



2018 Annual Report

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2018 Annual Report



The 2018 Annual Report of the LaPorte County Parks Department covers the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

The LaPorte County Park Board was created in April of 1977 and exists under Indiana Park and Recreation Law, IC 36-10-3 revised.

As required by law, the Park Board must hold public meetings on a regular basis. Board meetings for 2018 were held on the first Tuesday of each month at 5 pm at the Smith Hall in Canada Lodge at Red Mill County Park.



2018 Park Board Members

- Brian Root- President
- Ronald Knickrehm- Vice President
- Mary Foell
- Erin Lozano
- Jon Nebelung
- Jim Holifield
- Kate Ardissono



Mission Statement

The mission of the LaPorte County Parks and Recreation Board and Department is to preserve, protect and manage natural, cultural and recreational resources within a diverse and balanced park system. We will provide educational opportunities through facilities and programs for all citizens of LaPorte County to further their awareness and enjoyment of those resources.

Goals and Objectives

- I. To provide fiscal responsibility and to maximize sources of revenue in an effort to operate the department in an efficient manner.
 - a. To develop a five-year budget plan, updated annually, which will provide communication with county officials on financial assessment and needs of parks.
 - b. To continue to seek various sources of grant funding for the development of park services.
 - c. To actively pursue and increase community involvement and financial assistance for the development and preservation of our parks.
 - d. To maintain and enhance our system of rentals, leases, fees and concessions to help offset expenses of services provided.
 - e. To actively seek and pursue alternate funding sources for the development and operation of our parks.

2. To develop and maintain a park board and staff of qualified personnel to meet the needs of the department and to provide professional training and development for growth and enhancement.
 - a. To conduct evaluation of park staff to ensure quality in job performance.
 - b. To encourage development of board members and park staff with the support of professional training and evaluation.
 - c. To effectively utilize the talents and services of our community.
 - d. To provide encouragement and training of park board members in their expectations so they can acquire responsibility and accountability to be an effective board member.



Mission Statement Continued



3. To plan, acquire and establish a balanced system of parks with cooperation and coordination with local agencies and others to meet the needs of our residents without duplication of services and facilities.
 - a. To maintain the parks and recreation department policy manual to meet the challenging needs of our services.
 - b. To maintain the five year master plan with annual updates to ensure a continuous process of planning and development.
 - c. To develop long range plans for each of our park properties and facilities with an emphasis on low maintenance.
 - d. To develop a long range acquisition and development plan for the needs of our growing community.
4. To provide recreational, historical, environmental and educational programming that promotes an awareness, appreciation and utilization of our natural environment and resources for improved quality of life and to meet the ever-changing needs of our residents.
 - a. To establish and maintain an inventory of our man-made and, natural resources.
 - b. To develop a plan of short and long range goals for each programming area.
5. To maintain our parks, facilities and equipment in an efficient manner to provide continuous operation with minimal interruption to our users.
 - a. To develop a maintenance program to ensure quality of services.
6. To continue and increase public relation efforts to achieve an effective network for providing information and increasing public awareness of our parks, facilities and programs.
 - a. To develop a public relations program to determine the most effective and efficient method(s) to communicate our services to the community.





Park Board Attendance

Brian Root- President
 Ronald Knickrehm- Vice President
 Jon Nebelung
 Erin Lozano
 Mary Foell
 Jim Holifield
 Kate Ardissono



Key:
 X= Present
 A = Absent
 NM = No Meeting

| | Kate Ardissono | Amanda Nebelung | Jim Holifield | Erin Lozano | Brian Root | Mary Foell | Ron Knickrehm |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| January | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM |
| February | X | X | X | X | A | X | X |
| March | X | X | X | A | X | X | X |
| April | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM |
| May | X | A | X | A | A | X | X |
| June | A | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| July | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM |
| August | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| September | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM |
| October | A | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| November | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM | NM |
| December | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |



Foundation President's Message



Greetings from the Board of the La Porte County Park Foundation.

Two big projects highlighted 2018. First the floating bridge was installed at Red Mill County Park, and it became very popular. Now you can hike the complete loop around the wetlands; the new perspective is amazing. Put that trek on your bucket list for 2019. Second, work was started on the Land and Water Grant project at Luhr Park which will include adding 15 acres to the footprint of the park, a new trail through the native prairie, a new shelter and restrooms, and paving the parking lot. To achieve the local match, the Park Foundation donated the land and the La Porte Healthcare Foundation added cash funding. The entire project will be completed in 2019.



With the passing of founding board member, Leon Dargis, a fund was set up from the memorials. The board dedicated the funds for the Sebert Property in Springfield Township, which will eventually be donated to the Park Department for a new County Park. The Park Department and the DNR will work together to protect the rarest and sensitive plants, as a trail and small parking area will be designed. It will eventually be open to the public. The property will be considered for a state dedicated Nature Preserve. A sign honoring Leon will also be placed at Bluhm County Park.

The Foundation continues to manage 3 endowments. One is the original fund that pays for basic expenses for the organization. It is funded by your dues, small undedicated gifts, and other income. Both the Luhr and Bluhm Endowments provide annual incomes that are dedicated to those specific parks and fund an annual budget for the Park Department to do special projects in each park. Neither Creek Ridge nor Red Mill have dedicated endowments, so if you would like to talk about funding one, please contact us.

