



# Pike County Park and Recreation

## 2020-2024 Master Plan

Jan Hollis  
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May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Jan,

The DNR Division of Outdoor Recreation planning staff has reviewed the final draft of the 2020-2025 Pike County 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 2020 grant year.** A new plan will be due on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 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](mailto:bbronson@dnr.IN.gov).

We support your planning efforts and encourage your participation in the grant programs administered by the Division of Outdoor Recreation. 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](mailto:gbeilfuss@dnr.IN.gov).

Sincerely,

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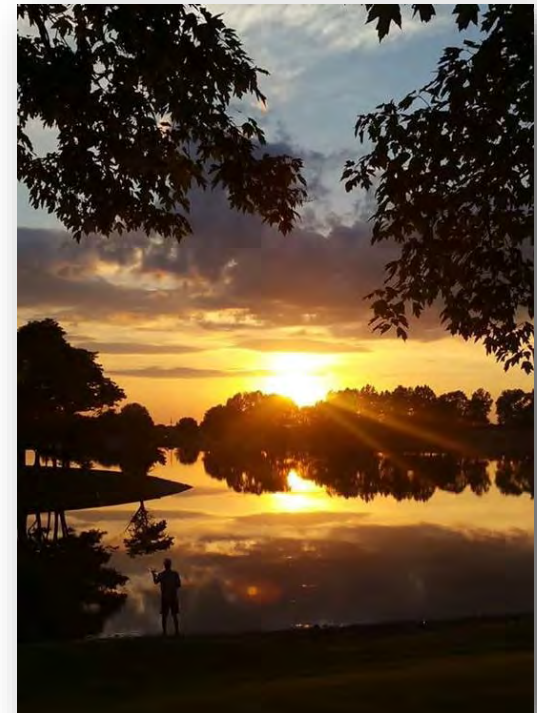
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# Introduction



## **Introduction**

The Pike County Park and Recreation Board was established October 24, 1972 under the provisions of IC 1971-7-4. On July 29, 1982 an Ordinance repealed the original ordinance and created a Department of Parks and Recreation under Indiana Code 36-10-3. A copy of this ordinance is enclosed in this plan.

The Pike County Park and Recreation Board submitted a five-year park and recreation master plan to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources in 1986. The Board submitted updated master plans in 1995, 2002 and 2014 to the Indiana Division of Outdoor Recreation. This update was started in July 2019 for submittal in 2020.

The Park Board and staff understand that outdoor recreation adds quality of life to communities, and quality of life makes people love where they live. Therefore, this plan sought to verify what the Board and staff are doing right and what needs to be improved or added to meet the needs of our community.

Although the Pike County Park and Recreation Board is a countywide organization, it only has management responsibility for Prides Creek Park. This park, owned by the Prides Creek Conservancy District, was established in 1970 and is located approximately one mile south of Petersburg on SR 61 and SR 56. The Prides Creek Conservancy District built and constructed a 90 acre, multi-purpose (flood and recreation) reservoir. The Pike County Park and Recreation Board has a 45-year lease (a copy of this lease is in the appendix) on the site from the Conservancy District to maintain the property. This lease expires on December 31, 2032. This 260 acre site contains a swimming beach, bath house, swimming dock with diving board, disc golf, 205 campsites (145 are permanent sites), paved roads, restrooms, showers, laundry facilities, playgrounds, 90-acre lake, fishing, boat ramp, tennis, basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, amphitheater and a par 36/9 hole golf course.

The Conservancy District and Park Board lease the 18-hole championship golf course portion to the Prides Creek Golf Course, Inc. (a copy of this lease is in the appendix) which expires on December 31, 2029.

The Park Board and staff have worked with the Indiana State Board of Health on upgrading the water and electricity to campsites to meet Indiana Code and have a phase-in schedule in progress. They have also built a new shelter house for park users, planned additional events for campers, worked with Indiana Department of Natural Resources on moss control and developed a plan, and renewed both the lease with the Conservancy District and the Golf Course.



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The Pike County Park and Recreation meets monthly—the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm—at the Prides Creek Park office. The Board is appointed as follows:

- Two (2) members by the judge of the circuit court (Must be different political parties)
- One (1) member by the county executive
- Two (2) members by the county fiscal body (Must be different political parties)
- One (1) ex-officio member by the county extension committee

Members are appointed on the basis of their interest in and knowledge of parks and recreation. Officers—president and vice-president—are elected at the first meeting each year. The board duties include defining the strategic direction of the park, providing park and recreation opportunities to residents of the community and public at large, forming rules of governance, accountable for the quality of the services and amenities provided, and maintaining and following the budget.

## **Park Staff**

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The Pike County Park and Recreation Superintendent is hired by the Pike County Park and Recreation Park Board. The duties of the Superintendent include developing the park, operating recreation facilities, enforcing rules and conducting recreation programs as determined by the Park Board and offering recommendations to help with their decisions.

The Assistant Superintendent arranges events and concessions for the Park.

The Administrative Secretary runs the office, takes minutes for the Board meetings, and assists with managing the budget.

## **Plan Author**

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## **Budget**

The Pike County Parks and Recreation Department receives income from the Pike County budget (taxes), gate receipts and rental fees.

Financial assistance to Otwell, Petersburg, Spurgeon, Stendal, Velpen and Winslow parks are part of the Pike County Park and Recreation budget.

The Pike County Parks and Recreation Department is the home cross country course for the Pike Central Middle and High School cross country teams. The home meets are held at the park as well as sectional and regional meets when scheduled. These are hosted at no cost to the participants or visitors.

The park also hosts several disc golf tournaments each year.

The park hosts a Halloween event each year filled with crafts, trick or treating, decorated golf cart parade, and costume contest. This is held at no charge to attendees.

### **Pike County Park and Recreation Budget**

	2017		2018		2019	
	Appropriated	Actual	Appropriated	Actual	Appropriated	Actual
<b>Expenses</b>						
Salaries	\$ 193,502	\$ 188,718	\$ 197,715	\$ 184,326	\$ 212,721	\$ 76,735
Supplies/Maintenance	\$ 237,831	\$ 277,893	\$ 221,281	\$ 230,908	\$ 251,400	\$ 150,915
Events	\$ 10,500	\$ 5,814	\$ 10,500	\$ 50,112	\$ 10,500	\$ 1,496
Machinery/Equipment	\$ 34,000	\$ 32,868	\$ -	\$ 2,362	\$ -	
Sub-total	\$ 475,833	\$ 505,292	\$ 429,496	\$ 467,708	\$ 474,621	\$ 229,146
<b>County Park Assistance</b>						
Otwell Community Center	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Petersburg Ball Park	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Spurgeon Park	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Stendal Community Center	\$ 11,450	\$ 11,432	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,276	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Velpen Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Winslow Park	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,404	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,472	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Total Expenses	\$ 505,783	\$ 535,628	\$ 465,996	\$ 506,956	\$ 514,621	\$ 269,146

\*Through 6/6/2019



# Goals and Objectives



## **Goals and Objectives of the Park Board and Organization**

**Provide a variety of enjoyable leisure, relaxation, learning and socialization opportunities to promote personal growth and well-being for Pike County.**

- Provide opportunities for all ages and abilities.
- Utilize and update this plan to implement the desires of the public in an organized and efficient manner.

**Anticipate the needs of the changing community and develop programs and facilities accordingly when feasible.**

- Take note of requests and suggestions from park users for possible future development.

**Expand the level of public information, awareness and involvement in parks and recreation.**

- Promote the park activities and facilities on social media, other community websites and flyers throughout the community.

**Preserve, protect, maintain, improve and enhance natural resources and recreational opportunities for Pike County.**

- Provide operation and maintenance to ensure safe, serviceable and functional park and facilities.
- Implement the provisions and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other design and development standards that will improve the park facilities safety and security for park users.
- Define and enforce rules and regulations concerning park facilities, activities and operation to protect park users.

**Assist all units of government and unincorporated communities within the county with outdoor recreation improvements.**

- Work with other park departments within the county to assist with recreation projects.

**Utilize financial resources efficiently and equitably working with the adopted budget.**

- Be good stewards of finances and search for additional funding opportunities.
- Encourage donations of labor, materials, financial and land contributions.

**Seek opportunities for future development.**

- Link Prides Creek Park to the community by connecting to area trails.
- Would like to see the lake stocked for bass tournaments

## **Goals and Objectives of the Master Plan**

### **Provide a framework for orderly and consistent planning, development and improvement to Prides Creek Park for 2020-2024.**

- Establish priorities based on documented facts and community needs analysis.
- Establish short and long range projects for development, maintenance and expansion.

### **Include park users and community members in the planning process.**

- Campers are invited to attend board meetings and provide input. During the camping season an average of six campers attend.
- Public and park user input requested through a survey gathering answers to specific questions and general input.
- Public hearing for presenting the findings and a draft plan to gather additional feedback.

### **Approval by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources-Division of Outdoor Recreation**

- Prepare plan in conformance with the planning guidelines for Parks and Recreation as published by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.
- Submit a draft plan to IDNR-Division of Outdoor Recreation by January 15, 2020.
- Submit the updated plan to IDNR-Division of Outdoor Recreation by April 15, 2020.
- The Pike County Park and Recreation Board approve the updated plan by resolution.
- This plan will need to be updated prior to the expiration of this plan on December 31, 2024.



# Features of the Community





## **Natural Features and Landscape**

Pike County is located in the southwest region of the State of Indiana. The county has 7,000 acres of water and 20 miles of wetlands. Pike County has limited natural features and landscapes due to the past and present mining activities.

The county is part of the Wabash Lowlands characterized by filled-in valleys from the years of erosion. Approximately one-third of the county is woodlands. The highest point is southeast of Stendal where a series of hills rise to 660 feet above sea level. The lowest elevation is about 408 feet where the White River leaves the county.

The impact of coal mining left 24% of the county with uneven and unstable surfaces that do not lend well to development for residential or other uses except agriculture, wildlife and forests. This makes the county a source of recreational activities that include hunting, fishing and other recreational opportunities that do not include permanent facilities. A lot of these properties belong to large land holding organizations that have restricted access. The State of Indiana and the US Fish and Wildlife service are acquiring land as it becomes available. The high cost of land and development limits the counties ability to acquire and develop additional recreation properties.

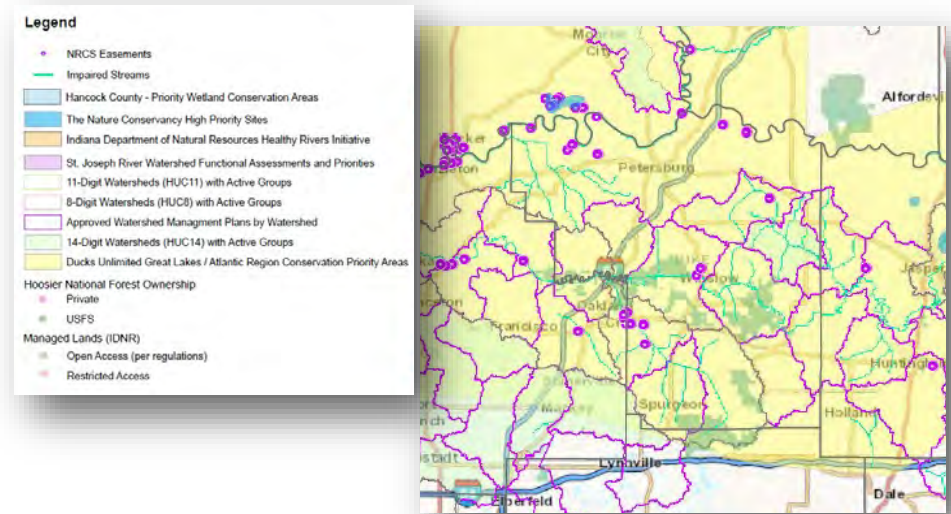
Pike County contains part of a nationally protected area called the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge. This is part of a major riverine system that crosses the central part of the county and has extensive bottomland hardwoods and wetlands that are important to the environment and wildlife.

The main enterprise is farming, which is mostly in the northern part of the county and bituminous coal mining in the central and southern part along with some production of oil and gas.

Prides Creek Park terrain is hilly and it contains Birch, Pine, Maple, Walnut, Walnut, Sycamore, Dogwood, Catalpa, Cottonwood, Cyprus, Pin Oak and Red Oak trees. An Indiana Urban Forester visited the park in 2019 to offer suggestions of trimming, removal and what new trees to plant. The park reaches out to a forester every 5-10 years for an update. The park was effected by the Emerald Ash Borer starting in 2017. Some Oak trees in the park suffer from wasp galls. These trees were the first to be taken down. The park staff lets tree saplings come back on their own where possible and feasible because they will be stronger than replanting.



