and needs for informal play and public gathering space.

**Children’s Workshops**

Children give life to parks and as such are very important stakeholders in the design and development of park systems. They also provide a unique perspective to the planning process that would not be captured without their involvement. In order to add this perspective into the City of Fairmont’s Master Plan for parks various workshops were held with local children’s organizations at the City’s neighborhood parks. These workshops included a playtime in the park so children can experience park amenities, a brief survey about the general recreational activities enjoyed by the children, a session to identify what they liked and disliked about each park followed by an opportunity to redesign the park with the recommendations that were discussed during the work session. The following summarizes each workshop’s program outcomes and design recommendations.

**Morgantown Mini-Park**

This work session was held with the East Park Elementary Boys and Girls Club after school program. The children ranged in ages from 4th graders to 6th graders. This group frequently uses the park for after school programs and many children live nearby and often use the park.

Most of the children said that they liked to “play sports” as their favorite thing to do with “video games” and “going to the park” tied for the second most favorite things to do. When asked if they thought their parents
would bring them back to play at Morgantown Mini Park, most children felt that they would. Given that many of the participants lived near this park, it stands to reason that they would use it in the future.

During the workshop the children were asked to list what they liked about the Park. Table 1 on the following page represents their answers. As the table reflects, the users of this park enjoy the active play elements and would like to see improvements to those play areas including basketball. When asked to redesign the park many of these improvements were further defined (see concept drawing below).

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Windmill Park

Partnering with a local Girl Scout troop from Fairmont Catholic school, a workshop was held at Windmill Park. Around half of the girls had been to the park, but very few had been there to play. They visited this park primarily to watch a family member play baseball.

There was a tie for favorite thing to do between “reading” and “going to the park” with playing sports a close second. Most of the group liked to spend time at parks and many stated that they often visited City parks with their families. The majority of the girls thought they would have their parents bring them back to Windmill park, though some felt it may be too far away.

The girls were asked to tell us what they liked about Windmill Park. The table below illustrates their answers. The scouts appeared to enjoy the play equipment at this facility, but offered a few suggestions. They described a need to expand the play area and update some of the equipment. It was mentioned that more seating is needed at the park, especially for the ball fields. The last portion of the meeting was spent working on drawings highlighting possible park improvements. One of these designs can be seen on the next page (Figure 2).

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Favorite Thing To Do?

- Play Sports
- Video Games
- Go to the Park
- Read a Book
- Go Shopping

Where does your family go to parks?

- Fairmont
- Somewhere
- Not Sure
- Else
10 Public Benefits from Park and Recreation Services

1. Attracting Tourist
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(Parks and Economic Development, APA-PAS Report 502)
5th Street Park

The third workshop of the City Parks tour was held at 5th Street Park. A local Girl Scout and Daisy Scout troop from Jayenne Elementary volunteered to assist at this location. Only about one third of the scouts had been to this park prior to our meeting.

An overwhelming number of the girls said that they liked to “go to the park” with the remainder divided evenly between “reading a book,” “video games,” and “go shopping.” When asked if they would ask their parents to bring them back to 5th Street, a little over half felt that they would.

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The table above (Table 3) displays the troops answers when asked about their likes and dislikes at 5th Street Park. The merry-go-round was a popular fixture for the girls at this park. The scouts felt that changes to the park should focus on maintenance and updating of the outdated play equipment. When the girls were asked to design the park as they would like to see it, there were definitely some constructive ideas. One such concept can be seen on the next page (Figure 3).
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Bellview Park

The Boys Scouts participated in the work session at Bellview Park. This group normally either meets at the park, or if it’s raining, in the church across the street.

The majority of the boys said that they liked to “play sports” as their favorite thing to do, with “video games” “going to the park” and “read a book” in a three way tie for second.

The boys were asked to list their likes and dislikes at the Bellview park. The table below indicates the areas that need improvement. It was consensus that bathroom facilities would be a great improvement to the park, as well as a few maintenance issue with the basketball court. The troop also had concerns regarding accessibility for their fellow scout, who is in a wheelchair. They spent several minutes discussing ways to make the park safer for their friend and helping him express his ideas to make his visits more enjoyable.

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Where does your family go to parks?

- Fairmont
- Somewhere Else
- Not Sure

Favorite Thing To Do?

- Play Sports
- Video Games
- Go to the Park
- Read a Book
- Go Shopping

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NA 9
WVRPA Outreach Committee

The West Virginia Recreation and Park Association offers a no cost park analysis to municipalities within the State. The analysis includes a full day review of existing park and recreation programs with a report on findings and recommendations. The analysis is performed by professional Park Directors from throughout the State. In order to provide a professional and objective perspective of the City’s park facilities this analysis was performed in April 2011 by the Park Directors from nearby Clarksburg, Bridgeport and Morgantown.

The following outlines their recommendations for a new Parks Department for the City, individual park improvements and suggestions for funding. Their full report is included within the Appendix. The expertise and guidance of the Outreach Committee were extremely valuable for this project.

Priority Recommendation

Create a City of Fairmont Parks and Recreation Department headed by a Parks and Recreation Director. Supplement the work of the department by creating an advisory board rather than an autonomous Parks Commission.

Benefits from the new Department would include:

- Provide professional management of all facilities
- Help establish maintenance standards
- Allow for long term and continuous goal setting
- Assist in creating a budget to upgrade/maintain facilities to appropriate levels.
- Provide supervision of maintenance crews
- Create a system to connect with the community/neighborhoods and stake holders within the community.

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Funding and Revenue Producing Capabilities

The City of Fairmont is in a unique position as there are several potential revenue generating properties now under their control: the picnic shelters, Windmill Park and Palatine Park.

Recommendations include:

Windmill Park

1. Establish user fees for park facilities—All leagues especially Adult Leagues should pay for facility use with funds dedicated to the parks and recreation department
2. Operate concession facilities—additional revenues can be realized
3. As part of the new Director’s responsibilities, begin advertising sign program, where advertising space on outfield fencing is sold to local businesses
4. Establish Shelter Rental Policy—Typical shelter fees range from $50 to $95 per day for family reunions and the opportunity exists for larger company picnics which can generate over $2,000 per day.

Palatine Park

1. Continue and develop future programs, concerts and special events
2. Rental opportunities for special events, weddings, concerts, etc.
3. Discussions were held with regards to alcohol/concession permits for this facility, an option would be to bid alcohol/concession permits on a yearly basis with a guaranteed amount due plus a percentage of revenues, less taxes. This would create a revenue stream for the City’s Parks and Recreation Department.
4. Establish Shelter Rental Policy—Typical shelter fees range from $50 to $95 per day for family reunions and the opportunity exists for larger company picnics which can generate over $2,000 per day.
Recommendations on Individual Park and Playground Development

It is recommended that one of the first duties of the Parks and Recreation Director be the completion of a detailed inventory of the entire system and develop Maintenance Standards for each park. This would include maintenance standards indicating the minimum standard of care to be given to each facility.

Individual Recommendations include:

5th Street Park

- Focus on maintenance standards and outward appearances.
- Paint and replace fencing, color coat basketball court, address safety surface issues
- Renovate picnic shelter

Bellview Playground:

- Very nice facility in residential area
- Consider reaching out to local residents to see what they want/don’t want in the park
- The playground equipment is in disrepair and in need of replacement along with safety surfacing under and around play equipment

Windmill Park

- Attractive and well-used park
- The City needs to regain control of the facility and generate revenue from the use
- Revenues can be used for maintenance of the facility
- The concession stand operation should be done by City Parks or concession contracts (if they exist) need to be revisited. Consider requiring a percentage given to the City to offset utility and building costs
- Consider option for large paved area between parking lot and picnic shelters
- Consider starting a turf management program to
help with the appearance/health of the fields

Morgantown Mini Playground

- The idea of involving the local children in the conceptual design of this facility is exceptional. Find out the needs/wants of the community to build community ownership
- This park has many safety issues; the fall zones for the playground equipment are inadequate and the presence of asphalt in close proximity is dangerous
- Consider resurfacing the tennis court area or converting it into a facility that would be better utilized

Palatine Park

- This is a unique area with a beautiful setting
- Make sure the rental fees for weddings and festivals cover the City’s costs and provide for a revenue stream for long term maintenance
- Vendors taking advantage of City facilities should pay a fair fee for this privilege.

Morris Park

- This park has tremendous potential
- The disc golf courses have added an interest to the park and is a great use of the available unused space
- The tennis courts are in dire need of repair
- Improve interaction with the Disc golf group for possible improvements
- Consider additional picnic shelters and shelter rental policy to increase revenues
Parks and Recreation Survey

A survey to evaluate public attitudes desires, and unmet needs within the current parks and recreation system was created and made available online using Survey Monkey. Hard copies were also available at the customer service desk at City Hall and the Library. The survey was available from April through July 2011.

Over 400 people completed the survey which included questions pertaining to recreational habits, funding options, perceptions of safety, and general park facilities. A local restaurant, CJ Maggies, provided a $50 gift card to be included in a drawing of those who completed the survey as an added incentive. The following outlines the significant findings of the survey and survey results and complete copy of the survey is included within the Plan’s Appendix.

Significant Findings

The survey officially closed on July 15th. Results of the parks and recreation survey have since been downloaded and processed for use in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The questions gathered information ranging from gender and age to general use of park facilities both in the City and elsewhere.

1. In general more females (69%) responded to the survey.

2. Of those surveyed nearly 51% were between the ages of 25 and 44 and 44% were 45 and up. The survey drew little participation from area children with only 1.3% of those 19 and under joining in.

3. Of the contributors, 59% lived within the City of Fairmont and 31% of those listed 5th Street park as the closest to their home. Morris park came in second with 20 % living nearby.

4. 85% of respondents have visited a City park within the last year. Half of these visitors made one to five
trips to a City-owned park with 17% traveling to a park more than 20 times.

5. Morris Park is the most visited of the parks with 65% of the usage. In comparison, the new Gateway Park has garnered nearly 25% of park goers. The City’s special event park, Palatine Park, drew 43% with events such as the Three Rivers Festival and the 4th of July Celebration. Respectable numbers were also reported for Windmill Park, 5th Street Park, Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park, and Bellview Park.

6. When asked why they visit parks, 55% picked leisure and relaxation.

7. The issue of safety at City parks is perhaps better than one would imagine. Regrettably, 3% stated that they “almost never” feel safe at a City park. 84% of those surveyed checked either “almost always” or “usually” when asked if they feel safe at the park.

8. The conditions at City parks was considered good to fair, while 12% felt that “poor” was the appropriate answer when asked to rate the physical condition of the parks and facilities.
9. Close to 90% of those contributing to our parks survey traveled outside the City for recreational activities at least once in the last year.

10. Most respondents indicated that they travel to State Parks (68%) and Morgantown’s BOPARC (41%) when using facilities outside the City. Shinnston’s municipal park was used by over 8% of survey respondents. This may show missed opportunities to provide recreational programs to City residents within the local park and recreation program. In a survey of nearby parks systems, BOPARC indicated that 63% of the users of their facilities come from outside the city limits.
11. The majority (56%) of respondents also indicated that they would either moderately or strongly support a recreation tax to fund park and recreation improvements within the city. While an equal majority is willing to donate money or labor to improve parks.

