

PARK INVENTORY FIELD NOTES & SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

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ROBINSON PARK (East Mountain, Zip Code 18505):

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- Main Building:
 - a. The team was advised that a new entity (Deutsch Institute) would be subletting this facility from the city and they would be doing renovations to the interior of the building as part of the proposed agreement. Thus, no interior investigation would be necessary. The modifications to the existing facilities by Deutsch or another like organization should be reviewed and found acceptable to the city to prevent any devaluation of the structure. [*Update*: since the field visit, the City actually posted an RFP in August 2021 to solicit bids for the use of the building]
 - b. The main building/play area is served by electric (overhead), gas, water, and sewer utilities.
 - c. Roof near rear entrance needs to be treated for lichens.
 - d. Walkways need to be added from the “ADA” parking/drop-off to provide better circulation around the front of the building, to the pavilion, to the play areas, and the basketball court.

- Pavilion Structure
The open air structure (25x40) has an exposed wood truss ceiling and is anchored by two restrooms and a storage closet. These spaces were locked during the site visit and their condition could not be determined. The pavilion itself has power and overhead metal halide lighting. There is a cooking fireplace with a large decorative hood. There are wooden built-in benches on both sides of the structure. The floor is an exposed concrete slab with some cracks visible.

- The parking lot near the building needs rehabilitation:
 - a. The parking lot should be widened by approximately 10-11’ from its current width to a total width of 60’, to accommodate 2-row 90° parking. Widening the parking lot toward the playground area may center ADA parking/drop-off for the building with the parking lot aisle.
 - b. There is a runoff problem originating on the uphill side of the parking lot. Runoff currently flows across the parking lot toward the playground area, and creates icing hazards in the parking lot and playground in the winter. There is also a ponding issue at the driveway entrance off of Mountain Lake Road.
 - i. It appears a groundwater seep is a contributing factor.
 - ii. A cutoff swale uphill of the parking lot would be appropriate to intercept runoff. New culverts or inlets/pipes will be necessary to convey the water under the parking lot and playground area. Ultimate point of discharge may be a broad

drainage swale past the “amphitheater” seating; this will allow for the installation of yard drains to collect runoff from slow-to-drain areas as well. Discharge to Mountain Lake may be an option, but will involve pavement cuts across Mountain Lake Road, possible utility conflicts, and DEP Chapter 105 permitting.

- iii. There is some asphalt base damage observed related to age of pavement and runoff issues.
 - iv. Parking spaces/ADA need to be delineated after widening & repaving; there is currently no ADA signage, although an extended concrete pad was installed to support ADA parking.
 - v. There is a concrete ramp in rear of building for ADA access although there is a lip at threshold.
 - c. Topographic survey needed in this area to assess grading for parking lot widening and drainage improvements, ADA accessibility, etc.
 - d. There is a need to delineate a new crosswalk across Mountain Lake Road from the parking lot to Mountain Lake. There is interest in improvements to the trail around the lake.
 - e. An existing fence/gate partially encloses the property and is in disrepair. It was not known if the fence serves any purpose.
- The Playground and Basketball Court needs rehabilitation:
 - a. Uphill side of court collects water. Grading is needed to divert runoff around the basketball court.
 - b. Needs to be re-surfaced; new basketball goals.
 - c. New fence or repaint.
 - d. Playground is outdated and several components are no longer in compliance with CPSI; should be closed [*Update*: since the field visit, the City has demolished the play ground]
 - Pavilion:
 - a. No drainage problems noted at the pavilion, but some grading to divert runoff may be in order.
 - b. Concrete slab of pavilion is in decent condition but has cracking, which should be routed/grouted/sealed. The surface is slippery when wet and new epoxy with sand grains should be used to resurface the slab.
 - c. 10 picnic tables, two restrooms, fire place
 - d. Rented out for parties through the neighborhood association and not the City; The City should be in charge of setting rental fees and collection of fees.
 - Trails & Woodland:
 - a. The trails are heavily used by neighborhood. Could use more signage. May need grade reversals to better handle runoff.
 - b. Woods are mostly dominated by White Pine, Chestnut Oak, White Oak with Witch Hazel in understory
 - Site Lighting & Safety:
 - a. Park has security cameras. Some of the existing CC cameras are located at a height that makes them susceptible to vandalism. They should be adjusted.

- b. If evening activities are being considered, additional area lighting should be considered to support those activities and to provide passive security during the off hours.
 - c. The existing area lighting is outdated and should be replaced with new LED fixtures.
 - d. Possible expansion of the parking was discussed....Consider new LED lighting along parking lot, as well.
- General:
 - a. The land was donated to the City by the Robinson Family; must remain a park.
 - b. Howard Gardner School nearby; increases traffic on road during limited times during the day.
 - c. A lot of young kids live in areas; park is very important for next generation
 - d. Lackawanna County West Nile Virus Coordinator identified a few positive cases of West Nile and EEE in Robinson Park. The report stated removing standing water is important. We agree handling the failed drainage near the b-ball court and the parking lot is important and it will be addressed in this planning study. The report does not indicate where sampling and positive test results occurred. We still do not believe the forested wetland should be drained as people suggested. We can discuss enhancement options to assure the system is healthy.

Notes from Public Survey

- Robinson Park needs an overhaul for sure. The playground structures are wooden and splintering. It is a beautiful area with a pavilion and Mountain Lake across the street. Please give this park attention asap before it falls into total disrepair.
- Robinson's playground equipment is also 20+ years old.
- Fences are broken around Robinson Park and garbage is usually an issue. The basketball court is in terrible shape
- Robinson Park is closest to my home. It is in disrepair.
- There could be a beautiful park bc Robinson is the second largest park in the city and the only park with a lake! The only lake in the city
- I would love to see handicap accessible playground equipment at Robinson.
- Enhance walking / fishing around lake
- Robinson park has no handicap accessible playground equipment. There are no sidewalks from the parking lot to the playground areas. Poor drainage makes the grass impassable for someone in a wheelchair.
- Do not want to attract more people who destroy the park
- Survey respondents that specifically stated they use Robinson Park the most/their favorites (26)
- **Survey respondents would like to see:** Better play area and seating; New play areas, actual basketball hoops, it needs a giant update; Better playground; New equipment and a splash pad; New updated swings and basketball hoops; A dog park, better basketball court, better landscaping; Updated basketball court, dog play area, a small dock; Upgraded equipment, picnic tables and benches; Splash pad; Better basketball courts, safer playground equipment, no water issues, ability to walk around lake, sidewalk to get to the park from my home; Better drainage and pest control; Updated basketball area; Walking trail; Safe playground equipment, splash pad, walking trails, stocked lake, benches, safe basketball court, tennis court, and volleyball

courts; Bathrooms; Updated equipment and splash pad; New playground equipment, a safe way to cross over to Mountain lake

THE LOOKOUT (SR 307, Zip Code 18505):