I-69 interchange at Petersburg.  
The body of water in the upper right is Prides Creek Park.



High Priority Wetland Conservation Sites map  
Indiana Department of Environmental Mgmt.

## **Man-made and Historical Features**

The county has one Interstate highway which opened in November of 2012—I69, seven state highways—SR56, SR57, SR61, SR64, SR257, SR356 and SR364. There is a rail spur connected to Norfolk Southern (NS) Railroad and a Indiana Southern Railroad short line connection to CSX, NS and the Indiana Railroad.

Pike County has three items listed in the National Register of Historic Places. First is the Palace Lodge located at Center and Main Streets in Winslow. The building was constructed





Palace Lodge

in 1892 by the Independent order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias jointly. The building was sold soon after construction in 1898 to settle the debt of construction and was run as a as a general store until 1946, when it was sold and run as a grocery. The building is significant because of its Italianate architecture.

Second is the Patoka Bridges Historic District. Most of the historic district is in neighboring Gibson County, but two bridges that cross into Pike County are historical contributing items to the district. One is a truss wrought and cast iron bridge built in 1884 and the other is a camelback through steel truss bridge.



Patoka Bridge



Pike County Courthouse

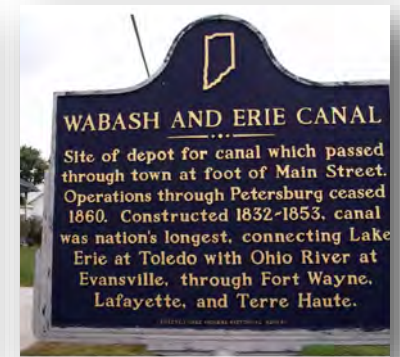
Third is the Pike County Courthouse located at 801 Main Street in Petersburg. It was built in 1922 and is a neoclassical-inspired style. The courthouse property also has five historically contributing items: Grand Army of the Republic memorial, Pike County Veterans Memorial, and three metal street lights. There are two more recent markers on the courthouse square—a Veterans Memorial dedicated in 1987 and a memorial to the victims of the June 2, 1990 tornado.

Other historical markers in Pike County include the Morton Cemetery-established 1840, The Buffalo Trace (a pioneer trail that ran from Vincennes to Louisville, Kentucky), two Wabash and Erie Canal markers (runs from Toledo, Ohio to Evansville) and a marker for James Washington Cockrum who helped layout Oakland City and aided individuals seeking freedom.

The 90-acre lake at Prides Creek Park was dug out as a flood control measure in the late 1960's and finished in 1970 and is owned by the Pride's Creek Conservancy District. The



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lake is fed by several small streams, but no notable runoff has been determined from these streams. The golf course and paths were created in 1993-94 surrounding the western side of the picturesque lake.

The addition of Grass Carp and drawing down the lake were used from 1999-2012 to reduce the abundant aquatic vegetation. The lake experienced an infiltration of Eurasian watermilfoil, Southern naiad, Leafy pondweed, Brittle naiad and Chara sp. Algae and American lotus were also observed during the 2017 Aquatic Vegetation Survey in accordance with IDNR Tier II methods. The species are thought to have been brought in on boats and by ducks. The park staff had DNR and two companies fluent in invasive lake species come in to offer suggestions for remediation. The Park Superintendent attained a Category 5 Aquatic Chemical Treatment and Core certification and applied herbicides for the first time in 2018 with DNR assistance.

A 2013 Fish Management Report by the Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife reported bluegill, redear sunfish, small bass (only 13% were legal size) and channel catfish in the lake. The Pike County 4-H program holds a kids fishing tourney and a camp annually. The Park Board would like to host Bass Tournaments, but do not show enough bass in the lake fish inventory to make this feasible.



The Pike County Health Department fogs for mosquitos every Sunday through the summer and fall. The Parks Department has plans for a kids craft project to build bat and/or martin houses for additional mosquito control. The park does not currently have issues with ticks or chiggers.

Petersburg has 1.6 miles of trail in Hornady Park and a half-mile trail from downtown to the elementary school. The Pike Central High School and Middle School and Oakland City University use the park for home cross country meets. There are plans to add a walkway/trail to connect to the elementary school.

The park staff works with the Honor Society at the local high school and the local 4-H on projects such as refreshing playgrounds and kids craft day assistance. The town volunteers to decorate the park for Halloween.

## **Cultural Features**

Pike County is named for Zebulon Pike, famous for his Pike Expedition of 1806-07 exploring the southwest portion of the Louisiana Purchase. Pike Commanded the 4th Infantry Regiment at the battle of Tippecanoe in 1811. He was killed as a Brigadier General during the War of 1812 after his men captured York (Toronto), Canada.

Pike County has annual events that take place throughout the county.

Spring events include: Spring Festival/Ice Cream Social/Vendors event in Petersburg, county-wide yard sales, Timeless Classics Car Show in Petersburg and a Memorial Day Parade in Winslow.

Summer events include: Pike County Farmer's Market in Petersburg, Outdoor Flea Market in Winslow, Independence Celebration in Otwell, 4-H Fair in Petersburg, Summer Fest in Winslow and the Mosquito Festival in Zoar.

Prides Creek Park has concerts and movies throughout the camping season at the amphitheater and beach areas. There is also a youth fishing tourney hosted at the park.

Fall Events include: Buffalo Trace Festival in Petersburg, Chamber Business Expo in Winslow, Halloween in the Park at Prides Creek Park and Halloween Parade/Costume Contest in Winslow.

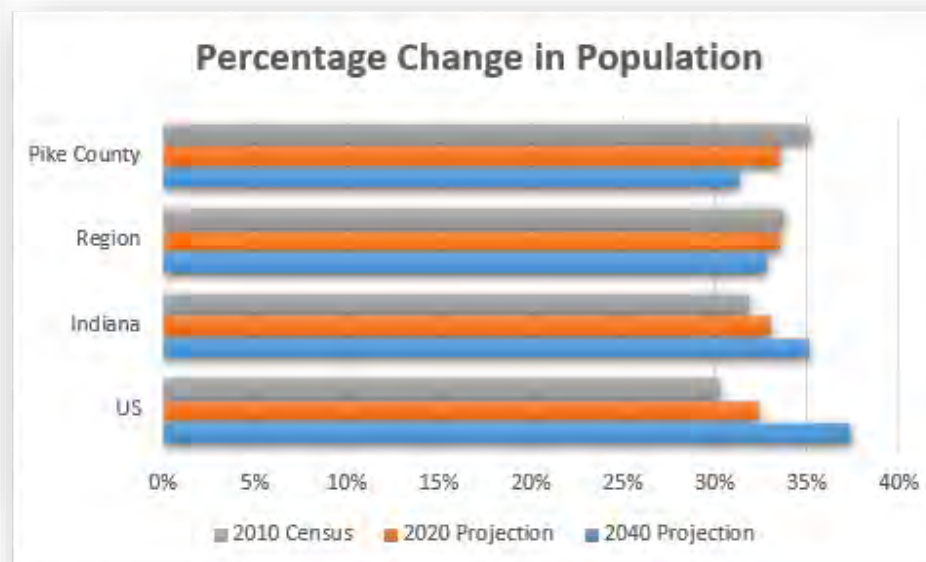
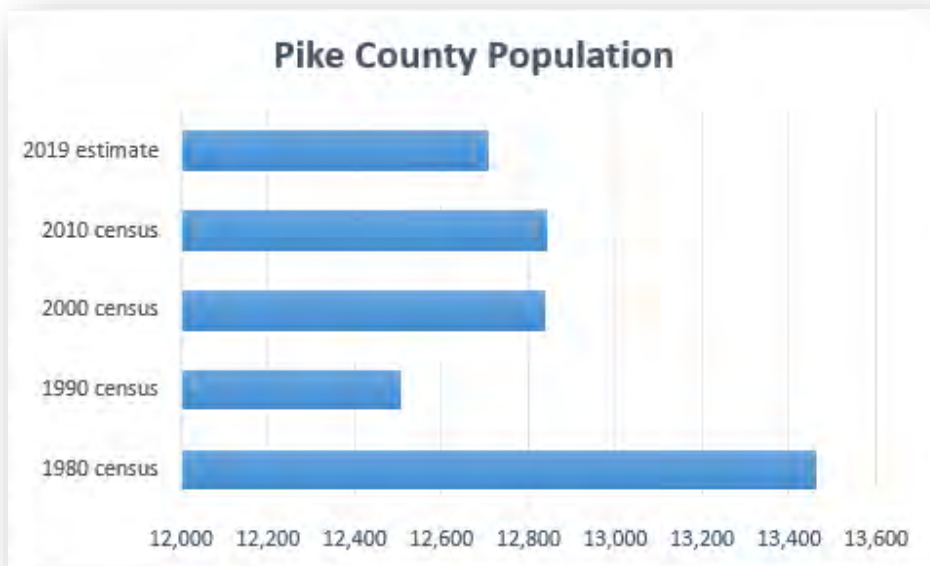




Winter events include: Christmas in the Park in Petersburg, Christmas Parades in Winslow and Petersburg, Mouse House in Winslow, Holly Walk in Petersburg and the Coat Wrap in Winslow.

## **Social and Economic Factors**

The population of Pike County has remained steady since a rise in 2000 of 328. The population projection for Pike County through 2040 shows a steady decline of 1,420 people. The region is also predicted to decrease in population, but at a rate lower than Pike County. This projection is based on historical data, but could pose a threat to the county if nothing is done. Growth at I-69 and activities to attract families could positively influence population. Recreation opportunities also positively affect population. The Park Board kept this in mind while developing this plan.



\* Source Stats Indiana, [www.stats.indiana.edu](http://www.stats.indiana.edu) and [census.gov](http://census.gov)

Citizens age 45 and older make up 48.7% of the population. Several survey participants mentioned bringing their grandchildren to the park. The project plan has playground and basketball upgrades, adding cornhole and ways to attract people to the beach to ensure the grandchildren have plenty to do and invite their friends. More concert, karaoke and other entertainment is planned each year.

The median household income was 50,196 with 29.6% poverty status for families. The Park Board realizes that prices need to be kept low for the low-income families.

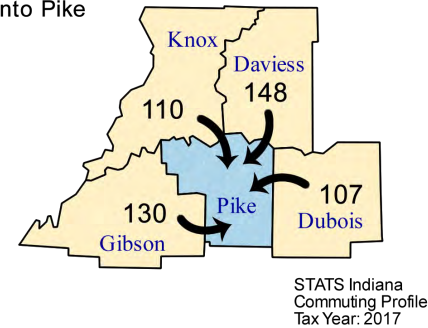
The largest employer in Pike County is Indianapolis Power & Light with 360 employees. Other major employers include: Solar Sources with 250 employees and Elmer Buchta Trucking, Inc. with 167 employees.



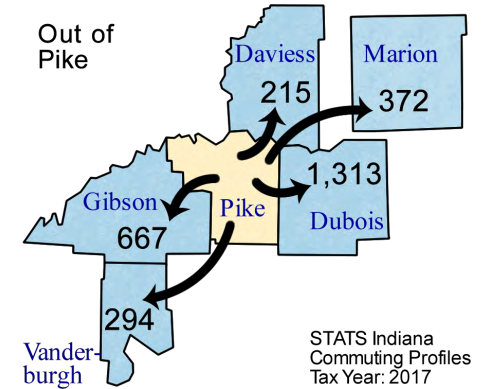
Pike County is a place that people choose to live due to the majestic scenery, affordability and low tax rate even if they have to travel out of the county for work. According to the 2017 tax year, 500 commute into Pike County for work while 3,000 commute out of Pike County for work. The Park Board has incorporated items into this plan to make the park a place to enhance the livability and visitor attraction of the Pike County area. The City of Petersburg just updated their comprehensive plan and included recreational trail linkages, parks and open spaces as goals to help with economic growth of the city and a strong community identity.

Local businesses and individuals are good about periodically sponsoring, volunteering and/or donating items for children's activities and events held at the park. Enhancement of recreational inventory and other quality of place works well with economic development, because where the people go - so goes industry and business.

Into Pike



Out of Pike



# Park Department - information and inventory



## **County Park Inventory**

Pike County has a wealth of parks that are Federal, State, Local, Schools and Private. The Pike County Park and Recreation only has management of one park—Prides Creek.

### **Prides Creek Park 1045 E CR 400 N Petersburg, IN 47567**

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The Conservancy District and Park Board lease the 18-hole championship golf course portion to the Prides Creek Golf Course, Inc. (a copy of this lease is in the appendix) which expires on December 31, 2029. A practice putting green and meeting facilities are also available.