12. Over 57% of respondents felt that additional recreational opportunities for children were needed, while 40% felt that recreational programs for adults were also needed. Almost 35% of survey takers felt the City needed additional open space and parks while nearly 38% felt that the current size and location of parks were adequate.

13. When asked how the City should prioritize parks and recreation over the next ten years overwhelming respondents stated that this should be a City priority with over 90% responding as somewhat to very important.
**Recommendations**

The final stage in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is implementation. During the project the City looked at existing conditions of city parks and completed a detailed needs analysis which provided a focus for future earmarking of funds and improvements. The results from the online survey and community meetings also provide a basis for the information contained within this section. Based on all of the data mentioned above, as well as advice from area park directors, the following recommendations are presented. Both short and long term recommendations are included to guide development of the City park system over the next 5 to 10 years.

Planning documents are only the first step in the process of community development initiatives. In order to be effective they must be followed by implementation of Plan recommendations. In order to begin the immediate implementation of this Plan it is recommended that the Parks Commission membership create subcommittees to work on developing the recommendations of highest priority and need. How that is accomplished is further defined at the end of this chapter.

**Operation and Management**

Perhaps the most obvious finding stemming from the Master Plan is the need to establish a formal Parks and Recreation Department to oversee future development at park facilities. A significant gap is evident in the City’s park system without an established and organized Parks Department.

Another significant finding is the lack of direct funding for park improvements and personnel. Therefore, creation of a fundraising program is an immediate need for the City.

**Recommendations**

1. Create and hire Parks and Recreation Director/Coordinator to oversee the administration of all City owned parks.

2. Initial tasks assigned to the director will include the following:
   - Establish Policies and Procedures for the use
## Municipal Comparison Chart

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<sup>1</sup>The City of Shinnston is currently planning to construct a Community Center.

<sup>2</sup>There are two swimming pools within the Fairmont area owned and operated by MCPARC.

<sup>3</sup>A fishing pond is available to Fairmont residents through MCPARC.

<sup>4</sup>The Fairmont Parks Commission is self-governing with regard to Palatine Park, but serve an advisory capacity for all other City Parks.

<sup>5</sup>Special Revenue refers to the funds generated through user fees, rentals, grant funds, general revenue allocations, donations and limited video lottery proceeds.
and development of each park. Including fee structure.

- Develop a Memorandum of Understanding with MCPARC to assist with the coordination of recreational programming and shared usage of City owned parks.
- Establish Capital Improvement Plan for parks including fundraising events and grant funding for implementation.

The Municipal Comparison Chart on the preceding page provides a comparison of the organizational and funding structure of other local parks Departments.

**Organizational Structure**

To provide the City with guidance on an appropriate structure for the new Parks Department, Planning staff interviewed and toured the Parks systems of various municipalities within the region. Included in the tour where Shinnston, Clarksburg, Morgantown and Bridgeport but Shinnston’s Parks Department seemed the most appropriate fit for the City. Shinnston’s Parks Department is newly created with a single coordinator who relies on other City Departments for support. Unlike the other municipalities which have very large
departments and maintenance fleets. A flow chart of the organizational structure of Shinnston is provided on the preceding page as a good example of the type of structure that may perform well for Fairmont but could be built upon as the program is strengthened and expanded. For comparison purposes, organizational flow charts are provide within the Appendix for Clarksburg, Morgantown, and Bridgeport.

5th Street Park

**Short-term Recommendations** (See Conceptual Plan on following page)

1. Add fall zone with appropriate material around existing play equipment.
2. Trees around new putting green for shade.
3. Move existing play equipment closer to swing set to permit a more useable space. Mulch area to meet fall zone compliance.
4. New fencing at basketball court and bleachers.
5. New signage and enforcement of local ordinances, such as dogs on leashes and park closes at dark.
6. New play structure
7. Relocate flag pole and replace flag

**Long-term Recommendations**

1. Landscape screening between toddler play area and basketball court for sound attenuation
2. Consider removing some of the fencing near the street side of the park, close to the gym.
3. Rehabilitation of grill at pavilion.
4. Add dog waste collection center
5. Add lighting throughout the park. Consider energy efficient lights and/or solar for security purposes.

**Funding Opportunities**

1. Continue to work with FSU’s Outdoor Recreation Program and build upon the improvements they’ve made to 5th Street park.
5th Street Park
Conceptual Plan

- Existing Basketball Courts
- New Screen Trees
- Existing Pavilion
- New Putting Green
- Bocce Ball Court (proposed project by FSU class)
- 5th Street Gym
- New Lighted US Flag
- New Play Structure
- Move Existing Equipment & Mulch
- New Aluminum Bleachers
2. Partner with FSU student government on projects such as the 5th Street Festival to benefit the facility.
3. Consider pavilion rental if demand exceeds capacity.
4. Bowers Grant and LWCF funding as resources.
5. Create partnership with Marion County Board of Education who owns the 5th Street Gym
6. Mini-grants and assistance through Marion County Parks and Recreation.

**Morgantown Mini-Park**

**Short-term Recommendations** (See Conceptual Plan below)

1. Add fall zone with appropriate material throughout park
2. Swing set must be moved away from fence and trees to accommodate a compliant fall zone.
3. Repaint four-square play area.
4. Add one or two mini-pavilions to the park which include picnic tables

**Long-term Recommendations**

1. Redevelop tennis courts into larger basketball court. Can be used for both basketball and tennis.
2. Update play equipment as needed starting with the slide.

**Funding Opportunities**

1. Consider partnership with Marion County Board of Education since East Park Elementary uses the park
2. Boys and Girls club is an active participant in the park’s maintenance. They have assisted with painting equipment in the past. This partnership should be strengthened and continued.
3. LWCF funding resources
4. Mini-grants and assistance through Marion County Parks and Recreation
5. Market all City parks through the Marion County CVB.
Windmill Park

**Short-term Recommendations**

1. Add fall zone material within play area.
2. Put in place user fee for all park facilities and fields. Fees should be established based on comparable parks and programs in Harrison, Marion and Monongahela County.
3. Take over ownership of concession sales or negotiate rental rate with 612 MAC to cover operation and maintenance of facilities.

**Long-term Recommendations**

1. Add bleachers around fields.
2. Consider using the park for fairs and festivals to increase its visibility within the community. Consider update and expansion of electric to accommodate vendors.
3. Update play equipment as necessary.

**Funding Opportunities**

1. LWCF should be considered since it has been used in the past for this park.
2. Begin an advertising sign program for play fields to generate revenue for the park.
3. MCPARC mini-grants
4. Market all City parks through the Marion County CVB.
RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLEMENTATION

Bellview Park

**Short-term Recommendations**

1. Add new playground area closer to the basketball court. Remove all old equipment.
2. Establish play and practice fields on remainder of the property.
3. Add pavilion and benches within shaded area of park.
4. Consider adding a walking trail around the park.

**Long-term Recommendations**

1. Basketball court needs significant repair and replacement of nets and poles.
2. Add bleachers to the basketball court.

**Funding Opportunities**

1. Partnership with local churches should be explored for assistance with projects (Fairmont Christian Assembly and Highland Avenue Methodist Church).
2. LWVF should be considered since it has been used in the past for this park.
3. Enlist the assistance of local boy scout troop who have been instrumental in the design for the park.
4. MCPARC mini-grants
5. Market all City parks through the Marion County CVB.

Morris Park

**Short-term Recommendations**

1. Add signage displaying rules and regulations.
2. Add dog waste receptacles
3. Update tennis courts

**Long-term Recommendations**

1. Add a pavilion near tennis courts for larger weddings and events.
2. Locate areas to expand parking opportunities for better utilization of park facilities.
3. Expand recreational opportunities in the park that
capitalize on its natural beauty including:

- Design a rope obstacle course for team building and corporate events.
- Create an Orienteering Education Program for local scout troops to help develop map and compass reading skills. See Appendix for example.

**Funding Opportunities**

1. LWCF should be considered since it has been used in the past for this park.
2. Appalachian Heritage Foundation’s AmeriCorp program for renovation and rehabilitation of WPA project sites within the park.
3. Partner with Pleasant Valley for future park development.

**Palatine Park**

**Short-term Recommendations**

1. Add bleachers to be used for events at the amphitheater.
2. Add a movie night and equipment to the park.

**Long-term Recommendations**

1. Add permanent bathroom facilities.
2. Consider retrofitting fountain with LED fountain.

**Funding Opportunities**

1. Utilize corporate sponsorship as has been done in the past. Private donations.
2. Align fees with uses.
3. Governor’s participation grants for improved facilities.
4. Market all City parks through the Marion County CVB.

**Norwood Park**

- Consider removing all equipment and leasing land to the adjacent church for overflow parking.

**Oliver Avenue Park**

- Hold off on any park improvements until such time that additional park land is needed.
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| **Organizational**  | • Hire Parks and Recreation Director to oversee the administration of all City-owned parks and establish recreational programs  
                      • Create a fundraising program to cover costs of park improvements and staff resources. |
| **Windmill Park**    | • Establish user fee for all park facilities and ball fields. Create a contract for organized programs that use the fields along with associated fees  
                      • Take over ownership of concession sales or negotiate rental rate from 612 MAC to cover operation and maintenance of facilities  
                      • Add fall zone material within the play area |
| **5th Street Park**  | • Add fall zone material around existing equipment. Relocate equipment for a more active play area  
                      • Add landscaping throughout for shade and sound attenuation  
                      • Replace fencing around basketball courts and add bleachers  
                      • Add a new play structure suitable for all children |
| Morgantown Mini-Park | • Add fall zone material throughout the active play areas of the park  
                      • Move swing away from fence and tree to provide for fall zone  
                      • Repaint four-square |
| **Bellview Park**    | • Add new playground area closer to the basketball court and remove old play equipment  
                      • Establish play and practice fields on remainder of property  
                      • Add pavilion and benches within shaded area of park  
                      • Add walking trail around perimeter of park which connects to sidewalks |
| **Morris Park**      | • Add signage displaying rules and regulations  
                      • Add dog waste receptacles throughout park  
                      • Update tennis courts |
| **Palatine Park**    | • Add bleachers to be used for events at the amphitheater  
                      • Add a movie night and equipment to the park |
| **Norwood**          | • Consider moth-balling park by removing equipment and leasing area to the adjacent church to reduce maintenance demands |
| **Oliver Avenue Park** | • Keep land to address future park and recreational needs of the community |
| **All Neighborhood Parks** | • Add porta-johns to all neighborhood parks during peak demand summer months |
Parks and Recreation Master Plan Implementation and the Fairmont Parks Commission

In order to facilitate the realization of Plan recommendations of the highest priority from the City’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan, it will be necessary to rely heavily on the expertise of those serving on the Fairmont Parks Commission. An implementation program must be achievable and measurable while sensitive to the limited availability of the Parks Commission members. To achieve the highest priority recommendations including the development of a parks director position, fundraising campaign and new fee structure, it is recommended that three subgroups be formed by the Commission. These groups would be comprised of Parks Commission members tasked with implementing the following Plan recommendations:

City of Fairmont Parks and Recreation Department

This subcommittee will have the challenging task of defining the duties, responsibilities, and salary for the new Parks Director. The Committee must determine how this staff person will fit into the current organizational structure of the City and the Parks Commission. This task will require close coordination with current city departments including Finance and City Manager.

