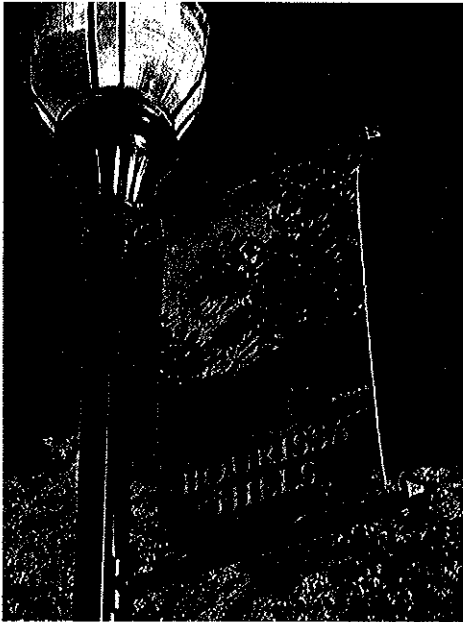


Town of New Carlisle



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**Five-Year Parks and Recreation
Master Plan
Adopted: March 31, 2016**

Community Information

Community Name: New Carlisle

Community's Home County: St. Joseph County

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Definition of Planning Area

The planning area includes the New Carlisle Town limits plus a 5-mile radius. This area includes the school system which is very rural and spread out. Many users of the parks are from the rural areas of the community.

Natural Features and Landscape of New Carlisle

New Carlisle sits on a slight hill and is surrounded by farm and prairie land, as well as mixed forest. There are wetland areas just south of the town limits as well as adjacent to Bourissa Hills Park. The majority of the area is covered with the CrrA Coupee silt loam which consists of very deep, well-drained, loamy and sandy soils. Prairie grass and mixed forest are the native vegetation types.

Hudson Lake is located just to the northwest of town in LaPorte County and is a popular boating, fishing and swimming spot. A major water source is the Kankakee Aquifer System which has been a driving factor in the New Carlisle's growth, particularly in the area of industrial development east of town. Spicer Lake Nature Preserve is located north of town and features 320 acres of wetlands, woods, and old growth fields. Bendix Woods County Park is located south of town and contains 195 acres of woods, ponds, fields, and hills, having the second highest point in the County. Wildlife in the area includes deer, rabbit, birds, squirrels, raccoons, coyotes, turkey, geese, ducks, and fox.

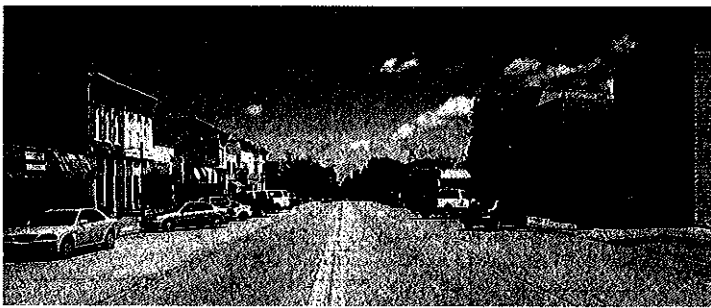
Why might these features be important to your park system?

These natural features and landscapes attract nature enthusiasts and provides activities for all ages such as biking, walking, hiking, and sledding. These features also provide a place for education and conservation efforts, as well as a place for events and

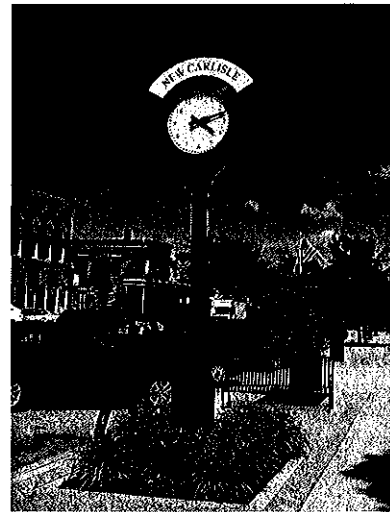
activities. They also help to contribute to the local economy. People who come to enjoy our parks might also spend time in our local restaurants and shops.

Man-Made, Historical, and Cultural Features of New Carlisle

New Carlisle has many transportation-related features such as the major highway that runs through the town. Platted in 1826, the Michigan Road was built from Madison, Indiana on the Ohio River, to Lake Michigan in Michigan City. The road had a major impact on settlement in the state. The same road was later chosen as the original 1913 Lincoln Highway Route and later renamed U.S. 20. The portion of U.S. 20 within the town limits is known as Michigan Street.



