

Grandview



Park Plan

2022 - 2026



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April 29th, 2022

Doug Risse
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Grandview, IN 47615

Dear Doug,

The DNR Division of State Parks planning staff has reviewed the final draft of the 2022-2027 Grandview Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The plan meets the Department of Natural Resources' minimum requirements for local parks and recreation master plans. This letter certifies that your community **is eligible to apply for Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grants through this office in the 2022 grant year**. A new plan will be due on January 15th, 2028 at which time your current LWCF grant application eligibility will expire.

If you haven't already, we strongly recommend that you contact Mr. Bob Bronson, our grant section chief, as soon as possible about future grant applications. Bob and his staff can assist in your grant application process. He can be reached by phone at: (317) 232-4075 or by e-mail at: bbronson@dnr.IN.gov.

We support your planning efforts and encourage your participation in the grant programs administered by the Division of State Parks. If you require further information regarding planning, do not hesitate to call me at: (317) 232-4071 or by e-mail at: gbeilfuss@dnr.IN.gov.

Sincerely,

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Chief Planner - IDNR Division of State Parks, Community Grants and Trails

ECC – Cheri Taylor, Reg 15

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Children's fishing pier at Schroeder Park

Introduction

The town of Grandview, Indiana is located on the southern edge of Indiana between Tell City and Evansville. A group of settlers camped along Blackford Creek directly across the Ohio River in Kentucky as early as 1800 waiting for a treaty to be signed between the Delaware Indians and the United States Government. The settlers crossed the river to Grandview when the treaty was signed in 1804. The town of Grandview was settled in 1807, laid out in September of 1851 and declared incorporated in 1872. Grandview was named for its “grand view” of the Ohio River.

There are three parks that are owned, managed and maintained by the Town of Grandview—Grandview City Park, Old Mill Park and Schroeder Park. The Grandview Parks and Recreation Board was disbanded on December 16th, 2019. At the same time, the Grandview Town Council was established under Indiana Code as a Park Authority for the town.

This Master Park Plan is the first update for the Town of Grandview since 1990. The planning area and main consumer base for this Master Plan is the parks and park users in the incorporated town limits of Grandview. Input was gathered from residents and non-residents from surrounding communities that partake in the recreational amenities offered by the Town of Grandview.

We believe that this renewed focus will not only improve our parks and recreation, but also enrich the beauty and livability of Grandview. By recognizing the value of our green spaces and recreation system, we are helping to safeguard them—not just today, but for many years to come.

The action plan developed for this Master Plan will improve the residents enjoyment of our parks and recreation amenities today and safeguard their long-term sustainability for future generations.



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The Park Authority has been created under Indiana statute to supervise park and recreation functions and to establish rules governing the use of the park facilities by the public. The officers of the Town council also serve as Park Authority officers. The Park Authority meets as needed during regular monthly Town Council meetings.

Park Staff

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Maintain parks, programs and town facilities.

Plan Author

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Budget

The Grandview Park system is funded through a line item in the Grandview town budget. Repairs to buildings and utilities are funded through the general fund.

The Park Authority realizes there is a limit to our budget and resources, and that affects on our ability to meet all of the public demand for amenities and services. The Park Authority recently instituted a \$5 boat launch fee and a fee for softball tournaments to help with the budget. They also identified needs to the softball field to make it more of a hotspot for softball tournaments and placed them on the action item list.

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Grandview Civil Town, Spencer County, Indiana Detailed Disbursements for all Funds 2020

Governmental Activities	GENERAL FUND	Salaries and Wages	\$16,326.35
		Employee Benefits	\$557.00
		Total Personal Services	\$16,883.35
		Operating Supplies	\$3,591.54
		Total Supplies	\$3,591.54
		Professional Services	\$18,660.00
		Printing and Advertising	\$994.00
		Insurance	\$15,357.27
		Utility Services	\$6,932.87
		Repairs and Maintenance	\$5,000.00
		Other Services and Charges	\$45,271.15
		Total Services and Charges	\$92,215.29
	Total GENERAL FUND		\$112,690.18
	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	Insurance	\$3,118.22
		Utility Services	\$9,696.18
		Repairs and Maintenance	\$12,460.98
		Total Services and Charges	\$25,275.38
	Total MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY		\$25,275.38
	PARK & RECREATION- GRANDVIEW	Improvements Other Than Buildings	\$2,440.40
		Total Capital Outlays	\$2,440.40
	Total PARK & RECREATION- GRANDVIEW		\$2,440.40
	CEMETERY	Insurance	\$445.46
		Utility Services	\$500.00
		Total Services and Charges	\$945.46
	Total CEMETERY		\$945.46

Goals and Objectives

Goals of the Park Authority

The Grandview Park Authority seeks to:

- Provide quality and accessible park and recreation facilities for all age groups, abilities and economic levels.
- Maintain, preserve, protect, improve and enhance the Grandview parks, natural resources and recreational opportunities for current and future generations.
- To connect people to green spaces to provide places for gathering, celebrating, contemplating and engaging in activities that promote health, well-being, community and the environment.
- Improve the visual appearance and usability of existing park facilities to make them more appealing to the public to assure continued optimum use.
- To enhance the overall quality of life for residents through recreation.
- Expand physical access to the Ohio River in a manner that is visually appealing, available to everyone and sensitive to ecological function.
- Inform the general public about outdoor recreation needs and opportunities of Grandview, and work to obtain as much assistance as possible from local community groups.

Goals of the Grandview Master Park Plan

The Grandview Park Authority seeks to do the following with this Master Plan update:

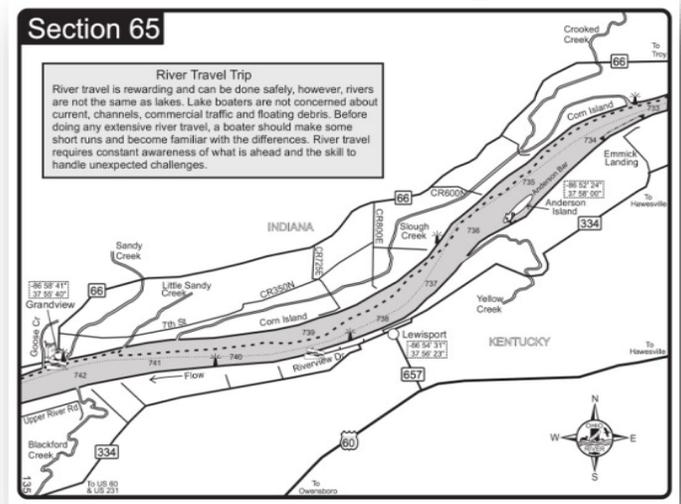
- To perform an inventory and analysis to guide future development of the park system.
- To provide a roadmap to maximize access to high quality parks and recreation experiences that connect people with each other and with nature.
- Plan and develop parks within a reasonable walking distance of all residents.
- Plan and program parks and facilities for all ages, abilities and economic levels.

Features of the Community



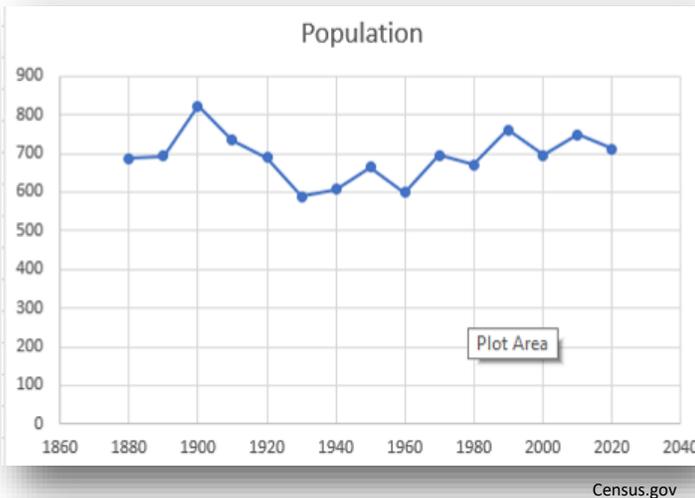
The Town of Grandview is located in Southern Indiana along the Ohio River at river mile marker 742. It is part of Spencer County and located in Hammond township. Grandview is 37 miles from Evansville, Indiana, 16 miles from Owensboro, Kentucky and 87.5 miles from Louisville, Kentucky. Indiana State Road 66 runs through the town east to west and was designated a scenic highway in 1989.

The Town of Grandview has a total area of .96 square miles. Although the towns parks are well distributed across neighborhoods, connecting to and from the recreation areas can be a challenge. The ballfields were busy with games all during the warmer months before the park system began charging fees for use to help cover upkeep costs. The ballfields drastically decreased after the fee was instituted. The park authority has been inactive in the past several years but is now actively seeking ways to increase traffic at the parks like upgrading the ball-



fields and safety so that they will be more attractive to future ball tournaments.

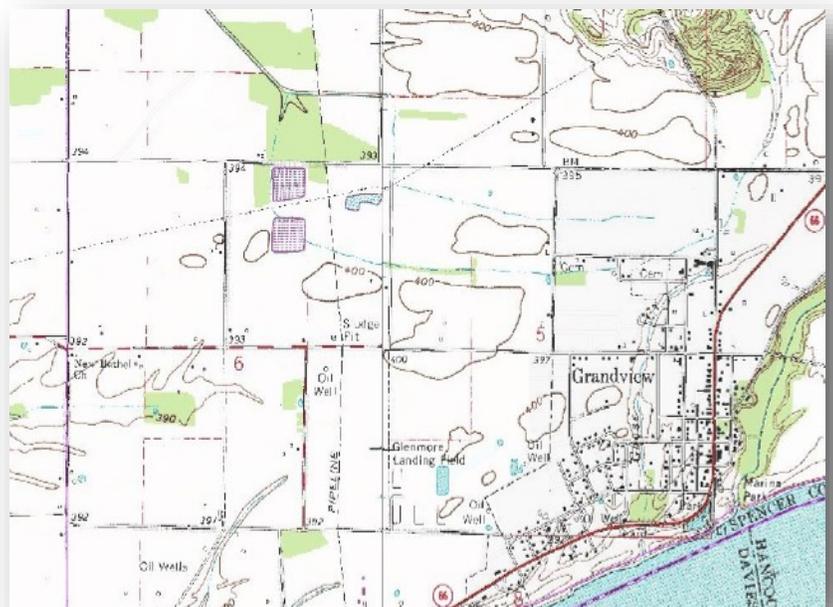
The population (according to the US Census data) of the Town of Grandview was at its height in the year 1900 at 822. Most recently, the 2010 population was 749 and the 2020 population was 711. In 2010 there were 288 households and 199 families living in Grandview. These numbers increased slightly from the 2000 census data at 266 households and 194 families. Both census data show that 36% of households had children under the age of 18 living with them. The bulk of the population—50.9% - is of working age 25-64. The population of Grandview is also 90.3% white. The trends listed in this paragraph duplicate the regional patterns of rural areas.



The median household income for 2019 was \$38,490 which is up from \$35,417 in 2000. Workers in Grandview commute an average of 26 miles.

The climate in Grandview is fairly mild. Temperatures exceeds 90° for several days each summer and drops below zero for several days in winter. Nevertheless, the temperature on most days is ideal.

Rainfall is generally adequate for crops and averages 50 inches per year. The closeness to the river brings high water and flooding as snow melts in the northeast and in the spring. Many of the residential and park areas are susceptible to flooding. There is cleanup that takes place especially at the boat ramp area after each flood.



The topography of Grandview is generally level to gently sloping, but mostly flat with an average elevation of 394 feet above sea level. The soil classification for Grandview lies in the Ginat Series which slow run-off adds to the issue with soil moisture.