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- Built in 1938 by WPA.
- Need to obtain PennDOT ROW mapping to see where the line falls.
- Improvements made within the ROW (besides re-paving with normal bituminous asphalt) will likely need an HOP. Pursuing an HOP may precipitate PennDOT to mandate a defined access throat, which may not be possible or desirable.
- The provision of night lighting was requested due to recent undesirable activities. There is interest in adding period lighting back into park. The existing stone parapet, given age and condition, should not be considered a stable base for post lighting. Lighting could be attached to the back of the wall via conduit and pipe posts with lantern fixtures and vandal proof lenses. Or, ground anchored mast lighting behind the wall could be another alternative. Power is nearby and should not pose a problem.
- Re-pave parking area with stamped/colored pavement? Define parking stalls?
- Add planter boxes to separate parking spaces from stone walkway?
- Could benefit from historical signage.
- Presently, it appears that runoff hops the curb and runs down the walkway to the downhill end, where debris is evident.
 - Generally, it appears that the cross-slope on the park slopes back to the “gutter” area of 307.
 - Milling pavement to restore curb reveal may help runoff issue on walkway
 - Addition of scupper to wall at downhill end to release trapped runoff may also help
- Two round lookout turrets flank each end of the stone wall. The left hand turret is missing many stones and is in need of repair/repointing. The right side is in better shape, but also needs repointing. There are several stacked stones, likely recovered from ongoing disrepair. The structure is not accessible by today’s standards of accessibility.
- Some graffiti is present. Below the wall is an abundance of trash.
- No site lighting exists.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

OAKMONT PARK (Oakmont, Zip Code 18505):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT. 14, 2020

- Runoff appears to flow overland toward downhill property. If no problems/complaints are noted, I would suggest not wasting funds on storm water controls. Follow up: I spoke with property owner and they do not have any problems with runoff from the park – they just want the park fixed up.
- Pavement in acceptable condition, could use crack seal/sealcoat

- Pavement edges abutting play areas are backed up with timbers with some rot, exposed rebar and hard edges. Replace with something tapered like bituminous or concrete.
- Opportunity to re-think location of facilities, relocate gazebo, possibly free up area for additional sports court or other type of facility.
- Demolish playground ASAP, it is a liability for the city [*Update*: since the field visit, the City has demolished the play ground]
- Relocate entrance sign
- Remove select portions of asphalt and create lawn areas for infiltration
- Resurface basketball court, add new hoops, increase size? Is the court used – should a basketball court remain?
- Tyke bike path around perimeter?
- Fences need gates replaced or restoration; need latch on gate for toddler safety
- Select tree trimming/removal along back line park
- Parking is along the road with no formal stalls; will park enhancements increase need for parking? Or are most users walking from the neighborhood? Check ownership past park for potential overflow parking area
- Moss growing on walkways on left side of park (when viewing park from road) due to lack of sunlight.
- This is a small neighborhood park with play areas that should receive some lighting to support evening activities and to promote passive security. Add security camera to utility pole.

Notes from Public Survey

- Oakmont is in disrepair
- Survey respondents that specifically stated Oakmont has maintenance problems (17)
- Survey respondents that specifically stated they use Oakmont Park the most/their favorites (11)
- Oakmont play equipment is in poor shape
- Oakmont would be a great park for a neighborhood gathering like a fall bon fire
- Oakmont Park is a great space in a great neighborhood and its run down and everything is broke. We would love to see this park fixed up!
- The park is too run down to use
- ADA issue; Oakmont Park would be a great park for ADA, it is easily accessible from the road, flat surface park, basketball court, gazebo. The only thing needed is equipment and some more benches. Cleanup.
- Oakmont needs a lot of attention. The play area climbing structure is closed because it is collapsing.
- Oakmont has broken equipment. Dangerous for anyone to play on
- Oakmont needs the entire park updated, the play area is falling apart
- The playground equipment at Oakmont has been unsafe for a long time. The wood is rotten and the screws do not stay in the wood. We are unable to use the playground because it is so unsafe.
- The basketball court is in terrible shape
- **Survey respondents would like to see:** Working equipment; A functioning playground; Better equipment and landscaping; Safer play equipment and a splash pad; Safe equipment; Better equipment
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RICHTER AVENUE – JOHN DARCEY PARK_ (East Scranton, Zip Code 18510):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT. 14, 2020

- This is a corridor type park across the street from multiple baseball fields. It's quaint but not really utilized.
- Has real potential for additional riparian restoration
- Remove boulders from along Richter Avenue. These are a maintenance issue for DPW
- Areas of stream bank stabilization are required
- The plantings have been overrun with weeds. Makes sense to connect the berms, which are overrun with weeds, into one large meadow area.
- Future phase is a formal sidewalk with street trees
- Needs new trail signs; The informative/inspirational signs are a nice feature
- There is backboard mounted power supply to support events.
- Discussions should be held with the baseball league leadership. Consideration might be given to a 4 foot fence along Richter Avenue with controlled access and painted crosswalks. This area could be developed with play equipment for the siblings not involved with baseball. There is only one existing play area adjacent to one of the fields. The adjacent brook also could support fishing for children if some platforms can be provided.
- The existing concession stand building is a visually odd building with mismatched materials and lacks consistency with itself. Could benefit from a planned identity.
- Parking is not provided, with users parallel parking on the grass/gravel shoulder.
- General signage is non-existent.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

DUFFY PARK_ (South Scranton, Zip Code 18505):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT. 14, 2020

- This is the pocket park adjacent to the new Harrison Avenue Bridge. It is all new, well done, and needs no attention at this time.
- Passive Recreation Space
- Perhaps a mural or two on the wall

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

RENAISSANCE PARK / 500 LACKAWANNA AVENUE (Downtown, Zip Code 18503):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT. 14, 2020

- This is a newer pocket park that appears to be underutilized.
- Minor modifications may make it more inviting to downtown workers for a lunch area and to downtown residents as a place to meet and enjoy a nice summer evening.
- There is lighting, but CC cameras would provide some additional passive security.
- Additional seating can also be considered.
- The elevator did not appear to be working the day we stopped there.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

LINDEN STREET PARK (Downtown, Zip Code 18503):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT. 14, 2020

- Does not exist at this time.
- Currently a vacant brownfield in Downtown Scranton. Soil contamination needs to be full cleaned prior to construction of the park.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

BILLY BARRETT PARK (Minooka, Zip Code 18505):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT. 7, 2020

- The tennis court needs to be resurfaced and surface cracks and puddles addressed. Last resurfacing was in 2008. Should pickle ball line striping be added?
- Remove concrete curb remnant in play area.
- Remove any stumps in the lawn areas.
- Relocate memorial plaque into a more defined landscape bed.
- Regenerative storm water management in bio swale can help with MS4 credits and lessen the likelihood of culvert clogging.
- Regrade lawn between play ground and court to create a more uniform ground plane. This space can be valuable for tag, catch and unstructured play.
- Add more safety surface to the play area.
- Remove all plants/weeds from landscape bed; see if community will maintain; add a shade tree and annual plants.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.
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MAYOR CONNORS – ORCHARD STREET PARK (South Scranton, Zip Code 18505):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT. 7, 2020