### **Jefferson Township Community Center, Inc. 2301 N Spring Street Otwell, IN 47564**

This center is located in Otwell one block north of SR 356. This site is 9.54 acres and has a community center with kitchen and dining/meeting facilities. The Otwell seniors meet at this center to provide senior activities and meals. An indoor gymnasium, track, one softball/baseball field and one basketball court is at the site.

### **Winslow Little League Park 411 East Porter Street Winslow, IN 47589**

This facility is operated and maintained by the Winslow Park & Recreation Board. The park is located along SR61 in Winslow on 29.46 acres. Facilities include three baseball fields, tennis and basketball courts, shelter house, playground equipment, concession stand/restrooms, racing track, garden spots and batting cage with pitching machine.

### **Hornady Park 1213 W Park Road Petersburg, IN 47567**

The last will and testament of Finis Hornady established this park in his name in August 1899. The will requested that a three-member park board be established to manage and control the Park, that no intoxicating liquors ever be sold or games of chance ever be allowed upon the premises. Mr. Hornady also left a trust fund that provides for the purpose of keeping Hornady Park in good order.

The Petersburg Park and Recreation Board was originally established in 1925. On February 16, 1931, an ordinance repealing the original ordinance created a Board of Trustees for management and control of Hornady Park. Then in 1999 an ordinance was created to re-establish a park board under Indiana Law 36-10-3.

Hornady Park is the only park maintained by the Petersburg Park Board at this time. The park is located on the west side of Petersburg on 59.46 acres. The park property was annexed into the city in 1975 by ordinance. The park has a lake for fishing and feeding ducks and geese, four shelter houses, two tennis courts, playground equipment, songbird garden, butterfly garden, prairie plant garden, covered walking bridge, restroom facility, basketball goal, two horseshoe courts, nature trail, caretaker house, 4-H building with meeting room and kitchen facilities. A log cabin belonging to the first residents of the town was moved to the park. A spray park was added by donation from the Keifer family.

The Hornady Park Trustees and the Pike County Fair and 4-H Board entered into a lease agreement on December 28, 1950 that allows the Pike County Fair to be held on 11 acres of the park. An addendum to the agreement was made in January 26, 1987 to add a building and facilities for conducting the fair.

### **Jordan Memorial Park and Spurgeon Park**

**11415 S SR 61**

**Spurgeon, IN 47584**

The Spurgeon Park and Recreation Board was created by the Spurgeon Town Council in 1995 under IC 36-10-3. The board is responsible for the operation of Jordan Memorial Park located on the north side of Spurgeon along SR61. The park has an enclosed shelter house with a kitchen, an outdoor shelter and picnic area, playground and horseshoe pit.

The Spurgeon Park and Recreation Board is also responsible for the operation and management of Spurgeon Park which consists of one softball/baseball diamond, one combination basketball/tennis court. This park is located along SR 61 in the center of Spurgeon.

### **Old State Road 64 Public Park**

The Pike County Commissioners own 74 acres of undeveloped land that was donated as a public park in 1984. The site was previously mined and is located along old SR 64 in Lockhart Township. There are limits to the development potential because there are no utilities in this area.

### **Lockhart Township Community Center**

The Lockhart Township Community Center Board is responsible for the Lockhart Township Community Center in Stendal, Indiana. The Board is made up of volunteers that live in Stendal. The facility was part of the Stendal school system until the county merged it into the county-wide school system. The gym was given to the community of Stendal.

### **Velpen Park**

**E Oak Street & S 3rd Street**

**Velpen, IN**

The Pike County Commissioners own .34 acres of land that was donated as a public park. The site has playground equipment and two basketball courts.



### **Privately Owned and Operated Facilities**

**Petersburg Little League, Inc.  
Illinois Street  
Petersburg, IN 47567**

This facility is owned by the American Legion of Petersburg and operated by the Petersburg Little League, Inc. The park area contains 25.15 acres and has five fields for baseball and softball with concession stands. The organization operates youth league softball and baseball for children from age 6-15 years.

**Buffalo Trace Scout Camp  
5735 E CR 175 N  
Winslow, IN 47598**

This facility was made possible by a donation of 264 acres in Pike County from Old Ben Coal Company to the Buffalo Trace Scout Council. There is a Challenge Outdoor Personal Encounter (COPE) course at the site for corporations and businesses to learn cooperation skills. A waterfront area, hiking trails, shooting and archery ranges, chapel, meeting room, dining center, six cabins, campfire area, trading post, scouting skills area and shower facilities are available for rent to scout and non-scout groups.

**Miller's Field  
Winslow, IN 47598**

This field is operated and owned by the American Legion Post of Winslow. The park has fishing in the Patoka River, a boat ramp, shelter house, baseball diamond and sand volleyball court.

**Temple Hills Camp  
Methodist Temple Church  
Evansville, IN 47714**

The camp is owned and operated by the Methodist Temple Church of Evansville, and is located on SR 425 E, about two miles west of Stendal, Indiana. The facility is located on 120 acres and includes a rustic retreat lodge with two large dorm rooms that hold 50 people, six shower and bathroom facilities, a large fully-equipped kitchen, sofa seating area, air conditioning, two fireplaces, large screened in porch and recreation equipment (pingpong, horseshoes, etc.). It also has a three acre stocked lake, swimming, camping area, shower house, electric and water hook-ups, volleyball, basketball, softball, hiking picnic area and outdoor worship center by the lake. This facility can be rented by contacting the church.

## **Federal**

### **National Wildlife Refuge and Management Area**

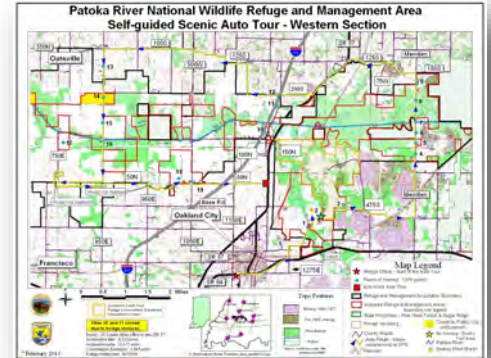
**510½ West Morton, PO Box 217**

**Oakland City, IN 47660**

**812-749-3199**

The US Fish and Wildlife Service is focusing attention on acquiring acreage in Pike and Gibson Counties as part of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Management Area was established in 1994 as the second wildlife refuge in Indiana. The Patoka River contains a rich diversity of fish and wildlife species. The principal naturally-occurring habitat type is bottomland forested wetland, the most endangered of all our nation's wetlands. The refuge boundary contains 12,700 acres of wetlands.

The marbled salamander can be found secretively concealing itself under rocks and logs in the wetlands. The Halloween pennant dragonfly, known for its orange and black wings is also found in the wetlands during warm months. The refuge protects nesting areas for the endangered least tern. Giant cane is being restored at the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge and Management Area. Swamp rabbit and a host of insects rely on giant cane for all aspects of their lives. The Refuge has acquired over 300 acres of grasslands that provide nesting habitat for many bird species.



[www.fws.gov/refuge/patoka\\_river/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/patoka_river/)

## **State**

### **Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area**

**2310 E State Road 364**

**Winslow, IN 47598**

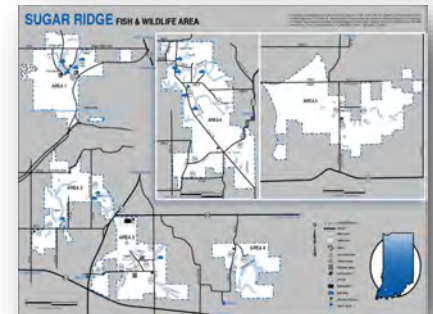
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The Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area is made up of six separate sections totaling 8,100 acres. The area has 145 acres of abandoned strip mine fishing for bluegill, redear, channel catfish and largemouth bass. There is also shore-line fishing at some of the pits.

The area also has deer, squirrel and wild turkey hunting. There is a public shooting range for shotgun, rifle and archery users and a dog training area. No camping or swimming is allowed.

The area is maintained by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources-Division of Fish and Wildlife, 402 W Washington Street, Room W273, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 317-232-4091.

[www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3083.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3083.htm)



### **Pike State Forest**

**5994 E State Road 364**

**Winslow, IN 47598**

The Pike State Forest is maintained and managed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry. This 4,444 acre property in southwestern Indiana began land acquisition in the 1930s. Most of the buildings were constructed by Works Progress Administration (WPA) using material cut from local timber stands.

Topography varies from hilly uplands to low bottomlands of the Patoka River. Recreation opportunities include: hunting, horseback riding, picnicking, bird watching and hiking.

[www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/4823.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/4823.htm)

# Accessibility





## **Coordinator**

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

The Pike County ADA Coordinator is Kristi Dischinger, Commissioners Assistant in the County Commissioners office. ADA grievances can be forwarded to Ms. Dischinger at 801 E Main Street, Petersburg, Indiana, 812-354-8448, [kdischinger@pikecounty.in.gov](mailto:kdischinger@pikecounty.in.gov).

## **Self Evaluation on current accessible facilities/programs**

**Shower house #1** was constructed in 1971 and does not meet ADA requirements. This facility may have limitations of size of conveniences that prevent it from being upgraded to meet ADA requirements.

The building will require extensive internal modification to provide adequate handicapped accessibility. There has been extensive frost heaving of the building that have left fractures of the concrete walls and floors. This facility is scheduled for replacement in 2020.

**Shower house #2** was constructed in 1986 was updated in 2017 to meet current ADA and Health Department requirements.

**Shelter House #1** constructed in 2019. This building meets ADA requirements and has two handicap parking spaces with concrete access.

**Shelter House #2** constructed in 1971. This building has been modified to meet most ADA requirements. There needs to be hard surface accessibility added to the parking lot and a walk area to the shelter house. There is also a need for ADA tables.



Shelter House #2

**Shelter House #3** constructed in 1971. This building has been modified to meet most ADA requirements. The parking lot is hard surface but the access path area is compacted gravel, which needs to be a hard surface. There is also a need for ADA tables.

**Restroom facility at shelter house #2** constructed in 1971 and does not meet ADA requirements.

This facility could provide handicapped accessibility with limited interior and exterior modifications.



Shelter House #1

**Beach House** constructed in 1971. This building does not meet ADA requirements and the interior dimensions limit modification for ADA accommodations. The parking lot is gravel with no designated spaces or routes. This facility needs to be considered for major renovation and modification to meet ADA and beach facility requirements.

**Handicap fishing pier** meets most of the ADA requirements. The access route is compacted gravel and grass, which needs to be hard surface. The picnic table needs to be ADA accessible.

**North and South boat launching ramps** do not meet ADA requirements.



**Tennis court** constructed in 1972 and does not meet ADA requirements. The court does not have an access route, hard surface parking or seating area required.

**Basketball court** does not meet ADA requirements. The court does not have enclosed fencing, adequate lighting or hard surface access route. The playing surface needs improvement.

**Play Area #1** does not meet ADA requirements. The ground cover and access route need improvements and the facility needs to be redesigned for all age groups and accessibility.

**Play Area #2** does not meet ADA requirements. The ground cover and access route need improvements and the facility needs to be redesigned for all age groups and accessibility. The parking area at this facility is paved.

**Play Area #3** does not meet ADA requirements. The ground cover and access route need improvements and the facility needs to be redesigned for all age groups and accessibility.

**Play Area #4** does not meet ADA requirements. The facility is in need of major repairs. This area needs to be removed and redeveloped with newer approved equipment for all age groups and accessibility.

**Play Area #5** has adequate equipment and ground cover to meet play area requirements. This facility is designed for two to five year olds. The access route is grass and there is no ADA equipment at this area.

**Play Area #6** has adequate equipment and ground cover to meet play area requirements. This facility is designed for five to twelve year olds. The access route is grass and there is no ADA equipment at this area.

**Play Area #7** has older equipment and ground cover to meet play area requirements. This facility is designed for five to twelve year olds. The equipment needs repairs and upgrade to provide more units and age groups. The access route is grass and parking area is paved.

All play areas have a pea gravel base. The plan is to make a minimum of one area ADA compliant as part of the upgrades during this plan period.



Basketball court



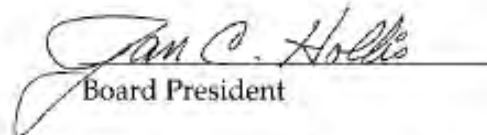
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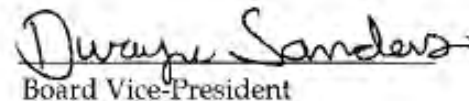
**ASSURANCE OF ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE WITH:  
ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT OF 1968 (As Amended);  
SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 (As Amended);  
AND TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990  
(As Amended)**

The Pike County Parks and Recreation Board 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 4 day of DECEMBER, 2019.