To support the creation of a new position, the subcommittee will need to research funding opportunities beyond those addressed within this Plan. However, the work that the two other subcommittee complete in relation to fundraising campaign and fee restructuring will compliment and support the development of this new position.

City Park Fundraising

The focus of this two person subcommittee will be to develop a fundraising campaign. The goal is to create a yearly event geared toward funding improvement projects at City parks. The subcommittee should also look at fundraising opportunities at individual parks that align with the recommendation of this plan including sponsorship opportunities at Windmill Park.
Another other possible outcome during this process could be the development of a partnership program which works directly with organizations, such as Southridge Church and Fairmont State University, on community based projects and events at City park facilities.

**Park Fees and Rentals**

Two person subcommittee charged with establishing a fee structure for the City park system. This subcommittee would look into current fees for pavilion rental as well as fees for the use of Palatine Park.

The subcommittee will also evaluate the field and concession usage at Windmill Park. This would provide the opportunity to establish a fee for leagues that would both maintain the facility and provide funding to offset utilities. These tasks would be accomplished by contacting other area Park Directors and comparing facilities and their fee structures.
APPENDIX

1. Online Survey
2. Survey Results
3. WVRPA Outreach Program Report
4. Children’s Workshop Information
   - Agenda
   - Surveys
   - Designs
5. 5th Street Park Community Workshop
   - Agenda
   - Door Knocker Invitation
6. Orienteering Program (Recommendation for Morris Park)
City of Fairmont - Parks Survey

1. Gender
   ○ Male
   ○ Female

2. Age
   ○ Under 5
   ○ 5-9
   ○ 10-14
   ○ 15-19
   ○ 20-24
   ○ 25-34
   ○ 35-44
   ○ 45-54
   ○ 55-64
   ○ 65+

3. Counting yourself, how many people live in your household?
   ○ 1-3
   ○ 4-6
   ○ 7-9
   ○ 10 or more

4. Where do you live?
   ○ Live within the City of Fairmont
   ○ Do not live in the City, but in Marion County

5. Which City owned park do you live closest to?
   ○ Bellview Park
   ○ Fifth Street Park
   ○ Gateway Connector Park
   ○ Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park
   ○ Morris Park
   ○ Norwood Park
   ○ Oliver Avenue Park
   ○ Palatine park
   ○ Windmill Park

6. Have you or a member of your household visited a City of Fairmont park in the last 12 months?
   ○ Yes
   ○ No

7. If you answered "Yes" please indicate how often you or members of your household visited parks within the past year.
   ○ 1 to 5 visits
   ○ 6 to 10 visits
   ○ 11 to 19 visits
   ○ 20 or more visits
City of Fairmont - Parks Survey

12. In which of the following leisure activities and/or recreation programs do you or others in your household participate? (check all that apply)

- After school care
- Arts and crafts
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Before school care
- Biking
- Boating/canoeing
- Bowling
- Cultural arts
- Cross country running
- Dance
- Disc golf
- Drama
- Festivals/special events
- Fishing
- Fitness
- Football
- Gardening
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Hiking
- In-line or roller skating
- Kayaking
- Martial arts
- Movie theaters
- Open gym
- Picnics
- Preschool
- Playgrounds
- Putt putt golf
- Racquetball
- Reading
- Rock climbing
- Roller hockey
- Senior adult programs
- Skateboarding
- Soccer
- Softball
- Special needs recreation
- Summer camps
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Table tennis
- Visiting nature preserves
- Volleyball
- Walking/jogging
- Weight training
- None

Other (please specify)

13. How often did you travel outside the City to enjoy leisure or recreational activities in the past 12 months?

- 1 to 5 trips
- 6 to 10 trips
- 11 to 19 trips
- 20 or more trips
- Did not travel outside the City to a park in the past 12 months
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17. Which of the following ways would you or your family be willing to participate in the revitalization of the parks within the City of Fairmont?

☐ Donation of time for research and community meetings
☐ Donation of labor for construction projects
☐ Donation of materials for construction projects
☐ Monetary contributions for improvements
☐ None

18. Which opinion(s) best describe your view about City Parks? (check all that apply)

☐ Need more parks and open space
☐ Need more recreational programs for children and teens
☐ Need more recreational programs for adults
☐ Do not need to add more parks or programs, but maintain our existing parks as is
☐ Need fewer parks or recreation programs
☐ The City does not need any parks

19. Compared to other priorities for Fairmont, how important do you think it is for the City to fund improvements to parks and recreation facilities over the next 10 years?

☐ Very important
☐ Somewhat important
☐ Not important
☐ Don't know

20. Please enter your email address if you wish to be entered into a drawing for a $50.00 C.J. Maggie's gift card.

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE

CITY OF FAIRMONT
WEST VIRGINIA

FOR A

PARKS & RECREATION PLAN

AS SUBMITTED BY

WVRPA OUTREACH COMMITTEE

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Board of Park Commissioners

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Board of Park Commissioners
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Outreach Committee

City of Fairmont

We, the members of the West Virginia Recreation and Park Association’s Outreach Committee, would like to commend the City of Fairmont for their interest in developing a Parks & Recreation Plan and feel that it is very important that the leadership of the City of Fairmont recognize the value and importance of having attractive parks and recreation areas for their citizens. These facilities have the opportunity to create community, foster physical fitness, deter crime, increase property values and mainly, that well-maintained and attractive public parks are a vital component to progressive communities.

Our Committee addressed four main issues in this study; Recommendation of the Establishment of a Parks & Recreation Department, the Position of Director of Parks & Recreation, Thoughts and Ideas of Revenue Production and Recommendations on Individual Park & Playground Development.

Recommendation of the Establishment of Parks & Recreation Department

Should Fairmont City Council desire to initiate parks & recreation into the city, there would be two avenues to proceed; the creation of Park & Recreation Board or the creation of a Park & Recreation Department.

It is our recommendation that a City of Fairmont Parks & Recreation Department be created. This would be similar to other departments of the City whereby the City Council/City Manager would be the governing body of the department. There are both boards & departments in West Virginia and there are advantages and disadvantages to each. If you would like additional information on each, please let me know.

It was mentioned that an advisory board is already in place and that can be continued and expanded to all parks & recreation facilities in the city at your discretion.

The establishment of the Parks & Recreation Department would be beneficial in many ways:

- Provide professional management of all facilities
- Help establish maintenance standards
- Allow for long term goal setting
- Assist in creating a budget to upgrade/maintain facilities to appropriate levels
- Assist in collecting user fees for certain facilities
- Provide supervision of maintenance crews
- Create a system to connect with the community/neighborhoods and stake holders within the community
Position of the Director of Parks & Recreation

After the decision is reached regarding the establishment of a Parks & Recreation Department, the City should establish the position of Director of Parks & Recreation. This position should be filled with a person with knowledge and experience in the field.

Some of the foreseeable duties of this person based on the situation include:

- Supervision of Employees
- Inspection of facilities
- Development and execution of a department budget
- Continue the neighborhood interaction began by the Planning Department and be the ambassador to local sporting groups, user groups, community groups, neighborhoods, local events and other stakeholders
- Establish fees, policies and procedures for use of facilities
- Develop maintenance and improvement plans for facilities
- Creation of community recreation programs and special events
- Provide direction for the department
- Provide an avenue for risk management
- Locate funding sources through grants, bequests and community partnerships

Thoughts/ideas on revenue producing capabilities

The City of Fairmont is in a unique position as there are several potential revenue generating properties now under their control; the picnic shelters, Windmill Park and Palentine Park.

Some recommendations include:

Windmill Park:

- Establish user fees for park facilities - All leagues especially Adult Leagues should pay for facility use with funds dedicated to the parks & recreation department
- Operate concession facilities - additional revenues can be realized
- As part of the Director’s responsibilities, begin a Advertising Sign program, where advertising space on outfield fencing is sold to local businesses
- Establish Shelter Rental Policy - Typical shelter fees range from $50-$95 per day for family reunions and the opportunity exists for larger company picnics which can generate over $2,000 per day.

Palentine Park:

- Continue and develop future programs, concerts and special events
- Rental opportunities for special events, weddings, concerts, etc.
Palatine Park (Continued)

- Discussions were held with regards to alcohol/concession permits for this facility, an option would be to bid alcohol/concession permits on a yearly basis with a guaranteed amount due plus a percentage of revenues, less taxes. This would create a revenue stream for the city’s park & recreation department.

Other Revenue Sources

Other sources of funding for the City of Fairmont Parks & Recreation Department include:

- Land & Water Conservation Fund – Federal program administered through the WV Development Office
- State of WV Community Partnership Grants – State program through local Delegates and Senators
- Kaboom – A nonprofit organization that grants funds to help with playground development
- Sponsorship Opportunities – In addition to the advertising sign program, sponsors can be found for facilities, events and restorations as well as naming rights for facilities and programs. Banks, hospitals, educational institutions and businesses are a source.

Recommendations on Individual Park & Playground Development

We would recommend that one of the first duties of the Parks and Recreation Director be the completion of a detailed inventory of the entire system and develop Maintenance Standards for each park. This would include maintenance standards indicating the minimum standard of care to be given to each facility.

The plan would include daily, weekly, monthly and yearly maintenance tasks. This would include everything from frequency of mowing, litter removal, painting, safety inspections and replacement schedules.

As part of this inventory, particular attention should be made to address compliance with the American’s with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Guidelines.

One other option is to consider a partnership with MCPARC. They have an established program and may be a helpful asset to the City of Fairmont in some areas. This may reduce duplication of services in the area and save funds and resources for both entities.

Individual recommendations include:

5th Street Playground:

- Focus on maintenance standards and outward appearances.
5th Street Playground (Continued):

- Condition of the facilities; Painting/Replacing fencing, color coating basketball court, address safety surface issues and renovate the picnic shelter. These items alone could possibly create a gem for the local community.

Bellview Playground:
- Very nice facility in residential area
- Consider reaching out to local residents to see what they want/don't want in the park
- The playground equipment is in disrepair and in need of replacement along with safety surfacing under and around play equipment

Windmill Park:
- Attractive and well-used park
- The City needs to regain control of the facility and generate revenue from the use
- Revenues can be used for maintenance of the facility
- The concession stand operation should be done by City Parks or concession contracts (if they exist) need to be revisited. Consider requiring a percentage given to the City to offset utility and building costs
- Consider option for large paved area between parking lot and picnic shelters
- Consider starting a turf management program to help with the appearance/health of the fields

Morgantown Mini Playground:
- The idea of involving the local children in the conceptual design of this facility is exceptional. Find out the needs/wants of the community to build community ownership
- This park has many safety issues; the fall zones for the playground equipment are inadequate and the presence of asphalt in close proximity is dangerous
- Consider resurfacing the tennis court area or converting it into a facility that would be better utilized

Palatine Park:
- This is a unique area with a beautiful setting
- Make sure the rental fees for weddings and festivals cover the City’s costs and provide for a revenue stream for long term maintenance
- Vendors taking advantage of City facilities should pay a fair fee for this privilege.