- This park was built in 2007 where an old post office building once stood. Since that time it has become an important recreation area in lower South Scranton.
- An active group of community volunteers cares for the park. Community volunteers are integral to the success of the park and multiple programmed events help this park thrive (ice-cream socials, craft and farmers markets, holiday lights).
- The storage units are somewhat constricting and occupy park real estate; perhaps they can be reconfigured.
- This park needs a few upgrades to freshen it up and spark community interest like new swings and ADA-play structures.
- The fences are broken and bent in several locations. This is not a commercial grade fence and it is not holding up well. The perimeter fence needs attention or replacement with a black-vinyl coated chain link fence that is more able to handle park use.
- Need more swings
- The park can benefit from new, exciting play structures. May be beneficial to create a more useful core use area by installing new play structures between the existing play areas and the gazebo.
- The park needs better definition of landscape areas, tree trimming and reconsideration of the placement of the storage units.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

CROWLEY PARK (Green Ridge, Zip Code 18509):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT.21, 2020

- Renovated in 2018 with new wellness loop trail, play equipment, basketball court, rain garden, and labyrinth. Vehicular circulation and parking was also redesigned.
- Currently installing a monument for Jim Crowley.
- Need entrance sign and landscape bed at entrance.
- Need to keep knotweed from coming through fence in parking lot; perhaps canvas screening can be installed along lower 10' similar to a baseball field.
- Enhance amphibian alley with better defined walkways, a boardwalk and educational mural on chain link fence; Partnership with Johnson College for boardwalk
- Potential sculpture garden near labyrinth in partnership with Marywood.
- Create nature loop trail in woodland.
- Biggest need is programming.
- Need to get grass around all sides of rain garden.
- Keep an eye on trees; impacted by deer during installation; add trunk protection on trees.

Notes from Public Survey

- Add another basketball court. Wait time can be 45 minutes or more during the evening.

McLAIN PARK & LEGGETT'S CREEK GREENWAY (North Scranton, Zip Code 18508):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT. 21, 2020

- Park has functional layout, and many updated facilities completed in the last 5-6 years.
- Upgrades to basketball court already planned for 2021/2022. ReSurface basketball court with bioswale on downslope end.
- Need a temporary fence for softball field.
- No outlet for runoff under bleachers below the basketball court near the soft ball dugout; Perhaps install a few yard drains or a soak away pit.
- The softball field warning track is not ideal – the pea gravel is loose and can be a slip hazard. This rock material should not be used behind home plate or in foul ball territory. If a ball is hit down the line, this material can alter the speed, direction of the ball when in play, which is not ideal.
- Parking is currently accommodated by a combination of off-street and on-street parking. There is ADA parking/accessibility.
 - a. There may be opportunity to expand off-street parking lot to provide more spaces.
 - b. Parking lot is currently surfaced with gravel. Pavement would allow for stable surface and stall delineation
 - c. Green infrastructure in the lower half of the parking lot like permeable paving and rain gardens would be valuable to lessen erosive flows to Leggett's Creek.
- Connect to Greenway. Opportunity to connect parking lot and outfield walking path to the adjacent Leggett's Creek Greenway and Wells Street. The greenway would include McLain Park, riparian trails, Creek access and Marvin Dutch Little League. The Lackawanna River Conservation Association is leading efforts for this recreation and ecological restoration initiative.

Lower Leggett's Creek Greenway Proposed Improvements

Overall, create a new city-owned, passive recreation area that is intricately connected with, inspired from and built around environmental education, eco-restoration techniques and watershed protection. Features will include environmental signage, a trail system, floodplain wetlands, stream bank stabilization, fish habitat enhancements, rain gardens and invasive species. The outcome will be a new venue for community programming, partnerships, nature-inspired recreation and activities that highlight and embrace a commitment and appreciation for restoration within the Leggett's Creek and Lackawanna River Watersheds.

This project directly involves well-rounded community stakeholders with an ongoing multi-year process of planning and then enacting eco-restoration techniques aimed at improving the habitat and health of Leggett's Creek. It will result in a passive recreation area built upon a sustainable foundation that will be embraced by the community and will serve as a demonstration model of MS4 BMP's and public involvement.

Specific improvements may include: 1.) Install a new rain garden at the bottom of Leggett Street to capture sediment and filter storm water prior to its entry into the Creek; 2.) Create a new step-pool bioretention system in a failed ditch along West Parker Street; 3.) a series of log vanes or J-hooks to increase fish habitat and direct water away from eroding banks; 4.) Massive riparian buffer planting to create a new native canopy.

The LRCA just received a \$50,000 grant through the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in Fall 2020 to work on final design and preparation of environmental and E&S permitting for many of the above mentioned goals.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

CAPOUSE / PENN RIDGE POOL COMPLEX (Pine Brook, Zip Code 18509):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT. 21, 2020

- This pool was problematic for many years and the supporting equipment is getting old. Changing requirements for pool operation can necessitate costly updates. The demographics should be reviewed to determine those served. This can be done with Census information and regional school(s) ten day count on student population. A meeting with local neighborhood leaders can also provide some insight.
- One has to consider that this pool feature only serves the public for two months out of the year. Another feature, such as basketball courts, could provide service for seven months out of the year.
- The existing bathhouse looks to be of the same era and condition as the other pool buildings in the city. The building is structurally sound but needs masonry repair and paint. The building could be re-purposed into a neighborhood youth center. There are toilet rooms, that should be updated, and open areas that could support youth programming. There usually are grants available for youth recreation that would help defray some of the conversion costs.
- If retained, the pool must be drained, patched, and painted. Surrounding concrete areas should be power washed, crack grouted and sealed. Chlorinating equipment should be updated as necessary for longevity, compliance and safe operation.
- Ultimate use of this space is not known. City should work with the current Pine Brook Revitalization initiative being overseen by United Neighborhood Centers. The fate and future of the buildings is dependent upon the future park use.
- Park is bordered by Lackawanna Railroad spur. Through partnership this rail corridor has potential to be an important trail system through Pine Brook and lower Green Ridge.
- Site is currently not fully ADA accessible; however, can be made compliant with a few minor upgrades. No defined ADA access, but could be easily re-configured to provide access
- City just cut trees along the parking lot; were impacting abutting house.
- No drainage issues of note.
- Has off-street parking lot with connection to Capouse and Monsey Avenue.
- Fences damaged by trees and overgrowth – some or all may need replacement
- Scope of site improvements will depend on ultimate use of this park.

