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8! CITY RECREATION CENTERS!

Recreation Board charged with planning activities



Centennial Park 1920/21 Clyde bought land between Cherry and Forest streets for a central village park. It had picnic tables, benches, playgrounds, shuffleboard, lighted basketball court, walking track around the perimeter, band concerts, church services, Art in the Park shows and numerous events and activities for families and children. Today....

Parks: 146 years

1873 Council purchases land on Mulberry; forms Paden Park
1880 Pond formed with new waterworks. Community Park
1920/21 Council purchases land between Cherry and Forest.
- Park formed for high school tennis, named for Rec Director Art Hendricks. Wolf Park named for Scout leader; 2015 skate ramp formed. Limerick was southside park. 1989 Anderson/Depot Plaza formed in part by Whirlpool and CL&P.



Centennial Celebration Park
for Sherwood Anderson in September 1976 on his 100th birthday.

1985 Council amended Charter to remove parks maintenance from Rec Board and make the Board exclusively responsible for "activities and events in the City's parks and playlots".

There have been few activities in any but Community Park in recent years or for two decades in the City's central park. The court in Hendricks Park is unmarked and the City contemplates removing the tennis courts.

1997 - a City bond issue which is completed in 2027 built the Aquatic Center operated by the City.

There is no Charter authority for Rec Board creating an indoor center. The Board's Center Committee has consulted with an architect (not in its Charter powers), created and circulated a survey allegedly at City expense, has suggested a property or income tax to raise the estimated \$3 million cost to build.

Their proposal makes no provision for exterior and interior amenities, upkeep and employees.

ADA compliance has 5 months

In 2018 Joseph Durham, an attorney with Eastman 7 Smith submitted to David Quirino with the Dept. of the Interior, a list of 32 improvements to be completed by December 2019 to comply with DOI's order in a complaint filed against the City on behalf of Jan Brewer. 15 major changes remain.