The natural tree canopy of the town has been varied through the years. The remaining trees are mostly mixed hardwood shade trees with a variety of volunteer and structured plantings throughout the town. There are no noticeable pests in the trees or environment of Grandview except for mosquitos as mentioned by several survey responders. The Park Authority stated that no vegetation or wildlife issues exist in the town or parks.

The Town of Grandview was awarded an Indiana Waters Grant for \$248,300 in 1991 to install a boat ramp located on the Ohio River. The town was also awarded a \$66,450 grant to install a floating dock at the boat ramp with a ramp from the parking lot.

There is a disc golf course located in the Grandview City Park is a popular attraction that draws regular participants from not only Grandview, but Owensboro (KY) and Evansville. The course is also listed on the website discgolfsce.com. The town works closely with the Army Corp of Engineers for maintenance and updates to the park along the river.



Students in Grandview travel to Rockport, Indiana six miles west to school. Grandview has

a low-income housing unit. The school system is the only dedicated childcare for families. During the summer months, grandparents or one non-working parent perform childcare duties. According to the survey answers, the grandparents use the parks a lot during the summer months and after school.



The town operates its own water and wastewater systems and have recently upgraded both. A master utility study is currently underway to identify any additional upgrades needed. They recently sold their natural gas system to Ohio Valley Gas.

The average age of houses in the Town of Grandview along the State Road 66/Main Street (also the business district) three block corridor is 1927. The oldest house is a Queen Anne built in 1851. The average age of commercial buildings in the same corridor is 1920. Some of these buildings have been restored and well maintained and others are in disrepair. There is a marker stating Abraham Lincoln travelled Main Street hauling goods to and from the Ohio River.

As the lifestyles of residents and park visitors continue to change, the park system need to also evolve. The Town of Grandview needs better lighting and additional/renovated sidewalks for better and safer access to and between parks. The direction set in this plan was guided by the insights gained through the public participation and research of demographic shifts, recreation trends and health trends. The Park Authority feels that better and safer access to and between the park areas will help with this and increase usage.

Nationally there is a growing concern that people, especially children are losing their connection to nature. Some cite technology as directly competing for their leisure time, while others fear that technology is replacing hands-on learning with indirect learning. Forging a connection between people and natural areas will help ensure the long-term stewardship of the park system and build valuable life lessons.

Events held in Grandview are: the Grandview Fall Festival by the Grandview Civic Association; Sizzlin Summerfest by the Spencer County Fair; and Octoberfest by the Spencer County Fair. There are also softball, horseshoe and disc golf tournaments held in Grandview.

Park Department - information and inventory

The Grandview Park Authority is responsible for three parks—City Park, Old Mill Park and Schroeder Park. Additional Spencer County parks and recreation areas are listed by federal, state, local, schools and private.

Grandview City Park

2nd and Walnut Streets
Grandview, Indiana

City Park was established by the Town of Grandview. The 19-acre park has a variety of activities that include softball field, basketball court, playground, picnic area, disc golf course, horseshoe pits and a 65-foot zipline. The park also has two shelter houses that offer shade and seating. The city park is a great place to picnic, relax and enjoy recreational activities. The park is mostly flat and lightly wooded.



Old Mill Park

5th Street
Grandview, Indiana

Old Mill Park was established by the Grandview Garden Club on town-owned property. The one-half acre park has a variety of activities that include picnic area and playground. The park is mostly flat and lightly wooded.

Schroeder Park

State Road 66
Grandview, Indiana

Schroeder Park is owned by the Town of Grandview. The ten acre park is owned by the Town of Grandview and has a variety of activities that include fishing, playground and picnic area. The park is mostly flat and lightly wooded.



Federal

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial

PO Box 1816
Lincoln City, IN 47552
812-937-4541 / 812-937-9929

The Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial was established in 1962 and is composed of a Memorial Building and Visitor Center and the Lincoln Living Historical Farm. Stone murals flanking the Visitor Center tell the pictorial story of Lincoln's life. Inside is a small museum, interpretative motion picture, Nancy Hanks Lincoln Hall and Abraham Lincoln Hall.

The visitor center is open daily 8:00 am—5:00 pm. The historical farm is open mid April through September.

State

Lincoln State Park

PO Box 216
Lincoln City, IN 47552
812-937-4710

Lincoln State Park is the only state recreation area in Spencer County and was established in 1932. The 1,747 acre park adjoins the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. There is a 10-mile hiking trail, fire tower, the church Abraham Lincoln attended and Sarah Lincoln's Woods Nature Preserve. Seasonal naturalists provide programs from Memorial Day until Labor Day. A 58-acre lake with a swimming beach and bathhouse, fishing, boat rentals, paddle boats, canoes, playground, tennis court, shelter houses and numerous picnic sites available. There are cabins, primitive campsites and RV sites available for rent.

Lincoln Amphitheatre

Lincoln Amphitheatre was established in 1987 and is part of Lincoln State Park. The 1500+ seat covered amphitheatre features a musical story of Abraham Lincoln's life, and concerts including rock and roll, country, theatrical and classical.

Colonel William Jones State Historic Site

The Colonel William Jones State Historic Site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is located on Boone Street, one mile west of US 231 in Gentryville. The 1834 Federal design home of merchant employer of Abraham Lincoln features guided tours, themed talks and a gift shop called the Jonesboro Merchantile.

Local

Huffman Covered Bridge

Huffman covered bridge is located on the eastern county line spanning the Anderson River between Spencer and Perry counties. The bridge was constructed in 1965 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. The bridge is now a footbridge only. A new bridge was constructed north of the Huffman Bridge for automobiles. Thomas Lincoln brought his young son Abraham to Huffman to mill his corn. The single span yellow poplar bridge is covered with a 20 panel Burr Arch-Truss bridge timber frame. The overall span is 148 feet long, with a ten-foot overhang on each end.

Private

Holiday World & Splashin' Safari

Holiday World is the nation's first theme park that was known as Santa Claus Land (which opened in 1954) until 1984. Splashin' Safari water park opened in 1993. The park is divided into four sections: Christmas, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Forth of July. It includes three wooden roller coasters, multiple waterslides, wave pools, amusement park rides and of course a visit with Santa.

Lake Rudolph Campground and RV Resort

Lake Rudolph campground is located on SR 245 adjacent to Holiday World. Lake Rudolph is a 70-acre resort that opened in 1985, originally as a private resort, but is now open to the public. The resort features more than 150 RV/tent sites. The RV sites have access to water, electric, sewer, picnic tables, grills, showers, toilets and laundry equipment. Campers may use their own RV or rent one owned by the resort. There are also cabins available for rent, two swimming pools, miniature golf, fishing lake, paddle boats, playgrounds, basketball, shelter house, horseshoes, country store and bath house.

St. Meinrad Archabbey

St. Meinrad Archabbey was founded in 1854 and is located on SR 62 in St. Meinrad. The church was completed in 1907 and is operated by Benedictine monks. The Archabbey is located on a high hill overlooking a

small community and has twin spires and eye-catching towers. Self-guided brochures allow visitors to wander through the well-kept grounds and serene rock garden.

Monte Casino Chapel

The Monte Casino Chapel is located one mile north of the Archabbey and was dedicated in 1870. The grounds offer a panoramic view of the Anderson valley and the chapel and surrounding picnic area are open year-round during daylight hours.

Spencer County Memorial Forest

The Spencer County Memorial Forest is located on CR 1550 off SR 545 in Fulda. It offers spectacular foliage and features a towering World War II Veterans Memorial. There are shelter houses available for picnics and events.

Christmas Lake Golf Course

Christmas Lake Golf Course is located on SR 245 south in the town of Santa Claus. This 18-hole championship course has been acclaimed by Golf Digest as one of the top 100 courses in America. It was designed in 1967 by renowned architect Edmund Ault. The golf course also has a driving range, pro shop, grill, banquet facilities, restaurant and lounge.

Lakewood Country Club

Lakewood Country Club is a challenging nine-hole course located on SR 45 south of Rockport. It is open to the public on weekdays and after 2:00 pm on weekends.

Chrisney Golf Course

Chrisney Golf Course is a community civic association nine-hole course operated and maintained by volunteers. No carts are available, but there is a ramp where you can unload your own.

Lincoln Pioneer Village

Lincoln Pioneer Village is located in Rockport, next to the City Park. It commemorates the life and times of Abraham Lincoln and his family. The village has a museum, artifacts and a collection of 13 pioneer cabins that stand tribute to the survival of forefathers in the southwest Indiana wilderness. The village was built in 1935-36 by Works Progress Administration (WPA) a Franklin Delano Roosevelt depression-era program. The village was designed by George Hoening. The log cabins are replicas of the John Pitcher Law Office, Sarah Lincoln Grisby home, James Gentry (merchant and farmer) cabin and Josiah Crawford home (employer and neighbor of Abraham and Sarah Lincoln). The village was listed on the Register of Historic Places in 1998 and is operated by the "Friends of the Lincoln Pioneer Village and Museum", a non-profit organization.

Lincoln Landing/Rockport Bluff

The Lincoln Landing site or Rockport Bluff is the historic site where Abraham Lincoln launched a flatboat to transport produce to New Orleans for a local merchant in 1828. Abraham Lincoln saw slavery for the first time during this trip to New Orleans. Lincoln Landing is on River Road at the east end of Main Street in Rockport, Indiana. The area includes a beautiful rock-sculpted bluff and park for picnics and viewing the river.

Lincoln Ferry Park

Lincoln Ferry Park overlooks the Ohio River on SR 66 just west of the Spencer County line near Troy, Indiana. A shelter house and shaded picnic tables enhance one's travel along State Road 66 on the designated Ohio River Scenic Route. This historic spot is where the Lincoln family was ferried across the Ohio River into Indiana in 1816.

Fischer's Lake

Fischer's Lake is a private campground located 2.5 miles east of Newtonville on SR 70 and consists of approximately 70 acres. It features campsites with electricity, water, picnic tables, flush toilets and showers. Grills, two large shelter houses and an enclosed shelter house are also available. The 14-acre man-made spring fed lake offers swimming, sand beach, fishing and boating. Boats can be rented and a concession stand and dance pavilion are located near the beach.

Heritage Hills Campground

Heritage Hills Campground is located near US 231 south of Gentryville. The campground is open year-round and has campsites with electricity, playground equipment and picnic tables. A well stocked 5-acre fishing lake and 70 acres of rolling wooded terrain add to the beauty of this secluded campground.

Honey Creek Farm

Honey Creek Farm opened in October of 1998 and is located just off US 231 north of the American Electric Power (AEP) plant. The farm has approximately 3,200 acres and is owned by AEP and is used by employees and residents of the communities surrounding the plant. The farm includes a barn with a lean-to that is used as a community center. The barn has a loft that was transformed into the Land of Oz, complete with yellow brick road for children's activities. The center is furnished with picnic tables made from recycled products. There are also some walking trails on the property with observation stations for wildlife viewing and rest areas with benches. The development of this property is primarily done by volunteers.

Accessibility

The Grandview Park Authority is committed to making our facilities and services available to anyone, regardless of resident status, physical or mental ability. As facilities are renovated or replaced, they are done according to ADA standards.

The Town of Grandview ADA coordinator is Keith Nix, Town Manager. Mr. Nix can be reached at 812-649-2573. The Spencer County ADA and Title 6 Coordinator is Kay Erwin. ADA grievances can be forwarded to Ms. Erwin at 200 Main Street, Room 6, Rockport, Indiana 47635, 812-649-4376 or spencerada@psci.net.

The Town of Grandview town hall is ADA accessible. If meetings are going to have a large attendance, sometimes the fire station or civic center is used. Both of these buildings are also ADA accessible. The Town asks to be made aware of additional accessibility requirements in public notices for meetings.