Notes from Public Survey

- The public wants the pool back.
- UNC and others want a year-round facility that can better serve the complex makeup of the Pine Brook Area.
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WESTON PARK (Providence, Zip Code 18508):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT. 21, 2020

- Tucked away in neighborhood; Could use more signs and a more prominent entrance sign/arch.
- This facility is in reasonably good condition. There's multiple out buildings and structures and no consistency of style between them.
- The pool is in good shape and could use a bit of patching and new paint. Surrounding concrete areas should be power washed, crack grouted and sealed. Chlorinating equipment should be updated as necessary for longevity, compliance and safe operation.
- The community building has been well maintained and has heating for year round events. The toilet rooms are functional but could use a little updating.
- Site lighting should be expanded for passive security and LED updating.
- The parking area is somewhat removed from the feature areas, should be re-lighted and CC cameras provided. The bathhouse is in good condition and should be re-purposed for use during the summer season.
- Toilet rooms could be updated and the open areas used for games or arts and crafts for the younger siblings. It could also provide emergency shelter for the occasional summer thunderstorm. It should not be allowed to fall into disrepair.
- Multiple tables and benches are broke.
- One bike rack; a few more are needed.
- 4 swings and 4 toddler swings; 1 play structure; Little Tikes from 2003
- There are paved trails around the play areas; Some of the walks are cracked due to roots; there are trip hazards.
- Play areas need safety surfacing and weeding; there are some lost bolts.
- Some uncontrolled runoff causing rills and sedimentation near play ground; Issue with runoff at park entrance. Erosion is noted between community building and playground. Water currently collects along edge of pavement and flows to the concentrated point of erosion. Need to re-direct runoff to the existing pipe by the toddler swings.
- Nice change in topography; sledding hill.
- Pool building is not currently used, rather the city uses port-a-lav'. Pool building looks to be of the same era and condition as the other pool buildings in the city. The building is in decent shape but needs masonry repair, paint and potentially a new roof. Vegetation along foundation should be cleared.
- 19 parking stalls in the upper lot and 2 ada stalls; lower lot is large and not fully utilized; ADA stalls need new signs and stripping.
- Perhaps the lower lot can be cut in half and pickle ball courts can be installed on the other side; buffer screening may be needed due to proximity of homes.
- Recent improvements include security cameras, new backstop, a storage shed in the outfield and outfield fencing.
- Building has undergone recent renovations including exterior paint and a restored interior floor and is in overall good condition. The accessible entrance's handrails are not up to the current code and should be updated. An attractive structure that is a real asset to the Park. The building is used all summer by the ARC.
- Not far from Leggett's Creek Greenway.
- Drainage issue at main driveway entrance. Water causing erosion just off of the paved radius at the first parking stall. Need to collect this water, but only suitable outlet may be the combined sewer.

- Portion of fence along Stanley Place is undermined due to a “retaining wall” failure. Not a major concern other than it allows access to the park underneath the fence.
- Old steps at Hollister Ave require rehabilitation if it is desired to utilize them/make them a focal point.
- Select tree trimming/removal required around pool house.
- Baseball field has recent renovations, no work required.
- Clean up slope to lower parking lot to showcase stonework.
- Park has large, unutilized lower parking lot with tall perimeter fencing. May be possible to add facilities to create basketball, pickle ball courts, while still allowing for use as parking when needed for events.
 - a. Streets near park do not allow for convenient on-street parking, so off-street parking within the park should continue to be utilized where possible.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

NORTH SCRANTON MINI-PARK (Providence, Zip Code 18508):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT. 21, 2020

- Chess table is worn out.
- Walkways are old and cracked; No real strategic plan or flow to walkways.
- Wood post is rotted.
- Fences are old and not structurally sound in a few locations due to rot or fallen trees; large break in fence near fire house. Most of the perimeter fencing has surface corrosion, damage from trees and slope erosion. Some sections are missing top/bottom rails.
- However, the fence does provide an adequate barrier in most locations.
- A neighbor and historical research indicates the site used have a pool.
- According to resident, park is currently mostly used as a dog park by dog walkers; a dog-i-pot is in the park.
- City does not get complaints or requests about this park; neighbors assist with keeping it clean.
- Space used mostly by toddlers, however, no formal facilities is present. Perhaps a small toddler area is a proper use; the existing curbs may be a useable perimeter for the safety surface. Opportunity to construct a smaller playground underneath the shade of the maple trees.
- Is there a way to get frontage or safe access from Market Street? May be possible to allow pedestrian connectivity to Market Street around rear of fire hall, but would require pedestrians to walk across apron in front of garage which houses response vehicles.
- Does entrance get enough sun for a community garden?
- Select tree trimming/removal may be appropriate.
- Opportunity to add more picnic tables, grills.
- Park not large enough to add courts.
- Neighborhood association may have input on what they would like in this park.
- Need to encourage more interaction of parks users and fire-fighters; programmed events

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

GRACE STREET PARK (The Plot, Zip Code 18509):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT. 21, 2020

- This park is tucked away in the Plot Section with entrances on Grace Street and Finn Street. The park is also adjacent to the Lackawanna River Levee and within walking distance to the proposed Parker Street Recreation Area.
- This is the only park within the Plot Section.
- The park needs new safety surfacing (Engineered Wood Carpet).
- There are multiple weeds along the perimeter fencing. [Update: the neighbors actually cleaned the fence line].
- The existing asphalt walkways are wavy and broken in places.
- No cameras, 2 light poles.
- Can park we connect to existing LRHT and Parker Landing?
- 2 trash receptacles, 3 benches, 1 picnic table.
- No basketball hoop anymore; now the space is awkward in the middle of the site.
- Need new play structure; Landscape Structures brand (1994) has a few safety concerns that are not in compliance with CPSI.
- Move playground to basketball area? New shelter in old play area footprint?

Notes from Public Survey

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STURGIS / PRETZEL PARK (Green Ridge, Zip Code 18509):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT. 21, 2020

- Trees need structural pruning and trimming/ stump removals.
- Some ripples in asphalt.
- Perhaps a few more benches.
- Old grate/concrete box.
- Site would benefit from new stamped asphalt walkways, period lighting and planting urns.
- This fence is not high grade; however, it is holding up for this type of passive park.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

NOVEMBRINO SPLASH PARK (West Scranton, Zip Code 18504):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT. 22, 2020; REVISITED IN SPRING 2021

- The old pools were removed in 2018 and the new building renovations and splash pad facility was completed in 2021.
- Programming is essential for this space.
- Additional details are still needed in the park like, more picnic tables, interior decorating of the community room, umbrellas, more beach-themed items and shade structures.
- Need educational signage for sand dunes.

- There is a potential partnership with the Friends of the Poor.
- Needs off-street parking lot.
- How can the open lawn area where the adult pool once stood be reutilized and compliment the splash pad? Perhaps swings to take advantage of the Downtown Scranton views, a new playground with a custom lighthouse slide, shuffle board, volleyball court, bocce ball, large chess board, a few mini-golf holes, Loose parts play (there is storage and programming for this to work).....