So join our team by paying membership dues, making a special gift, buy an engraved brick paver, or donate a park bench. All are really appreciated, and you are helping support our beautiful parks in La Porte County. The Board thanks all of you for your generosity and support.



Park Foundation Board Members

Jim Jessup- President
Sandy Menne
Steve King
Stephanie Oberlie
Ed Merrion

Liz Kaminski
Bill Hedge
Tom Thode
Amy Riehle

2018 Park Staff

Full Time Staff

Jeremy Sobecki- Superintendent

Char Kalk- Office & Finance Manager

“Nature” Niki Schmutte- Chief Naturalist

“Ranger” Laura Moyer - Rec. and Ed. Programmer

Bob Goethals- Maintenance Supervisor

Boyd Lomow - Maintenance Technician

Barb Janeczko - Maintenance Technician



Boyd Lomow
Celebrated 20 years of
dedicated service to the
Parks Department.



Part-Time/Seasonal Staff

“Ranger” Joanne Janisch - Naturalist Assistant

“Hemlock” Heather Banas- Nature Center Attendant

Sharon Bonner - Office

Canaan Pickens- Maintenance

Tim Ludlow- Maintenance

Greg Weaver- Maintenance

Bob Szilagyi- Maintenance

Ken Havlin - Gate Keeper

2018 Award Winners

Outstanding Park Service Award

Tom Thode has served on the LaPorte County Park Foundation Board for over a decade and will be retiring from the board in 2019. He and his wife have been ardent park supporters and cheerleaders for many more years than that. Tom has faithfully attended board meetings and volunteered at events during his tenure on the board. For the past two years he has served as the board secretary.



Volunteer Of The Year Award

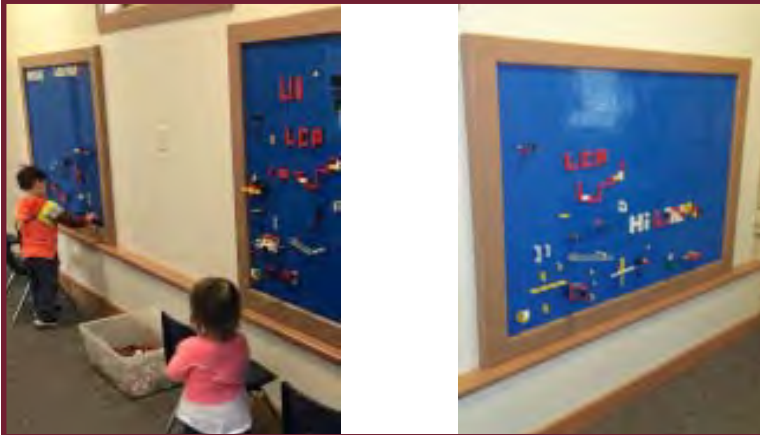
Matt Sebert volunteered to donate time and skills to finish concrete for the new restroom at Luhr County Park as part of our Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant. He donated his time and expertise in 2018 during the planning portion of the restroom and finished the concrete floor.



Organization Of The Year Award

Employees from Qubit Networks and New Age Telecom donated their time to do several improvement and habitat projects at Luhr County Park in 2018. Several employees came to Luhr to provide labor to plant native plants in a new butterfly garden, remove protective tree tubes from newly planted trees, removed invasive species from newly acquired land, and cut back brush in our wildlife viewing area behind our nature center.





A new Lego wall was installed at the Luhr Park Nature Center.



A new paved trail at Luhr was completed and a new restroom project was started.



The programming staff did 200 programs with a grand total of 9,580 participants. Making it the highest attendance total ever. In addition 2,304 people visited the nature center.



Contractors completed the EZ Trail at Red Mill County Park. This new bridge makes it possible to get a fantastic view of the wetlands while hiking a loop trail.



The Lincoln Trail connector at Bluhm County Park was completed. Visitors can now hike, bike or jog from the town of Westville to Bluhm County Park without travelling on a road except at a crossing!



New flooring was installed in the lower level of the EEC Building and in the Restrooms at Luhr Park.

The programming staff started a new in school reptile and amphibian program for 1st / 2nd graders. 842 students were reached during these programs in 2018. Programs took place in November and December.