The Town of Grandview created an ADA Plan for all town owned properties in May of 2020. The ADA committee meets annually for a planning meeting and will update the plan every two years.



Town of Grandview

TOWN COUNCIL & OFFICE OF THE CLERK-TREASURER
316 MAIN ST, PO BOX 638
GRANDVIEW, IN 47615

ADA Annual Planning Meeting

February 28, 2021 9:00AM

Present were:

Donna Burrows, Clerk-Treasurer
Keith Nix, Town Manager
Brad Middleton, Utility/Grounds Operator

Discussion on assessing the concession stand and shelter houses for ADA compliancy and to obtain measurements for necessary concrete walks. The approaches to the shelter houses were also discussed and to keep the grade of the approaches such as is required by ADA/Title VI. At first available opportunity, Keith and Brad will begin assessing the concession stand and all 5 shelter houses that are scattered at Schroeder Park, Boat Dock, City Park, and Old Mill Park. Due to the scope of these projects, discussion continued with out-sourcing the concrete work for a contractor to complete. Once a contractor can provide an estimate of the work to be done, Donna will present to estimate to the Town Council for approval to proceed.

Donna Burrows

Donna Burrows, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Grandview, Indiana

Keith Nix

Keith Nix, Town Manager

Brad Middleton

Brad Middleton, Utility/Grounds Operator

Sat, Mar 13th - met w/ contractor
Mon, Mar 15th - Council approved Contractor
to proceed. *DB*

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Grandview City Park

City Park has two shelter houses that that were made ADA accessible with sidewalks installed at the correct grade in 2021.

The softball field is not currently ADA accessible.

The basketball court has a paved parking lot, but a grass approach surrounding the court.

The playground and Goose Hollow Disc Golf Course have a gravel parking area and grass approach.

Old Mill Park

Old Mill Park includes a picnic area with a shelter that is surrounded by grass.

The playground has an ADA swing, but the approach is grass and the underlayment is mulch.

Schroeder Park

Schroeder Park has a fishing area with a dock that is ADA accessible.

The playground is grass and mulch that is not ADA accessible.

The picnic area has a shelter that is surrounded by grass.

**ASSURANCE OF ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE WITH:
ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT OF 1968 (As Amended);
SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 (As Amended);
AND TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990
(As Amended)**

The Grandview Park Authority has read the guidelines for compliance with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (as amended); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended); and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (as amended) and will comply with the applicable requirements of these Acts.

Passed and signed this 20 day of December, 2021.

ATTEST:



Board President



Clerk-Treasurer

Public Participation

The Grandview Park Authority launched an online survey that gave all residents, park users and local elected officials an opportunity to share their thoughts about the park and recreation wants and needs. The goal was to determine the top community park and recreation needs. The survey was available from August 1—September 30, 2021. The survey was promoted by newspaper articles, Facebook posts, through Town Council meetings, signs at town hall/library and yard signs in all the parks and throughout the town.

The Park Authority members also talked with residents, residents called town hall and Indiana 15 with comments.

Recreation input encouraged for Grandview Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan

The Grandview Park Authority is currently in the process of creating a 5-Year Master Plan and would like to hear your thoughts about the future of Grandview Parks and Recreation. To determine your suggestions for recreation opportunities in Grandview, the Town of Grandview is currently conducting an online survey. The survey will be available through September 30. If you have questions about the survey, please contact the Town of Grandview at (812) 649-2573 or the Regional Planning Commission at (812) 367-8455.



SPENCER COUNTY JOURNAL-DEMOCRAT Wednesday, August 25, 2021

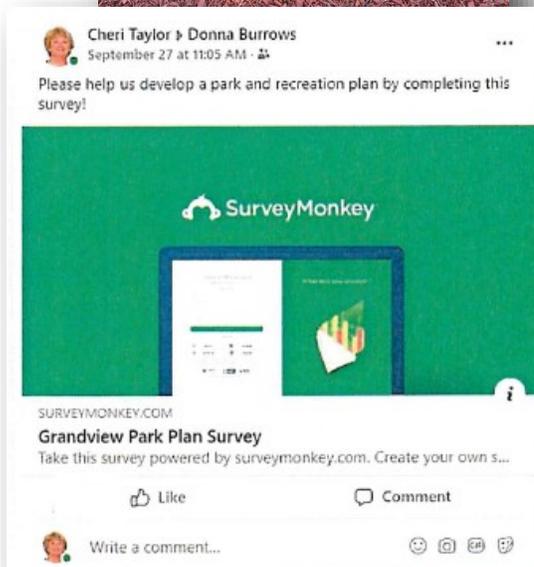
PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT FOR GRANDVIEW PARKS PLAN

GRANDVIEW — The Grandview Parks and Recreation Board is in the process of creating a 5-Year Master Plan and would like to know your thoughts about the future Grandview Park and recreational plans and opportunities.

An electronic survey is available to the residents in the Town of Grandview and to other users of the park at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/grandviewparks>. Answers to the survey will remain anonymous and provide valuable input that the Parks and Recreation Board will consider.

The updated plan will be used as a guide for the Town of Grandview to improve upon current recreational opportunities and provide new ideas residents may bring to light.

The survey will be available through Sept. 30. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact the Town Hall at (812) 649-2573 or Cheri Taylor at Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission (812) 367-8455.



PARKS PLAN

Burrows reported that the town's Five-Year Parks Plan is currently under development by Indiana Region 15. Surveys have been sent out to residents seeking input the needs of the town's parks, and could have a significant impact. Interested residents can also fill out surveys at www.surveymonkey.com/r/grandviewparks.

A parks plan is necessary for many state grants, and could open up the town to more funding and resources. Councilman Jordan Sheets urged the council to review whether there were other plans the town should have on the books, or updated, to ensure other grant funding isn't being left on the table.

Survey Findings

The survey had 23 respondents of which 70% were residents of Grandview. Even though 23 responders does not sound like a lot, it is more than has participated in past surveys for things like water issues. In addition to the online survey, residents also made phone calls to the town hall, Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission and the Park Authority members.

Seventy-four percent of respondents to the survey had participated in activities at a Grandview Park and 26% of these had visited more than 10 times in the past 90 days.

The largest activity engaged in at a Grandview Park was the playgrounds. When asked to rate the importance of various park system amenities, respondents also ranked playgrounds highest. Related amenities such as the zipline, picnic areas and disc golf also receive high rankings.

Sixty-five percent of respondents had visited a park outside Grandview in the last three years. The activity most participated in outside of Grandview was playgrounds, splash parks, disc golf and picnics.

When asked what the Park Authority could do to help enhance participation in the park system, walking/biking trails were the highest requested. Specifically requested was a trail wide enough for strollers. Also mentioned is a problem with mosquitos, upgrade/repair on grills needed, portable bathrooms needed, trash cans needed, better cleaning of floors of shelters, lights/fencing upgrade at the softball field and more events (craft/vendor fairs). This indicates additional focus is needed for these areas.

Within the natural environment, residents indicate they enjoy walking, biking, viewing nature, and picnicking. Residents indicate they want more focus on keeping parks clean.

Afternoons and weekends were reported as the best time for park programs at 30%, followed closely by evenings at 26%.

Though 68% of survey respondents report no issues finding out about recreational opportunities at Grandview Parks a Facebook page and joining all area disc golf club groups on Facebook were suggested as additional means of promotion.

Overall, residents feel the Park Authority is doing a good job of providing for their household's park and recreation needs. The overall quality of park facilities were ranked 4.26 out of 5 stars.

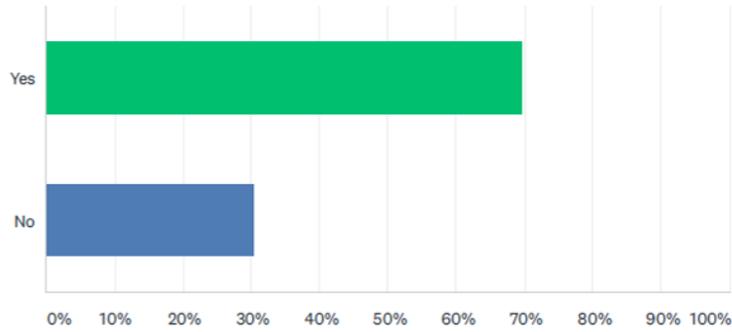
After careful listening and analysis of all comments received, the following top community needs emerged.

- Boat dock at the Grandview boat launch
- Parking lot at the Grandview boat launch
- Safely connecting the parks and park access
- More ADA access
- Walking/biking trails
- Parking at City Park
- Upgrade existing playground equipment and add additional options
- Lights and fencing at the softball field

Survey Results

Q1 Do you live in Grandview?

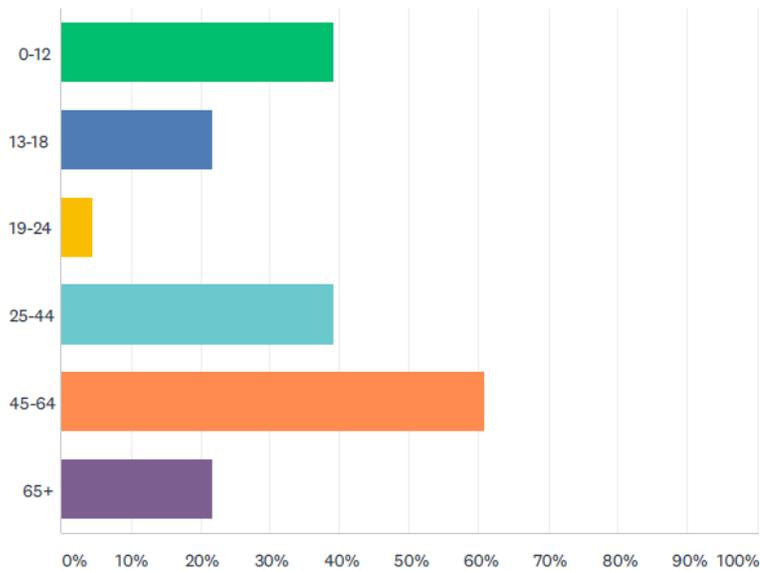
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	69.57%	16
No	30.43%	7
TOTAL		23

Q2 What are the ages in your household? (choose all that apply)

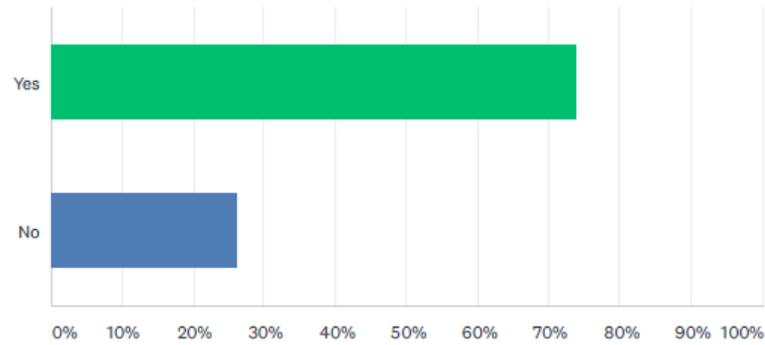
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-12	39.13%	9
13-18	21.74%	5
19-24	4.35%	1
25-44	39.13%	9
45-64	60.87%	14
65+	21.74%	5
Total Respondents: 23		

Q3 Has a resident in your home participated in a Grandview recreational program or activity?

