



Hummel Park Master Plan

Plainfield, Indiana

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Introduction

The objective is to identify the Park's needs for recreation and support facilities, and to develop a master plan for development of the property. This is intended to be a conceptual plan for guiding development and is not intended to be a design document.

This process has been undertaken in order to:

- 1) Help the Park be developed in an orderly manner.
- 2) To allow for approvals through the Town of Plainfield development process.
- 3) To review potential funding needs.
- 4) To determine a vision for the current property and to determine a needs analysis for future properties.

As a result of the team meetings and planning sessions, the team discussed wants and needs regarding the Park to meet various requirements. Once there was consensus, the team prioritized the list. Although specific timetables are not being established as part of this study, the following improvements and facilities are explained below in no particular order.

West Side Restroom Facilities

The master site plan shows a proposed restroom building located just west of the Performing Arts Center. This structure could be expanded to accommodate a ticket office, administrative office and concession space to benefit the Performing Arts Center.

West Side Maintenance Building

With over half of the Park property now located west of White Lick Creek, proper maintenance of this ground has become a challenge. As more improvements and new facilities are added, the demand for increased time and energy to meet the maintenance standards that are presently in place will increase significantly.

Signage

Currently there is no signage for the greenways trail system. Signage is proposed to help identify location, direction, points of interest, etc. along the way. By installing an overall route directory map, the user could pick how much of the trail could be traversed, and determine how much time is available to experience the amenities of the Park. Additional signage will also inform users of Park Rules.

Shelters

As the Park develops, new shelters need to be provided to allow for the enjoyment of the Park by more users. New shelters are planned to provide for a place for larger group gatherings as well as several more locations for smaller group gatherings.

Athletic Facilities

The planning team has taken the approach that any new facilities that would be added would not consist of facilities that are currently in the Park, therefore, additional baseball, softball or soccer fields are not planned.

Greenways

Hummel Park and the Town of Plainfield are quickly becoming known for their greenways trail system. The majority of the trails are asphalt, consisting of two lanes and thirteen feet in width. There are several trails that are only six feet wide and there are some grass trails. New asphalt trails and additional grass trails will be added throughout the Park. The trails are to be named and specifically designated and identified to allow for quick response to any potential issues that could arise along their length.

Bridges

With the use of the Park and greenways trail system ever increasing, the current bridge is becoming a bottleneck. Two new bridges are proposed to cross White Lick Creek. The new bridge west of the Community Building should be a minimum of 12 feet in width and should be constructed to handle maintenance vehicles, as well as pedestrian traffic.

Parking/Vehicular Access

With all the amenities that Hummel Park offers, parking is always at a premium. Additional parking is proposed near the softball diamonds, and on the West Side of Park. There will be some modifications to access ways into the park, between parking areas, near the traffic circle, and near the community building to promote slower speeds in the Park and allow for safer pedestrian traffic.

Additional Items in Master Plan

Expansion of the Community Center

Arboretum

Garden Maze

Sled Hills

Ice Skating Rink

Fishing Pier

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