School / Group Programs

| Date | # | Program | Age/Grade | Place | School/group |
|------------|------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 3/15/2018 | 79 | Envirothon | High School | Red Mill | Several High Schools |
| 3/28/2018 | 26 | Like Tiny Tots | Pre-K | Luhr | Little Sprouts Pre-School |
| 3/29/2018 | 18 | Geocaching | 9-10 years | Luhr | Girl Scouts |
| 4/10/2018 | 8 | Fishing | Ages 6-13 | Luhr | Homeschool Group |
| 4/11/2018 | 14 | Fishing | 9-10 years | Luhr | Boy Scouts |
| 4/16/2018 | 150 | Booth with activities | All Ages | Lake Hills | Lake Hills School |
| 4/18/2018 | 49 | Nature Hike | Pre-K | Luhr | Discovery Days |
| 4/18/2018 | 49 | Nature Center / Snake | Pre-K | Luhr | Discovery Days |
| 4/24/2018 | 17 | Snake / Hike | Pre-K | Luhr | Blessed Beggings |
| 4/26/2018 | 29 | Life cycles nature center | K-1st | Luhr | St. Johns School |
| 5/1/2018 | 83 | Habitat game / Snake | 2nd | Luhr | Hailmann School |
| 5/1/2018 | 83 | Hike | 2nd | Luhr | Hailmann School |
| 5/3/2018 | 54 | Bird Adaptations | 2nd | Luhr | Coolspring |
| 5/3/2018 | 54 | Sensory Hike | 2nd | Luhr | Coolspring |
| 5/7-11/18 | 1012 | Field Days | 5th | Luhr | Several elementerys |
| 5/14/2018 | 105 | Field Day | 7th grade | Luhr | Boston Middle School |
| 5/14/2018 | 25 | Tree cutting | 8th grade | Luhr | Boston Middle School |
| 5/15/2018 | 106 | Field Day | 7th grade | Luhr | Boston Middle School |
| 5/16/2018 | 30 | Nature Hike/ snake NC | Pre-K | Luhr | St. Johns Preschool |
| 5/16/2018 | 33 | Nature Hike/ snake NC | Pre-K | Luhr | St. Johns Preschool |
| 5/18/2018 | 18 | Career Day | MSchool | Kessling | Kessling School |
| 5/22/2018 | 68 | Sensory Hike | 2nd | Luhr | North Judson |
| 5/22/2018 | 68 | Habitat game / Snake | 2nd | Luhr | North Judson |
| 5/24/2018 | 74 | Sensory Hike | 1st | Luhr | Kouts |
| 5/24/2018 | 74 | Habitat game / Snake | 1st | Luhr | Kouts |
| 6/14/2018 | 15 | Fishing / Snake | 5th 6th | Luhr | Safe Harbor |
| 6/18/2018 | 13 | Pond Study | All Ages | Red Mill | Circle of Friends |
| 6/21/2018 | 3 | My job | High School | Luhr | High School |
| 6/26/2018 | 10 | Fishing | pre-teens | Luhr | Church Group |
| 6/28/2018 | 15 | Fishing / Snake | 3rd-4th | Luhr | Safe Harbor |
| 7/19/2018 | 15 | Fishing | Adults | Luhr | Social Learning Center |
| 7/31/2018 | 15 | Snake / sensory hike | Adults | Creek Ridge | Social Learning Center |
| 9/5/2018 | 16 | Sensory Hike / Snake | 3rd-5th | Luhr | Riley Elementary |
| 9/13/2018 | 60 | Fishing | 1st | Luhr | Springfield Elementary |
| 9/13/2018 | 60 | Nature Hike / Center | 1st | Luhr | Springfield Elementary |
| 9/26/2018 | 77 | Habitat game/ animals | 1st | Luhr | Lake Hills School |
| 9/26/2018 | 77 | Sensory Hike | 1st | Luhr | Lake Hills School |
| 9/27/2018 | 58 | Habitat game / animals | 2nd | Luhr | Kingsbury |
| 9/27/2018 | 58 | Habitat Hike | 2nd | Luhr | Kingsbury |
| 10/9/2018 | 41 | Fishing | Ages 6-13 | Luhr | Homeschool Group |
| 10/9/2018 | 13 | Night Fishing | Ages 7-10 | Luhr | Cub Scouts |
| 10/11/2018 | 83 | Careers/ Pond Study | 3rd | Luhr | Olive Elementary |
| 10/11/2018 | 83 | Careers/ Planting | 3rd | Luhr | Olive Elementary |
| 10/11/2018 | 83 | Tree tube remove | 3rd | Luhr | Olive Elementary |
| 10/16/2018 | 74 | Pond Study | 2nd | Luhr | Lake Hills School |
| 10/16/2018 | 74 | Fishing | 2nd | Luhr | Lake Hills School |
| 10/17/2018 | 22 | Birds | 5th | Luhr | Notre Dame |
| 10/29/2018 | 255 | Booth with activities | All Ages | Lake Hills | Lake Hills School |
| 10/30/2018 | 55 | Basic Hike / NC | Pre-K | Luhr | South Central |
| 10/30/2018 | 7 | Tree Badge | 6th-8th | Luhr | Girl Scouts |
| 11/1/2018 | 33 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Riley | Riley Elementary |
| 11/1/2018 | 32 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Riley | Riley Elementary |