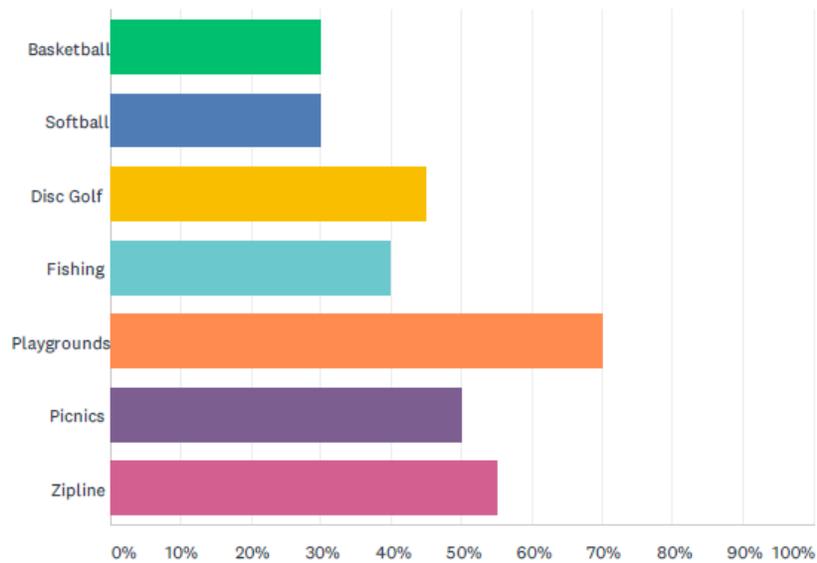
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.91%	17
No	26.09%	6
TOTAL		23

Q4 If so, which program?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Basketball	30.00%	6
Softball	30.00%	6
Disc Golf	45.00%	9
Fishing	40.00%	8
Playgrounds	70.00%	14
Picnics	50.00%	10
Zipline	55.00%	11
Total Respondents: 20		

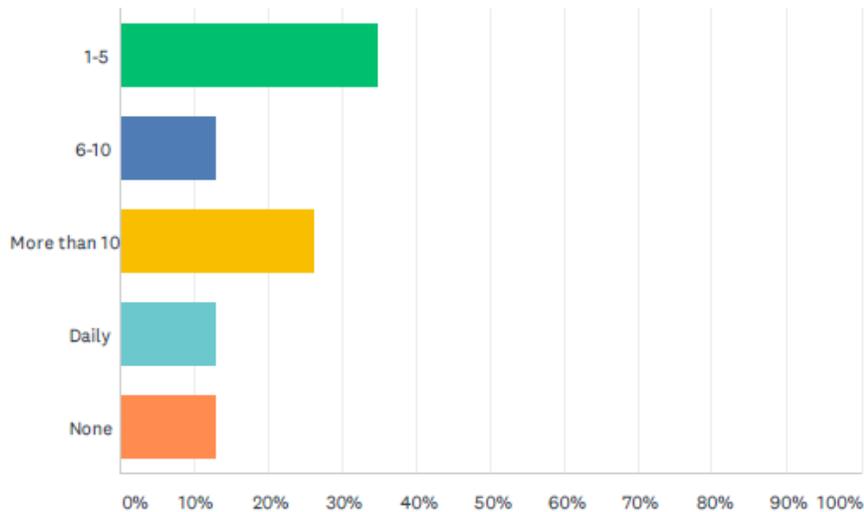
Q5 How has a resident in your home used Grandview Parks between 2019-2021?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Disc golf competition.	9/12/2021 4:09 PM
2	See 4	9/8/2021 5:18 PM
3	Birthday party at the park	9/7/2021 2:01 PM
4	Play grounds and shelters with the grandkids	9/6/2021 4:54 PM
5	We have used the Grandview park to play disc golf and let the kids play on the equipment	9/4/2021 3:19 PM
6	Basketball, playground, picnics	9/3/2021 7:49 PM
7	Parks	9/2/2021 6:51 PM
8	Fish basketball softball	8/28/2021 11:33 AM
9	Children play at the playgrounds/zip lines	8/25/2021 7:22 PM
10	Park and pavilion	8/20/2021 1:42 PM
11	Picnics, playground	8/17/2021 12:53 PM
12	Disc golf	8/15/2021 4:10 PM
13	Yes	8/14/2021 1:23 PM
14	Birthday party and picnic at the park	8/11/2021 8:29 AM
15	Yes	8/7/2021 6:11 PM
16	Walking down at the river	8/6/2021 9:06 PM
17	All that I've applied	8/6/2021 8:27 PM
18	Play on the playground	8/5/2021 7:04 PM
19	Playgrounds and zip line	8/5/2021 4:52 PM
20	Relax	8/4/2021 7:50 PM
21	Used picnic facilities at river park	8/4/2021 1:48 PM
22	Basketball courts Fishing at Y pond Reserved shelter for graduation party	8/3/2021 1:47 PM
23	walking, picnicking, disc golf	7/28/2021 10:41 AM

Q6 How many times in the past 90-day period did members of your household visit Grandview parks?

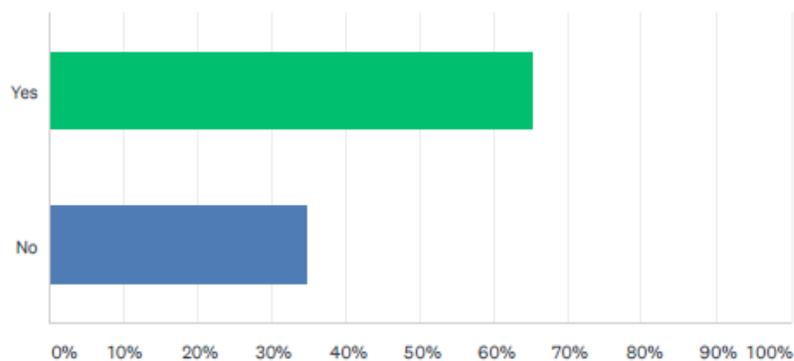
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-5	34.78%	8
6-10	13.04%	3
More than 10	26.09%	6
Daily	13.04%	3
None	13.04%	3
TOTAL		23

Q7 Has a resident in your home used a local park or facility outside Grandview between 2019-2021?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	65.22%	15
No	34.78%	8
TOTAL		23

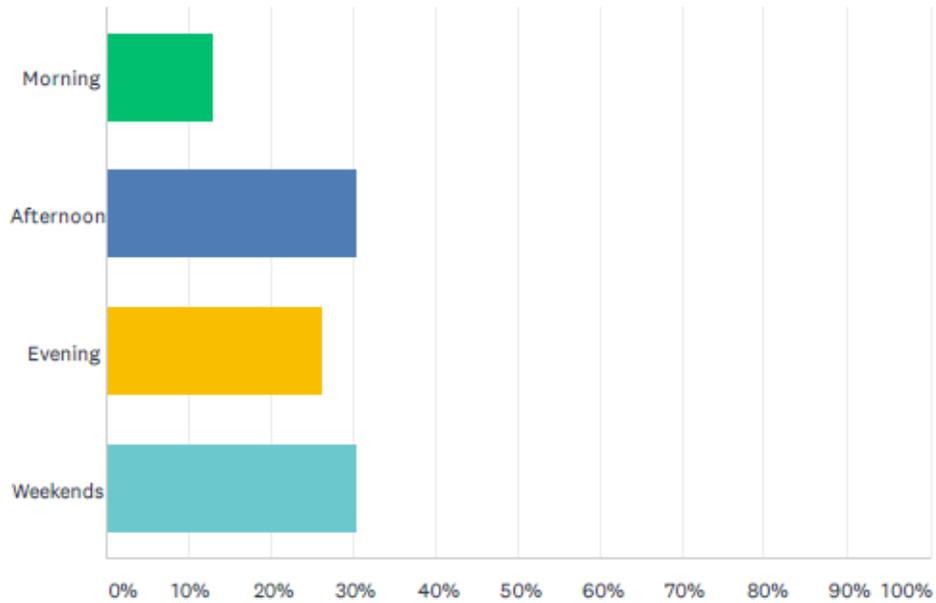
Q8 If so, what activity did you participate in?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 3

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Baby story time, playgrounds, splash park	9/12/2021 4:09 PM
2	See 4	9/8/2021 5:18 PM
3	Splash park, played on playground equipment	9/7/2021 2:01 PM
4	Disc golf and playground	9/6/2021 4:54 PM
5	Golf disc golf camping and swimming	9/4/2021 3:19 PM
6	Picnics	9/3/2021 7:49 PM
7	No	8/28/2021 11:33 AM
8	Played at other parks due to lack of equipment at the Grandview parks	8/25/2021 7:22 PM
9	picnics, playground, hiking	8/17/2021 12:53 PM
10	Disc Golf	8/15/2021 4:10 PM
11	Mud bog	8/14/2021 1:23 PM
12	Birthday party and picnic	8/11/2021 8:29 AM
13	Basketball football wiggle ball	8/7/2021 6:11 PM
14	None	8/6/2021 9:06 PM
15	N/A	8/6/2021 8:27 PM
16	N/a	8/5/2021 7:04 PM
17	Playground, splash park, zip line	8/5/2021 4:52 PM
18	4th of July celebration	8/4/2021 1:48 PM
19	N/A	8/3/2021 1:47 PM
20	camping, swimming	7/28/2021 10:41 AM

Q9 What are the most convenient program times for you and others in your household?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Morning	13.04%	3
Afternoon	30.43%	7
Evening	26.09%	6
Weekends	30.43%	7
TOTAL		23

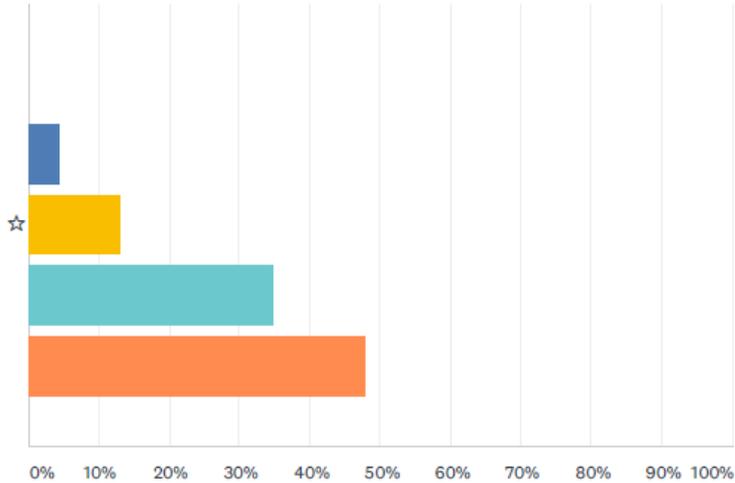
Q10 What can be done that would help you to participate in outdoor park activities more often?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 3

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Spray for mosquitoes and other bugs.	9/12/2021 4:09 PM
2	Git rid of the skeeters	9/8/2021 5:18 PM
3	Have a dock available at the boat ramp so we don't have to use Owensboro's to load and unload people.	9/7/2021 2:01 PM
4	Water fountain	9/6/2021 4:54 PM
5	More benches at the disc golf tee pads tea pads	9/4/2021 3:19 PM
6	Splash pad	9/3/2021 7:49 PM
7	Up grade the lights on the softball field and fencing. We also need a boat dock	8/28/2021 11:33 AM
8	Park king area at the zip line park. More equipment for the children	8/25/2021 7:22 PM
9	Upgrade the grill	8/20/2021 1:42 PM
10	Not sure, the heat is a preventative for me and nothing can be done about that.	8/17/2021 12:53 PM
11	Shorten hole 4	8/15/2021 4:10 PM
12	Not sure	8/14/2021 1:23 PM
13	Bmx park or bike trails or big rock climbing wall	8/7/2021 6:11 PM
14	Repair grills at the shelter houses. Add sidewalk y pond road to boat ramp parking lot. Add more trash cans. Add portable johns. Keep concrete cleaned off at both shelter bldgs. Put up safety guard up at the entrance of boat dock that is no longer in use.	8/6/2021 9:06 PM
15	N/A	8/6/2021 8:27 PM
16	Splash pad for the kids	8/5/2021 7:04 PM
17	Increase playground size/equipment Add splash park Add paved walking/bicycling perimeter	8/5/2021 4:52 PM
18	Not sure	8/4/2021 1:48 PM
19	Walking path around park so you don't have to walk in the street.	8/3/2021 1:47 PM
20	maybe more organized events such as craft fairs or vendor fairs	7/28/2021 10:41 AM

Q11 Please rate the quality of the Grandview Park facilities (hours of operation, upkeep, etc.) - more stars=higher rating.