ATTEST:

  
Board President

  
Board Vice-President

# Public Participation





## Survey

The Pike County Park and Recreation Board hosted an on-line survey to gather public input for updating the Park Master Plan. The survey was promoted in the local newspaper—*The Press Dispatch*, local radio, through the Economic Development and Chamber of Commerce offices, signs throughout the county with a QR code to the survey, Facebook promotion and face-to-face interactions with park attendees. The park staff worked hard getting the word out to the community that their comments were important to the development of a great plan. Paper copies of the survey were also available at the park gatehouse, library and the county courthouse. The survey was available from September 23 through November 22, 2019.

The Park Board received 68 on-line survey and four paper survey responses as well as in person responses at the October 2nd and November 6th meetings. These responses were combed through in great detail. The open ended responses were categorized by response type—sports, entertainment, concessions, camping, and general. The responses were then used to develop the work plan for 2020-2024. (see section IX.)

## The Press-Dispatch

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

# Pike County Park Board seeking public's opinion

The Pike County Park and Recreation Board would like to know what you think about the future of the county's parks and recreational opportunities. The Pike County Park and Recreation Board is in the process of preparing a Five-Year Master Plan to guide their decisions concerning future needs and growth. Your input on the future decisions is needed.

A survey is available both

online and on paper during the month of October. The online survey is available to residents of Pike County by visiting the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PikeCoParkandRec>; this link is also on the Prides Creek Park Facebook page. Paper surveys are also available to county constituents at Prides Creek Park and the courthouse.

Fill out either the online or paper survey. Answers

will be kept anonymous. Answer the questions thoughtfully, and discuss the questions and answers among family and friends.

Know that participation in this survey is very important. Input will be used to guide the content of the Pike County Master Park and Recreation Plan for 2020-2025. If you have any questions about this survey, contact Cheri Taylor at Indiana 15 Regional Planning Com-

mission at 812-367-8455.





## Survey Form

**Pike County Park & Recreation Survey**

1. What brings you to Prides Creek Park? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> School event
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly camper
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent camper
<input type="checkbox"/> Golfing	<input type="checkbox"/> Tent camper
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/> Events
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> I do not visit the park
<input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf	

2. How often do you visit the park? (choose one)

<input type="radio"/> Daily	<input type="radio"/> 1-4 times annually
<input type="radio"/> Weekly	<input type="radio"/> I do not visit the park
<input type="radio"/> Monthly	

3. What is your age group? (choose one)

<input type="radio"/> Under 18	<input type="radio"/> 45-54
<input type="radio"/> 18-24	<input type="radio"/> 55-64
<input type="radio"/> 25-34	<input type="radio"/> 65+
<input type="radio"/> 35-44	

4. Are you retired? (choose one)

<input type="radio"/> Yes	
<input type="radio"/> No	

5. What age are the children that visit the park with you? (choose one)

<input type="radio"/> Under 5	<input type="radio"/> Over 15
<input type="radio"/> 5-9	<input type="radio"/> I do not have children
<input type="radio"/> 10-15	

6. How far do you travel to visit the park? (choose one)

<input type="radio"/> I live in Pike County	<input type="radio"/> I am a regular visitor and live in another state
<input type="radio"/> I live in a neighboring county	<input type="radio"/> I am passing through
<input type="radio"/> I live more than 50 miles away	

7. How can we improve the park to make your visit(s) more enjoyable?

8. How do you hear about our events? (choose all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth
<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> You have events?
<input type="checkbox"/> Radio	

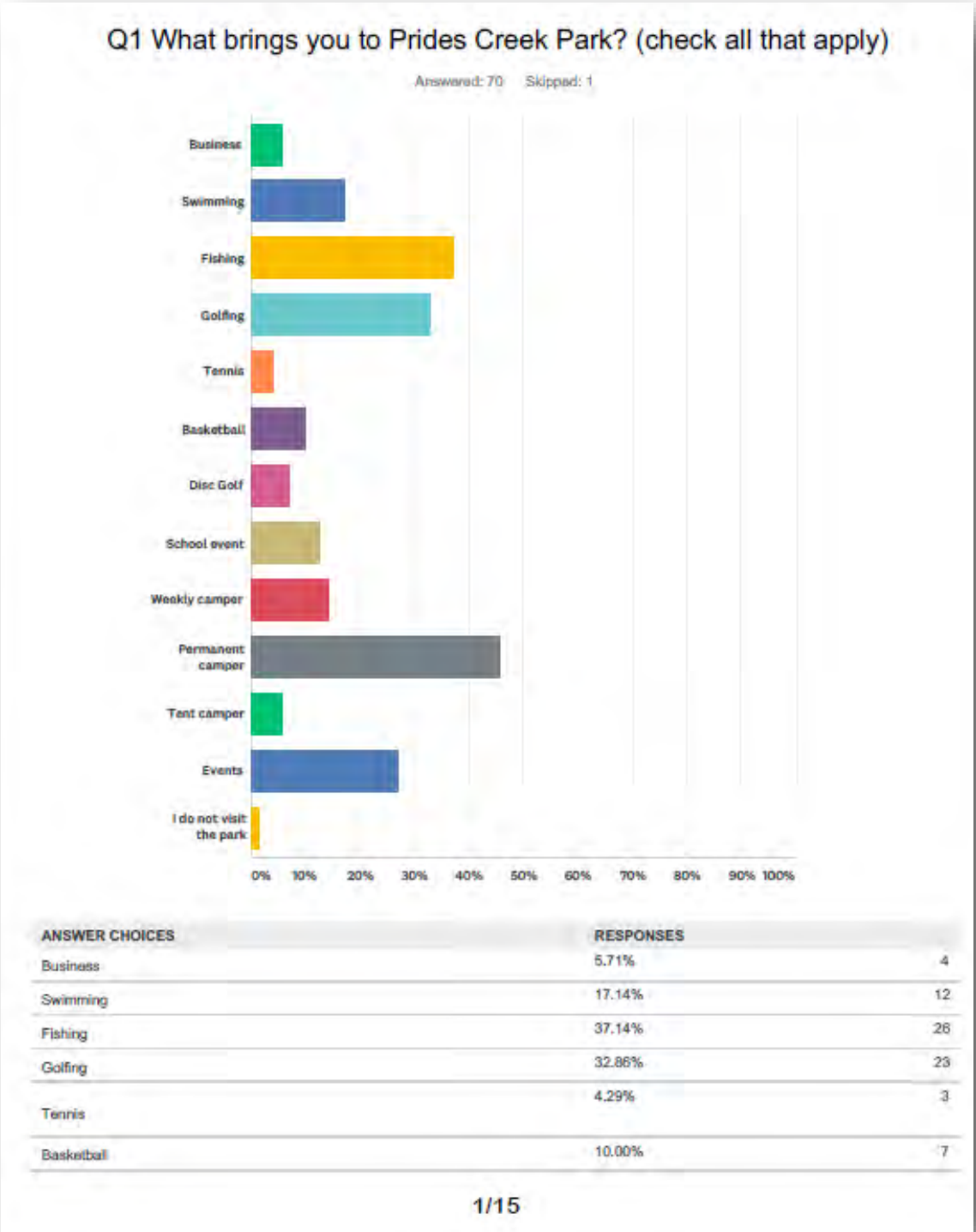
9. Are you aware of these events at Prides Creek Park? (choose all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Karaoke/live music	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth fishing tourney
<input type="checkbox"/> Movies in the Park	<input type="checkbox"/> None of the above
<input type="checkbox"/> Halloween in the Park	

10. If you do not currently visit the park, what events or improvements would encourage you to visit?

11. Thank you for completing our survey - is there anything else you would like us to know?

Survey Responses



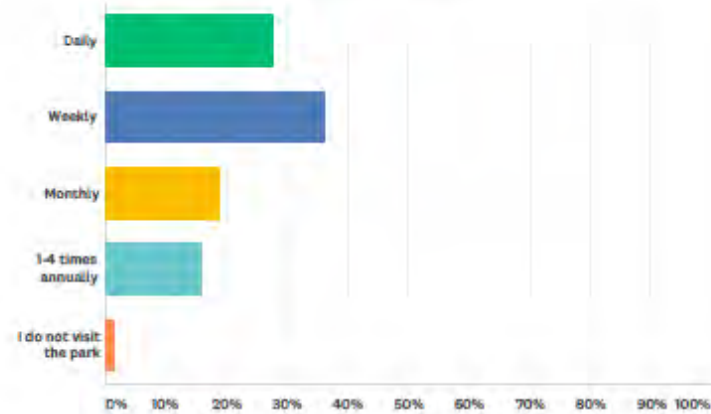
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Disc Golf	7.14%	5
School event	12.86%	9
Weekly camper	14.29%	10
Permanent camper	45.71%	32
Tent camper	5.71%	4
Events	27.14%	19
I do not visit the park	1.43%	1
Total Respondents: 70		

# Pike County Park & Recreation

## Q2 How often do you visit the park? (choose one)

Answered: 69 Skipped: 2

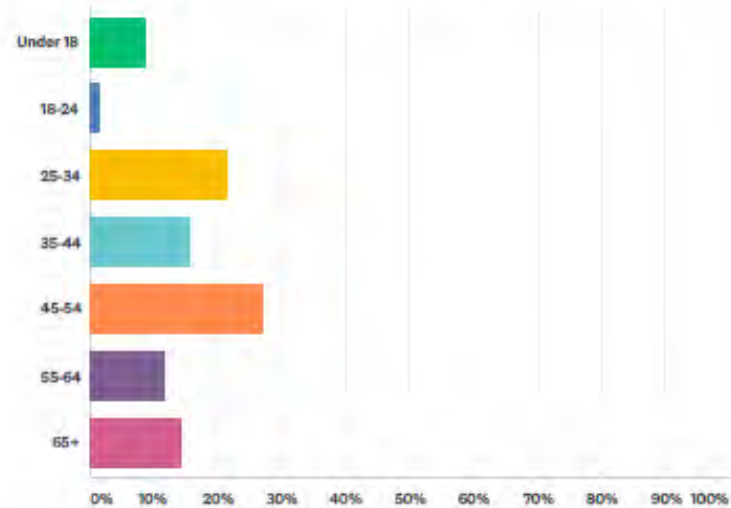


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	27.54%	19
Weekly	36.23%	25
Monthly	18.84%	13
1-4 times annually	15.94%	11
I do not visit the park	1.45%	1
TOTAL		69



### Q3 What is your age group? (choose one)

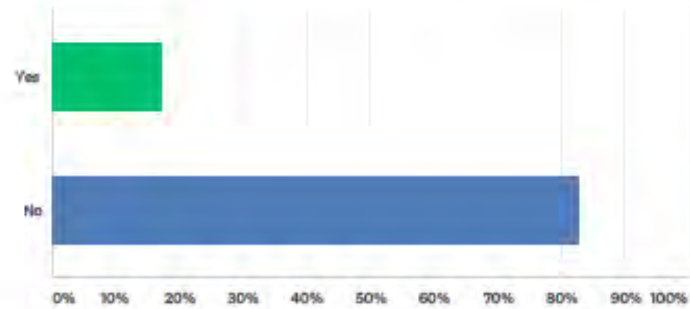
Answered: 70 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	8.57%	6
18-24	1.43%	1
25-34	21.43%	15
35-44	15.71%	11
45-54	27.14%	19
55-64	11.43%	8
65+	14.29%	10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>70</b>

#### Q4 Are you retired? (choose one)

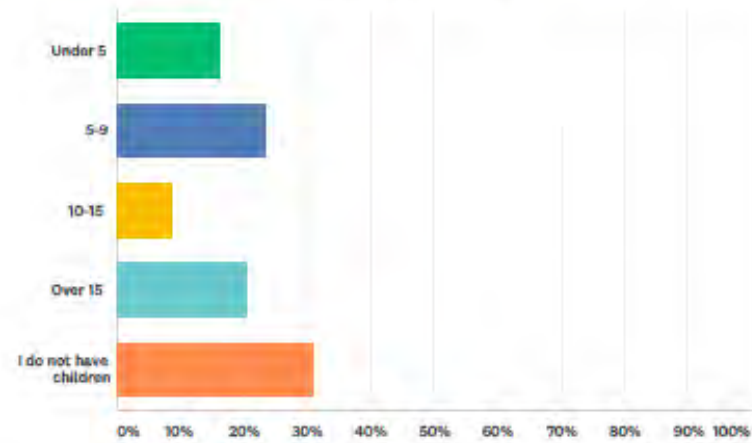
Answered: 69 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	17.39%	12
No	82.61%	57
TOTAL		69