School / Group Programs Continued



| Date | # | Program | Age/Grade | Place | School/group |
|------------|----|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 11/5/2018 | 23 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 1st | Prairie View | Prairie View |
| 11/5/2018 | 22 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 1st | Prairie View | Prairie View |
| 11/8/2018 | 24 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 1st | Springfield | Springfield Elementary |
| 11/8/2018 | 22 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 1st | Springfield | Springfield Elementary |
| 11/13/2018 | 23 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 1st | Joy | Joy Elementary |
| 11/13/2018 | 22 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 1st | Joy | Joy Elementary |
| 11/13/2018 | 22 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 1st | Joy | Joy Elementary |
| 11/13/2018 | 24 | Scat Challenge | All Ages | Luhr | Door Village Kids Club |
| 11/14/2018 | 21 | Reptiles/Amphibians | Ages 6-13 | Luhr | Homeschool Group |
| 11/15/2018 | 23 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Lake Hills | Lake Hills School |
| 11/15/2018 | 22 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Lake Hills | Lake Hills School |
| 11/15/2018 | 22 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Lake Hills | Lake Hills School |
| 11/19/2018 | 25 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 1st | Rolling Prairie | Rolling Prairie Elementary |
| 11/19/2018 | 26 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 1st | Rolling Prairie | Rolling Prairie Elementary |
| 11/20/2018 | 26 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 1st | Rolling Prairie | Rolling Prairie Elementary |
| 11/20/2018 | 26 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 1st | Rolling Prairie | Rolling Prairie Elementary |
| 11/27/2018 | 26 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Olive | Olive Elementary |
| 11/27/2018 | 27 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Olive | Olive Elementary |
| 11/27/2018 | 26 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Olive | Olive Elementary |
| 11/29/2018 | 18 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Lincoln | Lincoln Elementary |
| 11/29/2018 | 18 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Lincoln | Lincoln Elementary |
| 12/3/2018 | 23 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Rolling Prairie | Rolling Prairie Elementary |
| 12/3/2018 | 24 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Rolling Prairie | Rolling Prairie Elementary |
| 12/3/2018 | 23 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Rolling Prairie | Rolling Prairie Elementary |
| 12/3/2018 | 23 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Rolling Prairie | Rolling Prairie Elementary |
| 12/4/2018 | 22 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Joy | Joy Elementary |
| 12/4/2018 | 23 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Joy | Joy Elementary |
| 12/4/2018 | 22 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Joy | Joy Elementary |
| 12/5/2018 | 38 | Like Tiny Tots | Pre-K | Luhr Park | Little Sprouts Pre-School |
| 12/10/2018 | 18 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Coolspring | Coolspring Elementary |
| 12/10/2018 | 18 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 2nd | Coolspring | Coolspring Elementary |
| 12/11/2018 | 22 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 1st | Coolspring | Coolspring Elementary |
| 12/11/2018 | 21 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 1st | Coolspring | Coolspring Elementary |
| 12/17/2018 | 25 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 1st | Lake Hills | Lake Hills School |
| 12/17/2018 | 24 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 1st | Lake Hills | Lake Hills School |
| 12/17/2018 | 25 | Reptiles/Amphibians | 1st | Lake Hills | Lake Hills School |

**88 Programs
4512 participants**





Public Programs

| Date | Program | Location | # Participants |
|------|---------|----------|----------------|
|------|---------|----------|----------------|

| | | | |
|-----------|----------------------|----------|-----|
| 1/22/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 7 |
| 1/24/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 6 |
| 1/27/2018 | Breakfast With Birds | Luhr | 58 |
| 1/29/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 4 |
| 2/3/2018 | Tea Party | Luhr | 18 |
| 2/7/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 4 |
| 2/12/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 7 |
| 3/2/2018 | Daddy Daughter Dance | Luhr | 89 |
| 3/3/2018 | Daddy Daughter Dance | Luhr | 90 |
| 3/7/2018 | Senior Lifestyles | Luhr | 9 |
| 3/7/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 6 |
| 3/10/2018 | Spa Day | Red Mill | 250 |
| 3/12/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 16 |
| 3/19/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 14 |
| 3/21/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 7 |
| 4/2/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 12 |
| 4/4/2018 | Senior Lifestyles | Luhr | 7 |
| 4/12/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 10 |
| 4/12/2018 | Family Fishing Night | Luhr | 16 |
| 4/16/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 18 |
| 4/25/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 13 |
| 4/30/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 11 |
| 5/2/2018 | Senior Lifestyles | Luhr | 16 |
| 5/5/2018 | Wildflower Hike | Bluhm | 26 |
| 5/21/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 1 |
| 5/21/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 12 |
| 5/23/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 1 |
| 5/30/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 2 |
| 6/1/2018 | Women's Retreat | Red Mill | 19 |
| 6/2/2018 | Kids Fishing Fun Day | Luhr | 86 |
| 6/4/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 26 |
| 6/6/2018 | Senior Lifestyles | Luhr | 16 |
| 6/11/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 3 |
| 6/12/2018 | Tuesday Treasures | Luhr | 10 |
| 6/13/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 3 |
| 6/13/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 12 |
| 6/16/2018 | Make and take Craft | Luhr | 18 |
| 6/16/2018 | Make and take Craft | Luhr | 6 |
| 6/18/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 2 |
| 6/18/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 26 |
| 6/18/2018 | Family Fishing Night | Luhr | 15 |
| 6/19/2018 | Tuesday Treasures | Luhr | 16 |
| 6/20/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 2 |
| 6/20/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 13 |
| 6/23/2018 | Bridge Celebration | Red Mill | 16 |
| 6/25/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 2 |
| 6/26/2018 | Tuesday Treasures | Luhr | 22 |
| 6/28/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 6 |
| 7/9/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 2 |
| 7/9/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 7 |
| 7/11/2018 | Senior Lifestyles | Luhr | 7 |
| 7/14/2018 | Make and take Craft | Luhr | 10 |
| 7/15/2018 | Make and take Craft | Luhr | 2 |
| 7/16/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 2 |
| 7/17/2018 | Tuesday Treasures | Luhr | 12 |