Answered: 23 Skipped: 0

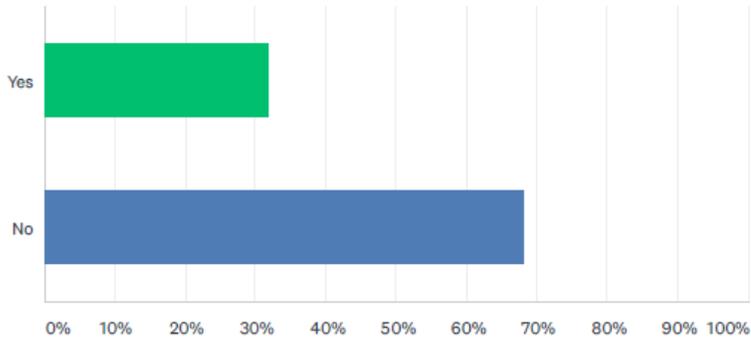


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	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	0.00% 0	4.35% 1	13.04% 3	34.78% 8	47.83% 11	23	4.26

Q12 Do you find it difficult to find out about recreational opportunities and programs at Grandview parks?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	31.82% 7
No	68.18% 15
TOTAL	22

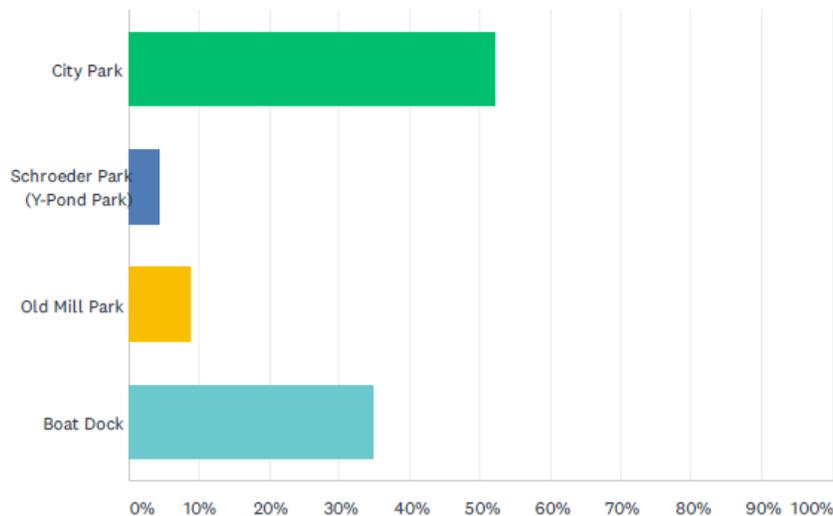
Q13 If yes, what suggestions might you have as to how the park board could better distribute information about activities?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 8

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Na	9/12/2021 4:09 PM
2	Get info to libraries and churches	9/6/2021 4:54 PM
3	Utilize disc golf player relationships. word of mouth goes a long way. Join all area disc golf club groups on Facebook	9/4/2021 3:19 PM
4	No suggestions	9/3/2021 7:49 PM
5	There's not much going on because of the virus right now	8/28/2021 11:33 AM
6	Posters, signs, social media	8/25/2021 7:22 PM
7	Newspapers, facebook.	8/17/2021 12:53 PM
8	Post it on Facebook or get a Snapchat account	8/7/2021 6:11 PM
9	Signs	8/6/2021 9:06 PM
10	Text/email	8/6/2021 8:27 PM
11	Na	8/5/2021 7:04 PM
12	N/A	8/5/2021 4:52 PM
13	Facebook page	8/4/2021 7:50 PM
14	None	8/4/2021 1:48 PM
15	flyers, social media	7/28/2021 10:41 AM

Q14 If funding were available, which facility in Grandview parks should have the highest priority?

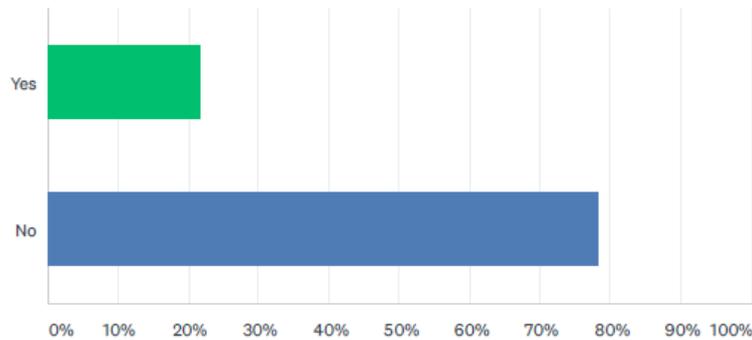
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
City Park	52.17%	12
Schroeder Park (Y-Pond Park)	4.35%	1
Old Mill Park	8.70%	2
Boat Dock	34.78%	8
TOTAL		23

Q15 Do any members of your household have a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	21.74%	5
No	78.26%	18
TOTAL		23

Q16 If you answered "Yes", what type of accommodation is needed to serve people with disabilities in your family?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 9

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Na	9/12/2021 4:09 PM
2	None	9/6/2021 4:54 PM
3	Nothing it's great	9/4/2021 3:19 PM
4	None	9/3/2021 7:49 PM
5	Boat dock	8/28/2021 11:33 AM
6	N/a	8/25/2021 7:22 PM
7	Ramps	8/20/2021 1:42 PM
8	My son has adhd and he needs more thinand to do around the park	8/7/2021 6:11 PM
9	N/a	8/6/2021 9:06 PM
10	N/A	8/6/2021 8:27 PM
11	Na	8/5/2021 7:04 PM
12	N/A	8/5/2021 4:52 PM
13	Even walkways	8/4/2021 1:48 PM
14	Walking path with benches for resting.	8/3/2021 1:47 PM

Q17 If you answered "Yes", what types of programs are needed to serve people with disabilities in your family?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 11

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	N a	9/12/2021 4:09 PM
2	None	9/6/2021 4:54 PM
3	Not sure	9/4/2021 3:19 PM
4	None	9/3/2021 7:49 PM
5	Loading ramp needs up grading	8/28/2021 11:33 AM
6	N/a	8/25/2021 7:22 PM
7	None	8/20/2021 1:42 PM
8	Climbing stuff and bmx park or trails or a pool	8/7/2021 6:11 PM
9	N/a	8/6/2021 9:06 PM
10	Na	8/5/2021 7:04 PM
11	N/A	8/5/2021 4:52 PM
12	Not sure	8/4/2021 1:48 PM

Q18 What are some barriers that would keep you from participating in recreational programs sponsored by Grandview parks?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 7

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Mosquitoes and smoke	9/12/2021 4:09 PM
2	High water	9/8/2021 5:18 PM
3	A walking trail would be great.	9/7/2021 2:01 PM
4	None	9/6/2021 4:54 PM
5	None	9/4/2021 3:19 PM
6	None	9/3/2021 7:49 PM
7	Know boat dock. Lights need up grading at softball field	8/28/2021 11:33 AM
8	No e	8/25/2021 7:22 PM
9	Grill	8/20/2021 1:42 PM
10	None except for heat	8/17/2021 12:53 PM
11	N/a	8/14/2021 1:23 PM
12	There's nothing to do around the parks	8/7/2021 6:11 PM
13	Y pond needs be trimmed around the pond	8/6/2021 9:06 PM
14	No	8/5/2021 7:04 PM
15	N/A	8/5/2021 4:52 PM
16	Age and disability	8/4/2021 1:48 PM

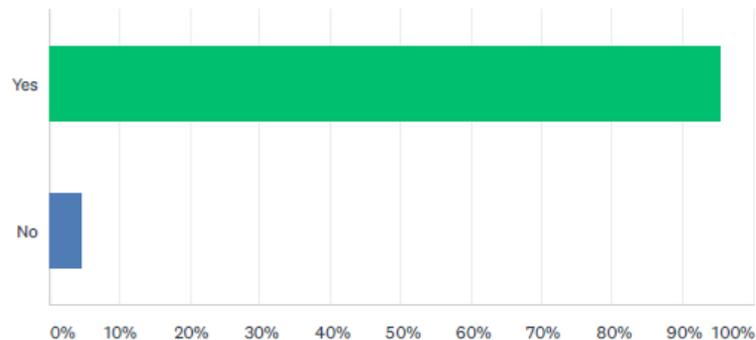
Q19 Where and what types of trails would you like to see developed in Grandview?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 4

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Trails that can be used with a stroller	9/12/2021 4:09 PM
2	A walking trail	9/7/2021 2:01 PM
3	Any	9/6/2021 4:54 PM
4	Park trail	9/3/2021 7:49 PM
5	Stroller friendly trails	9/2/2021 6:51 PM
6	Walking trail around the park	8/28/2021 11:33 AM
7	A walk path along the river front	8/25/2021 7:22 PM
8	Bike trails	8/20/2021 1:42 PM
9	Shaded, not just a track but something with visual appeal.	8/17/2021 12:53 PM
10	9 more holes	8/15/2021 4:10 PM
11	Moro	8/14/2021 1:23 PM
12	Bmx trails so the kids can have fun	8/7/2021 6:11 PM
13	No comment	8/6/2021 9:06 PM
14	River walk	8/6/2021 8:27 PM
15	More walking trails	8/5/2021 7:04 PM
16	Paved walking/bicycling trails around city park and river front. Any walking/bicycling trails around town would be GREAT.	8/5/2021 4:52 PM
17	Walking trail around river park would be nice	8/4/2021 1:48 PM
18	A paved walking path around Shoeder park would be amazing. Don't like walking in the street and we have very few sidewalks.	8/3/2021 1:47 PM
19	marked and measured walking routes on town side streets	7/28/2021 10:41 AM

Q20 Would you be in favor of a new town festival for spring or summer?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95.45%	21
No	4.55%	1
TOTAL		22

Q21 Is there anything else you would like us to know?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 10

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A few times we visited have been very windy days, yet the mosquitoes in city park were horrible! I can't imagine visiting on a day when it wasn't windy.	9/12/2021 4:09 PM
2	Nope	9/3/2021 7:49 PM
3	Grandview needs a boat dock. Thanks	8/28/2021 11:33 AM
4	No	8/25/2021 7:22 PM
5	Lovely park and really clean	8/20/2021 1:42 PM
6	Short hole 4, 9 more holes	8/15/2021 4:10 PM
7	Keep up the good work	8/14/2021 1:23 PM
8	Make a bigger Zipline that goes faster and all the way across the park	8/7/2021 6:11 PM
9	More benches around the y pond	8/6/2021 9:06 PM
10	No	8/5/2021 7:04 PM
11	No	8/5/2021 4:52 PM
12	Fall festival needs more activities and entertainment	8/4/2021 1:48 PM
13	Grandview is an amazing river town with a "GRAND" view. perhaps clearing trees and brush from river bank to enhance the view.	7/28/2021 10:41 AM

Phone call—David Gross, Grandview Civic Club

- Need a dock at the boat ramp
- Has a civic project in planning to build an 1812 Block House replica in the Town of Grandview
- Has a civic project in planning to build a flatboat similar to the last one built in Grandview by a retired worker—maybe at the boat dock.