Downtown New Carlisle., Michigan Street looking East



Clock in front of Town Hall

Both the Michigan Road and the Lincoln Highway have been named Historic Byways through the State of Indiana. An interpretive kiosk about the history of the Lincoln Highway is located in front of the Town Hall. State Road 2 is a major highway located south of town. The Conrail railroad also runs through New Carlisle as well as Amtrak and the South Shore Line between South Bend and Chicago. The South Shore offers passenger and freight service and has a stop at nearby Hudson Lake. A viaduct with a curved wall welcomes motorists coming to New Carlisle from the east on U.S. 20. It

was built in 1925 to eliminate the famous "Death Crossing" on the Lincoln Highway. Motorists had to pass over two sets of tracks and there were many accidents. The viaduct wall and railroad tracks at the north and east side of the downtown do create a separation which limits pedestrian access to the parks. There has been discussion of the need to provide better access to those living on the northeast side of town, but the project would be a major undertaking and is currently cost prohibitive.

The New Carlisle National Register Historic District located along Michigan Street includes several blocks of residential homes as well as the downtown business district.



Downtown Business District located on the original Michigan Road and Lincoln Highway routes (historic byway status). North side of Michigan looking west.

The original Carnegie Library now serves as the Town Hall and is located downtown. An industrial park is located east of town. The school system is an integral part of the community with an elementary school within the town limits located near both Memorial and Bourissa Hills Park. A newer, state-of-the-art library is located across the street from the school.

Why might these features be important to your park system?

These features are important because they help to promote a vibrant community attracting people to live, work, and visit. The industrial area, schools, and businesses provide employment. The major highways and railroad access provide for greater visibility to travelers whether it be for business or pleasure. There is an increasing amount of people that are interested in historic highways and like to travel the historic routes to explore small towns, roadside architecture and unique. New Carlisle has hosted several meetings and events for members of the Indiana Lincoln Highway Association. Heritage Tourism has and will continue to impact our community in a positive way. These unique assets will help to bring people to town and to enjoy the parks and all they have to offer.

List some of the historical/cultural features in your community

New Carlisle was platted in 1835 and was an ideal location because of the rich farmland. Settlement was opened up in the area thanks to the Michigan Road. New Carlisle has a rich history and features a National Register Historic District comprising of eight blocks of residential homes as well as the downtown business district. Many of these homes and buildings were built by the early settlers and citizens who helped to shape the town. Historic New Carlisle, Inc. is the local historical society that has been active in the community for over 25 years. The organization owns and operates a historic site called the Old Republic which houses a local history museum showcasing the town's history, as well as the Inn at the Old Republic and special events. The group educates the public about history through historic exhibits and tours of the house as well as the downtown.



The Old Republic was built in 1860. Rescued and Rehabbed by Historic New Carlisle, Inc. in 2001, it now serves as a local history museum, special event center and an Inn featuring five bedrooms.

There are many community organizations such as the Lions Club, American Legion, sororities, church groups, New Prairie Little League and Rocket Football, 4-H, Boys and Girl Scouts, and New Carlisle Business and Community Association. We also have a Main Street organization, Discover New Carlisle, Inc. that works to promote the town, its businesses, organizations and history of the community. Some of the annual events that take place in the community include an annual Hometown Days Festival, Whiffleball tournament, Taste of New Carlisle, Heritage Harvest Fair, Ice Cream Social and Car Show, Beer and Wine Walk, Memorial Day Parade, Christmas in New Carlisle with a lighted parade, Easter Egg Hunt, and Sugar Camp Days at nearby Bendix Woods County Park. The Park Board sponsors Concerts in the Park which take place at Memorial Park each Wednesday evening in August. The Board budgets money to be used to hire different bands. New Carlisle is proud to boast of two town bands that play free of charge. The Park Board also sponsors the Summer Parks Program at Memorial Park, hiring a summer parks program director to coordinate crafts and activities for kids. This program runs for approximately six weeks and is free and open to the public. Some of the

other events mentioned are sponsored by different organizations in the community. The Park Board gains no revenue from those events held at the Parks. The Park Board helps to promote these events through its Facebook Page.

The New Carlisle-Olive Township Library is another cultural attraction and community asset that is located across from the elementary school and provides a wide range of programs and activities.



Summer Parks Program at Memorial Park



The Annual Hometown Days started as Sidewalk Days In the 1950s. Held at Memorial Park, it is a popular summer festival

Why might these features be important to your park system?