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

FELLOWS PARK (West Scranton, Zip Code 18504):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT. 22, 2020

- This park is located in a busy and visible section of West Scranton. It is best described as a passive recreation facility and it does not have any structured play areas. However, seating, picnics and flexible lawn areas are currently adequate for this park.
- The existing fence needs repairs.
- The shelter is run down and needs repairs or replacement.
- Parking stalls need repainting.
- Parking should be better defined along the rear alley way using a bump in for parallel parking. This will prevent the parking of vehicles in the park.
- Community groups are needed to maintain the landscaping around the central monument, or the City should convert it to lawn for easier maintenance.
- A new shelter or community gathering space can benefit this park.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

WOODLAWN AND SUNSET ISLANDS (Green Ridge, Zip Code 18509):

FIELD WALK NOTES OCT. 21, 2020

- Trees may need structural pruning and trimming/ stump removals.
- Additional landscape improvements like landscape bed definition, additional plants.
- Potential to divert some runoff from Woodlawn Street into green infrastructure features like a bioswale, dry creek bed or rain garden to reduce ponding and sedimentation on Boulevard Avenue; or City may want to add additional catch basins

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

CONNELL PARK (South Scranton, Zip Code 18505):

General

1. Vandalism and littering/dumping are problems at this park. There are many areas within the park which are not visible from public roads and neighboring properties. At least half of the park is bordered by wooded or undeveloped land.
2. Park comprises 20 +/- acres, with swimming pool, playgrounds, football/athletic field, dog park, and wooded areas.
3. Park is situated on a hillside which slopes down from SE to NW toward S. Webster Ave.
4. There is an unutilized area of woods/brush between the playground and dog park, and an unutilized lawn/shade tree area below the dog park/uphill from S. Webster Ave.
5. There are unmarked/unimproved trails located in the woods to the northeast of the park utilized by locals. There may be opportunity to improve these trails and provide connectivity to Pear Street; however ownership should be confirmed, as the property may be owned by the Scranton Housing Authority or private land owners. Need to better define maintained lawn versus meadow/conservation areas to make maintenance more efficient.
6. Protect open lawn around playgrounds and prevent vehicular access and parking in this area.
7. Need to better define the lawn and maintained areas for DPW efficiency.
8. Multiple walking trails; need mapping, updates and signage.
9. Site lighting should be updated throughout the facility. Vandalism has been an issue and more lighting can discourage that activity. Security during the hours of operation should be considered so that safe operation is achieved.
10. The dog park could use some lighting updating, along with the athletic field.
11. The stand/fieldhouse at the athletic field was locked (subbed to a soccer league) so no analysis was made of the interior.

Swimming Pool

1. The pool needs to be drained, patched and painted. Surrounding concrete areas should be power washed, crack grouted and sealed. Chlorinating equipment should be updated as necessary for longevity, compliance and safe operation.
2. Changing rooms/showers at pool are slated for demolition by the City. However, the bathhouse is in reasonably sound condition, but needs masonry repair and paint. The building should be re-purposed for use during the summer season. Toilet rooms could be updated and the open areas used for games or arts and crafts for the younger siblings. It could also provide emergency shelter for the occasional summer thunderstorm. It should not be allowed to fall into disrepair.
3. Concrete sidewalks need joints sealed.
4. City owns vacant land uphill of pool, could be potentially used for pool parking if necessary.
5. There is an asphalt swale on the uphill side of the pool which doesn't appear to drain anywhere. This may need to be rehabilitated to prevent uphill runoff from flowing into pool. No other drainage issues apparent at pool.
6. Pool operations have had issues with noncompliance from individuals using the pool. Temporarily close to determine interest and get a handle on misuse.
7. This has to be resolved with discussions with neighborhood associations and possibly the Scranton Housing Authority.
8. The fence has surface corrosion throughout. It has been damaged or vandalized in certain sections.
9. Parking is accommodated by on-street and informal off-street parking from Gibbons Street. No defined ADA access. Parks Dept indicated current parking capacity for the pool is adequate, as most users walk to the pool.

Football Field & Concession Building

1. Field is utilized by Scranton Social Sports Club. Can it be used by the Electric City Shock?

2. Field has lighting for night games.
3. Existing buildings are neglected, full of clutter, not utilized. The concession stand needs masonry repair and a new roof.
4. Subject to vandalism, break-ins and theft.
5. No current ADA route to field.

Parking & Vehicular Circulation

1. There is an off-street parking lot, accessed from Gibbons Street, located in the upper portion of the park near the playgrounds. The parking lot has an irregular shape and could be re-delineated to maximize capacity.
2. Visitors utilize the interior park roads to drive to the dog park area, and they park in informal places adjacent to the park roads. Dedicated parking spaces for the dog park may be useful.
3. Redesign parking lot; remove unneeded asphalt and create a storm water BMP.
4. Although not authorized, vehicles are able to drive up the interior road of the park along the woods to the football field. The area near the toddler playground by the gate of the field is used as an informal parking lot. This has created bare vegetation and ruts that are prone to holding water. The addition of a gate on the woods side of the park road to restrict vehicular access to the field would help prevent this. The main parking lot of the park is close enough to the field that it should be unnecessary to park right by the gate.

Dog Park

1. Fence/gate signage needs to be updated. Original messages have been erased or faded, and have been replaced by sharply-worded handwritten rants in permanent marker regarding proper use of the dog park.
2. Dog park needs enhanced landscaping; new signage; add dog obstacles and features; safely kill weeds along fences.
3. Fenced portion of dog parks just contain grass. Other features
4. can be added to create interest.
5. There is an underground electrical feed/post-mounted panel situated within the lower part of the dog park, which is open to access from users (and dogs). Further enclosing this within a gated/fenced area may be appropriate for safety, as well as screening it for aesthetic reasons.

Biking

1. The park is Successful meeting with the Scranton Housing Authority in 2021 provided positive indications of a partnership that can expand, name, and redesign the woodland, technical trails.
2. There is potential to renovate the concession stand; partnership with the Anthracite Bicycle Coalition.
3. A PEC grant was awarded to construct a new pump track in 2021.

Notes from Public Survey

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CLOVER FIELD (West Scranton, Zip Code 18504):

- Currently used by West Scranton as a soccer and once was used by the West Side Jets youth football.
- There is interest by Neighborworks to renovate this site.

- Building appears abandoned; it has broken pipes, holes in floor, damage; football gear is strewn about. Building can be repaired and easily brought back into use. Vegetation along foundation should be cleared.
- Field would benefit from better placement of bleachers and installation of concrete pads for the bleachers
- Parking lot needs a redesign and a screen between lot and the field.
- Upper field is only area maintained by the City; basically an open lawn area with a grove of trees and an old concrete block patio with two chess tables.
- Site is served by street parking.
- Site could accommodate new courts (basketball or pickleball/tennis).
- New playground is needed in the area.