Public Programs Continued


| Date | Program | Location | # Participants |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 7/18/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 3 |
| 7/18/2018 | Story Time | Luhr | 3 |
| 7/18/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 11 |
| 7/23/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 3 |
| 7/23/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 18 |
| 7/24/2018 | Tuesday Treasures | Luhr | 13 |
| 7/25/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 3 |
| 7/25/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 12 |
| 7/26/2018 | Family Fishing Night | Luhr | 18 |
| 7/28/2018 | Make and take Craft | Luhr | 3 |
| 7/29/2018 | Make and take Craft | Luhr | 2 |
| 8/1/2018 | Healthy Lifestyles | Luhr | 12 |
| 8/5/2018 | Reptile and Amphibian open | Red Mill | 31 |
| 8/6/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 2 |
| 8/6/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 18 |
| 8/8/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 3 |
| 8/8/2018 | Story Time | Luhr | 8 |
| 8/8/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 8 |
| 8/11/2018 | Make and take Craft | Luhr | 3 |
| 8/11/2018 | Make and take Craft | Luhr | 3 |
| 8/15/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 2 |
| 8/20/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 2 |
| 8/20/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 16 |
| 8/27/2018 | Joyful Movements | Luhr | 2 |
| 8/27/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 12 |
| 9/8/2018 | PKD Walk | Creek Ridge | 300 |
| 9/8/2018 | Make and take Craft | Luhr | 1 |
| 9/9/2018 | Make and take Craft | Luhr | 3 |
| 9/11/2018 | Reiki | Luhr | 9 |
| 9/12/2018 | Healthy Lifestyles | Luhr | 19 |
| 9/22-23/2018 | Pioneer Days | Creek Ridge | 3035 |
| 10/1/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 17 |
| 10/1/2018 | Painting in the park | Luhr | 14 |
| 10/3/2018 | Healthy Lifestyles | Luhr | 17 |
| 10/10/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 15 |
| 10/15/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 22 |
| 10/15/2018 | Reiki | Luhr | 9 |
| 10/17/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 19 |
| 10/21/2018 | Make and take Craft | Luhr | 3 |
| 10/24/2018 | Laughing Yago | Luhr | 4 |
| 10/25/2018 | Mom and Son dance | Red Mill | 44 |
| 10/26/2018 | World Drumming | Red Mill | 20 |
| 11/7/2018 | Healthy Lifestyles | Luhr | 10 |
| 11/7/2018 | Poster Signing | Red Mill | 32 |
| 11/7/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 15 |
| 11/8/2018 | Essentially Well | Luhr | 11 |
| 11/13/2018 | Beginner Meditation | Luhr | 13 |
| 11/16/2018 | Women's Retreat | Red Mill | 28 |
| 11/19/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 18 |
| 11/26/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 9 |
| 11/28/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 20 |
| 12/3/2018 | Advanced Meditation | Luhr | 5 |
| 12/5/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 10 |
| 12/10/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 15 |
| 12/11/2018 | Reiki | Luhr | 9 |
| 12/17/2018 | Nature Tiny Tots | Luhr | 10 |
| 12/19/2018 | Discovery Days | Luhr | 10 |



**112
Programs**

**5068
Participants**

LaPorte County Parks Attendance Totals - 2018

| <u>MONTH</u> | <u>LUHR</u> | <u>CREEK RIDGE</u> | <u>BLUHM</u> | <u>REDMILL</u> | <u>TOTALS</u> | <u>LAST YEAR</u> | |
|--|----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| January Vehicles Visitors | 4,152 8,025 | 5,643 7,055 | 3,419 3,210 | 5,899 7,375 | 19,113 25,665 | 7,256 19,768 | |
| February Vehicles Visitors | 2,785 3,482 | 4,775 5,970 | 2,064 2,969 | 4,839 6,050 | 14,463 18,471 | 6,876 18,175 | |
| March Vehicles Visitors | 3814 4667 | 4656 5820 | 4134 5165 | 2972 3715 | 15,576 19,367 | 8,713 22,802 | |
| April Vehicles Visitors | 4728 5910 | 7014 8767 | 2471 4254 | 3168 3960 | 17381 22891 | 12,147 31,378 | |
| May Vehicles Visitors | 3321 4150 | 10859 13575 | 3562 5885 | 5226 6533 | 22968 30143 | 16,921 42,305 | |
| June Vehicles Visitors | 3286 4108 | 17,534 21,918 | 8239 8325 | 10,770 13,463 | 39829 47814 | 20,331 52,263 | |
| July Vehicles Visitors | 3,495 4,370 | 17,115 21,395 | 7,309 7,273 | 5,590 6,987 | 33,509 40,025 | 12,211 31,680 | |
| August Vehicles Visitors | 1560 1950 | 14,920 18,650 | 2347 3881 | 4056 5070 | 22,883 29,551 | 11,382 28,000 | |
| September Vehicles Visitors | 2840 3550 | 12,300 15,375 | 3063 5078 | 4650 5813 | 22853 29816 | 19,297 25,098 | |
| October Vehicles Visitors | 2236 2795 | 6584 8230 | 2904 4496 | 3139 3925 | 14863 19446 | 14,146 18,252 | |
| November Vehicles Visitors | 1520 1900 | 6574 8217 | 3932 3505 | 4280 5350 | 16306 18972 | 18,764 24,198 |  |
| December Vehicles Visitors | 141 353 | 2919 7298 | 6736 16841 | 2095 5237 | 11891 29729 | 21,756 27,104 | |