### Q5 What age are the children that visit the park with you? (choose one)

Answered: 68 Skipped: 3



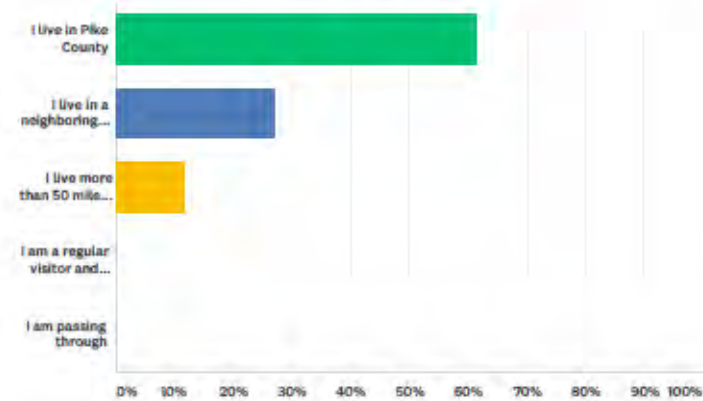
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 5	16.18%	11
5-9	23.53%	16
10-15	8.82%	6
Over 15	20.59%	14
I do not have children	30.88%	21
TOTAL		68



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Q6 How far do you travel to visit the park? (choose one)

Answered: 70 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live in Pike County	61.43%	43
I live in a neighboring county	27.14%	19
I live more than 50 miles away	11.43%	8
I am a regular visitor and live in another state	0.00%	0
I am passing through	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>70</b>

## Q7 How can we improve the park to make your visit(s) more enjoyable?

Answered: 55 Skipped: 16

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Storm shelter (please)	11/11/2019 12:23 PM
2	Bingo Wi-Fi More pitch-ins: chili supper, beans & cornbread.	11/11/2019 12:20 PM
3	Swimming pool would be awesome.	11/11/2019 12:15 PM
4	We need a meeting room or convention center for Pike County.	11/11/2019 12:05 PM
5	Larger amphitheater to pull in bigger names for events. Add a pool!	11/2/2019 10:13 AM
6	Add a swimming pool! Stop free swim Mondays on holidays to make more money. Have events at the beach (or hopefully pool). For example, 4th of July. Concession stand at the lake or pool. Advertise frisbee golf more.	11/2/2019 10:08 AM
7	Repave Tennis Courts Fix Existing Basketball Court Add Basketball Court to other campsite	10/31/2019 10:53 AM
8	Fix Basketball court, Fix Tennis court, add basketball court at upper campground	10/31/2019 10:50 AM
9	Repave tennis courts and add basketball court to upper camp ground.	10/31/2019 10:49 AM
10	Repave the tennis court and add a basketball court at the upper campground.	10/31/2019 10:46 AM
11	Tennis Court needs re-paved! An additional basketball court should be built at the upper level / newest daily camp area. It is to far for kids to walk to play basketball.	10/31/2019 9:01 AM
12	50 amps at all permanent sites. Extend camping season.	10/27/2019 3:43 PM
13	Have a tourist for directions	10/21/2019 2:11 PM
14	I feel like a swimming pool would be greatly used for the park and would bring more business. A back gate access to town for golf cart owners would be awesome. The board might consider leaving the park open through November for campers. They are still still great camping weekends in the month of November.	10/20/2019 5:05 PM
15	Clean up the areas around the camping sites. Stop piling junk in random locations, and distracting the view. Complete projects in a timely manner.	10/19/2019 2:16 PM
16	Is this a Park and Rec survey or a Prides Creek Park Survey? I would really like to see the county develop a second park in the southern part of the county. The Park Board should promote recreation throughout the county and not just at Prides Creek. That being said, Prides Creek is a great asset to the community. What happened to the community center? I have heard nothing about it at all. We need the community center so bad, and it will be very cool to have it looking over the lake. I thought we got a grant to pay for it? It seems that most of the green space has been used to add more camp sites for travel trailers. There is so little done to encourage primitive camping, health and physical wellness activities or the general use of green space by the community. Would love to see some rental cabins for those who cannot afford a \$30,000 camper. The new shelter house is nice, but it is not big enough. You need a big shelter capable of hosting a nice event under roof. When our church uses a shelter, we put all of the food on the picnic tables, then everyone has to set in their lawn chairs to eat. Need a fishing pier somewhere between shelter 2 & 3. OR a fishing bridge/boardwalk between shelter 2 and the area behind the tennis court. The only fishing pier is by the boat ramps.	10/18/2019 1:25 PM
17	Bathroom and Basketball in the back of the park, get the tennis courts and front basketball court updated, other camp grounds take reservations and have activities most weekends	10/16/2019 10:47 AM

18.	Clean up areas of the park - some camping areas facing the lake are cluttered with garbage dumpsters, downed trees and construction debris (more specifically across from lot 18). This issue has been discussed with the board in the past and little was done to correct the issue. All customer areas should be able to enjoy the beauty of the park without looking at junk. Offer cable television and internet service. Many individuals live at the park during the summer months and quality (not cellular) internet service is valuable to individuals who have to work from the campground. Local companies are willing to install the infrastructure in the park and boring equipment is used so as to not disturb the ground. Allow Pike County property owners to purchase park stickers at the reduced rate for all properties owned, not just the homestead property. We own several rental properties and like to provide our tenants these passes as a gift. I realize putting on events are expensive, consider approaching current customers and or local businesses to sponsor more events. If I were asked to help sponsor an event, I would gladly donate. Consider organizing small group brainstorming sessions/meetings comprised of customers and staff to help compile list of park improvements.	10/16/2019 10:13 AM
19	Walking/biking trail from Petersburg for better access.	10/15/2019 7:32 PM
20	1 cable/WIFI access 2 access road into town other than the main entrance using a golf golf 3 put in a swimming pool	10/15/2019 5:11 PM
21	Nothing, we love it!	10/12/2019 6:08 PM
22	Have another bath house.	10/12/2019 11:22 AM
23	More kid related and monthly group activities	10/12/2019 8:45 AM
24	It would be nice to get wifi.	10/11/2019 12:21 PM
25	Walking trails, swimming pool, update restrooms and the rest of the shelter houses	10/9/2019 6:25 PM
26	Put in a swimming pool!	10/7/2019 3:27 PM
27	Smaller speed bumps	10/6/2019 1:49 PM
28	Too many dogs not on leashes. Rules need to be enforced.	10/5/2019 3:22 PM
29	We need to build an event center to help the Pike County area. So much could be done with that. You all have the money to improve som many things there, but you don't. We have no place for weddings, party's, dinners, and more. An event Center over looking the lake would be beautiful.	10/3/2019 10:21 AM
30	More shade trees by the pond/wind breaks. Launching a boat by yourself can be terribly difficult on a windy day.	10/2/2019 6:44 PM
31	More Playground Equipment.	10/1/2019 10:47 PM
32	I would love a walkway and a pier over the big pipe by shelter house 2.	10/1/2019 6:38 PM
33	Better playgrounds	10/1/2019 6:20 PM
34	Tree stumps in park need to be removed. Water/splash park attraction needs to be added. Tennis court needs to be improved to include pickle ball and possibly shuffleboard.	10/1/2019 7:58 AM
35	Have more activities like West Boggs. Movie night, crafts, weekend themed fun events ]	9/30/2019 4:16 PM
36	Swimming pool, is kayaking permitted?	9/30/2019 1:50 PM
37	Keep things safe for the children	9/29/2019 6:51 PM
38	More events, internet service for permanent sites	9/29/2019 2:10 PM
39	Better bathrooms	9/29/2019 10:18 AM
40	Swimming pool golf cart access to town so people can just drive there carts out Quite time moved up to midnight or so	9/29/2019 9:11 AM
41	Create a path to get to Prides Creek from Petersburg for golf carts, bicycles, and walkers. Pool. Updated shelter houses.	9/29/2019 8:59 AM
42	Re do tennis courts, add another basketball court, swimming pool	9/29/2019 8:08 AM
43	Swimming pool, individual water spigot per campsite, 50 amp service, text service to relay messages about events at the park and for emergencies (severe weather, lost child ect)	9/28/2019 4:06 PM
44	More updated playgrounds.	9/28/2019 2:44 PM

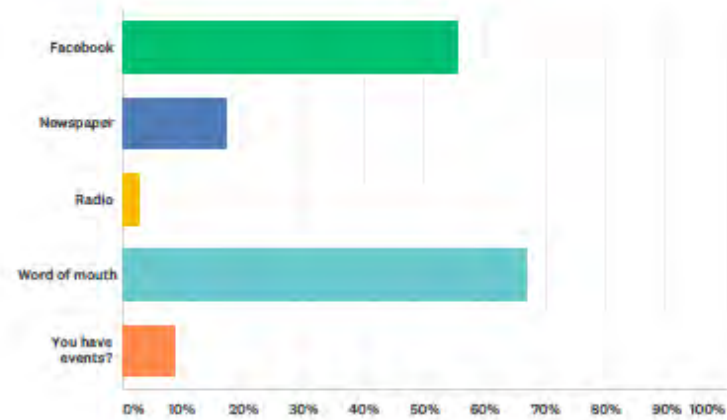


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45	More trash cans and recycling bins	9/26/2019 12:12 PM
46	MORE PLAYGROUNDS FOR MY KIDS	9/26/2019 7:55 AM
47	More playgrounds would be nice.	9/26/2019 7:55 AM
48	Get WIFI put the events on the board at gate house some don't have Facebook	9/27/2019 7:46 PM
49	Portapottford at ampy/easyet r emus Portapotties at amp theatre events .	9/27/2019 7:16 PM
50	A pool would be great, and a golf cart/ walking path from town.	9/27/2019 7:03 PM
51	Improve the fishing by adding my cover (i.e. more trees etc. in the water) and keep up the good work on weed control.	9/27/2019 6:52 PM
52	GET L.L.B.O L.E.C.L.N L.L.TCH TV L.N.L.UoE L.COL.PUTE.	9/27/2019 6:36 PM
53	Possibly a swimming pool, more activities for the kids	9/27/2019 6:10 PM
54	There needs to be more events for kids my age to do and more playgrounds, and more hands on events.	9/25/2019 2:49 PM
55	1. Stock Lake with Bass 2. Accept Credit Cards 3. Improve Boat Ramps and Fish Cleaning Stations 4. Install Bat Houses 5. Allow 4-Wheelers and Side-By-Sides in the Park 6. Vending/Concessions/Food Trucks on sat days 7. Advertise Events better 8. Have a dedicated Facebook Page and make this a paid person's responsibility to post updates, activities, events, happenings on a regular basis--make it reliable.	9/23/2019 1:44 PM

### Q8 How do you hear about our events? (choose all that apply)

Answered: 70 Skipped: 1

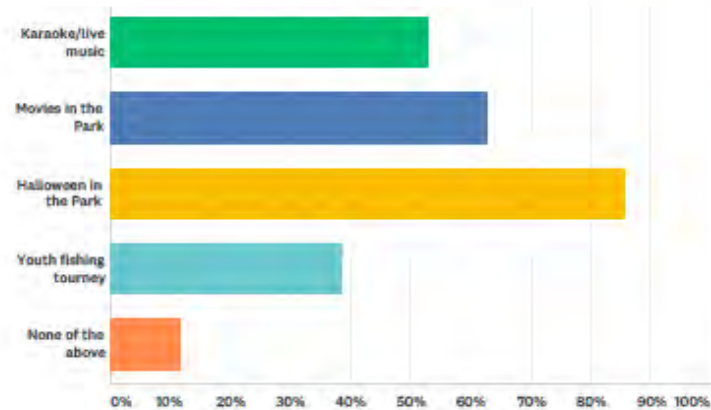


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Facebook	55.71%	39
Newspaper	17.14%	12
Radio	2.86%	2
Word of mouth	67.14%	47
You have events?	8.57%	6
Total Respondents: 70		

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Q9 Are you aware of these events at Prides Creek Park? (choose all that apply)

Answered: 70 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Karaoke/live music	52.86%	37
Movies in the Park	62.86%	44
Halloween in the Park	85.71%	60
Youth fishing tourney	38.57%	27
None of the above	11.43%	8
Total Respondents: 70		

### Q10 If you do not currently visit the park, what events or improvements would encourage you to visit?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 57

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Refer to question 7.	11/11/2019 12:05 PM
2	New bath house	10/31/2019 10:48 AM
3	Offer more events, things to keep individuals engaged, and attract people to visit. Have events on the popular holiday weekends.	10/19/2019 2:18 PM
4	Bigger Shelter House Cabin Rental Disc Golf Tournaments Pickle Ball Court!	10/18/2019 1:25 PM
5	N/A	10/16/2019 10:13 AM
6	The improvement I would most like to see is 50 amp service throughout the park. Thanks	10/10/2019 6:45 AM
7	Bands and movie nights at a decent time	10/1/2019 6:20 PM
8	Cross country meet	9/28/2019 12:12 PM
9	Swimming pool, nerf gun wars for the kids, better shelter and bath houses	9/28/2019 8:14 AM
10	Cross Country Meets	9/28/2019 7:55 AM
11	Cross country meets	9/28/2019 7:55 AM
12	Pool for sure! Connecting town to the park would bring a lot of walkers/ bikers to the park	9/27/2019 7:03 PM
13	Music festival	9/27/2019 6:10 PM
14	Live music – Gospel or Country Bands Cookouts Festival with Flea Markets	9/23/2019 5:44 PM



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Q11 Thank you for completing our survey - is there anything else you would like us to know?