Lower Fields

1. Park is bordered by industrial uses to the SW and SE, and residential uses to the NW and NE.
2. Lower football/soccer fields are currently leased by Scranton School District and are not being maintained aside from lawn mowing.
3. Fields have lights for night games.
4. Some puddling/standing water observed on worn areas of the field, but was generally dry. Field was constructed by excavating on the NW side and filling on the SE side.
5. Buildings/structures adjacent to the field appear neglected and have shrub/tree growth around outside perimeter.
6. Parking is mostly on-street, with an informally arranged and unpaved off-street lot at the SE side of the park. Parking lot is separated from Meridian Ave by jersey barriers. Parks Dept indicated that existing parking is adequate.
7. No plumbing/toilets for spectators. Porta-potties are used instead.

Upper Portion

1. The park is terraced, with the NW portion of the park situated uphill from the athletic fields. This portion has walkways and concrete chess tables on the NE side, but the majority of this part of the park is lawn, bordered by shade trees, and otherwise unutilized.
2. There appears to be ample room to improve this portion of the park with additional grass field(s), or basketball/tennis courts, playgrounds, etc.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

DOROTHY STREET PARK (Tripp Park, Zip Code 18504):

General

- Park is divided by Dorothy Street, with playgrounds, basketball and tennis court, and off-street parking lot on the SW side, and multiple softball/t-ball fields on the NE side. There is also a community building on the NE side of Dorothy Street, to the NW of the softball fields.
- The facilities, especially the playground, are not new; however, they do not have major deficiencies are weathering well.
- Safety surfacing is needed throughout the park.

- Tennis and basketball courts are still in fair shape. The surfaces of the basketball/tennis courts have cracking and could use sealing/repairs. Upgrade to acrylic backboards and perhaps a metal tennis net.
- Need more benches along ball fields.
- Consider changing Dorothy Street and Farr Street to one way?
- Add parking where bullpens are? Or will fields be enlarged per previous initiatives?
- Park needs structural pruning of trees.
- People set up chairs on sidewalk during games which is a safety issue; widen sidewalk.

Parking & Drainage

1. Parking is insufficient at this park when multiple games are taking place on the softball fields. Dorothy Street is too narrow for 2-way traffic and on-street parking on both sides. During games, vehicles park on both sides of the street, and the parking lot by the playground is full.
 - a. The entity which runs the adjacent Community Building barricades access to their parking lot during games. The facility is owned by the City of Scranton. This parking lot has capacity for approximately 54 cars. An agreement or order should be reached to allow parking in this lot during games.
 - b. There is an unused area between the outfield fence of the SW field, and an outer fence which abuts the Community Building. The batting cages located here are unused. There may be opportunity to create additional off-street parking in this area.
 - c. There may be an opportunity to widen the portion of Dorothy Street along the softball fields, to provide angled on-street parking. However slope considerations with the elevation difference between the road and fields may limit the extent to which the road can be widened.
 - d. It may be possible to designate one-way traffic on Dorothy Street to alleviate congestion; however, this will require the cooperation and agreement of the Scranton School District, local residents, and emergency responders.
2. There is limited bench/bleacher seating for spectators of softball games. Many people bring folding chairs and set them up on the sidewalk, forcing others to walk in the congested street or on the grassed slope. A widened level "landing" area off of the sidewalk could provide room for seating.
3. In general, the sidewalks along the street by the softball fields are only 4' wide. Vegetation has been allowed to grow through the joints. Wider sidewalks would be appropriate for this area.
4. There is a drainage problem on the NE side of Dorothy Street in front of the fields, with water ponding in the gutter area. The City should work with PAWW to install an inlet to drain this water, as was recently done in this area on the SW side of the road.

Fields

- Two fields are lit for night games and new LED lighting should be considered both as an upgrade and economy of use. Additional security lighting should be considered.
- There is one refreshment stand that should be updated for lighting and power distribution.
- There is one small toilet facility in the refreshment stand that should be updated and expanded.
- There are four fields at this location that see concurrent use, and that toilet room gets heavy use. This site has a very active league and a meeting with the officers may reveal other points of consideration.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

ALLEN PARK (West Scranton, Zip Code 18504):

- Neighborworks made this park a focal point of their West Scranton initiatives.
- The site is dated and run-down and lacks atmosphere, useful circulation patterns and ADA-accessibility.
- There are safety hazards due to exposed metal in a few locations.
- Site has potential for impactful use once renovated; prime location within the business district in West Side.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

POWDERLY PARK (West Scranton, Zip Code 18504):

- Streetscape is disjointed and the park serves no real purpose. Dorothy Street Park is the main recreation area in this part of the City.
- The historical marker is rotting from the bottom and may fall.
- If possible from a legal perspective, the City should consider selling this parcel. The money can be used for maintenance of other more useful parks.
- If the site can't be sold, the City should consider using the site for storm water management, green infrastructure.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

JACKSON STREET PARK (West Scranton, Zip Code 18504):

- The skate park in its current condition is not an asset. Redo the skate park; however, is this best location?
- The site lacks atmosphere, useful circulation patterns and ADA-accessibility.
- A big constraint is site access. The one-car alley access is not sufficient to serve as parking.
- The steep slopes and park edges are hard to maintain.
- A playground was installed in the front of the building, however, it lacked adequate parking and site access was forced.
- The play ground was no longer present; it was replaced by a community garden. Sustainable, long-term interest in the garden is not known.
- Perhaps this site should be sold for redevelopment like apartments; other recreation facilities are emerging in West Scranton that are safer and have better access.
- The SPD juvenile unit is/was housed in the building.
- The site has ebbed and flowed with use and upkeep.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

WESTON FIELD (Providence, Zip Code 18508):

- This park is a regional facility and the center of the Parks & Recreation System.
- The pool area is in a suitable location and can be renovated to meet current needs. An open air structure can replace a portion of the changing rooms. A few splash features can be incorporated to enhance the pool.
- Bathhouse – Pool building looks to be of the same era and condition as the other pool buildings in the city. This structure is in stable condition but needs masonry repair, a new roof, and paint. The building should be re-purposed to support the summer programs. It has toilet rooms that can be upgraded to support functions much better than the currently used portable toilets (Job Johnny's).
- Maintenance Building – The building is in good condition and with an interesting steel structure. The existing concrete slab is sloped – assumed for working on vehicles and equipment. This structure has a small workshop that is heated and cooled by a split system unit. Unit is still serviceable but the large work/storage area could use a gas infrared heat system to support winter maintenance activities. Summer ventilation in the large area should also be considered. This building should receive lighting and power upgrades that will provide economy of use and improve function.
- The playground is somewhat isolated from other park uses and abuts the maintenance building, which can cause a potential safety conflict between kids and maintenance vehicles.
- The relocation of the Parks and Recreation maintenance operations should be seriously considered. These operations should be located near or with the DPW services.
- The building can be retrofit into recreational use like a pavilion and a skate park. Removing some building walls can also open the site to the playground.
- Field Area – We are told that a soccer league uses the field very heavily and relies on portable toilets to support the crowds that attend. New permanent toilet facilities should be considered adjacent to the existing fieldhouse for access to water, sewer, and power contained therein. Toilet access should be regulated with the soccer activities and should be secured when no events are scheduled. At some point field lighting should be considered to support evening soccer games and possibly a flag football league.
- Parking – Consider upgrading the parking area lighting.
- Fieldhouse – This facility has withstood the test of time. It has received good maintenance and upgrades to support the provided activities. The pool area functions well and moisture is controlled with provided systems. The building's HVAC system is reasonably new and appears to function well. The control system should be reviewed and the distribution rebalanced to provide a better distribution of conditioning. The basement utility area is typical for a building of this size and age. Possibly, a little more attention to maintenance