New Carlisle has a rich history and offers many cultural events and activities. Together, they add a good quality of life for residents as well as a positive visitor experience to the community. The majority of the events listed occur at our parks so the parks are gaining visibility to those who attend these events. These features are important because they provide activities, events, and services to all ages and can serve as potential

partners for future activities and events. They help to instill community pride and people working together. These features also help the local economy through heritage tourism.

Social and Economic Factors

Total community Population: 1,865

Community members median age: 36.1

Percentage of community living at or below poverty level: 4.1%

Percentage of community under the age of 5: 7.6%

Percentage of community over the age of 65: 11.88%

Percentage of community members over the age of 5 with a disability: .092%

Breakdown of community by race:

- % White: 92.6%
- % Black or African American: 0.4%
- % Hispanic or Latino (of any Race): 3.8%
- % American Indian and Alaska Native: 0.6%
- % Asian: 0.5%
- % Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander: 0%
- % Some Other Race: 0.21%
- % Two or more Races: 1.4%

Median household income: \$54,183

Largest employers in community (list 3-4 businesses or organizations):

- IN Tek/IN Kote
- New Prairie United School Corporation
- Millers Merry Manor

- Hamilton Communities

Most current unemployment figure: 4.4%

Discuss how these social and economic factors in the community affect the provision of parks and recreation

New Carlisle is fairly prosperous as the median household income is \$54,183.00 which is higher than the state average. The unemployment rate is a little higher than the state but lower than the National average. The Town and Park Department benefit from tax dollars received from the largest employer IN Tek/IN Kote. The small population of the town limits the tax base dollars. The town is located between the cities of South Bend and LaPorte which are each approximately 10 miles away. While many people living in New Carlisle work in other communities, the town is not considered a “bedroom community.” Many people do work locally and support the shops and restaurants, participate in organizations, and actively engage in events and activities.

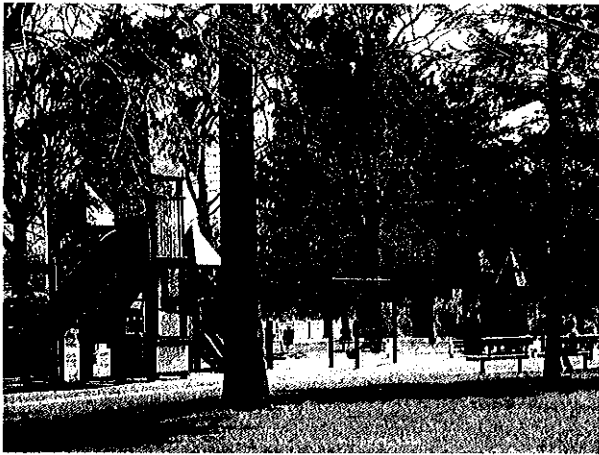
Park Department Information and Facility Inventory

MEMORIAL PARK

- Located along Michigan Street (US 20) at the southwest corner of Michigan and Bray Streets
- Approximate number of acres: 3
- Memorial Park is a town park created in 1981 after the town’s high school/junior high was built west of town and the building torn down. The park has many different species of trees and contains the largest Hackberry Tree in St. Joseph County. The terrain is flat and features a gazebo, playground equipment, a skate park, concrete walking paths, benches, two shelters, and picnic tables. The

playground equipment was found to be failing after only seven years, so the Park Board and Town Council have already encumbered funds to purchase new playground equipment that will be installed in the spring of 2016. The land that the skate park is built on is owned by the School System. Other amenities include grills, trash and recycling receptacles, a large kiosk sign that is used for event postings, and decorative lighting with banners. There are also memorial plaques and commemorative bricks, rocks/monuments located in the Park.

A parking lot on the west side of the park contains a total of 40 spaces, four of which are ADA Accessible. Water and electric are also available. Memorial Park serves as the classic “town park” and is the site of many community events and festivals, the summer park program for kids, concerts and special event rentals such as weddings and birthday parties.