331,890 Park Visitors



2018 Financial Reports

| <u>2018 Financial Statement</u> | | <u>Appropriation</u> | <u>Disbursement</u> | <u>Balances</u> | <u>% Used</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1000-10111-000-155 | Park Superintendent | \$57,494.00 | \$57,494.00 | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| 1000-10117-000-155 | Office Manger | \$41,873.00 | \$41,115.08 | \$757.92 | 98.19% |
| 1000-10130-000-155 | Seasonal Employees | \$50,000.00 | \$49,597.26 | \$402.74 | 99.19% |
| 1000-10136-000-155 | Parks & Recreation Board Members (7) | \$7,980.00 | \$2,850.00 | \$5,130.00 | 35.71% |
| 1000-10152-000-155 | Park Maintenance Employees | \$117,156.00 | \$117,040.42 | \$115.58 | 99.90% |
| 1000-10195-000-155 | Naturalists | \$86,826.00 | \$86,680.98 | \$145.02 | 99.83% |
| | | | | | |
| 1000-20001-000-155 | Office & Nature Center Supplies | \$2,500.00 | \$2,487.23 | \$12.77 | 99.48% |
| 1000-20015-000-155 | Uniforms | \$1,400.00 | \$1,399.96 | \$0.04 | 100.00% |
| 1000-20020-000-155 | Parks - Repair & Maintenance | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| 1000-20025-000-155 | Gas, Fuel & Oil | \$8,500.00 | \$7,998.86 | \$501.14 | 94.10% |
| | | | | | |
| 1000-30002-000-155 | Postage | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| 1000-30008-000-155 | Equipment Rental | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| 1000-30009-000-155 | Dues | \$1,400.00 | \$1,400.00 | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| 1000-30012-000-155 | Repairs Equipment (Vehicles) | \$4,000.00 | \$4,000.00 | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| 1000-30027-000-155 | Educational Inst. Training | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| 1000-30040-000-155 | Electric | \$11,500.00 | \$11,500.00 | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| 1000-30093-000-155 | Lease Agreements | \$1,100.00 | \$1,099.01 | \$0.99 | 99.91% |
| 1000-30096-000-155 | Program Promotion | \$2,400.00 | \$2,400.00 | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| 1000-30098-000-155 | Pond Stocking & Weed Control | \$800.00 | \$800.00 | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| 1000-30100-000-155 | Propane | \$8,000.00 | \$8,000.00 | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| 1000-30101-000-155 | Waste Disposal | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| 1000-30102-000-155 | Grounds Maintenance | \$8,500.00 | \$8,475.99 | \$24.01 | 99.72% |
| 1000-30103-000-155 | Trail Maintenance | \$3,000.00 | \$2,999.99 | \$0.01 | 100.00% |
| 1000-30104-000-155 | Safety & First Aid | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| 1000-30121-000-155 | Building Repair & Maintenance | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| 1000-30155-000-155 | Landscaping | \$2,000.00 | \$1,999.43 | \$0.57 | 99.97% |
| 1000-32044-000-155 | Consultant | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| | | | | | |
| 2052-20200-000-259 | Non-Reverting Operating Fund Expenditure Acct | | | \$104,501.58 | |
| 2052-20510-000-259 | Non-Reverting Sales Tax Fund | | | \$2,269.61 | |
| | | | | | |
| 1179-20200-000-560 | Non-Reverting Capital Fund | | | \$13,742.23 | |
| Special Found Account Buhm Endowment | | | | \$33,204.26 | |
| Special Found Account Luhr Account | | | | \$14,049.12 | |