could extend the life and function of the various systems. There appears to have been some repairs to various equipment that show evidence of leaks. Cleanup and paint helps reduce possible future problems due to rust or oxidation. The building's accessible entry ramp is not current and needs to be updated. There is also foundation damage in the basement that should be further investigated by a structural consultant.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

CHIC FELDMEN FIELD (Pine Brook, Zip Code 18504):

- This recreation area is comprised of a baseball field, an older basketball court, a poorly designed parking lot and a dangerous play ground, which was closed during the course of this study due to safety concerns.
- This space is a key recreation piece that abuts Sweeney's Beach Recreation Area along the Lackawanna River and the Pine Brook neighborhood.
- There is talk of a potential private investment to renovate field and a pedestrian bridge over the Lackawanna River.
- The site needs a full renovation; however, long-term goals must first be determined. Specifically, will private interests and partnerships come to fruition? How can this site best serve the neighborhood revitalization goals? A new play structure is needed, however, is this the best location for this type of facility in Pine Brook? Should efforts and money for play equipment be used at Sweeney's Beach or Penn Ridge?
- Final improvements really depends upon future partnerships, land acquisitions, site access and public/private development opportunities.
- The basketball court is heavily used.
- A connection to Sweeney's Beach is important.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

BILL GERRITY / PERRY AVENUE PARK (North Scranton, Zip Code 18504):

- Streetscape is in good shape and the fence defines the park.
- There is no ADA access to the play ground. The playground layout requires large, expansive areas of safety surfacing, which is currently not adequate.
- The picnic tables set on the remnant asphalt pad is awkward.
- The Park lacks flow and is basically unfinished. A playground was installed in the park's interior without thought about connections and overall park layout.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

CENTRAL CITY LITTLE LEAGUE (Bulls Head, Zip Code 18504):

- The ball fields lack perimeter and parking infrastructure, which causes the site to look run down and neglected. The litter and weedy vegetation further detracts from the sites appearance.
- No leagues currently operate out of this space.
- The buildings need upgrades; however, they are still useful and in reasonably good condition.
- The dugouts and the overall feel of the park is unique and worth saving.
- Storm water controls, redefined parking and new streetscaping is important to define and beautify the park edges.
- There is enough space and potential for off street parking, courts, and playground; however, before spending money, the City should secure a youth program or private entity to use these fields.
- A woodland trail is proposed to physically connect he fields to Bull Head.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

NAY AUG PARK (Upper Hill Section, Zip Code 18504):

- The largest and most regional park in the City. This park exudes history.
- It is a destination location that supports may community events (5-K runs, car shoes, touch-a-truck...).
- It has access to beautify views of Roaring Brook and trout fishing.
- There are extensive paved and stone dust walking and biking trails.
- Hanlon's Grove provides picnic opportunities, as well as, the other 3-4 pavilions and shelters.
- A few buildings have been leased for use as a coffee house, concession stand, and animal rescue.
- New landscaping has been a recent initiative.
- The pool complex is a critical use area in the park and it needs a full redesign. The optimal design would incorporate both open water and splash pad features.
- The Davis Trail needs trail restoration closer to Myrtle Street and better control of Knotweed near the CMC parking lot.
- Green infrastructure can be implemented throughout the park to better handle runoff.

Notes from Public Survey

- No comments specific to this park were received.

OTHER FACILITIES

Cayuga Field:

- Create a more encompassing recreation complex. Use restoration funds and state recreation funding.

- Create parking lot behind Gerrity's with boardwalk access over a new Leach Creek Restoration Area.
- The storm water / flood control basin at Bloom Avenue and the city owned property surrounding it, including the Cayuga Culvert have potential to host a regional green infrastructure MS4 facility, like a functional constructed wetland habitat, to treat and buffer storm water behind Gerrity's and Cayuga Field; Perhaps even create an educational passive recreation area.

Battaglia-Cawley Baseball Complex:

- Additional security lighting is in order. A few of the fields are lit for night games. New LED lighting should be considered as an upgrade and for economy of use.
- There are three refreshment stands that could use some electrical upgrades both in lighting and power distribution.
- Three toilet rooms should be updated and low-flow metered fixtures installed.

GENERAL PARK SYSTEM THOUGHTS

- The aforementioned recommendations are based on visual observations made during our visits to each site. It does not quantify how many sinks, toilets, lights, panels etc. but gives a general scope to consider for a future, long range, phased plan.
- It is apparent that some of the entities that utilize city owned properties are not utilizing those properties with the city's best interest in mind. We have seen conditions at places like Clover Field, Connell Park, etc. that should not exist. Total disregard for city owned property voids any agreement. The city has to regulate usage by third parties through agreements that better spell out responsibilities associated with said usage. The city has to do regular inspections to insure that these organizations are not devaluing city physical plant through their usage, program, or modifications to physical plant.
- Each of the sites visited could benefit through the recommended LED upgrade of site lighting. Lighting provides passive security and removes some of the anonymity of darkness utilized by vandals. It is a small investment to protect a large investment. LED has greatly reduced operational costs both in unit life span and utility costs.
- The neighborhood pool concept has to be re-evaluated and may need to be a more regional concept. The free swim concept also has to take on a new look such as a season pass for a certain dollar amount. The pass agreement has rules of use associated with it. Violate the rules, lose access to the facilities. Our society has changed and the city has to adapt to insure that recreational facilities are used as a privilege, not something that is owed.
- Meetings with neighborhood organizations has to be considered, but not as listening to a Christmas wish list or demands, but to see what needs are perceived, what can financially be supported, and to establish the terms of use.

- Each site should have a binder that identifies equipment service requirements, a log of upgrades, and the identification of useful life to aid in preventative maintenance and replacement planning.
- Sites with playgrounds should have restrooms (indoor, porta-lav or vault) and ample shade for parents and kids.