Phone call—Ron Winkler, resident

- Would like to see a new floating dock with a walkway at the Grandview launch ramp
- Needs to have boat tie offs on it
- It is important for the current one to be replaced because it is rubbing the finish off boats and the last person has to swim out to the boat.



Block House sample photo

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Grandview Park Authority honing priorities — residents invited to weigh in

The Grandview Park Authority has been preparing their 2022-2026 Five Year Park and Recreation Master Plan. Survey responses were used to set priorities for the next five years.

The Grandview Park Authority is hosting a public meeting to present the draft plan. Residents will have the opportunity to

comment on the plan. Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission has assisted with the plan update and will be submitting the final plan to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Outdoor Recreation before April 15. Having a Five Year Master Plan will assist the Park Authority in achieving

their goals as well as making them eligible for grant programs.

The public meeting to present the draft Grandview Park and Recreation Master Plan will be held on Monday, March 21, at 5 p.m. in Grandview's Town Hall.

The draft plan is available for viewing at

www.ind15rpc.org/reports or by visiting Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, 221 E. First Street, Ferdinand. Residents are asked to provide comments to the Grandview Town Hall or Cheri Taylor-Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, at 812-367-8455 or email to ctaylor@ind15rpc.org.

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Grandview council holds two public hearings

BY JULIE SMITH-FRAZER
STAFF WRITER

GRANDVIEW — Two public hearings on important town plans were held at the start of the Grandview town council meeting on Monday, March 21.

The first public hearing was in regards to the Grandview five year Park and Recreation Master Plan. The second hearing was discussing the towns application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) for a grant to complete a master utility study.

Cheri Taylor, a financial administrator with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission presented on the park plan. Having a plan that is approved by Indiana Department of Natural Resources will make Grandview eligible for their funding.

An online survey was taken and other feedback was gathered to determine any projects that the community would like to see completed which were then put together in the work plan that spans over a five year period.

In January, they sent a draft of the plan to Indiana DNR and they received comments

back. The work plan itself has not changed but they did add further narrative on information pertaining to Grandview.

Taylor explained she was at the meeting to gather any comments from the public or additional items that would need to be added before a final draft of the plan was submitted. The plan is due to Indiana DNR by April 15, and Taylor plans to submit it by the end of March.

Taylor had the council flip to the page in the work plan titled Priorities and Action Schedule. These pages detail different action plans the town would like to address from 2022 to 2026, the cost of the project and potential funding sources.

In 2022, one action for the town is to add lights and fencing at the softball field at the Grandview City Park with an estimated cost of \$100,000 with local funding. The responses to the survey were included in the plan as well.

Nathan Held, Senior Project Administrator with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission presented during the second public hearing. The town is requesting for \$90,000, which is the maximum for a master utility study (water, wastewater, and stormwater). Grandview will be putting forth a match of \$10,000. The application is due on April 14.

The main purpose for the public hearing was to gather any public comments regarding the study. Held also stressed the importance of gathering public input for the grant application. Letters of support are needed from the public to include with the application, as well as photo examples of any issues or complaints.

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These application process have grown to become more competitive in recent years.

Providing supplemental documentation proving or supporting issues that Grandview is having with its water, wastewater, or stormwater are essential. The members of the town council then went into discussion on drainage and flooding issues that they are aware of throughout Grandview. Angie Fischer added that she thinks one issue that needs to be

addressed is to pinpoint more areas that drains should be placed at.

In the application they ask for a three to five year history explained Held. So, when people do send in letters if they could provide a timeline of how long the issues have been

occurring, and when they occur.

Keith Nix asked what documentation was needed for the water tower, which will eventually need to be replaced. Held said they can refer to the previous study since it was addressed at that time as well.

Any piece of documentation they can put in to the application will be helpful, especially since the committee will most likely not be familiar with Grandview. So, pictures will help simplify the process for them.

During the regular meeting, the council passed two resolutions for the submission of the park and master utility plans.

For the master plan, they also discussed where the funding for the match for the grant would come from. The council passed the motion to utilize the American Rescue Plan funds for the \$10,000 match.

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Grandview Town Council moving forward on updated park plan, utilities planning grant

By DON STEEN
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GRANDVIEW – The Grandview Town Council held two public hearings immediately before their regular meeting March 21. Both of these hearings dovetailed neatly into the primary business of the evening. Namely, forward progress on submitting a five-year park plan as well as the submission of an application for a master utility planning grant through the Indiana Office of Rural and Community Affairs.

While the park plan and planning grant are distinct initiatives, focusing on the needs of the town's public spaces and its water and wastewater systems respectively, both could be the key to unlocking state and federal funding sources. An up-to-date park plan is necessary to qualify, or at least earn primary consideration, for grants from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Furthermore, if the town secures a planning grant to assess the needs of its water and wastewater infrastructure, that information would be invaluable when it comes to applying for state and federal grant and loan programs in the coming months and years. With the American Rescue Plan funding yet to be disbursed and more resources from the 2021 infrastructure bill coming down the pipe, it would naturally be ideal for Grandview to be in a position to apply for any and all opportunities that arise.

Cheri Taylor of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission was present at the public hearing for the park plan to offer some details on the latest draft, which should closely resemble the final product. However, she noted there is still time to make adjustments if town officials should be made aware of any other potential park needs. Taylor hopes to have a final draft submitted by the end of the month, but she also emphasized the plan could be amended later over the next five years.

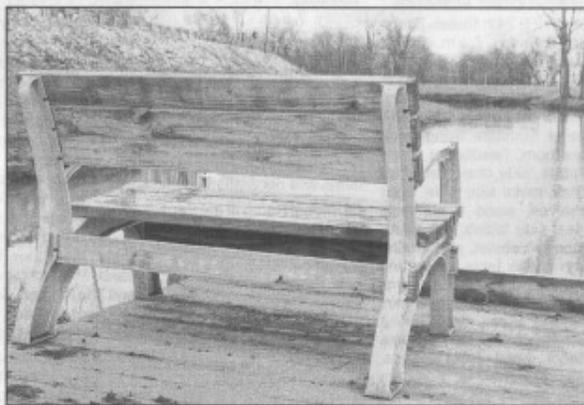
"This is not set in stone," she said. "You can always add to it."

The park plan, as currently presented, lays out a detailed slate of priorities for the next five years. These projects are divided by years of projected implementation, recurring



Images from two of Grandview's Parks. At their meeting on Monday, March 21, Town Council members approved a Five-year Parks Plan pending a few edits and following a public hearing prior to their regular council meeting.

— Photos by Don Steen



annual commitments, probable funding sources, etc.

For 2022, the plan calls for new lights and fencing at the softball field in Grandview City Park at a projected cost of \$100,000 from local funds. New benches may also be added to the disc golf course, with a projected cost of \$9,000 provided by civic groups and donations. The addition of wireless internet at all public parks in the town is also in the offing for this year, though this is contingent on the completion of Perry-Spencer Communications' planned build out of a fiber network through the town in the fall. Finally, the plan calls to begin the process of locating funding for a new boat dock in Schroeder Park along the river.

By 2023 or 2024, the plan calls for moving forward on acquiring and installing the new dock at the boat launch, as well as maintenance plans for it. Those costs would be substantial, totaling nearly \$1 million as of now, but DNR grant programs could accommodate the project. Other planned improvements along

this time frame include the installation of a rock climbing wall at Grandview City Park, as well as expanded rentals at the softball field. The park plan also expects the town to seek out grant funding for new trails, sidewalks or other walkability upgrades at around that time, with those projects likely to dominate 2025.

By 2026, the main priorities will include additional parking at Grandview City Park and new trails or other walkways at Schroeder Park and the boat launch. Several action items are also likely to dominate throughout the entire five-year plan, including regular maintenance and replacement of playground equipment, aggressive pursuit of funding opportunities, monitoring the Ohio River bank for signs of erosion and similar initiatives.

There was no comment from the public at the hearing, but town council members did offer some input that will be incorporated into the final plan. They called for more emphasis on handicapped accessibility, to ensure com-

petition with the Americans with Disabilities Act on all upcoming projects.

With that note added to the final draft, the public hearing on the park plan concluded. The town council later voted unanimously to pass a resolution to submit the final park plan for approval by the DNR upon its completion.

The second public hearing of the evening focused on the application for the utility planning grant, funded by the federal Community Development Block Grant program and administered by OCRA. The application is due by April 14, and Nathan Held of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission emphasized the need for the town to make an impression with its application.

There's a lot of money floating around right now, and the public sector across the nation is snapping at the chance to tackle longstanding issues and long-sought capital projects. Planning grants, which not only identify needs but provide valuable data to back up applications for other funding, are naturally in a state of high

competition as well.

"We really need to make it the best application that we can," said Held.

That means documentation. Any documented water or wastewater issue, preferably with photographic evidence, could help Grandview's chances of securing funding. There are currently three letters in hand, detailing some of the needs in the community. Held noted a total of seven such letters can be submitted along with the grant, but extras are always handy as this allows grant writers to select the most compelling evidence for submission. If the total number of letters provided exceeds seven, that detail is also included in the application. The big thing Held asked council members to seek out over the next week or so, however, was photo documentation to go with letters.

Pictures of flooded yards, damaged infrastructure, etc. could speak volumes. Held pointed out those officials in charge of scoring individual grant applications are very busy right now, and most have never been to Grandview

or Spencer County. Every application might contain real needs, but it's easier to relate to a problem with photographic evidence to rely upon.

"Pictures are great," said Held. "They like to see pictures."

The propensity of the Ohio River to flood certainly weighs heavily on the town's water and wastewater system. If those needs are successfully sold to the scoring committee and a planning grant awarded, Grandview could benefit from further funding on a range of improvements. For example, mitigation efforts to prevent floodwaters from infiltrating the sewer system, replacing old water lines, a new water tower, etc.

The council unanimously approved a resolution to complete and submit an application for the maximum amount through the planning grant. This resolution included a commitment of \$10,000 on the part of the town for the local match requirement, should the grant be awarded. However, the town has ARP funding set aside to cover that \$10,000 match.

The council also:

- Will meet in special session Wednesday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the town hall to discuss a contract with the full board of Finch-Newton Water.
 - Discussed troublesome properties, including a number of fines sent out to owners.
 - Voted to approve a bill adjustment for a resident erroneously charged for sewer use during a time when the meter should have been off. Town Manager Keith Nix noted this was due to a faulty valve that has since been fixed.
 - Heard Councilman Dakota Risse say he has been keeping in touch with the Grandview Civic Association, with the goal of helping both bodies coordinate on projects, such as town-wide cleanups and parades.
 - Learned the Grandview Volunteer Fire Department will host a pancake breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. April 16 for \$8 per person.
 - Discussed seeking bids for new storage space for town equipment and supplies, including the town's road salt stockpile.
- The Grandview Town Council's next regular meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, April 18 at town hall.

Public Hearing notes

Doug Risse called the public hearing to order on March 21, 2022 at 5:00 pm. He then turned the hearing over to Cheri Taylor with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission.

Ms. Taylor made introductions and explained that Indiana 15 RPC had been contracted to develop a five-year Master Park Plan. The purpose of the park master plan is to plan for improvements over the next five years. The plan is not set in stone, it can be amended at any time. An Indiana Department of Natural Resources approved Five-Year Master Park Plan makes established park organizations eligible to apply for IDNR funding.

Ms. Taylor further explained that comments were received via online survey, phone calls and word of mouth. Yard signs, direct emails and signs at Town Hall promoted the online survey. A sign at the public library promoted the online survey and phone calls with comments and ideas.

The plan was developed with the help of the Town Manager from comments received. The yearly workplan was reviewed in detail for those present. A draft was sent to IDNR for review on January 13th. Ms. Taylor received comments back from IDNR which have been incorporated into the present draft handed out tonight. Comments received tonight until submitted will be incorporated into the final draft. The final plan is due to IDNR by April 15th.

