



2016

YEAR END REPORT

Provide recreational and leisure activities, facilities, and public spaces that create opportunities for health, fitness, relaxation, enjoyment, learning and community interaction.

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

Town Hall Baseball Field Lights

Musco Lighting installed new ball field lights on the Town Hall baseball field. We went from 8 poles to 6 poles. The poles that were removed were telephone poles and were the original poles put up approximately 40 years ago. The new poles are metal and all are programmable from a ground access. The purchase comes with a 25 year warranty and they will replace all lights that burn out.



Town Hall Playground Equipment Addition

We added two new pieces of equipment to our "Rock Garden" playground. It was necessary to create additional space so that the needed safety zones could be created.

One is an infant swing that faces an adult swing, so that you can look at each other as the swings swing.

The other piece is a disk swing that you can sit on and rotate. Both are great additions to the playground.



Masonic Hall Remodel



The much needed remodel of the Masonic Hall started in the Spring of 2016. Putting in working bathrooms was the most exciting part of the project. To redesign the bathrooms in Masonic Hall the kitchen also had to be redesign. This project made the hall more appealing and rentable.



GENERAL MAINTENANCE

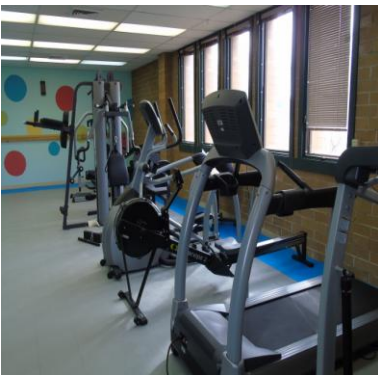
Richfield Woods Fountain

Replaced the fountain at the Richfield Woods Park lake. The fountain was destroyed by vandalism. Aqua Docs replaced it this spring. It helps to maintain a healthy pond.

Green Metal Roofs

We replaced the roofs on the pavilions at Richfield Woods and the bathrooms in the park also. We replaced it with green Metal roofing.

Purchase of Exercise Equipment for Recreation Center



In 2016 we started to purchase a variety of fitness equipment. We then planned to start having an open gym membership. Throughout the year we have had a number of memberships and have even purchased more pieces to add variety to the system. We held a variety of open houses and demonstrations on our workout programs that was meant to generate both memberships to use the equipment as well as joining our programs.



The New Cushman (Gator)



In 2016 we received our 6 passenger Cushman with a dumpster on the back. It is the most useful tool we own. We use it to haul day camp supplies and in case of emergency's children or adults who are in our programs.

Replaced the Sidewalk and Back Door at Rec



In 2016 we found we needed to replace the back door to the recreation center. It had rusted from water dripping on the top of it and was hanging by a thread.

Also the sidewalk was very cracked and broken up. It is a major improvement.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



HAUNTED BARN

The 2016 Haunted Barn ran for *two weekends and had to compete with the CLEVELAND INDIANS and OHIO STATE.*



We still had a successful event. This included a Haunting and a Hayride around the park. The extra special benefit is engaging all the youth as volunteers. This year we even had some children ages 10 years old.



COMMUNITY DAY

The Richfield Parks and Recreation Department participated in the *New Sunday Community Day* parade as well as having a table at community day and helping Kiwanis with the event. It was a cold and rainy community day!



EASTER EGG HUNT 2016

We stuff 2000 eggs and gave away approximately 400 prizes and it is over in 2 minutes. What is it you ask? It the fastest event we have, the Easter Egg Hunt. There were over 300 children who anxiously waited for the words **READY, SET, GO !**



COMMUNITY PROJECT PRIDE/CLEAN UP RICHFIELD



In 2016 we cleaned up approximately 2/3's of the Richfield Village and Richfield Township roads. We collected 6 (216 cubic feet) boxes of used electronic equipment to be recycled. Richfield shred 4,565 pounds of paper. We work with the Revere Schools to encourage children and their parents to come out and participate in the clean up and learn about recycling. We also encourage the Richfield community to help and clean up their

2016 EASTWOOD PRESERVE FALL FEST



The goal of the 2016 Fall Fest Event was to raise seed money for the repair of the Eastwood Barn. We featured are usual features like the BEEs and the honey. How the honey is processed and even had honey for sale along with other "earthy" products. the highlight of this year's event was our catered chicken dinner which brought in a great crowd who otherwise might not have seen Eastwoods.



We have budgeted to engineer the Eastwood Barn so that grants might be gotten so that we can SAVE THE BARN!