Playground



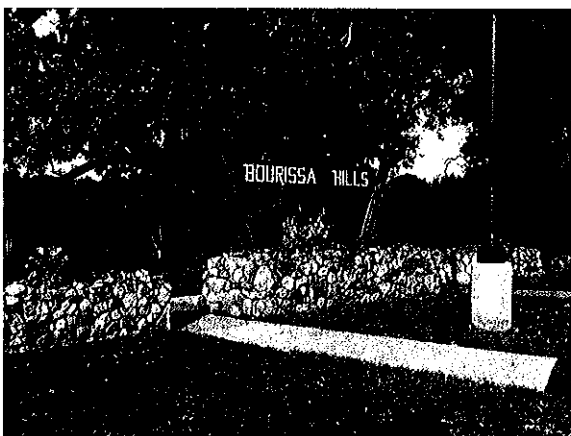
Concerts in the Park are held every Wednesday in August

BOURISSA HILLS PARK

- Located at the end of College Street southwest of Memorial Park
- Approximate Number of Acres: 12
- Bourissa Hills Park is a natural park with a large hill and valley and adjacent wooded area with walking/bike trails. The park is bordered by mature trees on three sides.



Bourissa Hills Park has three large stone flower planters at the entrance that were built in 1964 when the park was created. A new replication of the original wood sign was rebuilt in 2014. Bourissa Hills Park features a nine-hole disc golf course, two shelters, picnic tables, grills, informational kiosk, tennis courts, benches/swings, and newly created walking/bike trails that total approximately 1.3 miles. A new parking lot completed in 2014 created a total of 60 spaces, 3 of which are ADA accessible.



Entrance to Bourissa Hills Park



Disc golf has been a very popular addition to the park.

Referred to as a hidden gem, Bourissa Hills Park is most known for its beautiful natural setting, open greenspace, and is a popular sledding hill in the winter.

List the approximate yearly total budget by year for your department for the past several years:

- 2015 - \$78,041.00
- 2014 - \$77,275.00
- 2013 - \$67,745.00
- The major source of revenue for the parks includes revenue from property taxes. The Town Council sets budgets for all of the town departments each year. A small percentage is from rental fees. There is also a park “gift” fund which includes approximately \$5,600.00 A non-reverting park fund from new homes built in town has \$30,000.00
- Approximately \$25,000 is set aside for parks equipment and capital outlays in the annual park budget. The rest of the budget pays for salary, insurance, utilities, maintenance, repairs, workmen’s comp, postage, etc.

Short list or discussion of other sources of recreation lands or facilities in or around your community

Both Memorial and Bourissa Parks are located very closely to Olive Elementary School which also has two playground areas and a track/football field, and basketball courts. There are also six baseball/softball fields run by the New Prairie Little League adjacent to both parks. The football field and some of the baseball fields are owned by the school, while some baseball fields are owned by the town.

There are two County Parks located near New Carlisle. Spicer Lake Nature Preserve is located north of town about 2 miles and features 320 acres with trails along

wetlands, woods and old growth fields. It also features a boardwalk and nature center.

Bendix Woods County Park is located south of town about 2 miles and features 195 acres with wooded trails, ponds, fields, nature center, picnic areas, and mountain bike trails. The Studebaker Proving Grounds were originally located at the site. The park features the largest outdoor living sign in the country. Pine trees were planted in the 1930s spelling out "STUDEBAKER." The sign is in the Guinness Book of World Records and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Hudson Lake is located about 1 mile southwest of town affording recreational opportunities such as fishing, boating and skiing. New Prairie High School which is located just a few miles west of town has tennis courts, a track, football fields, and indoor swimming pool and gymnasium. The school offers open swim nights during the school year for the public. Mini-Mountain campground located southeast of town provides for outdoor recreation and has a pool that is available for use by the public for a fee.

Accessibility and Universal Design

Programs and facilities that are currently accessible in our park system include:

Memorial Park

Memorial Park has recently had all new sidewalks installed meeting the minimum ADA widths of 5'. The pathway within the park has connections to all features, including the playground, parking lot, pavilions, picnic tables, information kiosks and benches within the park. A new playground will be installed in the spring of 2016 which will include ADA transition platforms as well as ADA compliant engineered fibrous wood mulch fall surface. Transition bevels will be installed on playground edges to ensure smooth transitions onto the play surfaces.

Additional features including grills and trash receptacles will be connected to the ADA Pathway system as funds allow. Although some trash receptacles are currently accessible by way of the main loop path there are still a half dozen that will need access provided to them.

Bourissa Hills

Bourissa Hills within the last 3 Years has added a brand new parking lot which has dedicated ADA compliant parking spaces. The Park prior to this improvement did not have accessible parking available. The parking lot allows access to a concrete sidewalk that enters the park but currently does not access any of the other features in the park.

Programs and facilities that are currently not accessible in our park system include:

Memorial Park

Memorial Park currently is accessible to all features with in the park with the exception to the main performance Gazebo. In the event access is needed to the performance stage.

Provisions will be made by the Town of New Carlisle to allow access.