Ms. Taylor then opened the floor to comments from those present.

Doug Risse commented that the draft incorporated the comments he had heard from those that had reached out to him during and before this process began.

Angie Fischer commented that everything she had brought to her had also been incorporated into the final plan. Others agreed with these comments.

Ms. Taylor asked if anything had been omitted from the draft that should be included or if anything needed to be changed before the final draft? Everyone agreed that the draft was complete and correct.

Doug Risse reminded those present that more emphasis should be placed on handicap accessibility to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act on all upcoming projects. "We should strive to make all our parks accessible to everyone."

Ms. Taylor thanked the Park Authority for the opportunity to work on this project. In turn the Park Authority thanked Ms. Taylor and Indiana 15 RPC for their continued community partnership.

Needs Analysis

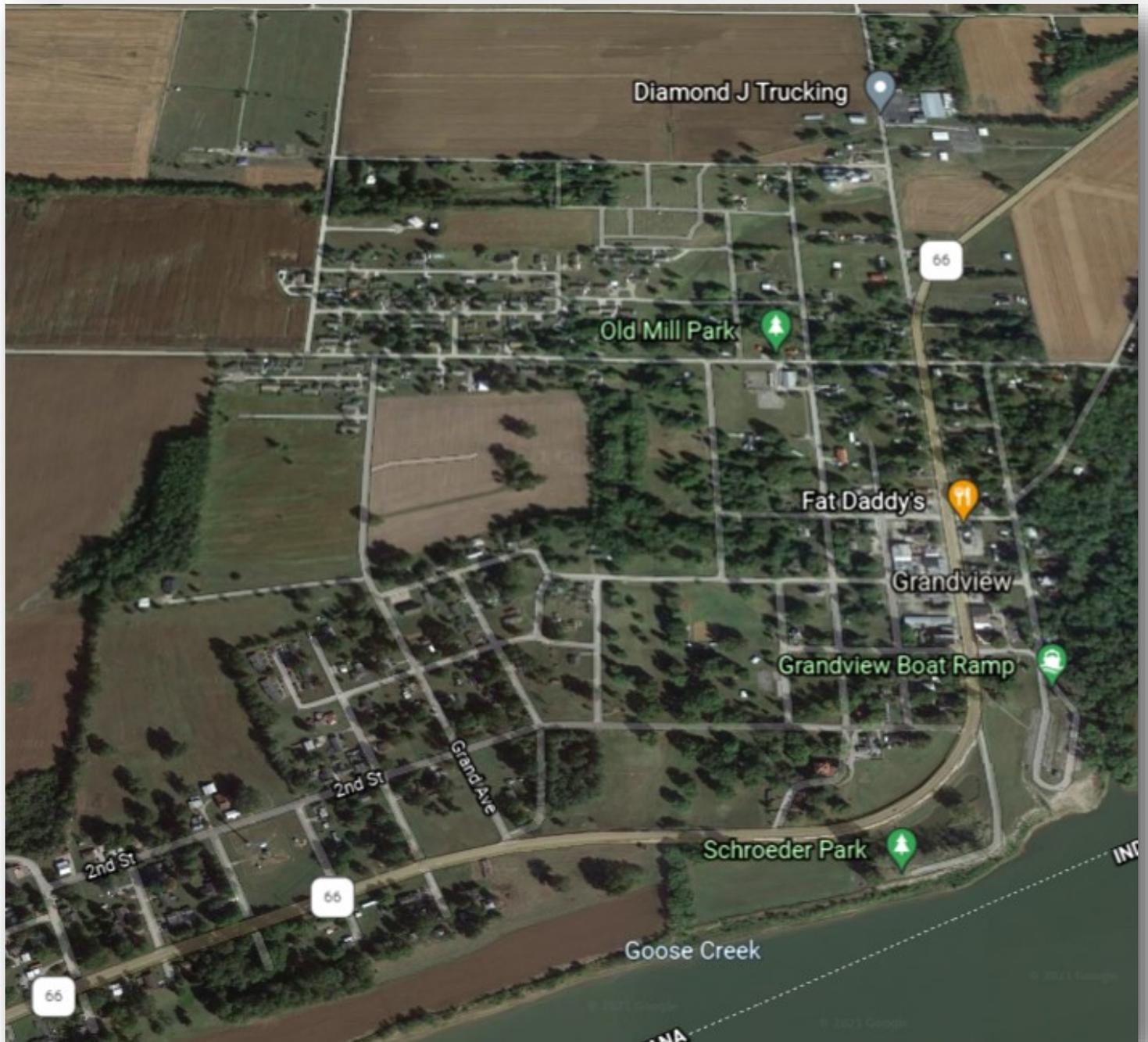
The Park Authority identified the following needs focusing on safety and longevity of recreation in the Town of Grandview.

- Boat dock at the Grandview boat launch
- Update parking lot at the Grandview boat launch
- Add more walkability between parks
- Update ballfields to tournament quality for rental ability
- Add a volleyball court
- Look for opportunities that bring in funds to the Parks Department
- Look for grant opportunities to help fund park needs
- Look for opportunities to upgrade existing park offerings to ADA compliance each year

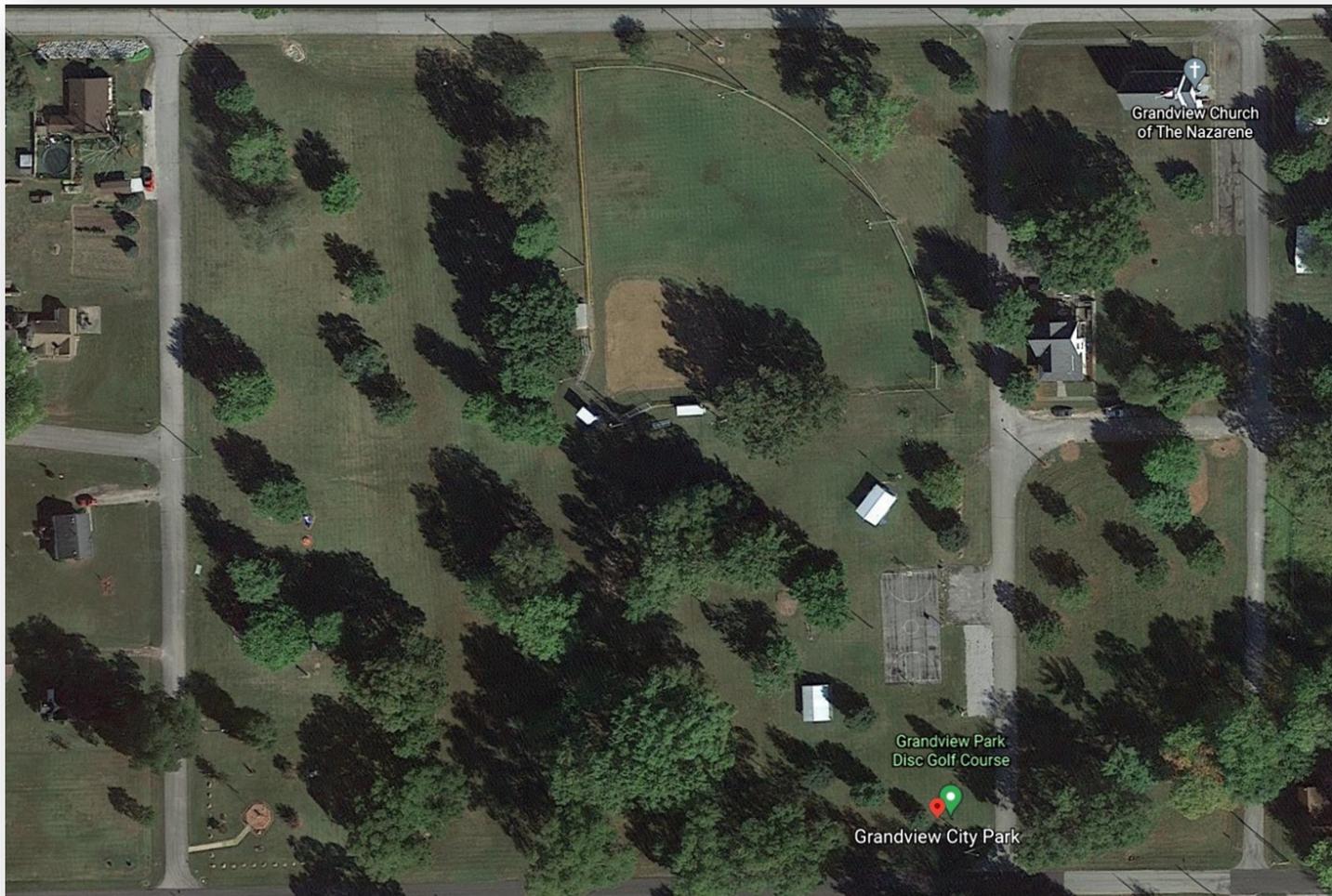
After careful listening and analysis of all public comments received, the following top community needs emerged:

- Boat dock at the Grandview boat launch
- Parking lot at the Grandview boat launch
- Walking/biking trails
- Parking at City Park
- Upgrade existing playground equipment and add additional options
- Lights and fencing at softball field
- Mosquitos
- Walkway from the ramp to the boat launch