Morris Park:
- This park has tremendous potential
- The disc golf course has added an interest to the park and is a great use of the available unused space
- The tennis courts are in dire need of repair
- Improve interaction with the Disc golf group for possible improvements
- Consider additional picnic shelters and shelter rental policy to increase revenues
We the members of the WVRPA Outreach Committee commend the City of Fairmont for their interest in the development of a Park and Recreation Plan and would like to thank Kathy Wyrosdick, City Planner and Mark Miller, Planning Assistant for their efforts in addressing the recreational needs of your city and for their hospitality during our visit.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, feel free to contact me at 304-624-1655 or by email at jcooper@cityofclarksburgwv.com.

Respectfully submitted by:

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City of Clarksburg       City of Bridgeport         City of Morgantown
Board of Park Commissioners       Board of Park Commissioners
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Mary Lou Ketten

5. What do you like most about that park?

6. What do you like about 5th Street Park?
   - Close to where we live

7. What do you dislike most about 5th Street Park?
   - Nothing

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - To get out of the house
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Connector

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - Zipline

6. What do you like about 5th Street Park?
   - MArt-ga-PAwnd

7. What do you dislike most about 5th Street Park?
   - +Lo Swings

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - Yes
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   Play sports
   Video games
   Go to the park
   Read a book
   Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes  No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   Here in Fairmont  Somewhere else  Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   Watson park

5. What do you like most about that park?
   The Curvy monkey bars

6. What do you like about 5th Street Park?
   The fountain

7. What do you dislike most about 5th Street Park?
   The turtle

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes  No  Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   Because it is faraway from my house
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   Play sports
   Video games
   Go to the park
   Read a book
   Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes [ ] No [X]

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   Here in Fairmont [ ] Somewhere else [ ] Not sure [ ]

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   [Handwritten: Many local parks]

5. What do you like most about that park?
   [Handwritten: Equipment]

6. What do you like about 5th Street Park?
   [Handwritten: Close to where we live]

7. What do you dislike most about 5th Street Park?
   [Handwritten: Nothing]

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes [X] No [ ] Not sure [ ]

9. Why or why not?
   [Handwritten: to get out of the house]
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping
   
   Madison

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   Morris Park - Mary Lou Botten

5. What do you like most about that park?
   Swings

6. What do you like about 5th Street Park?
   Mary 60 Reaad

7. What do you dislike most about 5th Street Park?
   No Security

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   We live close to Mary Lou Botten
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   [5th Street Park]

5. What do you like most about that park?
   [everything]

6. What do you like about 5th Street Park?
   [everything]

7. What do you dislike most about 5th Street Park?
   [nothing]

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   [I think they'll bring me back because we everyone has a good time.]
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?

5. What do you like most about that park?

6. What do you like about 5th Street Park?

7. What do you dislike most about 5th Street Park?

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - Because I like the options
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   
   5th Street Park

5. What do you like most about that park?
   
   The spinner

6. What do you like about 5th Street Park?
   
   The spinner

7. What do you dislike most about 5th Street Park?
   
   The spinner

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   
   Because I like the spinner
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - (Video games)
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - [Handwritten: "Arboretum Park"]

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - [Handwritten: "It has a big slide"]

6. What do you like about 5th Street Park?
   - [Handwritten: "very good"]

7. What do you dislike most about 5th Street Park?
   - [Handwritten: "it doesn't have two slides"]

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - [Handwritten: "Being fun"]
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
- Play sports
- Video games
- Go to the park
- Read a book
- Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   (Yes)   (No)

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   (Here in Fairmont)   (Somewhere else)   (Not sure)

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   Fairmont Park

5. What do you like most about that park?

6. What do you like about 5th Street Park?
   The basketball court

7. What do you dislike most about 5th Street Park?

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   (Yes)   (No)   (Not sure)

9. Why or why not?
   Why because we live nearby, close.
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - The park that we are out for our girl scouts.

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - Well it’s new and I like the marygoround.

6. What do you like about 5th Street Park?
   - I like the marygoround.

7. What do you dislike most about 5th Street Park?
   - I do not climb thing.

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - I don’t no when I am going to come back.
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Swimm

5. What do you like most about that park?

6. What do you like about 5th Street Park?
   - Go round

7. What do you dislike most about 5th Street Park?
   - The dogs

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - To play
Interest appreciated

Girl Scout Troop 4063 met at the 5th Street Park Thursday to let the City of Fairmont know how they think it should be changed. The city wants everyone’s opinion of the parks so they’ve put a survey on the Internet. To give your opinion on the parks, go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/fairmontparks.

Fairmont officials seek input about parks

BY KATIE WILSON
TIMES WEST VIRGINIAN

FAIRMONT — The members of Girl Scout Troop 4063 are full of opinions on the 5th Street Park.

The troop met there Thursday with city officials to let them know what needs to be changed and what should stay the same.

This year, the City of Fairmont Parks Commission expanded its scope to include all the city’s parks: Palatine, 5th Street, Norwood, Bellview, Oliver Avenue, Morgantown Avenue, Windmill and Morris. There is also a new park located on the Gateway Connector.

In February, the commission toured the parks and determined they wanted the community’s input on how to improve the parks. That’s where City Planner Kathy Wyrosdick and assistant Mark Miller entered the picture.

Wyrosdick and Miller created a survey which is now open to the public. That survey can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/s/fairmontparks and will be open for the next six to eight weeks.

Wyrosdick said she’s hoping to get lots of good, honest responses to the survey. They’re also planning on conducting community meetings with adults and children.

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Business Plan Competition reality lesson

Students earn ability to start their own ventures

BY JESSICA BORDERS
TIMES WEST VIRGINIAN

Students earned the ability to start their own ventures when they were announced as winners of the Hospitality and Tourism category of the 2010-2011 West Virginia Statewide Collegiate Business Plan Competition. On April 9 in Morgantown, they were presented with a $10,000 check by Darlene Dunn (far left) of BB&T; Dr. Jose Sartarelli, Milan Puskar Dean of Business Administration at WVU, second from left; and Stephen Redmond (second from right) and John Elias (second from left) of BB&T; Dr. Jose Sartarelli, Milan Puskar Dean of Business Administration at WVU, second from left; and Stephen Redmond (second from left) and John Elias (second from right).
New York, N.Y.

New York mother: ‘I’m so sorry’

The suicidal mother who loaded her four children into a minivan and drove it into the frigid Hudson River warned in a cryptic Facebook message just before the fatal plunge: “I’m so sorry everyone forgive me please for what I’m gonna do.... This Is It!!!”

Her 10-year-old son, who swam ashore as his mom and three siblings drowned, says his mother told her children, “You’re all going to die with me,” then changed her mind and tried, too late, to back out of the river, according to the woman who found the sopping wet boy.

“I made a mistake, I made a terrible mistake,” the boy quoted his mother as saying.

Just before 8 p.m., Lashanda Armstrong put her children into the van and drove into the river. Armstrong and three of the children, boys ages 5 and 2 and an 11-month-old girl, died. Ten-year-old LaShaun Armstrong escaped.

Widespread inflation unlikely

A spike in the cost of gasoline pushed wholesale prices higher in March, a trend that could limit consumer spending in the coming months.

Still, most economists don’t expect that will lead to widespread inflation because businesses are wary of raising prices when most people aren’t getting significant pay increases.

Gas at the wholesale level jumped 5.7 percent in March. Much of the price increase is being passed along to consumers, who on Thursday paid an average of $3.81 for a gallon.

Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesirow Financial, said the economy is seeing a “blip” in inflation because of the rise in gas prices, as well as higher food costs. But “it is just very hard for the broader economy to hold price increases for very long when that blip is causing consumers to curtail spending elsewhere,” she said.

— FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
As you may have heard, the City and the Fairmont Parks Commission are working on a Master Plan for all city-owned parks. The focus of this project will be the revitalization of facilities and the implementation of recreation programs to better serve the citizens of Fairmont but we need your help. Please join us for a community conversation at 5th Street Park and let us know what you want at your park.

An online survey is also available to share your ideas and suggestions. Please go to www.fairmontwv.gov and click on the City Parks survey link. If you leave your email you will be entered to win a $50.00 CJ Maggies gift card.

Please meet with us to discuss your park on

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011
6:30 PM

Tell your friends & neighbors!
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?

5. What do you like most about that park?

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Kennywood

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - It has roller coasters

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - The playground

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - Swings

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - I don't have parents
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   ____________________________________________
   - Big Bear
   - Other

5. What do you like most about that park?
   ____________________________________________
   - It has a lot of stuff.

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   ____________________________________________
   - It has a big swingset.

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   ____________________________________________
   - Nothing, except the slide was too small.

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   ____________________________________________
   - Because they don't know where it's at.
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Blackbark Hill
   - Valley Falls

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - The Acting

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - The sliding pole

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - The high scratchy grass

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - (Not sure)

9. Why or why not?
   - We don't live that close.
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Pickett's Fort

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - It is old and historic

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - It is out of town

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - It seems old and rundown

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - So I can get exercise.
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - The swing

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - The slide

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - It is by a football field

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - We live far
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?

- Play sports
- Video games
- Go to the park
- Read a book
- Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?

- Yes
- No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?

- Here in Fairmont
- Somewhere else
- Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?

- Prickett's Fort

5. What do you like most about that park?

- I learn history there

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?

- Swings

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?

- It needs more and new equipments

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

9. Why or why not?

- To watch my Dad play softball
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - [Redacted]

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - [Redacted]

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - [Redacted]

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - [Redacted]

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - [Redacted]
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Wave... tec

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - Mokey bangs

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - Playing

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - Nothing

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - I like the park.
Parks and Recreation Survey

1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Wave Tech

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - Slide

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - My note shor

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - Money

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - I do not no
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?

5. What do you like most about that park?

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - [Handwritten text]
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Wave Pool Park

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - The slide

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - The merry go round

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - Nothing

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - Yes because I liked it.
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes   No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Wave...top

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - ...park

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - ...like

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - ...dislike

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - ...
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Mary Lou Retton

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - I can play baseball.

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - Marag no round

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - Nothing

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - Because my Dad plays there.
1. Gender
   - [ ] Male
   - [X] Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - [ ] Play sports
   - [ ] Video games
   - [ ] Go to the park
   - [ ] Read a book
   - [ ] Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - [X] Yes
   - [ ] No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - [X] Here in Fairmont
   - [ ] Somewhere else
   - [ ] Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Water parks and one here in Fairmont

6. What do you like most about that park?
   - The mini park has a basketball court

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   - Playing basketball

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   - Tennis court, because there's no net and the ground is bumpy

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - [X] Yes
   - [ ] No
   - [ ] Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    - So my family can have fun
1. Gender
   - Male
   - Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Water parks

6. What do you like most about that park?
   - Water slides with big water guns

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   - The neighbors

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   - The tennis court

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    - I have never gone in my parents to go
1. Gender
   Male
   Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes
   No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   East Parks park

6. What do you like most about that park?
   That you can hang out with friends and basketball

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   The teeter-totter

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   There is no sports activity but basketball

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes
   No
   Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    Because there is not a lot of stuff to do there.
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. Gender
   Male
   Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   Wave tech Park

6. What do you like most about that park?
   Swings

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   Merry-go-round

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   The mud

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    Yes, b/c it's fun there
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. Gender

Male  Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?

- Play sports
- Video games
- Go to the park
- Read a book
- Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?

Yes  No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?

- Here in Fairmont
- Somewhere else
- Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?