Bourissa Hills Park

The tennis courts as well as the pavilion currently are inaccessible. It is the hope and plan of the Parks Department to provide access to such features as funds allow. Until that time the parks department will assist with provisions necessary to gain access to the parks amenities. The park currently is very passive in nature and has not had major improvements made to the park in some time. It is the goal and vision of the parks department to make the ADA improvements as other park projects and improvements are made.

What methods does your park board or department use to notify the public about ADA's nondiscriminatory requirements, and accessible facilities programs and services in your park system? Currently the Park Board does not have a notification process for ADA's nondiscriminatory requirements, but has begun work on this priority and will be posting this information on the town's website and will post flyers at both kiosks at Memorial and Bourissa Hills Park.

Who on your staff would a member of the public contact if they had a question, comment, or issue with accessibility in your park system, programs, or activities?

Name/Job Title: Roger Grove, Park Manager

Address: 124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, IN 46552

Phone number: 574/654-3733

A hard copy with original signatures of the ADA/ABA/Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504 Accessibility Compliance Form should be sent in to the DNR-Outdoor Recreation Local Master Planner when this plan is finalized: Has the Form been signed, dated, and a hard copy sent in to DNR-OR? (Circle one answer) YES / NO

Public Participation

The New Carlisle Park Board held two public meetings, as well as sent out surveys in a variety of ways and met with local organizations in order to distribute surveys. A total of 140 surveys were returned which is nearly 10 percent of New Carlisle's population.

Public meeting information:

Public Meeting #1 was held on September 24th at 5:00 pm at the New Carlisle Town Hall. Nine people from the public were in attendance for the meeting. The meeting was advertised on the New Carlisle Parks Facebook page, the Town's website, and Discover New Carlisle's (Main Street group) Facebook page. The meeting was also included on the utility bills (1,037 were mailed out) Fliers were also distributed in town and phone calls were made by President Nancy Taplin. Nancy Taplin personally sent out invitation flyers

to the following groups: Olive Twp. Trustee, New Carlisle Lions Club, New Prairie Little League, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, New Prairie School Superintendent, Olive Township PTO, and Hometown Days Committee. E-mail reminders were also sent to members of the New Carlisle Business and Community Association which has over seventy people on their email list.

Ideas discussed at Meeting #1 include:

- Splash Pad
- Restrooms
- Amphitheatre
- Additional park land to expand activities
- Additional swings for babies/parents/ADA
- Basketball court
- Dog Park
- Ice Skating

Public Meeting #2 was held on November 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the New Carlisle Town Hall. Five people from the public were in attendance. The meeting was publicized on the Town's website, Parks Facebook Page, Discover New Carlisle Facebook page, New Carlisle Business and Community Association was sent email invitations, and fliers that were posted throughout town. Much of the same projects and ideas from the first public meeting were discussed.

Ideas discussed at Public Meeting #2 include:

- An electronic sign at Memorial to post events

- Creating a “Friends of the Park” group in order to raise funds, help with projects such as planting, maintaining flowers, etc.

Survey/group/individual interview information:

A survey was developed and distributed in a variety of ways:

- Posted on New Carlisle Parks Facebook Page
- Available at New Carlisle Public Library
- Sent to Discover New Carlisle’s email contacts which included **343** people
- Included in local grocery store sale flier. A total of **500** surveys were printed and put in the sale flier.
- Posted on Schoology which is an app that the New Prairie School system uses to communicate and post school assignments, etc. to the entire school system which includes over 2,700 students.
- Surveys were made available at the New Carlisle Town Hall
- A shortened version of the survey was created for Survey Monkey and 5 responses were received back.
- Park member Dana Groves met with the Lions Club on November 2nd. **12** members were in attendance. She talked to the group about the plan and handed out surveys.
- Park member Nancy Taplin met with the Delta Beta Phi Sorority on November 5th. **20** people in attendance. (all surveys were filled out and returned at meeting)
- Nancy met with Delta Theta Tau Sorority on November 11th. **15** people were in attendance (all surveys were filled out and returned at meeting)
- Dana met with the New Carlisle Business and Community Association on November 10th to discuss plan and handed out surveys. **14** people were in attendance. Dana discussed the plan and then distributed the surveys.
- Dana met with Discover New Carlisle, Inc. (Main Street Group) on November 16th at 5:30 pm to discuss park plan and hand out surveys. **10** people were in attendance.
- Members of the New Carlisle Business and Community Association were emailed the survey as well. There are over 70 people on their e-mail list.