2018 Financial Reports

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>Rentals</u> | <u>DEPOSITS</u> | <u>PROGRAMS</u> | <u>DOG PERMITS</u> | <u>DONATIONS</u> | <u>MISC</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1/8/2018 | \$600.00 | \$300.00 | \$180.00 | \$216.79 | \$100.00 | | \$1,396.79 |
| 1/11/2018 | \$635.00 | \$300.00 | \$155.00 | \$30.00 | | | \$1,120.00 |
| 1/18/2018 | \$470.00 | \$200.00 | \$105.00 | \$120.00 | | | \$895.00 |
| 1/25/2018 | \$1,646.25 | \$450.00 | \$310.00 | \$130.00 | | | \$2,536.25 |
| 1/30/2018 | \$250.00 | \$50.00 | \$75.00 | \$198.75 | | | \$573.75 |
| 2/7/2018 | \$375.00 | \$200.00 | \$185.00 | \$85.00 | | | \$845.00 |
| 2/15/2018 | \$1,015.00 | \$450.00 | \$165.00 | \$125.00 | | | \$1,755.00 |
| 2/22/2018 | \$510.00 | \$150.00 | \$65.00 | \$15.00 | | | \$740.00 |
| 3/1/2018 | \$920.00 | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$154.00 | | | \$1,374.00 |
| 3/8/2018 | \$635.00 | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | | | \$985.00 |
| 3/15/2018 | \$730.50 | \$400.00 | \$50.00 | \$55.00 | | | \$1,235.50 |
| 3/22/2018 | \$705.00 | \$150.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | | | \$905.00 |
| 3/29/2018 | \$1,050.00 | \$250.00 | \$0.00 | \$517.50 | | | \$1,817.50 |
| 4/12/2018 | \$1,285.00 | \$600.00 | \$0.00 | \$61.50 | | | \$1,946.50 |
| 4/18/2018 | \$688.00 | \$300.00 | \$50.00 | \$55.00 | | | \$1,093.00 |
| 5/3/2018 | \$1,422.50 | \$300.00 | \$219.00 | \$803.25 | | | \$2,744.75 |
| 5/10/2018 | \$850.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$65.00 | | | \$1,015.00 |
| 5/16/2018 | \$817.50 | \$150.90 | \$25.00 | \$80.00 | | | \$1,073.40 |
| 5/24/2018 | \$572.50 | \$100.00 | \$192.00 | \$376.50 | | | \$1,241.00 |
| 6/7/2018 | \$1,730.00 | \$500.00 | \$179.00 | \$60.00 | | | \$2,469.00 |
| 6/18/2018 | \$1,170.00 | \$250.00 | \$342.00 | \$55.00 | | | \$1,817.00 |
| 6/21/2018 | \$795.00 | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | \$20.00 | | | \$1,015.00 |
| 6/28/2018 | \$487.50 | \$100.00 | \$56.00 | \$210.00 | | | \$853.50 |
| 7/5/2018 | \$1,217.50 | \$350.00 | \$5.00 | \$0.00 | | | \$1,572.50 |
| 7/12/2018 | \$472.50 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | | | \$522.50 |
| 7/19/2018 | \$922.50 | \$250.00 | \$8.00 | \$15.00 | | | \$1,195.50 |
| 7/25/2018 | \$775.00 | \$250.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | \$1,025.00 |
| 8/2/2018 | \$581.50 | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$234.00 | | | \$1,115.50 |
| 8/9/2018 | \$1,596.50 | \$650.00 | \$177.00 | \$1.50 | | | \$2,425.00 |
| 8/16/2018 | \$1,180.00 | \$400.00 | \$367.00 | \$20.00 | | | \$1,967.00 |
| 8/23/2018 | \$870.00 | \$200.00 | \$170.00 | \$0.00 | | | \$1,240.00 |
| 8/30/2018 | \$892.50 | \$150.00 | \$140.00 | \$200.43 | | | \$1,382.93 |
| 9/6/2018 | \$560.00 | \$100.00 | \$620.00 | \$0.00 | | | \$1,280.00 |
| 9/13/2018 | \$667.50 | \$200.00 | \$217.00 | \$5.00 | | | \$1,089.50 |
| 9/24/2018 | \$535.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$15.00 | | | \$650.00 |
| 10/2/2018 | \$892.50 | \$150.00 | \$140.00 | \$158.53 | | | \$1,341.03 |
| 10/18/2018 | \$780.00 | \$150.00 | \$110.00 | \$15.00 | \$500.00 | | \$1,555.00 |
| 10/25/2018 | \$115.00 | \$100.00 | \$85.00 | \$74.50 | | \$500.00 | \$874.50 |
| 10/31/2018 | \$410.00 | \$50.00 | \$149.00 | \$15.00 | | | \$624.00 |
| 11/8/2018 | \$192.50 | \$100.00 | \$369.00 | \$0.00 | | | \$661.50 |
| 11/15/2018 | \$2,060.00 | \$400.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | \$2,460.00 |
| 11/21/2018 | \$555.00 | \$200.00 | \$172.00 | \$0.00 | | 0.05 | \$927.05 |
| 11/29/2018 | \$370.00 | \$200.00 | \$85.00 | \$45.18 | | | \$700.18 |
| 12/6/2018 | \$95.00 | \$0.00 | \$320.00 | \$35.00 | | | \$450.00 |
| 12/13/2018 | \$492.50 | \$300.00 | \$190.00 | \$35.00 | | | \$1,017.50 |
| 12/19/2018 | \$708.50 | \$300.00 | \$190.00 | \$15.00 | | | \$1,213.50 |
| 12/27/2018 | \$684.00 | \$300.00 | \$210.00 | \$60.00 | | | \$1,254.00 |



2018 Pioneer Days Financial Statement

Income:

Tin Punch Donations (BC donated the 5x7 flashing)

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Saturday | 105.00 |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>137.30</u> |
| | 242.30 |

Wagon Rides

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Saturday | 546.00 |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>610.00</u> |
| | 1,156 |

Kettle Corn

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Saturday | 288.96 |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>306.38</u> |
| | 595.34 |

Ham and Beans

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Saturday | 331.31 |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>324.31</u> |
| | 655.62 |

Candle Dipping

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Saturday | 183.55 |
| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>201.46</u> |
| | 385.01 |

Vendor Fee \$80.00
Starting Bank \$3200.00



Gate Saturday

Yellow Tickets Kids and Seniors/ Blue Tickets Adults
Adults 539 / Kids Seniors 494