The one near Wave tec.

6. What do you like most about that park?

The monkey bars, hangout with friends.

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?

Tee�terboller.

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?

It doesn't have anything for sports besides basketball.

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?

Yes  No  Not sure

10. Why or why not?

I am coming back.
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. Gender
   Male  Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes  No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   Here in Fairmont  Somewhere else  Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   Ace School Park

6. What do you like most about that park?
   Playing tag and shooting

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   The merry go around and the dolphin

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   How messy it is

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes  No  Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    Why I would go back is hang out with my friends
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. Gender
   Male   Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   [Write the park name]

6. What do you like most about that park?
   [Write the features]

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   [Write the features]

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   [Write the features]

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes No Not sure

10. Why or why not? I'm too busy
1. Gender
   Male  Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes  No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   Here in Fairmont  Somewhere else  Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   Wave - tec

6. What do you like most about that park?
   Pool and dog park and valley ball

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   Turtle, dolphin, and spaceship thing

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   the mud and no grass

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes  No  Not sure

10. Why or why not? I'm too busy
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. Gender
   Male   Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   Play sports
   Video games
   Go to the park
   Read a book
   Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes   No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   Here in Fairmont   Somewhere else
   Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   [Handwritten answer]

6. What do you like most about that park?
   [Handwritten answer]

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   [Handwritten answer]

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   [Handwritten answer]

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes   No   Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    [Handwritten answer]
1. Gender
   - Male
   - Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Citiesville Park

6. What do you like most about that park?
   - Basketball

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   - Basketball

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   - Court

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    - Because it is fun to play at.
1. Gender
   - Male
   - Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Morganc

6. What do you like most about that park?
   - All the activities they have like a pool to cool off in summer

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   - Basketball area

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   - Needs a better basketball court

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    - They always do. I go there a lot
1. Gender
   Male

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   McDARC

6. What do you like most about that park?

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   Basketball

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   Needs a better area around hoop

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    She thinks I will need exercise.
1. Gender
   Male

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   McPark

6. What do you like most about that park?
   Swings

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   B-Ball court

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   All the mud

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes

10. Why or why not?
    Because I like to play basketball and run around there.
1. Gender
   - Male
   - Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   - The park by Watson school.

6. What do you like most about that park?
   - It has a lot of swings, slides, and jungle gyms

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   - It has a tire swing and a merry-go-round

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   - It is not very fun besides the tire swing and merry-go-round

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    - They went there when they were a kid.
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. Gender
   - Male
   - Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Not sure. Been to a lot of parks.

6. What do you like most about that park?
   - Most of them have monkey swings.

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   - The merry-go-round, swings, tire swing, and slide.

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   - The slide.

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    - Because we rarely go to parks anymore
1. Gender
   Male
   Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes
   No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   Here in Fairmont
   Somewhere else
   No sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   [Park name]

6. What do you like most about that park?
   Swing

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   [Park name]

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   The Mad

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes
   No
   Not sure

10. Why or why not? I think Because it's fun
1. Gender
   Male  Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes  No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   Here in Fairmont  Somewhere else  Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   wave tree  east park  playground

6. What do you like most about that park?
   the basketball court

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   the slide

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   the basketball hoop

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes  No  Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    because its fun to go too.
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. Gender
   Male [ ] Female [ ]

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park [ ]
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes [ ] No [ ]

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   Here in Fairmont [ ] Somewhere else [ ] Not sure [ ]

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   The Minipark

6. What do you like most about that park?
   My cousin likes going and its fun there.

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   There is a lot of room to run around.

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   Its always muddy.

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes [ ] No [ ] Not sure [ ]

10. Why or why not?
    Why, because its fun.
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. Gender
   Male
   Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes
   No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?

6. What do you like most about that park?
   Spending just like to see my friends

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   Fun!

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   It's always muddy!

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes
   No
   Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    B/c we live in Rosville and they don't like to drive that much.
1. Gender
   Male
   Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   Play sports
   Video games
   Go to the park
   Read a book
   Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes
   No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   Here in Fairmont
   Somewhere else
   Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   mini-park

6. What do you like most about that park?
   Basketball court

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   Basketball court

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   All the mud

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes
   No
   Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    Because the basketball court
1. Gender
   Male
   Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes
   No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   Here in Fairmont
   Somewhere else
   Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   Wave terk, East Park elementary (playground)

6. What do you like most about that park?
   The updated equipment

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   Merry-go-round

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   The equipment is old & outdated

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes
   No
   Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    Because, I have gone to this park for years.
1. Gender
   Male  Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes  No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   Here in Fairmont  Somewhere else  Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   Mini park.

6. What do you like most about that park?
   The merry-go-round or Swings.

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   It make kids want to get up and get active.

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   All the mud but I can handle that just fine.

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes  No  Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    With soccer and softball it would make a great practice place.
1. Gender
   Male
   Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   Mini Park

6. What do you like most about that park?
   The basketball court

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   The merry-go-round

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   Not ofing

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    It's a nice park.
1. Gender
   Male
   Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes
   No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   Here in Fairmont
   Somewhere else
   Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   Mini Park / Playground

6. What do you like most about that park?
   Basketball hoop and Merry go round

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   Basketball hoop and Merry go round

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   The slides

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes
   No
   Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    Because we don't really go to parks all the time
Suggestions: get volleyball area by replacing tennis with new hoop on the other side move picnic places

PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. Gender
   Male (Female)

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   Play sports
   Video games
   Go to the park
   Read a book
   Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes
   No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   Here in Fairmont
   Somewhere else
   Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   Mini Park, Wave Tech

6. What do you like most about that park?
   Hang out with friends

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   Doesn't have anything for 1st to do except b-ball

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes
   No
   Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    Because I live on west side
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. Gender
   - Male
   - Female

2. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

3. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

4. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

5. What park do you most like to visit?
   - The park that BGC helped renovate.

6. What do you like most about that park?
   - The tennis court

7. What do you like about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   - That it is a safe place for kids.

8. What do you dislike most about Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park?
   - The trash and broken glass on the tennis court.

9. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

10. Why or why not?
    - Yes because it is a decent park but needs to be renovated.
Squirrels

less mud

Bleachers

Better four square

Smooth floor

No bumps!

Bleachers

Bench moved here

Camera
group 5 fire wolves

Human-powered drop
For 10-20 a 15
15 steps

Don't 2Pegg
Dangers

Theis is hands
2012 98
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   _______________________
   Wave pool

5. What do you like most about that park?
   _______________________
   Nice park

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   _______________________
   Nice

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   _______________________
   

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   _______________________
   

1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Wave Pool Park

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - The slide

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - The many go round

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - Nothing

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - Yes because I liked it
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   ___________________________

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - the swing
   ___________________________

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - the slide
   ___________________________

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - it is by a football field
   ___________________________

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - We live too far
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - [Handwritten: PARKWOOD]

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - [Handwritten: WATERSTEPS]

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - [Handwritten: I'M NOT SURE]

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - [Handwritten: MARIJUANA]

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - [Handwritten: WELL I DON'T THINK SO]
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Windmill

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - The slides

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - The slides

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - Nothing

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   -
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?

- Play sports
- Video games
- Go to the park
- Read a book
- Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?

- Yes
- No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?

- Here in Fairmont
- Somewhere else
- Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?

- Proctor's Fort

5. What do you like most about that park?

- It is cool and historic.

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?

- It is cool and historic.

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?

- It seems old and rundown.

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

9. Why or why not?

- So I can get exercise.
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Pickett's Fort

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - I learn history there.

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - Swings

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - It needs more and new equipment.

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - To watch my Dad play softball.
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   Play sports
   Video games
   Go to the park
   Read a book
   Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes   No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   Here in Fairmont   Somewhere else   Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   Mary Lou Retton

5. What do you like most about that park?
   I can play baseball

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   Merry Go Round

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   Nothing

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes   No   Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   Because my Dad plays there
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   Play sports
   Video games
   Go to the park
   Read a book
   Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes
   No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   Here in Fairmont
   Somewhere else
   Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   Wave tec

5. What do you like most about that park?
   Money bars

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   Playing

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   Nothing

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes
   No
   Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   I like the park
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   ____________________________
   Cobble Court

5. What do you like most about that park?
   ____________________________
   It has a lot of stuff!

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   ____________________________
   It has a big swing set

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   ____________________________
   Nothing, except the slide was too small.

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   ____________________________
   Because they don't know where it's at.
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - [Blank]

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - Play set

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - Play set

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - [Blank]

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - [Blank]
PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Wave Tec

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - Slide

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - My mom shop

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - Macey

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - I do not no
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   (Play sports)
   Video games
   Go to the park
   Read a book
   Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   Yes  [ ]  No  [X]

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   Here in Fairmont  [X]  Somewhere else  [ ]  Not sure  [ ]

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   [ ] Pricetown  [ ] Min Valley Falls

5. What do you like most about that park?
   [ ] The acting

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   [ ] The slide pole

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   [ ] The high, scratchy grass

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   Yes  [ ]  No  [X]  Not sure  [ ]

9. Why or why not?
   We don't live that close.
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?
   - Kennywood

5. What do you like most about that park?
   - It has roller coasters

6. What do you like about 5th Windmill Park?
   - The merry-go-round

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?
   - Swings

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?
   - I don't know
water slide

turkey swing

horse riding

petting zoo

roller coaster

pool at

the end of the slide
Swirly slide
Abriana
sandbox
bigger play set
tire swing
flowers
slide into a pool
like wave take pool
shade
picnic area
water slide
petting zoo
cut grass
better swings
better merry go round
better park
slipper slide
a little rollercoaster
a waterslide
a sand box
a pool
some trees
seasal
a place to feed
rabbits and
goats

Bigger Slide

Shorter Monkey
bars

tire swing

Sand Box
Water Slide
pool
sand
rent bikes
more events
Amy Frosh
Bathrooms
trash can

water fountain
windmill park this way

seesaw
sand
slide
twisty slide
home rocker for babies
elevator to concession stand
flower shaped merry-go-round
more on back (baby area)
1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?

   Play sports
   Video games
   Go to the park
   Read a book
   Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?

   Yes                     No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?

   Here in Fairmont           Somewhere else           Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?

   ____________________________________________________________

5. What do you like most about that park?

   ____________________________________________________________

6. What do you like about Windmill Park?

   ____________________________________________________________

7. What do you dislike most about Windmill Park?

   ____________________________________________________________

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?

   Yes                     No                     Not sure

9. Why or why not?

   ____________________________________________________________
Agenda for Windmill Park

2:45-3:15 Welcome, go over schedule and play time at the park.

3:15-3:30 Pass out surveys.