Answered: 28 Skipped: 43

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The employees are great	11/11/2019 12:23 PM
2	We love camping here. We appreciate the clean family atmosphere here. I feel safe camping here even if hubby is not here.	11/11/2019 12:20 PM
3	Great park, keep up the good work.	11/2/2019 10:08 AM
4	Love the Halloween every year	10/31/2019 10:50 AM
5	Love the new shelter house. Cannot wait for the new shower house to be built, Mindy, Brandon and John do a very nice job and are great assets to the park.	10/31/2019 9:01 AM
6	The park is beautiful.	10/30/2019 11:03 PM
7	Brandon Schultheis does a good job maintaining the campground	10/27/2019 3:43 PM
8	I am eight.	10/21/2019 2:11 PM
9	I love camping here!! Thank you for all the hard work to keep the park a wonderful place!	10/20/2019 5:05 PM
10	Be more customer service friendly. Understand individuals pay money to enjoy their camping experience.	10/19/2019 2:18 PM
11	Need a Trail to connect to Petersburg!	10/18/2019 1:25 PM
12	Great park, Brandon has his staff keep things looking good and take great pride in the park.	10/16/2019 10:47 AM
13	I love Prides Creek!	10/15/2019 5:11 PM
14	Slow down speeding vehicles.	10/12/2019 8:45 AM
15	I love this park and the people in it.	10/10/2019 8:45 AM
16	It is a beautiful park and I love the recent improvements that have been made	10/1/2019 6:38 PM
17	We enjoy our times at Prides Creek. Keeping the lake free of moss has been a great improvement. We enjoy fishing and kayaking. This lake is the best asset of the park!	10/1/2019 7:58 AM
18	Need baby swings, the fishing tournament is for 4H. You should host your own additional kids tournament. Yogi bear has like a slime weekend, and etc. Wish more activities for kids.	9/30/2019 4:16 PM
19	Nicest people!	9/30/2019 10:45 AM
20	Brandon does an excellent job helping people if they need it. An try's to work with people that needs a little looking after	9/29/2019 9:11 AM
21	Facebook announcements for movie nights, karaoke, Halloween, etc so that more people are aware.	9/29/2019 8:59 AM
22	I love this place. We have been permanent campers for over 15 years and it gets better every year. They keep improving every year	9/28/2019 2:44 PM
23	Love the park it's so pretty	9/28/2019 12:12 PM
24	The superintendent does an amazing job keeping the park looking beautiful and he is always willing to go the extra mile to help us campers out.	9/28/2019 8:14 AM
25	Updating to all the shelter houses would also be a plus	9/27/2019 7:03 PM
26	I LOVE THE P.L.K.L.N. PEOPLE. JUST LOVE THEM!	9/27/2019 6:36 PM
27	Not really	9/23/2019 5:44 PM

## Pike County Park & Recreation

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Appreciate all of the work that has been done at the Park, especially recently. But there is a lot more to do. The County needs to support the Park and help them financially to make the Park shine for Pike County. This is an asset that is often overlooked, but should not be. The Park needs to be ran more like a business, in order to provide proof to the County that it is worth supporting. Improvements at the Park need to support the interests of the people of Pike County, and not just those that camp regularly at the Park. Getting new people to attend and utilize the Park is the key to a successful future for the Park.

9/23/2019 1:44 PM

## **Public Meeting - Review of Findings**

The Pike County Park and Recreation Board hosted a public meeting to review the results of the on-line survey and the plan developed from Park Board discussion and incorporation of survey comments. The meeting was held prior to the January Park Board meeting in a large building at the Park. A news article, Facebook article and a news story was sent to local radio station about the meeting along with a link to the draft plan on-line.

There were four Park Board members in attendance, three staff members and three general public attendees. (See public meeting documents in appendix page 58).

Attendee Norman Dillon made the following comments:

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- Would like to see the campsites by the beach replaced with portable trailers for rent.
- The boat ramps need to be replaced.
- Would like to see electricity come into the park from SR356.
- Need to talk to Petersburg about a sewer expansion connection out SR356.

Attendee Dave Henson made the following comments:

- I like the idea of adding items that may go out into further years.
- Would like to see small log cabins or yurts added for rent.
- Would like to see a paved golf cart path to town.

Park Board member Carrie Dillon commented that she would like to see access from the back side of the park with badge access.

Park Staff member Brandon Schultheis commented that both restrooms/shower houses in 2020 will be new builds and that one boat ramp rebuild needs to be moved from 2023 to 2021.

# Needs Analysis





The following needs were identified during discussion at Park Board meetings from July-December 2019.

### **Needs—Park Board**

The Pike County Park and Recreation Board identified needs focusing on safety and current Indiana Code requirements. The following needs in the order of importance:

- Resurfacing the current basketball and tennis courts
- Add an additional basketball court
- Updating/adding shower houses and restrooms
- Updating playground equipment
- Upgrading the campground electrical and water

The following needs were identified during the survey period from September 23 through November 22, 2019.

### **Needs—Public Input**

The public identified the following wants/needs in the order of number of comments received:

- Add a pool
- Add a walking/biking trail to Petersburg
- Repair tennis court
- Add a basketball court to the upper campground
- Update the playground equipment
- More events/activities
- Add WIFI

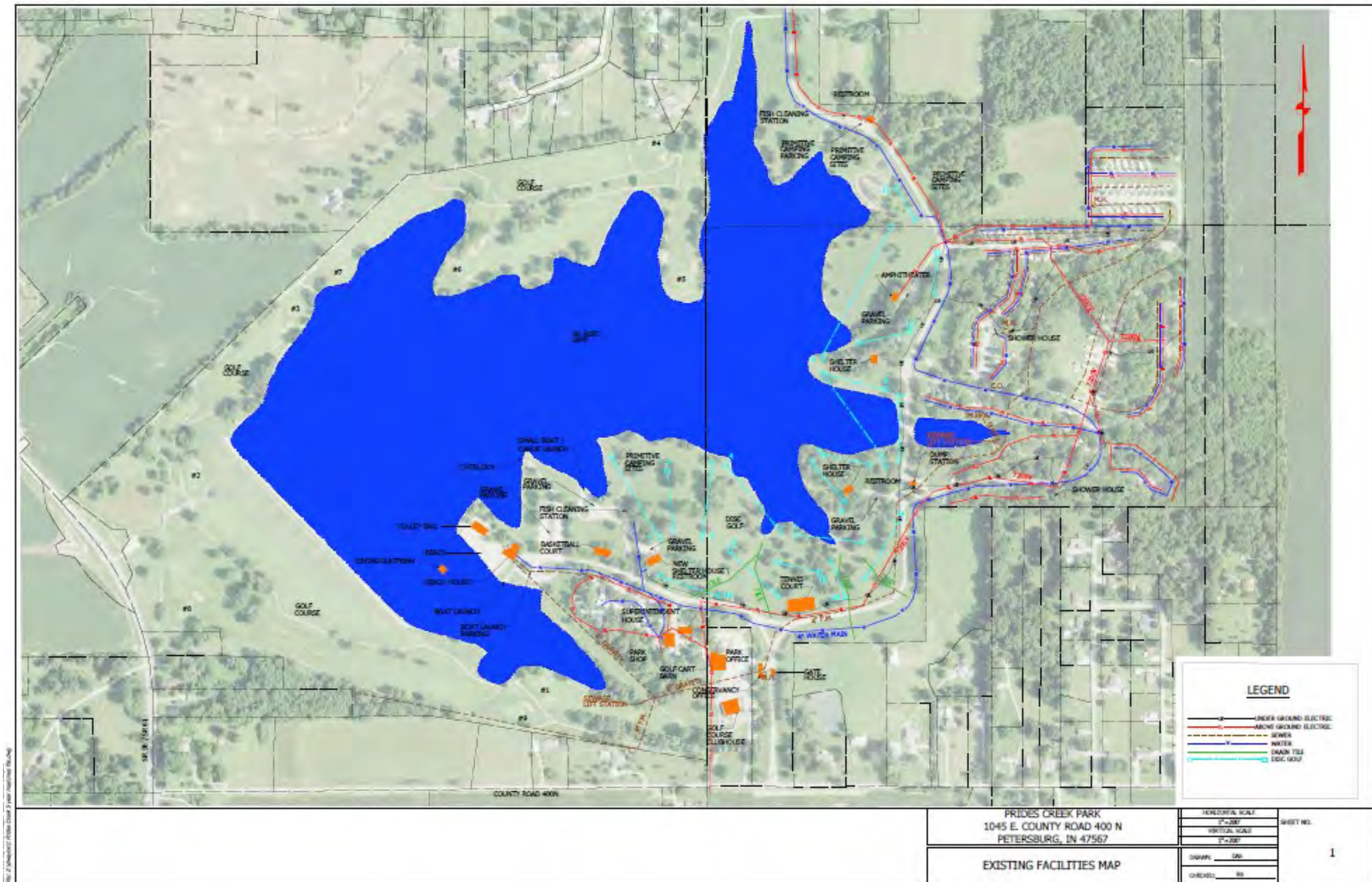
\* The Park Board has added more events this year and researched WIFI for the campground, but at this time find is too expensive. They continue to search for options to meet their needs.