Total== \$1572

Paid People with 400 four and under== 1433 people

Gate Sunday

Grey tickets Kids and seniors / Red Tickets Adults
Adults 599 / Kids Seniors 478

Total = \$1676

paid people with 525 four and under=1602 people

Total Collections for Pioneer Days=\$9562.27
(includes Starting bank)

Total Participants for 2018 Pioneer Days 3035

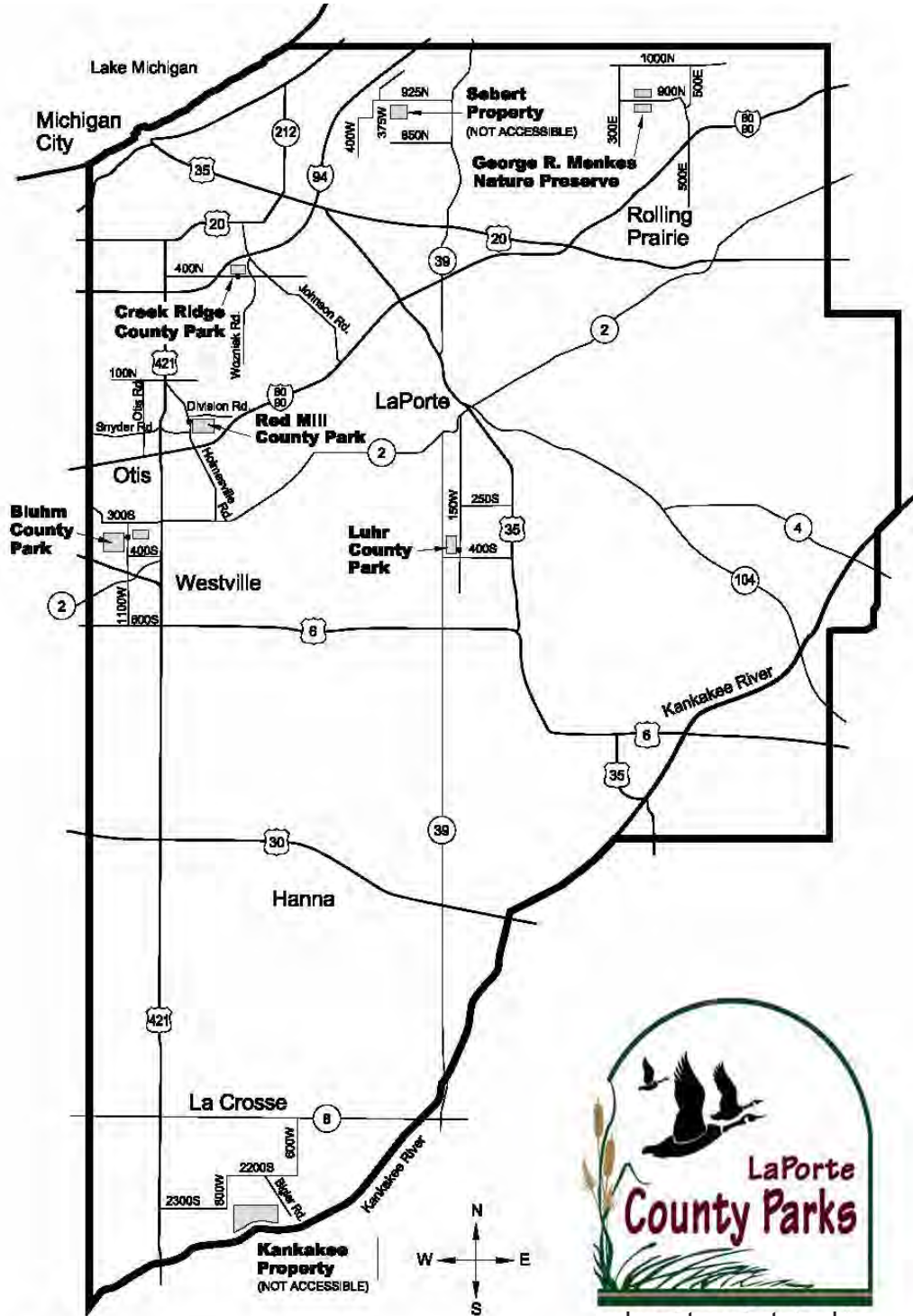
Expenses

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Starting bank | \$3200.00 |
| Apple Butter | \$206.91 |
| Kettle Corn | \$229.57 |
| Wagon Rides | \$800.00 |
| Tent | \$119.00 |
| Tin Punch (BC Donated Flashing) | \$ 13.51 |
| Candle Dipping | \$124.95 |
| Ham and Beans | \$254.97 |
| Corn Bread | \$ 94.50 |
| Boy Scout Parking | \$350.00 |
| Decorations/ Straw | \$128.00 |
| Pit toilets hand washing Johnny | \$440.00 |
| <u>All Kinds of Supplies</u> | <u>\$218.28</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$6179.69 |

Total Profit

\$9562.27 — \$6179.69 == \$3382.58

Map of Parks



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 3178 S. 150 W.
 LaPorte, IN 46350
 (219) 324-5855

Red Mill County Park
 0185 S. Holmeville Road
 LaPorte, IN 46350
 (219) 325-8315

Creek Ridge County Park
 7943 W. 400 N.
 Michigan City, IN 46360

Bluhm County Park
 3855 S. 1100 W.
 Westville, IN 46391