3:30-4:00 Give everyone a half hour to work on park design projects.
   a. What did everyone like, what did they dislike?
## MUNICIPAL COMPARISON CHART

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1. The City of Shinnston is currently planning to construct a Community Center.
2. There are two swimming pools within the Fairmont area owned and operated by MCPARC.
3. A fishing pond is available to Fairmont residents through MCPARC.
4. The Fairmont Parks Commission is self-governing with regard to Palatine Park, but serve an advisory capacity for all other City Parks.
5. Special Revenue refers to the funds generated through user fees, rentals, grant funds, general revenue allocations, donations and limited video lottery proceeds.
CITY OF SHINNSTON

RECREATION COORDINATOR

Parks Commission (Advisory)

Full Time Seasonal Pool Manager

Seasonal Part-Time Lifeguards Concession

Coordinate Park Maintenance

Pool Upkeep and Personnel

Plan, organize and schedule special events and classes

Works with other City employees in planning events

Maintains payroll records for pool employees and monitors collections

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Parks Commission (Advisory)

Park Maintenance Staff

Pool Upkeep and Personnel

Full Time Seasonal Pool Manager

Seasonal Part-Time Lifeguards Concession

Plan, organize and schedule special events and classes

Works with other City employees in planning events

Maintains payroll records for pool employees and monitors collections
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Game Over for City of Fairmont Parks

The City of Fairmont thinks it would be great if your kids had more to do than just play video games all summer. Let us know how you feel about the recreational opportunities here in Fairmont by taking a small online survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fairmontparks. The survey is part of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan the City has recently undertaken for all City owned parks. Hardcopy surveys will be available at the Marion County Public Library and City Hall for those without access to the internet. Those taking the survey can be entered into a drawing for a chance win a $50 gift card to CJ Maggie’s restaurant.

The City Planning Department staff in collaboration with the Parks Commission is undertaking a Parks and Recreation Master Plan to find out what citizen’s parks and recreational needs are and how the City owned parks system can be designed to address those needs. The Park Plan includes an comprehensive existing conditions and needs assessment which includes visiting parks and recreation departments in neighboring communities, identifying challenges and deficiencies with the City’s existing park facilities, current fee and departmental structure, and collecting community input.

Work is well underway for the Plan. The Planning Department has met and toured the Parks Departments in Bridgeport, Clarksburg, Morgantown, and Shinnston. In addition, the Park and Recreational Directors for Bridgeport, Clarksburg and Morgantown recently toured the City’s park facilities and will be submitting a report to the City providing recommendations on departmental organization and personnel, funding strategies, and specific park improvements.

Children’s Workshops have been scheduled at four of the City’s neighborhood parks including Morgantown Mini, 5th Street, Bellview and Windmill. Local Girl Scout troops have volunteered to be a part of the workshops at 5th Street, Bellview and Windmill. The Boys and Girls club after-school program at East Park Elementary were involved in the workshop at Morgantown Mini Park, held April 7th. Workshops include play time at the park, a simple survey of children’s leisure time preferences and likes and dislikes of each park. The kids are then asked to design the park the way they think it should look. “If you want to know how a park should work ask those who use it the most, the children. They have the best ideas and the simple act of asking them the question let them know that their opinions matter.” says City Planner, Kathy Wyrosdick.

Wyrosdick added “we’ve completed only one workshop so far but the enthusiasm and excitement we saw from the students at East Park elementary was so genuine and refreshing that we are recommending that the Parks Commission begin implementing some of their designs before the Park Plan is completed. By the time the workshop was over the kids were even talking about how they can help raise money for the park improvements. That kind of commitment to a cause cannot be ignored and we need to do whatever we can to respond to them.”

Once the children’s workshops are complete and the City receives the report from the Park Recreation Director’s assessment, public meetings for residents will be held at local parks to gather additional input. These meetings will be used to gauge local support for parks. Many of the parks that are owned and operated by the City are neighborhood parks serving the needs of local residents. Without local support for those parks, City resources may be wasted on trying to maintain something that is wanted by
residents. These meetings will help the City determine where limited resources should be focused or eliminated.

The Plan will conclude with recommendations for all City owned parks including facility upgrades, disinvestment, fee structure, departmental and personnel changes, and funding recommendations. The Plan is being completed in-house at a great cost-savings to the City but causes the process to take a little longer. It is anticipated that final recommendations will be presented to City Council in the fall of 2011.

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1. What is your favorite thing to do for fun?
   - Play sports
   - Video games
   - Go to the park
   - Read a book
   - Go shopping

2. Have you ever been to this park before?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Do you and your family go to parks here in Fairmont or do you go somewhere else?
   - Here in Fairmont
   - Somewhere else
   - Not sure

4. What park do you most like to visit?

5. What do you like most about that park?

6. What do you like about Bellview Park?

7. What do you dislike most about Bellview Street Park?

8. Do you think you will have your parents bring you back to this park?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Not sure

9. Why or why not?

Agenda for 5th Street Park

6:30-7:00 Welcome, go over schedule and begin surveys.

7:00-7:30 Give everyone a half hour to work on park design projects.
   a. What did everyone like, what did they dislike?
Game Over for City of Fairmont Parks

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The City Planning Department staff in collaboration with the Parks Commission is undertaking a Parks and Recreation Master Plan to find out what citizen’s parks and recreational needs are and how the City owned parks system can be designed to address those needs. The Park Plan includes an comprehensive existing conditions and needs assessment which includes visiting parks and recreation departments in neighboring communities, identifying challenges and deficiencies with the City’s existing park facilities, current fee and departmental structure, and collecting community input.

Work is well underway for the Plan. The Planning Department has met and toured the Parks Departments in Bridgeport, Clarksburg, Morgantown, and Shinnston. In addition, the Park and Recreational Directors for Bridgeport, Clarksburg and Morgantown recently toured the City’s park facilities and will be submitting a report to the City providing recommendations on departmental organization and personnel, funding strategies, and specific park improvements.

Children’s Workshops have been scheduled at four of the City’s neighborhood parks including Morgantown Mini, 5th Street, Bellview and Windmill. Local Girl Scout troops have volunteered to be a part of the workshops at 5th Street, Bellview and Windmill. The Boys and Girls club after-school program at East Park Elementary were involved in the workshop at Morgantown Mini Park, held April 7th. Workshops include play time at the park, a simple survey of children’s leisure time preferences and likes and dislikes of each park. The kids are then asked to design the park the way they think it should look. “If you want to know how a park should work ask those who use it the most, the children. They have the best ideas and the simple act of asking them the question let them know that their opinions matter.” says City Planner, Kathy Wyrosdick.

Wyrosdick added “we’ve completed only one workshop so far but the enthusiasm and excitement we saw from the students at East Park elementary was so genuine and refreshing that we are recommending that the Parks Commission begin implementing some of their designs before the Park Plan is completed. By the time the workshop was over the kids were even talking about how they can help raise money for the park improvements. That kind of commitment to a cause cannot be ignored and we need to do whatever we can to respond to them.”

Once the children’s workshops are complete and the City receives the report from the Park Recreation Director’s assessment, public meetings for residents will be held at local parks to gather additional input. These meetings will be used to gauge local support for parks. Many of the parks that are owned and operated by the City are neighborhood parks serving the needs of local residents. Without local support for those parks, City resources may be wasted on trying to maintain something that is wanted by
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May 27, 2011

George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust  
c/o WesBanco Bank, Inc.  
Attn: Bruce Bandi, Assistant Vice President  
1 Bank Plaza  
Wheeling, WV 26003  

Re: George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust  

Dear Mr. Bandi  

The City of Fairmont is pleased to submit our application for funding through the George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust. We are fortunate to have compiled a strong team of supporters to help make revitalization efforts at the City’s 5th Street Park a reality. As we move forward with this project, we hope that the park will serve as a beacon showcasing the power of community involvement and pride. It is the wish of all involved that 5th Street will be the spark that reignites local interest in family and outdoor recreation.  

The City of Fairmont and our partners in this endeavor, thank you for your consideration and look forward to the opportunity to work on a project worthy of the Bowers name.  

Sincerely,  

Mark Miller  
Planning Assistant
FORM FOR MAKING APPLICATION TO
GEORGE W. BOWERS FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST

Legal Name and mailing address of civic or non-profit organization submitting application as listed with the West Virginia Secretary of State:

City of Fairmont
PO Box 1428
200 Jackson Street
Fairmont, WV 26554-1428

Tax Exempt ID Number: 55-6000171

Location where project will take place: 5th Street Park, corner of 5th Street and Benoni Avenue, Fairmont WV

Contact Information:

Name: Mark Miller

Phone: (304)366-6211, ext. 333
Fax: (304)366-0228

E-mail: planning@fairmontwv.gov

Other charity involved with project, if any:

Southridge Church
Fairmont State University- Outdoor Recreation Class
Fairmont State University - Homecoming 2011 Community Service Project
MCPARC

1. TOTAL PROJECT COST: $48,835.00

2. AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM GEORGE W. BOWERS FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST

$20,000.00

3. SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR WHICH FUNDS ARE BEING SOUGHT:

Grant funds are requested to assist with the revitalization of 5th Street Park in the City of Fairmont. Park improvements which will be made from grant funds include a new play structure and improvements to the basketball court including the addition of bleachers.
4. **INTRODUCTION** - Give a brief description of the organization seeking funds:

This project will be a joint venture with both civic and educational agencies involved. The City of Fairmont Parks Commission and the City will administer the grant and oversee the improvements while the other entities will provide matching funds, labor and additional materials to the project. The City is currently working on a Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will address the issues of this park, as well as the all other City-owned facilities. Early discussions regarding the City park systems indicated that 5th Street Park was a prime candidate for revitalization efforts.

The park is one of the City's oldest parks and has been enjoyed by many generations of Marion County residents. The park continues to be well used today and is highly regarded by neighbors and the community at large. However, lack of funds and oversight of park facilities has caused the park equipment to deteriorate. Disinvestment by homeowners in the neighborhood has added to this deterioration. To exacerbate this situation the City was without a formalized department to oversee City owned parks. To correct this issue, the City of Fairmont Parks Commission was reorganized to provide this much needed oversight and give direction to park improvements. One of the first steps to their efforts was to undertake a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. As stated above, through the planning process 5th Street Park became the priority park for revitalization efforts. During the planning process for this park partnerships were made with various stakeholders who believed in the community benefits to a revitalized 5th Street Park. A Fairmont State Outdoor Recreation class recently completed rehabilitation of the historic putting green at the park. The Fairmont State University Homecoming Community Service outreach project has earmarked this park for fundraising efforts to assist with its rehab. An area Girl Scout troop assisted by helping to design improvements to the park and plan to do a small landscape project to earn a service badge. Southridge Church has also taken an interest in the park and contributes to its upkeep by painting and picking up litter.

5. **PROBLEMS, OBJECTIVES, METHODS** - Give a brief description of the basic need; describe what it is you want to accomplish and methods you plan to use:

Although the proximity of 5th Street Park makes it the closest park serving the majority of City residents, its use has declined over the years due to aging equipment and the deterioration of the surrounding neighborhood. Recent revitalization projects have helped spur renewed interest in the park but more is needed. The goal of this project is to revitalize a significant neighborhood park within the urban core of Fairmont and provide additional recreational opportunities for residents and FSU students.

More specific issues which will be addressed with grant funding include:

a. A flag pole, donated in the 1960’s by the Woodsmen of the World, is in disrepair; the flag is missing and there is no light for nighttime display.

b. The basketball area is well used but in need of repair and spectator seating. New poles, backboards and rims are needed. Benches to allow for teams to wait for play and provide spectator seating are also needed.
Children's Play equipment is over 30 years old and needs replaced with appropriate and safe equipment for the children who frequent this park. A new playground structure with approved fall zone is proposed.

6. **TIMING - List the date(s) or time frame for the project. Give its current status, indicating how long it will take to finish and whether there are later stages.**

Work began at the park earlier this year with a group from Fairmont State University, in coordination with the City's Public Works department, completing a rehab of the historic putting green that was located at the park. The other improvement projects are slated to begin this summer and will be completed within 6 months or as funds allow.