SITE INVENTORY & ANALYSIS - CHECKLIST A (OVERALL)

City of Scranton Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan



Name of Facility:

Type of Park (Open Space, Mini/Pocket, Neighborhood, Community, Regional):

Investigation Attendees: T. McLane, RLA ASLA; P. Bechtel, CERP; M. Walsh, PE; J.J. Montefour

Date of Investigation:

General Notes

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Background Data & Research	Yes	No	If Yes, Describe these efforts
Has there been recent planning (within 5-years)?			
Has there been recent improvements (within 5-years)?			

Operations & Maintenance	Yes	No	If Yes, Further Explain
Is there a set Budget for this facility?			
Are there Community Volunteer Groups that assist with park maintenance?			
Are there known and documented Security Issues?			
Are there known and documented Maintenance Issues?			
Is there outside programming that occurs on site throughout the year?			

Utilities, Easements & ROW's	Yes	No	If Yes, Further Explain
Are there known easements within the park?			
Is there Electric Service?			
Is there Water Service?			

Is there Gas Service?			
Is there Sewer Service?			
Is there publically-accessible WiFi?			

Site Access & Parking	Yes	No	If Yes, Further Explain
Is the main entrance to the park well defined?			
Do most park users park in a lot?			
Do most park users park on the street?			
Do most park users walk to the park?			

Walkways & Trails	Yes	No	If yes, Describe their Conditions, Function and Usefulness
Are there Mtn. Bike Trails?			
Are there Technical Hiking Trails?			
Are there paved trails and walking loops?			

Buildings & Facilities	Yes	No	If Yes, Describe their Conditions, Function and Usefulness <small>play structures are present, fill out Checklist C for each structure, as well</small>
Is there a park Office building?			
Are there Restrooms?			
Are there Pavilions/Shelters?			
Are there Pools/Splash Pads?			
Other Structures (please list)?			

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Play Areas	Yes	No	Further describe their Conditions, Features and Safety <small>play structures are present, fill out Checklist B for each structure, as well</small>
Are playgrounds present?			
Are the play structures compliant with Consumer Product Safety Commission?			

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Courts & Fields	Yes	No	If Yes, Describe their Conditions, Function and Usefulness
Multi-purpose Fields?			
Baseball/Softball/L.L. Fields?			
Tennis Courts?			

Soccer Fields?			
Basketball Courts?			
Other (please list)?			

Park Landscape	Yes	No	If yes, Describe their Conditions, Function and Usefulness
Are there maintained lawn areas within the park?			
Are there maintained landscapes (gardens, beds) within the park?			
Are there natural areas within the park (ex. meadow, woodlands)?			

Storm Water Management	Yes	No	Describe Current Condition and Effectiveness
Is green infrastructure installed within the park? Please list types.			
Is the Park part of the CSO System?			
Is the Park part of the MS4 System?			
Are storm water issues observed (failed swales, pipes, rills...)?			
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Have any NPDES PCSM Plans been completed for this Park?			
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ADA Accessibility	Yes	No	Please describe locations, condition, details, as needed
Is adequate ADA parking provided?			
Are accessible routes well maintained and strategically placed?			
Are all Facilities accessible?			
Are there noted ADA deficiencies in the park?			

SITE INVENTORY & ANALYSIS - CHECKLIST B (PLAY STRUCTURES)

City of Scranton Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan



Name of Facility:

Name of Investigator(s): Tom McLane, RLA, CPSI

Date of Investigation:

Playground Structure #1	Yes	No
Location: Latitude/Longitude:		
Do surfaces around playground equipment have at least 12 inches of wood chips, mulch, sand, or pea gravel, or are mats made of safety-tested rubber or rubber-like materials?		
Does the protective surfacing extend at least 6 feet in all directions from play structures?		
For swings, does the safety surfacing extend in back and front of the swings at least twice the height of the suspending bar?		
Are any play structures more than 30 inches high spaced at least 9 feet apart from each other?		
Is any dangerous hardware observed, like open "S" hooks or protruding bolt ends?		
Are any entrapment spaces present that could trap children, such as openings in guardrails or between ladder rungs that measure less than 3.5 inches or more than 9 inches?		
Are there any sharp points or edges observed in the equipment?		
Are there any tripping hazards, like exposed concrete footings, tree stumps, and/or rocks?		
Do all the elevated surfaces, like platforms and ramps, have guardrails to prevent falls?		
Coordinate with the City - Does the City regularly check this equipment and surfacing to assure they are in good condition? If yes, when was the last date of inspection?		
Coordinate with City - Have any reports of injuries been filed with the City regarding this play structure?		
Summary of Conditions & Deficiencies:		
Recommendations:		

SITE INVENTORY & ANALYSIS - CHECKLIST B (PLAY STRUCTURES)

City of Scranton Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan



Name of Facility:

Name of Investigator(s): Tom McLane, RLA, CPSI

Date of Investigation:

Playground Structure #2 (if applicable)	Yes	No
Location: Latitude/Longitude:		
Do surfaces around playground equipment have at least 12 inches of wood chips, mulch, sand, or pea gravel, or are mats made of safety-tested rubber or rubber-like materials?		
Does the protective surfacing extend at least 6 feet in all directions from play structures?		
For swings, does the safety surfacing extend in back and front of the swings at least twice the height of the suspending bar?		
Are any play structures more than 30 inches high spaced at least 9 feet apart from each other?		
Is any dangerous hardware observed, like open "S" hooks or protruding bolt ends?		
Are any entrapment spaces present that could trap children, such as openings in guardrails or between ladder rungs that measure less than 3.5 inches or more than 9 inches?		
Are there any sharp points or edges observed in the equipment?		
Are there any tripping hazards, like exposed concrete footings, tree stumps, and/or rocks?		
Do all the elevated surfaces, like platforms and ramps, have guardrails to prevent falls?		
Coordinate with the City - Does the City regularly check this equipment and surfacing to assure they are in good condition? If yes, when was the last date of inspection?		
Coordinate with City - Have any reports of injuries been filed with the City regarding this play structure?		
Summary of Conditions & Deficiencies:		

SITE INVENTORY & ANALYSIS - CHECKLIST C (BUILDINGS & STRUCTURES)

City of Scranton Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan



Name of Facility:

Name of Investigator(s): Mike Muller, AIA; Bob Nitch, PE

Date of Investigation:

Building / Structure #1	Notes	✓
Location: Latitude/Longitude: Building HVAC Systems (type, model, serial number, location...)		
Building Age Determination		
Known Costs		
Lighting Interior (LED's, recessed, controls...)		
Lighting Exterior (up lights, flood lights, poles...)		
ADA accessibility		
Security & Protection (alarms, sprinklers...)		
Emergency Evacuation (travel paths, exit signs...)		
Roof / Building Envelope (type, material, condition...)		
Structural (masonry, wood...)		
Windows (age, leaks...)		
Energy Efficiency		
Space Planning		

Circulation Patterns		
Current Use (vacant, occupied, leased)		
Area (square footage)		
Facility Exterior (trip hazards, cracks/lifts...)		
Summary of Conditions & Deficiencies:		
Recommendations:		