



CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS

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**CITY COUNCIL AND PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
WORKSHOP AGENDA**

SEPTEMBER 29, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

Honorable Mayor and Council:

Notice is hereby given that a Madison Heights City Council and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Workshop will be held for discussion upon the following:

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

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PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 2025

1. Prioritize maintenance and enhancement of all existing parks and features.
1.1 Develop a long-range capital replacement plan for existing capital outlay equipment, trails, and facilities for ongoing maintenance and replacement.
1.2 Evaluate signage at all parks and determine sign replacements to create branding uniformity, incorporate accessibility, and provide relevant information.
1.3 Review and plan routes to minimize gaps connecting neighborhoods to parks for pedestrians and bikers.
2. Advance opportunities for passive recreation for a wide range of individuals and age groups.
2.1 Incorporate passive recreation into the design and function of City facilities where appropriate by providing amenities such as walking trails, benches, and picnic facilities.
2.2 Enhance opportunities for passive recreation by developing accessible green spaces that include shaded seating areas, quiet zones, and reflective environments to support relaxation and well-being for individuals of all ages and abilities.
2.3 Identify land areas adjacent to existing parks and open spaces that provide logical expansion opportunities for green space or facility enhancement.
3. Provide opportunities for active recreation for a wide range of individuals and age groups
3.1 Develop and maintain recreation facilities that are safe, accessible, and inclusive for all ages and abilities by regularly assessing facility conditions, pursuing accessibility focused upgrades, and expanding adaptive recreation opportunities.
3.2 Develop and maintain playgrounds, playfields, and recreation facilities that reflect the needs of the City's population by evaluating usage patterns, conducting community input every five years, and ensuring facilities are updated to meet current recreation and safety standards.
3.3 Initiate and lead a collaborative dialogue with neighboring communities and Oakland County Parks, to explore the development of a jointly operated community and recreation center that serves residents of all ages and abilities.
4. Create recreation programs that are suited to the City's current and anticipated population.
4.1 Conduct annual program reviews to evaluate effectiveness, promote continuous improvement, and ensure alignment with community needs and responsible fiscal practices.
4.2 Regularly assess and update all program offerings to ensure they remain affordable, accessible, and reflective of the community's diverse interests—supporting both active and passive recreation.
4.3 Strengthen partnerships with schools, community organizations, and regional recreation providers to expand diverse program opportunities, increase efficient use of shared facilities, and deliver cost-effective recreation services that benefit residents across the community and neighboring areas.
4.4 Expand year-round recreational offerings by introducing more outdoor programs, including unique opportunities not currently available in the community.
5. Improve safety and sense of security for park users
5.1 Upgrade and replace existing regular park lighting and deteriorating baseball field lights at Rosie's Park, Huffman Park, and Silverleaf Park with new energy-efficient fixtures to enhance visibility, improve security, and increase park user safety.
5.2 Evaluate the need for additional lighting installations along pathways of frequently used parks.

5.3 Conduct an accessibility review of the top-utilized City parks to identify opportunities to increase barrier-free access to facilities.
5.4 Develop a safety plan for monitoring parks, including expanding police and park ranger presence.
6. Create a community engagement communication plan to increase awareness of Parks and Programming.
6.1 Identify ways to improve public awareness and understanding of parks and recreation offerings, with an emphasis on accessible features, through outreach, education, and promotion.
6.2 Host recreation and community events across all parks to showcase unique amenities, promote public awareness, and enhance safety through greater community presence.
6.3 Develop a stewardship and volunteer program within the Parks and Recreation Department to improve park maintenance, assist with programming and special events, and create community.
7. Ensure long-term sustainability of the Park and Recreation system
7.1 Pursue grants and other available funding mechanisms to provide the best return on investment for our residents and park patrons based on identified needs in the Master Plan or direction from City Council, including the annual strategic plan.
7.2 Focus on initiatives that maximize community impact with minimal investment of time, money, or staff resources, prioritizing low-effort, high-return opportunities.
7.3 Document and communicate Recreation and DPS staffing level needs and capability for regular activities, as well as increased levels of scheduling and maintenance.
7.4 Minimize the environmental impact of park development by considering mature trees, including sustainable native landscaping features, and prioritizing landfill diversion when obsolete features are demolished