7. **COST AND FINANCING - List the principal cost elements of the project.**

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**What funds have already been obtained? List sources, including other foundations. How much has been raised locally or from your own constituency?**

$5,000.00 Campus link grant, used by Fairmont State University for the design and installation of a putting green.

$5,800.00 from the City budget to replace fencing at 5th Street Park.

**When will this project be self-supporting?**

Once the park has been completely rehabilitated, the Parks Commission will provide oversight and management to ensure that facilities are maintained. Partnerships with Fairmont State University organizations and classes will be maintained to provide additional support to the park as will the partnership with Southridge Church.

8. **EVALUATION - Explain how you are going to determine that you have accomplished what you want to do.**

Completion of this project will be evident when equipment has been installed. However, the success of this proposal will also come in the form of better utilization of the park by residents and students. By partnering with neighbors and FSU students in project planning and development, we hope to build stakeholders who will continue to use and help maintain the park as an asset to the community. Further project accomplishment
will be realized when the effects on residents at this park spreads throughout the City and all residents take a renewed interest in spending time with their families outdoors.

9. **a. FINANCIAL INFORMATION** - Please attach one copy of your most recent financial statement or balance sheet (audited, if available).  
   Booklet Included

   **b. IRS FORM 990** - Please include your most recently submitted return (if applicable).  
   N/A

   **c. DETERMINATION LETTER** - Please provide a copy of the most recent Determination Letter issued by the I.R.S. District Director.  
   N/A

I/we hereby certify that the information provided on this application form is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

[Signatures]

Signature of Applicant  
City Manager  
Date

*Please Do Not Write Below Your Signature*

**COMMITTEE NOTES:**

**ACTION TAKEN BY:**

- **APPROVED**  
  DATE: _________  
  AMOUNT: ______________

- **NOT APPROVED**  
  DATE: _________  
  FOLLOW UP BY: _________
5th Street Park
Conceptual Plan

- Existing Basketball Courts
- New Screen Trees
- Existing Pavilion
- New Putting Green
- Bocce Ball Court (proposed project by FSU class)
- 5th Street Gym
- New Lighted US Flag
- New Play Structure
- Move Existing Equipment & Mulch
- New Aluminum Bleachers
Weatherguard Nylon

This heavyweight DuPont nylon is the most versatile and longest lasting nylon flag fabric available. Weatherguard Nylon's combination of strength and brilliant display, along with its quick-drying ability, make it suitable for a wide range of applications. Great in rainy areas, its light weight and close weave enable it to fly in the slightest breeze, giving the fullest visual effect.

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Flash Collars: Fiberglass
Optional on 15' poles $29.00
Freight quote good for one week.

Liberty Light

The United States Flag Code states: "It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed twenty four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness." The Liberty Light, solar illuminating flag light provides the proper illumination for your flag.

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Runtime: Up to 12 full hours of illumination
Mounts: Hardware also included to mount onto a 1 inch residential flagpole, which could be attached to porch, deck or front door

Each $87.00

Fiberglass Poles for Home & Business

Residential Ground Set Tapered Fiberglass Flagpole

Dollar for dollar you can count on all around better performance with fiberglass.

Display the colors proudly with a maintenance-free fiberglass flagpole. These lightweight 15-, 20- and 25-foot flagpoles are free standing, solid and made to last for years. Designed for easy ground installation, they feature a white high-gloss surface with a gold anodized ball on top.

Non-Corrosive and Rustproof Fiberglass will not corrode or rust, which further enhances the pole's strength and beauty. This is particularly important near salt water.

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Bent Post Basketball System 4.5" Heavy-Duty O.D. Post

Extremely rugged one-piece 4.5" O.D. galvanized steel post with 4 foot backboard extension. System includes post, backboard & double-strength super goal & steel chain net. *Optional Painted Post, Target, or Target & Boarders Available. Several Backboard Options Available! Select your choice from the list of complete packages below.

Specs  Installation Instructions

Bent Post Basketball System 4.5" Heavy-Duty O.D. Post Pricing & Options

All systems below are complete with backboard, post, goal, & net.

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Bent Post Basketball System 3.5" Standard O.D. Post

Popular system featuring one-piece 3.5" O.D. galvanized steel post with a 3 foot extension at it's top. Complete with post, backboard, single rim goal and nylon net. *Optional Painted Post, Target, or Target & Boarders Available. Several Backboard Options Available! Select your choice from the list of...
15 Foot 3 Row Commercial Aluminum Bleachers

**SKU:** CF-HFNUK

**Available**
Retail: $4,664.00  Savings: $809.61 (41% off retail)
**Buy now:** $1,174.19

**Options**

- Choose your size: 15-Foot Bleachers CF-HFNUK ($1,174.19)

**Shipping Information**
- Method: Standard LTL Truck
- Ships in: 4 to 5 weeks
- Shipping rates are calculated in the cart.

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Wow Playgrounds

Description:
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Specifications:

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Max Fall Height: 4 Foot, Capacity: 22 children, Ground Space: 27' x 36', Use Zone: 39' x 48', Perimeter Requires: 34 Landscape Timbers 4' Long

For questions regarding this equipment or an exact quote on shipping, please call toll free at 1-877-826-2776.

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Rubber Mulch Nuggets

Recycled Rubber Mulch (2,000 lb Super $450.00 Sack)
AAA State of Play

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Add Product to Quote

Color: Please Select
Quantity: 1

Add product to quote

No sales tax, except for Indiana
Shipping: Freight, 1-3 weeks
Checkout, Email, or Call for Quote

Have a question?
Leave a message

Currently offline

Warranty

Specifications

Description:

Stop injuries on your playground today! Rubber mulch surfacing is an affordable, effective, and aesthetically pleasing alternative to typical wood playground mulch. It is non-staining, quick drying, odor free, and non-toxic. Black is the natural color of the original recycled material and therefore costs less than other colors. It will not freeze as wood mulch does. If your child falls on a frozen surface, ouch! Don't let your playground become a safety statistic. Get playground rubber mulch today! This mulch is IPEMA certified and ADA compliant. To order multiple sacks change quantity in cart. These super sacks contain 2,000 lbs of it. Perfect for areas that do not have the room to receive a bulk (dump load) shipment.
Specifications:

How much mulch do I need? Please see our Rubber Mulch Calculator:

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Rubber Mulch Calculator

Enter Dimensions OR Area AND Depth

Basic Black
1 Ton Sacks (2,000 lb)

39 \times 48 = 1872 \times 4

You will need 8
1 Ton Sacks (2,000 lb)

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Customer responsible for unloading. Fork lift to be onsite at time of delivery.

Colors: Black, Terra Cotta Red, Cypress, Cocoa Brown, Royal Blue, Forest Green.

ALL MULCH SALES FINAL

Subtotal: $20,404.00
Tax Rate: 0%
Sales Tax: $0.00
Total Weight: 19,923 lbs
Shipping:
Installation:
Total: $20,404.00

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VALID FOR 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF ISSUE
**Construction/Installation Costs**

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<td>Materials: <em>(landscape mulch &amp; timbers)</em></td>
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<td>39' x 48' Fall Zone – 4&quot; rubber material</td>
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<td>9 – 1 ton sacks of black rubber mulch</td>
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**Supervision and Administration**                                         | $500.00|

**Total Materials & Labor**                                                 | **$7,950.00**|
# City of Fairmont

## Five Year Plan - FY12 Budget

**Year One July, 2011 to June, 2012**

### Dept Existing Debt Service:

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<td>440 Vets Plaza ($750,000 for 15 yrs) to Parking Fund $6,230/mo thru 07/14</td>
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<td>440 Public Safety Bldg USDA ($2,999,450 for 39 yrs) $13,138/mo thru 03/45</td>
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<td>440 Operating cash for Parking Fund FY12 budget</td>
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<td>700 Police Fleet (12) Cruisers ($300,000 for 4 yrs) $6,665.52/mo thru 05/12</td>
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<td>706 Smal Pumper Fire Truck ($350,000 for 10 years) $41,987/yr thru 08/14</td>
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<td>750 Street Sweeper ($195,000 for 4 yrs) $4,253.57/mo thru 08/14</td>
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**TOTAL DEBT SERVICE**  $730,209.00

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**TOTAL DATA PROCESSING**  $37,391.00

### 700 Police

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<td>2 Keyless entry for Sallyport, processing, back door &amp; women's restroom</td>
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<td>3 (1) Police cruiser - striped &amp; equipped</td>
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**TOTAL POLICE**  $32,700.00

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<td>3 replace unit 48 [ medical jeep]</td>
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**TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT**  $33,500.00

### 750 Streets

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<td>2 Reinstall 86 Traffic Truck Boom to 99 Ford</td>
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**TOTAL STREETS**  $205,000.00

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**TOTAL TRAFFIC**  $3,000.00

### 900 Parks

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<td>3 Connector Equipment</td>
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<td>4 Fencing - 5th St Park</td>
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**TOTAL PARKS**  $73,800.00
May 25, 2011

George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust
c/o WesBanco Bank, Inc.
Attn: Bruce Bandi, Assistant Vice President of WesBanco Bank, Inc.
1 Bank Plaza, Wheeling, WV 26003

Re: George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust

Dear Mr. Bandi:

South Ridge Church is pleased to offer our support to the City of Fairmont in the submission of the Bowers Trust Grant Application. We believe an effort to revitalize 5th Street Park will emphasize both the significance of recreation to the youth of our area and energize City residents to become stakeholders in their community.

Our congregation is acutely aware of the untapped potential of 5th Street Park. It is this very resource that has led to our involvement at the facility over the past several months. We see an enormous benefit in partnering with the City of Fairmont, Fairmont State University and local residents in the process of rescuing the park for our families and future generations. A rejuvenated 5th Street Park would provide a safe and healthy alternative to area children and begin the groundwork to make fitness and fellowship an important part of life in the City of Fairmont.

Again, we are proud to pledge our support for Fairmont’s grant application to the George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust and we look forward to doing our part to promote a safe and healthy environment for the youth of Fairmont and Marion County.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Senior Pastor
South Ridge Church
May 27, 2011

George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust  
c/o WesBanco Bank, Inc.  
Attn: Bruce Bandi, Assistant Vice President of WesBanco Bank, Inc.  
1 Bank Plaza, Wheeling, WV 26003  

Re: George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust

Dear Mr. Bandi:

We are happy to pledge our support, as representatives of the Black Diamond Girl Scout Council, to the City of Fairmont in their application to the George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust. The youth of our area need to be the focus of redevelopment projects in the Fairmont area and what better place to begin these efforts than neighborhood parks.

Inimical conditions at 5th Street Park did not deter our troop from participating in a City sponsored gathering to discuss park facilities, nor did the environment discourage the girls from a future service project at the park. As the focus continues throughout the Country on healthy eating and exercise, one can certainly see both the need for local playground facilities and the importance of nurturing future residents and leaders to take an active role in the revitalization of their communities. The outpouring of local support at 5th Street Park is encouraging and we are delighted to have the opportunity to contribute.

Our troop is pleased to offer our support for the City's Bowers Trust Grant application and hopes to play an important role in renewing the resources available to area children in the City of Fairmont and Marion County.