Needs Analysis

Total acres of local parks and recreation land is 15 Acres

New Carlisle's total population by the most recent US Census is 1,865.

The top five most common needs or desires expressed by the public during our public participation methods are:

- Restrooms
- Splashpad
- Walking Trails/Paths
- Additional Playground Equipment/ADA Compliant equipment
- More Youth/Adult programs/activities

The top five most common needs or desires as listed by the park board/park staff are:

- Amphitheatre at Bourissa
- Future land acquisition
- Warming station/pavilion at Bourissa
- Decorative Gateway Entrance sign to Memorial Park
- Dual purpose athletic court (tennis/basketball/volleyball)

Our "Dream" amenity or facility (regardless of cost) to create in the next ten years, would be:

- The dream project would be to acquire additional land to Bourissa Hills Park that would allow for more parking and additional amenities, activities, and programs. Parking is a real challenge in planning for additional amenities.
- Rough estimate to acquire land 10 – 20 acres would be \$100,000 - \$150,000.

Community Map - attached

Priorities and Action Plan Schedule

Using both your public input and park board top five lists of expressed parks and recreation needs, combine the two lists to create a single top priority list (maximum of ten priorities) of action items, and list them in rough priority order below (#1 being the highest priority, down to #10 being the lowest priority):

1. Splash Pad at Bourissa
2. Restrooms at Memorial
3. ADA Compliance to Gazebo at Memorial
4. Addition of ADA Compliant Playground Equipment at Memorial
5. Gateway Entrance Signage at Memorial Park
6. Land Acquisition
7. Dual Purpose Athletic Court (Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball) at Bourissa
8. Warming Station/Pavilion at Bourissa
9. Walking Trails/Paths at Bourissa
10. Amphitheatre at Bourissa

Action Plan Schedule:

Year	Site of work	Action taken	Cost Estimate	Potential Source of Funds
1-2	Bourissa Hills Park	Splash Pad	\$125,000 - \$150,000	Township, Private donations, fundraisers, Operating budget, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant
2-3	Bourissa and Memorial Park	Restroom Construction (determination of which park would receive restroom first would depend on need and other projects.)	\$40,000 - \$60,000 per restroom	Private donations, Operating budget, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant
1-2	Memorial Park	ADA Compliance to Gazebo	\$6,000 - \$8,000	Private Donations, Operating Budget

2-3	Memorial Park	Playground Equipment	\$8,000 - \$12,000	Private donations, Operating budget, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant
1-2	Memorial Park	Gateway Entrance Signage	\$25,000 - \$40,000	Private Donations, Operating Budget, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant
3-4	Bourissa Hills Park	Land Acquisition – 10 – 20 acres	\$100,000 - \$150,000	Private donations, Operating budget, Recreational Trails Program Grant
4-5	Bourissa Hills Park	Dual-Purpose Athletic Court (Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball)	\$100,000	Private Donations, Operating budget, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant
4-5	Bourissa Hills Park	Warming Station/Pavilion	\$80,000 - \$100,000	Private donations, Operating budget, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant
3-4	Bourissa Hills Park	Walking Trails/Path/Signage Improvements	\$10,000 - \$15,000	Private donations, Operating Budget, Recreational Trails Program Grant, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant
4-5	Bourissa Hills Park	Construction of Amphitheatre/Performance Space	\$200,000	Private donations, Operating Budget, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant

Final Public Presentation of the Plan

After the plan has been finished up to this point, it's time to have the public verify that they agree with all the previous public input and the resulting action plan. To do this, simply set aside time during the next regularly scheduled park board meeting for public

comment, and invite the same participants from your earlier public input methods to return, listen to the final results of the plan, and provide their final comments.

- The final presentation to the public took place on Monday, January 11, 2016 at the New Carlisle Town Hall at 5:30 pm.
- Four members of the public were in attendance.

Discuss/List the primary comments made by the public during the meeting here: Nancy Taplin outlined the master plan process and gave an overview of the top five needs and wants from both the Park Board and the public and then she presented the priority action schedule. Steve Ruby presented some aerial maps with ideas for locations of new amenities. The public seemed to be in agreement with the plan and discussion ensued about potential grants and ways to fund the projects.

FINAL PAPERWORK:

A hard copy with original signatures of the park board resolution adopting the plan should be sent in to the DNR-Outdoor Recreation (DNR-OR) Local Master Planner when this plan is finalized: Has the Form been signed, dated, and a hard copy sent in to DNR-OR? (Circle one answer) YES / NO.