VOLUNTEERS



Not only do we have adult volunteers like Mr. John Hill who has been so kind and construct projects for the Eastwood Preserve like the beautiful garden art he made for us. We collected the blue bottles and we helped him install it in the lower garden at Eastwoods.

But we have many youth volunteers for our projects. In our Haunted Rec event the volunteers accumulated a total of **338.5 hours**. Our summer day camp volunteers totaled **1278 hours**.

In 2016 the top 2 students who received awards for volunteering produced over **1200 hours** over their four years in high school. They achieved this through the Parks and Recreation Department.

2016 PROGRAMS

MONARCH WAY STATION



Ellen Daniels and crew raised and released over 100 monarch butterflies this summer. We planted over an acre of wild flowers and beds of zinnias to attract butterflies and bees. This helps with pollination of the gardens and the by product is honey!

FRUIT TREES/EASTWOOD PRESERVE

We have planted three fruit trees from donations to our Eastwood Fruit Tree program. In the summer of 2017 we will plant two more "donation" trees in the lower

The ART Show



In 2016 we held the second annual art show at Masonic Hall. We had approximately 16 local artists with paintings, clay, glass, jewelry and more.

CANDY LAND/STORY WALK



We worked with the Richfield Library and Diane Nagy as we have in the past to hold a program on the Story Walk Trail on the Carter/Pedigo Tr. This year's event was Candy Land. The children got to spin and move to the next location and collect candy as they moved through the trail. It was a huge success.



A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH

We offer a variety of camps for both pre-school and youth. Hummingbird Soccer, Challenger Soccer, Hillcrest Multi-Sports, Lego Club, Archery Classes (for youth and adults), Camp Richfield Day Camp, Safe Sitters, babysitting class and much more.

* We had approximately 325 children attend 7 weeks of day camp.



We thank the Revere School System for letting us hire their bus drivers and buses so that we can go on two field trips each week of day camp.



Adult programs include our exercise classes as well a men's over 30 basketball and our Martial Arts program that is for youth as well as adults. We have a hiking program. We are continuing to grow our open gym membership and will continue to purchase new pieces as possible. Walk Live is a popular program that allows adults to walk 5 miles in 52 minutes.



CHRISTMAS JINGLE

A visit by Santa and some fun with Finney the Clown made up our 2016 Christmas Jingle. One too many holiday programs in the community made competition hard and a struggling program. We will reconsider a Christmas program for next year.



CONCERT SERIES



Local Resident Jay Nye has been gracious enough to perform last year in three concerts. The first was outside on the Masonic Green and was held around the Fourth of July. He has since held a "Sinatra" concert and a Holiday concert.

EASTWOOD'S COMMUNITY GARDEN



And they said it wouldn't be successful! The gardens at Eastwood Preserve is the place to be. The gardeners are a wealth of information and have taken ownership of their plots. We share tips, recipes and a plenitude of fresh vegetables as well as just good cheer. If we could put in another 15 plots we could rent them in a heartbeat. We had over 30 plots.



In conjunction with the Eastwood Preserve we had a variety of programs that we held in the Eastwood House. One of these programs was on Raising Chickens. We had a great turnout of both adults who were interested in starting their own brood along with their children who had a great time.



One of our other programs was on Bee Keeping and how to start and how to process the honey when you collected it.

Eagle Scout Projects

Thanks to the Richfield Boy Scout Troop 387 and Troop 810 (from Assumption Church) we received 5 new projects in our parks. A new kiosk was put in by Logan Mackulin at the Eastwood Preserve Lake area. Two Scouts installed more benches in the Parks including Eastwood Preserve and Carter/Pedigo Trails.

James Soroczak constructed a potting bench by the second garden at the Community Gardens. Gavin Lewis finished the water line to the third garden. This project was started by his brother Conner who installed the original leg of the line.

We are grateful to all the Scouts for their great dedication to the Village of Richfield's Parks and Recreation.



This project is awaiting a green metal roof.

PARK BOARD AND GOOD PLANNING



**WALKING THE PEDIGO PROPERTY TO
PLAN FOR THE FUTURE ROAD**



**PARK BOARD HAVING A PLANNING
MEETING ON THE FUTURE ROAD**



**AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST WE ENJOYED
THE 17 YEAR CICADAS THIS YEAR AND THE OPPORUNITY
FOR PROGRAMS AND TEACHING THE CHILDREN
WHAT THEY ARE ALL ABOUT.**