Sincerely,

Amy L. Miller  
Troop Leader #4063
May 25, 2011

George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust
C/o WesBanco Bank, Inc.
Attn: Bruce Bandi, Assistant Vice President of WesBanco Bank, Inc.
1 Bank Plaza, Wheeling, WV 26003

Re: George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust

Dear Mr. Bandi:

The student body of Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community and Technical College is pleased to offer their support of the Bowers Trust Grant Application submitted by the City of Fairmont. It is our opinion that efforts to renew the park at 5th Street Park will create an interest within the City that will escalate to improvements at all City owned park facilities.

As our students travel through the County and the City of Fairmont, the need for updated outdoor family recreation is apparent. The need to awaken dormant possibilities at a facility such as 5th Street is undeniable and we feel that assistance from the Bowers Trust and FSU and PC/TC will begin this much needed transformation. FSU and PC/TC’s partnership with the City and local residents at the park will provide a unique learning opportunity for our students and encourage the idea that when we all work together anything can be achieved. The end result at 5th Street will be a park that anyone can enjoy; the goal along the way will be to foster a successful relationship between the City and volunteers focused on the continued development of the City of Fairmont.

We are glad to offer the support of Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community and Technical College students in the City’s grant application for the Bowers Trust Grant and we welcome the opportunity to work with everyone involved toward a happier and more active Friendly City.

Sincerely,

Meghan Gibson
Student Body President
Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community and Technical College
July 15, 2011

In Re: 1045000219  46-1276-00
George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust

Mark Miller
City of Fairmont
PO Box 1428
200 Jackson Street
Fairmont, WV 26554-1428

Dear Mr. Miller:

On behalf of the above referenced trust, I am pleased to advise you that your Grant Application has been accepted, and that your organization will be awarded $5,000.00 at a ceremony held on July 28th at 4:00 P.M. in the Mannington City Hall Building. I will look forward to seeing you then.

Very truly yours,

WESBANCO BANK INC., TRUSTEE

R. Bruce Bandi
Assistant Vice President

RBB:lw
July 28, 1011

In Re: 1045000219  46-1276-00
George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust

Mark Miller
City of Fairmont
PO Box 1428
200 Jackson Street
Fairmont, WV  26554-1428

Dear Mr. Miller:

Your application for a grant for the year 2011 from the George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust has been approved by WesBanco Bank, Inc. as Trustee of the Trust for funding for the year 2011. We wish to congratulate you on the excellent material which you submitted in support of your application and the worthwhile nature of the project proposed.

Your check in amount of $5,000.00 is enclosed. The amount of your funding was recommended by the members of the Advisory Committee and approved by the Trustee for your project. We will require confirmation from you in the form of a written acknowledgement upon completion of the project that the funds were actually used for the proposed project. The acknowledgement should be forwarded to the Trustee once the project, or the portion thereof funded by the enclosed grant, has been completed. Eligibility for future projects will be conditioned upon satisfaction of this confirmation requirement.

We have appreciated the opportunity to work with you in this most worthwhile endeavor. We want to confirm to you that the enclosed gift is a product of the benevolence and foresight of Frances B. Bowers who established the George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust in memory of her family. Any recognition for the grant herein enclosed should be made in memory of Frances B. Bowers and the George W. Bowers Family Charitable Trust.

We wish you the best in pursuing the community endeavors which you support.

Very truly yours,

WESBANCO BANK INC., TRUSTEE
R. Bruce Bandi
Assistant Vice President

RBB:llw

Enclosure
How to orienteer

Understand ways to find NORTH:

- Sun- rises in the east sets in west, cast shadow generally depending on position of sun... shadow will generally be in the north.
- Moss- grows on the north face of the trees. Moss doesn’t grow in direct sun light so it generally grows on the north.
- Nighttime- Find the North Star. To do so, find the big dipper. The 2 stars at the end of the “bowl” will direct you to North Star. Follow up from the bottom to connect the star at the top and continue to the next brightest star. That star is the big dipper.

Difference between True North and Magnetic North

- Yes, they are not the same.
- The magnetic field of Earth determines Magnetic North (MN) and may differ depending on where you are on the globe.
- Compasses naturally point to Magnetic North (MN) and not True North because of the magnet with in the compass.
- True north is the physical location of the North Pole.

Maps:
Notice the various features on the map. What do you see?
 You should see:
- A legend- tells you what is what on the map.
- 3 parallel lines running at a slight angle towards the top of the map with MN at the top. These lines represent Magnetic North and take the place of the compass rose.
- Dark and light squiggly lines. There are called contour lines and tell you the how the terrain changes. The closer and tighter the dark lines are the steeper the hill. The farther apart they are the more gentle the slope.
  1. Find 2 areas on your map where the lines are closest. Answers at the end. (Hint: Line are so close together they almost look like a shadow)
  2. What are the flattest areas in the park?
- When the contour lines come to a point the point tells you the direction up hill. These are typically erosion gullies.
Compass:
- Always hold the compass flat otherwise it won’t give you an accurate reading.
- The flat part of the compass is called the BASE.
- The circle with the numbers on it is called the DIAL.
- The arrow on the base of the compass is the “READ BEARING HERE ARROW” This is where you read the compass from, and determines your direction of travel.
- The needle inside the compass has a red end (points north) and a white end (points south). ALWAYS use the red end. Ignore the white.
- Notice the lines inside the dial under the needle, you will use these later.
- Orient you compass north.
  a) To do this you will turn the dial so the “N” is at the “Read Bearing Here” arrow.
  b) Let the Red Needle (from now on will be referred to as “Red Fred”) float until it hovers over the Red Arrow shaped like a “Shed” located under Red Fred.
  c) You have now just put Red Fred in his Shed.
  d) Now you are pointing north and your compass is oriented.

Reading a compass:
To do this you will need to stand in the middle of all the green umbrella tables on the deck at the boathouse.

- To follow a BEARING you will turn the dial to the degree heading and identify a landmark. Answers at the end.
  3. What is located at about 300 degrees?
  4. What is located at about 120 degrees?
- To determine a HEADING (degrees) you will point your “Read Bearing Here” arrow at the landmark, turn you dial so the Red Fred is in his Shed and read the degrees. Answers at the end.
  5. What is the degree heading of the AED machine located on the side of the boathouse next to the bay door?
  6. What is the degree heading of the screen porch?
Using the map and compass together

- Orient your compass north.
- Use the edge of your compass to line your starting position up with you destination point. For this example use the Boathouse (start) and the Kiwanis Shelter (end). Turn the dial so that the inside lines run parallel with the MN line. Turn the map and compass together so that Red Fred is in the Shed. This will give you your heading.
- If you were to walk in a straight line from here... you would run into Kiwanis Shelter. You can also use your map to determine landmarks to follow. You could follow trails and/or the road to get there. Use this method to go orienteering.

Review:
To use your compass and map together:
Align your compass from your present location to your destination with your “Read Bearing Here” arrow pointing at your ending location.
Turn your dial so that:
1. Red Fred is in the shed,
2. The lines under Red Fred are parallel with the MN line,
3. North is at the top of the map (not pointing south).

If you need one more practice example:
Using your map, align your compass so that you are going to the smallest baseball field in the cluster of 4 fields. Follow the directions above. Is Red Fred in the shed? Are you lines parallel with the MN Line? Is your map pointing north (the top of the map should be in the same direction as Red Fred)? OK, now what is your bearing? You should be going about 100 degrees. (Answer could be anywhere from 80-120 degrees depending on where you are standing or what part of the ball field you are ending at.)

GOOD LUCK!

Answers
1. Dam & Spillway Hill
2. Ball fields and spillway
3. Gazebo, dock, lake, etc.
4. Bathrooms
5. 40 degrees
6. 180 degrees or due south
Orienteering Packet Evaluation

In order to provide you with the best possible orienteering material, we ask that you take a few minutes to give us some feedback.

1. Was all the material in your packet?  Yes  No
2. Did you find the instruction information helpful?  Yes  No  N/A
3. Was the length of the course appropriate for your intended use?  Yes  No
4. What recommendations do you have for future orienteering packets?

5. Circle the purpose for purchasing the packet. To use for:
   - Cub Scouts
   - Home School
   - Boy Scouts
   - Indian Guides/Princesses
   - Girl Scouts
   - Corporate
   - Individual
   - Other (please specify)
   - School

6. What other programs/activities have you participated in Bond Park (do not include classes at the Community Center)?

7. What other programs/activities would you like to see Bond Park offer?

8. What is your zip code?

9. Any other feedback you wish to share?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!
## PERMANENT ORIENTEERING CONTROL MARKERS

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<td>2. AR</td>
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<td>3. BB</td>
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<td>4. BX</td>
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LICENSE NO. ___________________________ STATE ___________________________

TELEPHONE NO. ___________________________

EMERGENCY CONTACT ___________________________

COMPETE THIS SECTION AND HAND IN AT START

OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

DAY 1: _________
DAY 2: _________
TOTAL: _________
Mr. Jay Rogers, City Manager

PO Box 1428

Fairmont, WV 26555-1428

Dear Mr. Rogers:

This letter is in reference to your March correspondence about the "City Manager’s Roundtable Discussion". I thank you for the invitation and want to applaud the efforts for a great idea. Unfortunately, I will be out of town during the "Quality of Life" topic session. I will ask Tony Michalski if he can attend to represent MCPARC.

The main item I would like to focus on is the need for more athletic fields. Our community has very little facilities to meet the demands of the variety of activities that have grown in popularity. We get requests in record numbers at the park office for practice fields for soccer, baseball, softball, lacrosse, and football. Most of the fields we do have are used for games only during the season because of demand. A recent article in the "Times WV" helps to illustrate this problem. Please find enclosed the article and comments by a board member of the MCYSA.

Problems are compounded by the fact that the college does not have a baseball field. The FSU Baseball team uses the field at Mary Lou Retton Youth Park which was built for and by Little League.

Fairmont Senior High School Baseball also uses that facility and the support facilities (parking, restrooms, walkways, etc.) are not sufficient for such high end sports. We want those teams to have the best and be able to host great events. Those events would in turn help tourism as well.

A new problem has occurred due to progress on the East Fairmont Junior High School. Construction will take over the football field and the school teams as well as the youth teams that use it will have to look elsewhere.
While we have more sports such as soccer and lacrosse, we also have more participation. We have excellent volunteers in our community that do a great job of organizing and coaching. The good news is we have kids and older participants being more active in greater numbers, but the bad news is we do not have the facilities to support their activity.

The Marion County Commission has been very supportive of youth activities and has even looked at leveling an area at the county poor farm property. It was determined to be not feasible at this time, but we know they have the desire to help. Flat land (or the potential to be flat enough to allow for fields) is hard to find and needs to be set aside as soon as possible to help with this problem.

Having a place for our youth to participate in events and having good athletic facilities to host contests is a very important element in the “Quality of Life” component of our community.

Please ask the committee to share their viewpoints on this topic. I know that the MCPARC Board and staff would do anything they could to help and work on attaining these goals.

Thank you for your consideration with this matter.

Sincerely,

Dan Talbott

Executive Director

Marion County Parks and Recreation Commission

CC: Session Participants

MCPARC Board