# Facilities Location Map

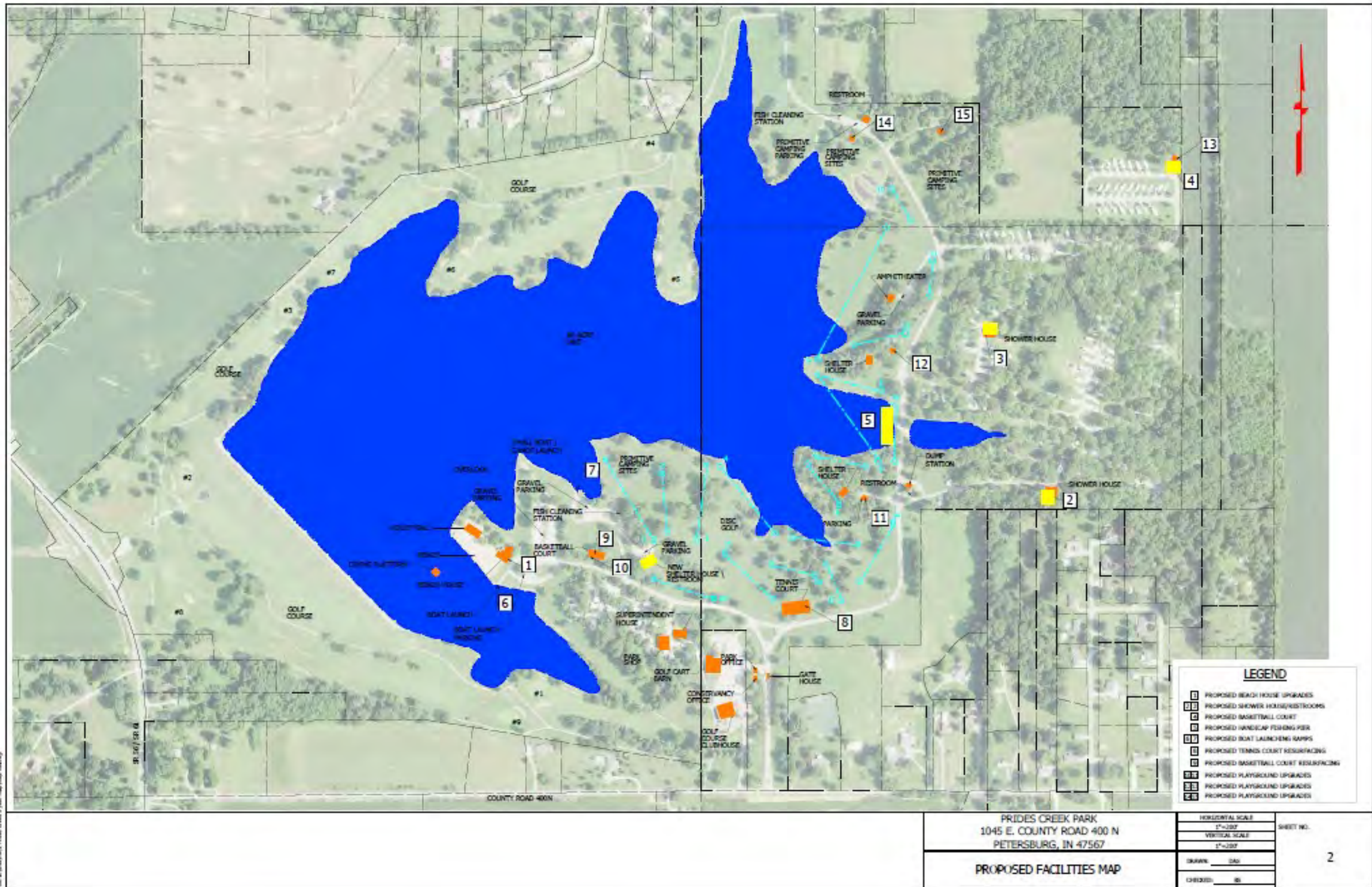


Following are:  
- Existing Facilities Map  
- Proposed Facilities Map











# Priorities and Action Schedule



<b>2020</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Cost estimate</b>	<b>Potential source of funds</b>
Attract more people to the beach and park with food trucks	\$0	No funds needed
Add bat/martin houses to help with mosquito control (will make this a kids craft project)	< \$200	Operation funds
Add a full basketball court to upper campground area (concrete, asphalt, fence, etc.)	\$15,000	Operation funds and donations
Resurface lower basketball and tennis court (asphalt, add pickle ball striping to tennis court)	\$5,000	Operation funds
*Two restroom/shower houses will be built new	\$186,000	DNR/operation funds/donations
New permanent fish cleaning station	\$2,000	Operation funds
Update playground equipment (add baby swings)	\$100,000	National Honor Society/Kiwanis/donations
Update campsite electrical and water (currently 59% have 50 amp service)	\$30,000	Operation funds
Tree removal/replacement	\$7,000	Operation funds/donation
Pavement/road improvement	\$20,000	Operation funds

\*Developed from Park Board discussion and survey comments. Modified from comments at Public Meeting January 8, 2020.

<b>2021</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Cost estimate</b>	<b>Potential source of funds</b>
Add credit/debit card payment capability	2.6% + \$0.10 per transaction	Operation funds
Add permanent cornhole set (concrete)	\$1,000	Operation funds
*Re-build boat ramp	\$125,000	DNR/operation funds/donations
Update playground equipment	\$100,000	National Honor Society/Kiwanis/donations
Update campsite electrical and water (currently 59% have 50 amp service)	\$30,000	Operation funds
Tree removal/replacement	\$7,000	Operation funds/donation
Pavement/road improvement	\$20,000	Operation funds

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<b>2022</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Cost estimate</b>	<b>Potential source of funds</b>
Campsite sewer pumps need upgraded	\$30,000	Operation funds
Additional parking at shelter house #3	\$7,500	Operation funds
*Research adding permanent/temporary rental cabins/trailers and services required (cleaning, trash, laundry, etc)	\$0	Operation funds (previously heard a proposal from a developer that was too expensive, will have to build and maintain on our own to make feasible)
Update playground equipment	\$100,000	National Honor Society/Kiwanis/donations
Update campsite electrical and water (currently 59% have 50 amp service)	\$30,000	Operation funds
Tree removal/replacement	\$7,000	Operation funds/donation
Pavement/road improvement	\$20,000	Operation funds

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<b>2023</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Cost estimate</b>	<b>Potential source of funds</b>
*Re-build boat ramp	\$125,000	DNR/operation funds/donations
**Research enter/exit and amenities from SR356 side of park.	\$0	Operation funds
Update playground equipment	\$100,000	National Honor Society/Kiwanis/donations
Update campsite electrical and water (currently 59% have 50 amp service)	\$30,000	Operation funds
Tree removal/replacement	\$7,000	Operation funds/donation
Pavement/road improvement	\$20,000	Operation funds

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<b>2024</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Cost estimate</b>	<b>Potential source of funds</b>
Add a walkway from the lake to Petersburg Elementary School	\$690,000	DNR/operation funds/donations
Remodel beach house (concrete sidewalks, fence, etc)	\$8,000	Operation funds
New storm shelter	\$100,000	FEMA/operation funds
New fishing pier	\$100,000	DNR/operation funds/donations
Replace amphitheater wood floor with concrete	\$6,000	Operation funds
New pool	\$2,000,000	DNR/operation funds/donations
Update playground equipment	\$100,000	National Honor Society/Kiwanis/donations
Update campsite electrical and water (currently 59% have 50 amp service)	\$30,000	Operation funds
Tree removal/replacement	\$7,000	Operation funds/donation
Pavement/road improvement	\$20,000	Operation funds

<b>Annually</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Cost estimate</b>	<b>Potential source of funds</b>
Study fish stock in lake	\$0	No funds needed
ADA accessibility incorporated when projects are planned	Varies	Various
Review lease agreements	\$0	No funds needed
More activities for campers and public	\$0	No funds needed

# Appendix



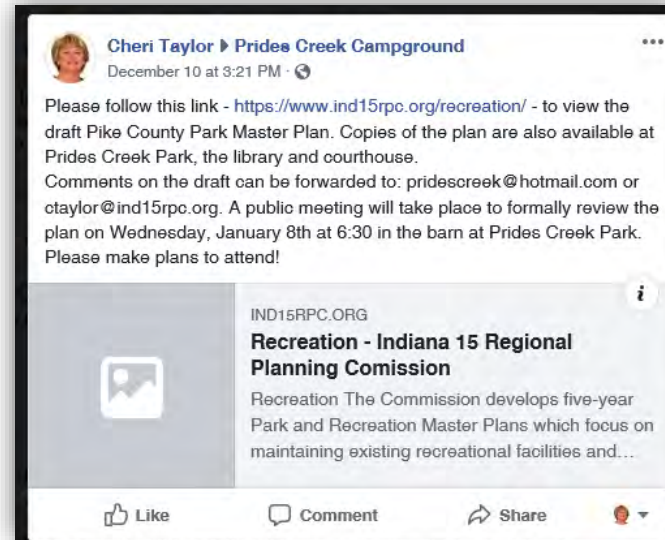


## The Press-Dispatch

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

### PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the barn at Prides Creek Park on January 8 at 6:30 p.m. to present the Pike County Park & Recreation Board updated master plan. Your input is needed - all are invited to hear and comment on the plan developed for the next five years. A copy of the master plan draft is available at Prides Creek Park, the library and the courthouse. The plan can also be viewed by visiting - [www.ind15rpc.org/recreation](http://www.ind15rpc.org/recreation). If you would like to submit comments in advance of the public meeting, please forward them to Cheri Taylor at Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission at [ctaylor@ind15rpc.org](mailto:ctaylor@ind15rpc.org) or by calling 812-367-8455, or email them to [pridescreek@hotmail.com](mailto:pridescreek@hotmail.com).



### Pike County Park and Recreation Board Presenting 5 Year Plan

The Pike County Park and Recreation Board has been updating the 5-Year Park and Recreation Master Plan. The Park Board posted a link and accepted paper survey copies to gather input for the plan from county residents. The survey requested information on the recreational opportunities desired and how to improve the park facilities. The surveys were accepted during September and October. The park board then used the data submitted to set priorities for the next five years.

The Pike County Park and Recreation Board will host a public meeting to present the draft plan to the public. Residents will have the opportunity to add comments to the plan. Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission has assisted the Park Board with their plan, and will be submitting a rough draft to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Outdoor Recreation by January 15<sup>th</sup>. The Department of Natural Resources will then review the plan, and offer suggestions. A final draft will be due April 15, 2020. A DNR approved 5 Year Master Plan guides the Park Board and makes them eligible for state and federal grant programs.

Pike County Park and Recreation Board will hold the public meeting to present a draft plan on January 8, 2020 at 6:30pm at the barn in Prides Creek Park. Please make plans now to attend.

**Pike County Park and Recreation Board  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Prides Creek Park  
January 8, 2020 at 6:30 pm**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
1. <u>Cheri Taylor</u>	<u>Ferdinand, IN</u>
2. <u>Dan C. Holts</u>	<u>Oswell, OR</u>
3. <u>John Mays</u>	<u>Wash, IN</u>
4. <u>Patricia Vick</u>	<u>Princeton, IN</u>
5. <u>Tom Mays</u>	<u>Wash, IN</u>
6. <u>Wendy Clark</u>	<u>Princeton, IN</u>
7. <u>Coralea Skulid</u>	<u>Petersburg, IN</u>
8. <u>Dan A. Hansen</u>	<u>Architectural Design Concepts</u>
9. <u>Norm Dillon</u>	<u>OTWELL</u>
10. <u>Carrie Jean Dillon</u>	<u>Oswell, IN</u>
11. <u>Reek Weeman</u>	<u>Oswell, IN</u>
12. <u>Mike Adams</u>	<u>Petersburg, IN</u>
13. _____	_____
14. _____	_____
15. _____	_____
16. _____	_____
17. _____	_____

Received the following comments from Norman Dillon on the draft plan:

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- Would like to see the campsites by the beach replaced with portable trailers for rent
- The boat ramps need to be replaced
- Would like to see electricity come into the park from SR356
- Need to talk to Petersburg about a sewer expansion connection out SR356

## PIKE COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION

1045 N CO RD 400 N

PETERSBURG, IN 47567

### PUBLIC HEARING - 5 YEAR PLAN 2020-2024

JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 6:30 PM EST AT THE PARK AND RECREATION SHOP

#### 1. *Call the Meeting to Order*

Jan Hollis called the meeting to order 6:30 pm. He then turned the meeting over to Cheri Taylor with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission. She discussed the purpose of the Master Plan.

- Planned improvements for 5 years
- Plan can be amended if necessary
- Makes the park eligible for IDNR funding

#### 2. *Discuss Plans of Action and Results*

Surveys were distributed via online, survey links, Facebook and paper handouts as well as being located for public access at the Courthouse, Public Library and the Park office. Survey comments were tallied up according to interest and a work plan was developed.

Draft copies of the Master Plan were available at the Park office, Courthouse, and Public Library and online via Indiana 15 RPC's website. The comments received are attached to these minutes.

#### 3. *Plan Elements*

A draft of the plan will go to the Indiana Dept of Natural Resources – Due Jan 15<sup>th</sup>.

The DNR will review the information sent and make suggestions and comments and send back the results back to us to make the final plan which will be due April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

#### 4. *Main Topics Addressed - per survey interest:*

##### 2020

Attract more people to the beach by bringing in food trucks  
Add a bat house(s) to help control mosquitos  
Add a full basketball court to upper campground area  
Resurface lower basketball court and tennis court  
Two restroom / shower house needing built (one upgrade/one new build)\*  
New permanent fish cleaning station  
Update playground equipment (add baby swings)  
Update campsite electrical and water (currently 59% have 50 amp service)  
Tree removal / replacement  
Pavement / Road Improvement

##### 2021

Add credit/ debit card payment capability  
Add permanent cornhole set (concrete)  
Update playground equipment  
Update campsite electrical and water (currently 59% have 50 amp service)

Tree removal / replacement  
Pavement / road improvement

##### 2022

Campsite sewer pumps need upgraded  
Additional parking at shelter house #3  
Update playground equipment  
Update campsite electrical and water (currently have 59% on 50 amp)  
Tree removal / replacement  
Pavement / road improvement

##### 2023

Rebuild boat ramps  
Update playground equipment  
Update campsite electrical (currently have 59% of campers on 50 amp service)  
Tree removal / replacement  
Pavement / road improvement

##### 2024

Add a walkway from the lake to Petersburg Elementary School  
Remodel beach house (concrete sidewalks, fences, etc.)  
New storm shelter  
New fishing pier  
Replace amphitheater wood floor with concrete  
New swimming pool  
Update playground equipment  
Update campsite electrical and water  
Tree removal / replacement  
Pavement / road improvement

##### Annual items

Study fish stock in lake  
ADA accessibility incorporated when projects are planned  
Review Lease Agreements  
More activities for campers and public

**Note: cost estimate and source of funds are an attachment to these minutes**

#### Public Comments

- Like the idea of adding items that may go out into further years – Dave Henson
- Would like to see small log cabins or yurts added for rent – Dave Henson
- Idea for having a paved golf cart path to town – Dave Henson
- Would like to see access from the back side of the park with a badge access – Carrie Dillon
- Both restrooms/shower houses in 2020 will be new builds – Brandon Schultheis\*
- Need to move one of the boat ramp rebuilds from 2023 to 2021 – Brandon Schultheis\*

Meeting Adjourned 7:00 PM

Minutes: Melinda S Vieck  
Park and Recreation Board Secretary



**PIKE COUNTY PARK & RECREATION MASTER PLAN  
ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION**

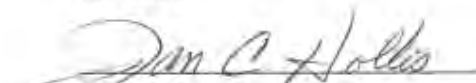
**WHEREAS**, the Pike County Park and Recreation Board is aware of the parks and recreation needs of the residents of Pike County, Indiana, and

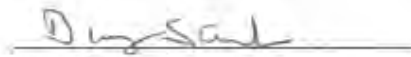
**WHEREAS**, the Board realizes the importance of sound planning in order to meet the needs of its citizens,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PIKE COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION BOARD**, by unanimous declaration, does adopt the Pike County Park and Recreation Master Plan as its official plan for the next five years, for the growth and development of parks and recreational opportunities in Pike County, Indiana.