Facilities Location Map



Grandview City Park



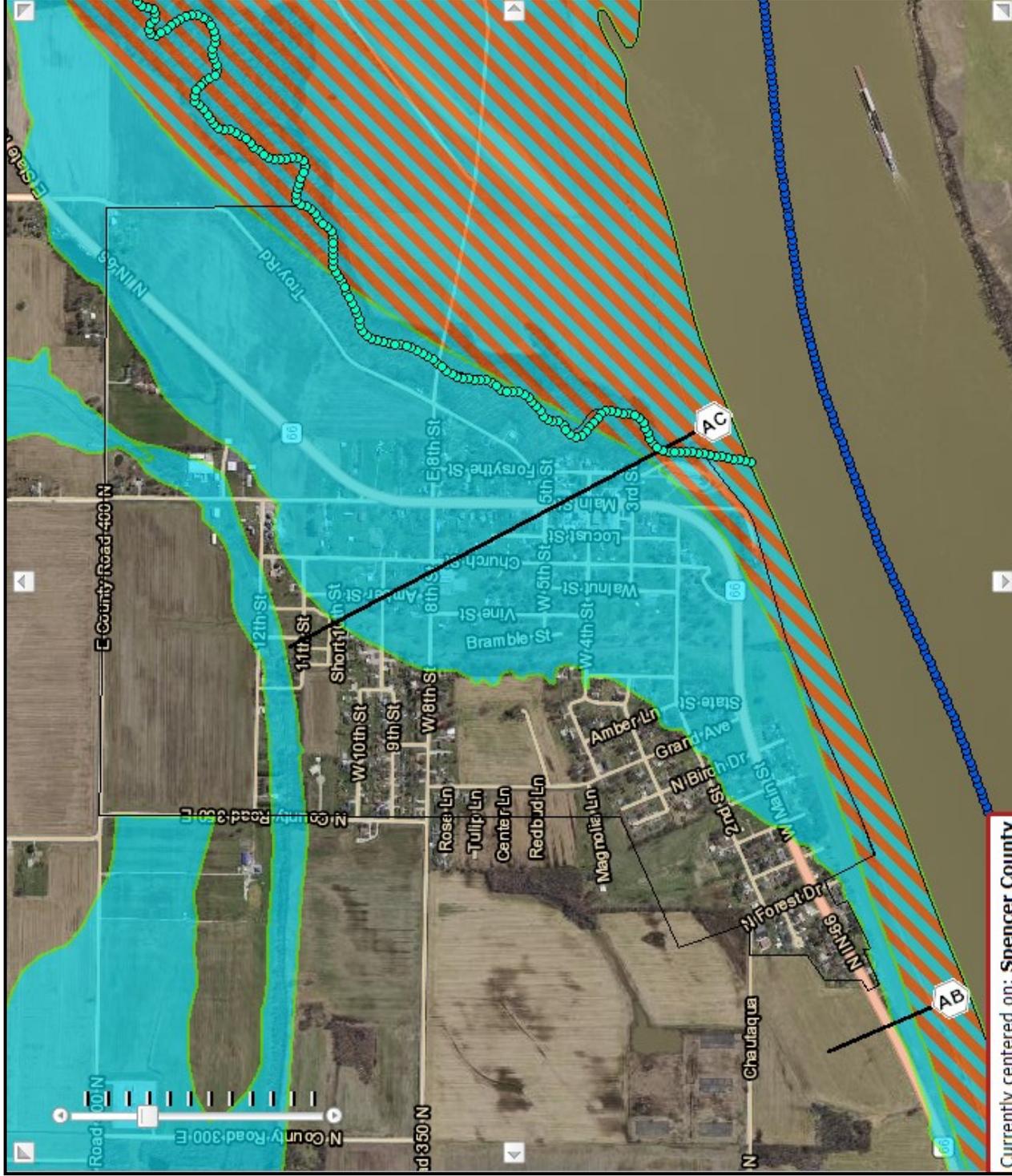
Old Mill Park



Schroeder Park



Town of Grandview Flood Plain Map



Legend Information

Effective Flood Zones
 About these Flood Zones

- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
- 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard - Zone A (Approximate Study)
- 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard - Zone AE (Detailed Study)
- 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard - Floodway
- 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard - Zone AH
- 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard - Zone AO
- Zone X - Protected by Levee

Preliminary Flood Zones
 About these Flood Zones

- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
- 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard - Zone A (Approximate Study)
- 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard - Zone AE (Detailed Study)
- 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard - Floodway
- 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard - Zone AH
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- Zone X - Protected by Levee

Best Available Flood Zones

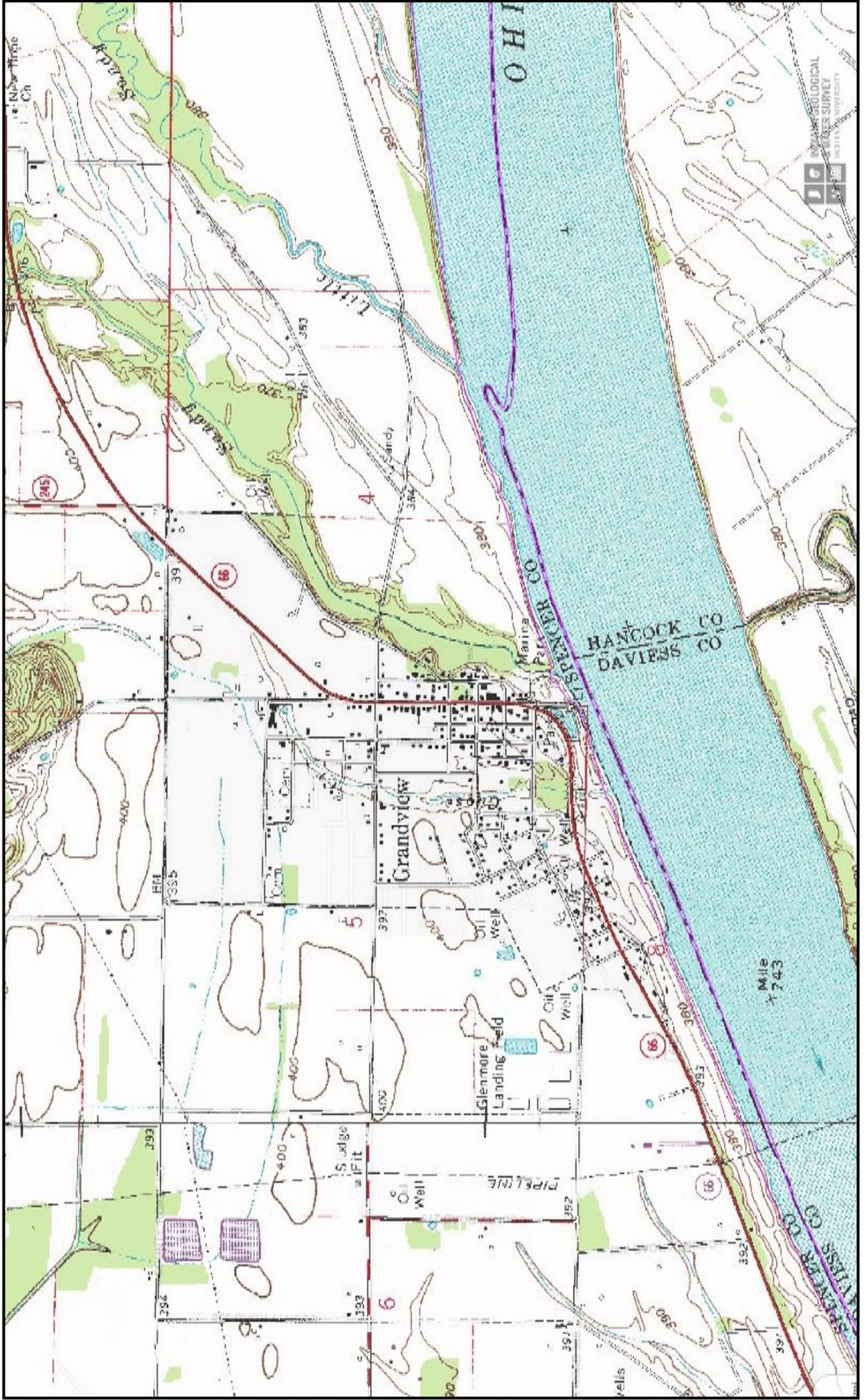
- FEMA Zone AE Floodway
- DNR Detailed Floodway
- DNR Approximate Floodway
- FEMA Zone A
- FEMA Zone AE
- DNR Detailed Fringe
- DNR Approximate Fringe
- Additional Floodplain Area
- FEMA Protected by Levee
- FEMA Floodplain - Pending (Depth)
- FEMA Floodplain - Sheet Flow (Depth)

Flood Elevation Points

- Flood Elevation Points - Zone A (Approximate)
- Flood Elevation Points - Zone AE (Detailed)

Currently centered on: Spencer County

Town of Grandview Topography Map



Priorities and Action Schedule

2022

Action	Site	Cost	Potential source of funds
Lights & fencing at softball field	Grandview City Park	\$100,000	Local funds
Add benches to Disc Golf course	Grandview City Park	\$9,000	Civic groups / donations
WiFi in parks	All parks	\$500	Town funds - waiting on broadband project to complete
Research & apply for funding a new boat dock	-	-	Town funds

2023 - 2024

Action	Site	Cost	Potential source of funds
Boat dock	Grandview Boat launch	\$750,000	Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Boat dock parking lot repairs	Grandview Boat launch	\$250,000	Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Add a rock climbing wall	Grandview City Park	\$2,500	Local / donations
Recruit rental of softball field	Grandview City Park	-	Local / donations
Research & apply for funding new trails	-	-	Town funds

2025

Action	Site	Cost	Potential source of funds
Build new trail	Grandview City Park	\$600,000	Indiana Department of Natural Resources

2026

Action	Site	Cost	Potential source of funds
Add parking	Grandview City Park	\$100,000	Local funds / donations
Build new trail	Schroeder Park & Boat Launch	\$600,000	Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Annually

Action	Site	Cost	Potential source of funds
ADA accessibility incorporated when projects are planned	All parks	Varies	Operating budget, donations, grants
Develop a rotating maintenance replacement schedule on all park playgrounds.	All parks	Varies	Operating budget
Aggressively pursue funding in the way of grants/donations to fund projects.	All parks	Local match varies	Operating budget, donations, grants
Check the Ohio River bank at the south boundary of Grandview for erosion	Schroeder Park & Boat launch	Varies	Operating budget

Appendix

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-11-21-01

AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AND ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF GRANDVIEW PARK AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Grandview, Indiana (hereafter, "Town") operates and maintains various parks throughout the town;

WHEREAS, the town previously established a Town Parks and Recreation Board for the purpose of governing and overseeing the town parks;

WHEREAS, the legislative body for the town has discretion as to how the town parks are governed;

WHEREAS, the legislative body may establish a Park Authority for the purpose of managing all public parks that belong to the municipality;

WHEREAS, the legislative body may designate the Town to serve as the Park Authority;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Grandview, Indiana as follows:

- A. The Town of Grandview Parks and Recreation Board, organized under I.C. 36-10-3 and described in Chapter 1.22 of the Grandview, Indiana Codifications of Ordinances, shall be dissolved upon passage of this ordinance;
- B. Upon passage of this ordinance, the positions described as Parks and Recreation Board shall be eliminated;
- C. The Town of Grandview Town Council is hereby designated as the Park Authority, and charged with the management of all town parks [authority, I.C. 36-10-5-2 (b)(2)(C)];
- D. The Town of Grandview Town Council as the Park Authority, may adopt rules concerning the laying out, improvement, preservation, ornamentation, and management of the parks;
- E. The Park Authority may appoint a person to serve as Director of the Grandview Parks, and said Director shall have discretion to carry out day-to-day functions of scheduling events and seeking grants and ideas, subject to approval of the Park Authority;
- F. The Director of the Grandview Parks shall report regularly to the Grandview Park Authority when it meets as the Grandview Town Council;
- G. Maintenance, mowing and upkeep of Parks grounds and equipment shall be done in like manner as other Town properties by Town employees;

- H. The Rules and Regulations and Fees, set forth in Grandview, Indiana Codifications Chapter 1.22 are hereby reaffirmed as the current rules, regulations, and fees for the Grandview Parks;
- I. All books, papers, documents, and other property of the former Grandview Parks and Recreation Board shall be transferred to the Town of Grandview, and owned, held, and maintained as all other municipality owned property, subject to the governance of the Grandview Park Authority. These documents shall be kept and maintained at Grandview Town Hall by the Clerk-Treasurer.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its promulgation according to law.

Duly passed by the Town Council of the Town of Grandview, Indiana this 16th day of December, 2019.

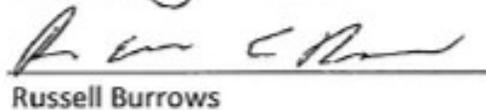
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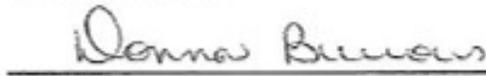

Jennie Weatherholt, President

Robert Burrows, III VP


Tracy Arndell


Angie Fischer


Russell Burrows


ATTEST:
Donna Burrows, Clerk-Treasurer

**GRANDVIEW PARK AUTHORITY MASTER PLAN
ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Grandview Park Authority is aware of the parks and recreation needs of the residents of Grandview, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Board realizes the importance of sound planning in order to meet the needs of its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GRANDVIEW PARK AUTHORITY, by unanimous declaration, does adopt the Grandview Park Authority Master Plan as its official plan for the next five years, for the growth and development of parks and recreational opportunities in Grandview, Indiana.

Passed and signed this 21st day of March, 2022.

ATTEST:



Board President



Board Vice-President

Clubs and Organizations

The following clubs and organizations exist in Grandview and volunteer for projects to better the town.

Grandview Civic Association

Grandview Volunteer Fire Department

Grandview Garden Club

Conservation Club

Grant Opportunities

Next Level Trails—DNR

Land and Water Conservation Funds—DNR