Passed and signed this 6 day of MAY, 2020.

ATTEST:

  
Board President

  
Board Vice-President



AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT  
OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND REPEALING  
ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PIKE COUNTY,  
INDIANA:

SECTION I.

Pursuant to the provisions of I.C. 36-10-3-1, et seq., there  
is hereby established a County Board of Parks and Recreation.

SECTION II.

The Board shall be composed of five (5) members, two (2) of  
whom shall be appointed by the Judge of the Pike Circuit Court, two  
(2) of whom shall be appointed by the County Council of Pike County,  
Indiana, and one (1) who shall be appointed by the Commissioners of  
Pike County, Indiana. The members appointed shall be appointed upon  
the basis of their interest in and knowledge of parks and recrea-  
tion, but no more than one (1) member appointed by the Judge of the  
Pike Circuit Court and one (1) member appointed by the County Coun-  
cil of Pike County, Indiana, may be affiliated with the same politi-  
cal party.

SECTION III.

The Board shall further consist of an ex-officio board mem-  
ber who shall be a member of the County Extension Committee and  
shall be selected by said Committee.

SECTION IV.

Upon the establishment of a Board, the terms of the members  
initially appointed by the Circuit Court Judge shall be for one (1)  
year and three (3) year terms respectively. The terms of the mem-  
bers appointed by the County Council shall be for two (2) year and  
four (4) year terms respectively. The term of the member appointed  
by the County Commissioners shall be for a term of two (2) years.  
Thereafter as a term expires, each new appointment shall be for a  
four (4) year term. All terms shall expire on the first Monday of  
January, but a member shall continue in office until his successor  
is appointed. If a vacancy on the Board occurs, the appointing  
authority shall appoint a person to serve the remainder of the un-  
expired term.

SECTION V.

At its first regular meeting in each year, the Board shall  
elect a president and a vice-president. The vice-president may act  
as president during the absence or disability of the president. The  
Board may select a secretary either from within or outside its mem-  
bership.

SECTION VI.

The Board shall fix the time and place of its regular meet-  
ings, but it shall meet at least quarterly. The Board shall have  
those duties and powers granted to County Park and Recreation Boards  
by Indiana Code 36-10-3-10 and 36-10-3-11.

SECTION VII.

The Board may create an advisory council and special commit-  
tees composed of citizens interested in parks and recreation in ac-  
cordance with I.C. 36-10-3-17.

SECTION VIII.

Each officer and employee who handles money in the perform-  
ance of his duties as prescribed by I.C. 36-10-3-1, et seq., shall  
execute an official bond for the term of his office or employment  
before entering upon the duties of his office or employment. Should  
said employees tenure be indeterminate then the bond shall be for a  
term of one (1) year and renewed each year as the employment con-  
tinues. All bonds shall be individual surety company public of-  
ficial bonds, conditional on the faithful performance of duties.  
The penal amounts of the bonds shall be fixed periodically by the  
County Council.

SECTION IX.

The Board shall further have the power to accept gifts, don-  
ations and subsidies pursuant to I.C. 36-10-3-18.

SECTION X.

All ordinances of the County of Pike County, Indiana, resol-  
utions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions and intent  
of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION XI.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after January 3, 1983.

Passed by the County Council of Pike County, Indiana on this the 29 day of July, 1982.

Robert E. King  
Presiding Officer of the County  
Council of Pike County, Indiana.

ATTEST:

Eriline H. Gorman  
Secretary of the County Council of  
Pike County, Indiana.

## Lease agreements

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### AMENDEMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT

This is an Amendment and Addendum to the Addendum to Lease Agreement dated October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1989, and the Lease Agreement Dated June 28, 2012 and to the base lease agreement dated January 23, 1974, between PRIDES CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, 1035 East County Road, Petersburg, Indiana (Lessor) and PIKE COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION BOARD, 1045 East County Road, Petersburg, Indiana (Lessee) regarding property designated Structure 4, in the Final Plan of the Prides Creek Conservancy District as approved by the Pike County Circuit Court.

The Lessor and Lessee agree to the following changes and/or additions to the Agreement:

The term of the original lease to be renewed and commences on January 1, 2020 and ends on December 31, 2032. These dates are to meet the existing financial obligation to German American Bank Borrower's Note #1012775980, for additional land purchase by the District for the park. The Lessee, over the term of this amendment, shall pay the Lessor the principal sum which was \$68,900.00, together with the variable interest rate of 5.65% per annum. The interest rate is subject to change from time to time pursuant to the terms of the note. The Lessee shall have the right to pay any part or all of the remaining principal balance and interest on any annual payment date.

Subject to provisions of the agreement, the Lessee will pay the Lessor the amount of the above loan obligations annually for the premises. This payment is due on or before the 1 day of April of each year. The estimated amount of this payment annually is \$6,200.00, but may change due to the variable interest rate.

It is further agreed that the Lessee shall keep all management plans and agreements up to date and that all plans shall be in concurrence of the Lessor.

The Lessee will obtain liability insurance from a reputable insurance company, acceptable to the Lessor, providing minimum protection per person for any one claim, and an aggravate limit for any number of persons or claims arising from any one incident with respect to bodily injuries or death resulting therefrom and for damage to property suffered or alleged to have been suffered by one person or persons resulting from the operation of the Lessee under this lease. All third party agreements of the Lessee shall obtain identical insurance in the same sums. The Lessor shall be added as an additional insured on all insurance and provide the Lessor a certificate of insurance annually.

All property and risk of fire, theft, vandalism, and disaster are for the benefit of the Lessee and lessor.

The Lessor is responsible for the insurance of their office building.

The Lessee will carry on business under the name of PRIDES CREEK PARK and will not change such name without the prior written consent of the Lessor.

All other terms of the original lease and any previous amendments remain binding except where they contradict this amendment which shall prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Lessor and the Lessee to this agreement have duly approved at their official meetings of their board and authorized the affixing of their signatures under hand and seal, or by duly authorized officer under seal, on this 30 day of December, 2019.

Prides Creek Conservancy District

Ron Like  
Ron Like, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Karen Elgin  
Karen Elgin, Financial  
Clerk

Pike County Park & Recreation Board

Jan Hollis  
Jan Hollis, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Melinda Vieck  
Melinda Vieck, Administrative  
Secretary

Prides Creek Conservancy lease—4 pages

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF PIKE

)  
) SS: ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
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Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named PRIDES CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, Lessor in the above instrument, by RON LIKE, Chairperson and KAREN ELGIN, Secretary, who duly acknowledged the execution thereof to be the free and voluntary act and deed for PRIDES CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal this 30 day of December, 2019.

My Commission Expires:

7/25/27

Commission Number:

0721495

Talman B Potts  
Talman B Potts -Notary Public  
Residing in Pike County, Indiana



STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF PIKE

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) SS: ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
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Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named Pike County Park & Recreation Board, Lessee in the above instrument, by JAN HOLLIS, Chairperson and MELINDA VIECK, Secretary, who duly acknowledged the execution thereof to be the free and voluntary act and deed for Pike County Park & Recreation Board, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal this 15 day of November, 2019.

My Commission Expires:

7/25/27

Commission Number:

0721495

Talman B Potts #0721495  
Talman B Potts -Notary Public  
Residing in Pike County, Indiana



I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law.

This instrument prepared by BRIAN K. MAHONEY, of  
MAHONEY LAW OFFICE

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EXTENSION AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT, entered this 30 day of December, 2019, by and between PRIDES CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT OF PIKE COUNTY, INDIANA (PCCD); AND PIKE COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION BOARD OF PIKE COUNTY, INDIANA (PARK BOARD) and PRIDES CREEK GOLF COURSE, INCORPORATED, an Indiana Not-For-Profit Corporation of Pike County, Indiana (GOLF CORPORATION),

WITNESSETH:

For valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein made, the parties agree as follows:

(1) Pursuant to the lease agreement between the parties dated December 18, 1989, its term was set to expire on December 31, 2019, but the parties have the option to renew the lease for an additional ten year term.

(2) The parties do now hereby agree to extend the lease subject to its original terms and conditions consistent with this extension, for an additional ten year term, with the agreement now expiring December 31, 2029.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this instrument in multiple copies, each of which shall be considered original, the date and year first above written.

PRIDES CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
By: Ron Like  
RON LIKE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:  
Karen Elgin  
KAREN ELGIN, FINANCIAL CLERK

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PIKE COUNTY PARK & RECREATION BOARD  
By: Jan Hollis  
JAN HOLLIS, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:  
M. Vieck  
M. VIECK, SECRETARY

PRIDES CREEK GOLF COURSE, INCORPORATED  
By: R.C. Klipsch  
R.C. KLIPSCH, VICE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:  
Mike Voyles  
MIKE VOYLES, TREASURER


STATE OF INDIANA )  
COUNTY OF PIKE ) SS: ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named PRIDES CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, Lessor in the above instrument, by RON LIKE, Chairman and KAREN ELGIN, Financial Clerk, who duly acknowledged the execution thereof to be the free and voluntary act and deed for PRIDES CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal this 30 day of December, 2019.

My Commission Expires: 7/25/21  
Commission Number: 0721498

Tamara B Potts  
-Notary Public  
Residing in Pike County, Indiana



STATE OF INDIANA )  
 ) SS: ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
COUNTY OF PIKE )

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named Pike County Park & Recreation Board, Lessor in the above instrument, by JAN HOLLIS, Chairman and M. VIECK, Secretary, who duly acknowledged the execution thereof to be the free and voluntary act and deed for Pike County Park & Recreation Board, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal this 25 day of November, 2019.

My Commission Expires:

7/25/21

Commission Number:

0721495

STATE OF INDIANA )  
 ) SS: ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
COUNTY OF PIKE )

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named Prides Creek Golf Course, Incorporated, Lessee in the above instrument, by R.C. Klipsch, Vice President and Mike Voyles, Treasurer, who duly acknowledged the execution thereof to be the free and voluntary act and deed for Prides Creek Golf Course, Incorporated, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal this 27 day of November, 2019.

My Commission Expires:

7/25/21

Commission Number:

0721495

Talun B Potts  
Talun B Potts -Notary Public  
Residing in Pike County, Indiana

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I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law.

This instrument prepared by BRIAN K. MAHONEY, of  
MAHONEY LAW OFFICE  
822 Main Street, P. O. Box 176, Petersburg, IN 47567 Telephone: (812) 354-8121 FAX: (812) 354-8161

## **Potential Funding Programs**

### **Indiana Department of Natural Resources**

#### **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**

LWCF federal grants can be used to protect important natural areas, acquire land for outdoor recreation and develop or renovate public outdoor recreation facilities such as campgrounds, picnic areas, sport fields, swimming facilities, boating facilities, fishing facilities trails, natural areas and passive parks. The minimum grant request is \$10,000 and the maximum request is \$250,000 with a 50/50 local match requirement.

### **Indiana Department of Natural Resources**

#### **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**

RTP federal grants can be used for acquisition and/or development of multi-use recreation trail projects. The minimum grant request is \$50,000 and the maximum request is \$250,000. Expenses are reimbursed at 80%.

### **National Honor Society—Pike Central High School**

The National Honor Society members perform service projects in their communities. An upgrade to a playground at Prides Creek Park was a past National Honor Society service project.

### **Kiwanis Club of Petersburg**

Kiwanis international is a service organization that offers grants that include playground equipment. They also endorse service projects that include maintaining playgrounds.



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