City of Grand Rapids IRA Civic Center / Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Monthly Meeting Wednesday, July 10th – 5:30 p.m. IRA Civic Center

- I. Call to order
- II. Financial reports (only if end of quarter)
- III. Approve June Minutes
- IV. Setting of regular agenda
- V. Old business
- VI. New business
 - a. Parks & Trails Plan update
- VII. Staff Reports
 - a. Programs and events update
- VIII. Correspondence
- IX. Visitors
- X. Adjournment

Grand Rapids Parks and Trails Plan Update: Public Process

Purpose:

Solicit input from citizens regarding need for existing and potential new parks and trails, desired improvements to existing parks and trails, usage of parks and trails, and guiding principles for park/trail development, design, and maintenance.

Overview of Process:

- News release announcing planning process.
- Materials placed on city's website (map of facilities, facility assessment, etc.).
- Solicit input via website.
- Two input sessions: one for north side of river and one for south half.
- Single session to review draft plan.

Public Input Sessions:

Two sessions. One focuses on parks and trails located north of the river and the other on the south half. Both would include review and commentary of all community facilities. Although people living in the respective halves of town will be encouraged to attend their meeting, anyone can attend either meeting.

Timing: late August and early September. Evening sessions. Two hours in length.

Location: North meeting will be at Civic Center; South at (location to be determined).

Materials: maps of facility locations and trail routes, maps of student location analysis, facility assessment review, flip chart / sticky notes for recording comments.

Preliminary agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review of purpose of plan update and meeting
- Quick identification and review of the neighborhood level facilities
- Park-by-park / trail-by-trail discussion
 - Who in audience uses it?
 - Is facility needed?
 - Issues / concerns / ideas.
- Is anything new needed in this area? What opportunities should be considered?
- Community Parks and Trails
 - Quick identification of the facilities.
 - o Open solicitation of comments and suggestions regarding existing facilities.
 - Anything new needed in the community?
- Closing Comments and Suggestions
- Adjourn

Draft Plan Review Session:

To be held in October. Purpose is to gain community commentary on the draft plan.

Materials will be provided in advance online and at the meeting. Commentary to be taken both via online and at the meeting.

Updating the Grand Rapids Parks and Trails Plan Review of Existing Parks and Trails

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July 1, 2013

This paper presents basic information on the neighborhood and community recreation facilities considered part of the Grand Rapids recreation system. It does not include the Civic Center, Pokegama Golf Course, or undeveloped open space and forested land.

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Table 1. Recreation Facilities in	n Grand Rap	oids that	are	Prima	arily	Neig	hbor	hood	Parl	s	
						F	eatur	es			
Facility	Owner	Est. Size (ac.)		Rink	Basketball Ct.	Baseball Field	Soccer/Lacrosse	Tennis	Field Area	Benches/Tables	Site Lighting
Crystal Lake Park	GR	0.25									
Grussendorf Park	GR	8.40	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Lost Creek Park	GR	2.00	×							×	
Maplewood Park	GR	2.00	×		×				×	×	
McGowan Park	GR	1.00	×						×	×	
Oakland Park	GR	10.70	×			×	×		×	×	
Syndicate Park	GR	1.00							×		
Willow Park	GR	1.25	×						×		
Forest Lake Elementary School	ISD 318	2.50	×	×	×	×			×		×
Murphy Elementary School	ISD 318	2.00	×	×	×	×			×		×
JE Middle School ISD 318 6.6		6.65				×	×	×	×		×
Southwest Elementary School	ISD 318	2.00	×			×			×		×

Table 2. Recreation Fa	cilities in	Grand I	Rapio	ds th	at are	Prim	narily	Com	mun	ity Pa	arks		
			Features										
Facility	Owner	Est. Size (ac.)	Football/Soccer	Rink	Baseball Field	Basketball Ct.	Tennis	Field Area	Trails	Play Equip.	Swimming	Boat Access	Other
American Legion Memorial Park	GR	60.00	×		×			×	×				×
Blandin Beach	GR	3.00								×	×		×
Blandin Garden	Private	0.75											×
Central School Square	GR	2.00											×
Cody Siem Skateboard Park	GR	0.25											×
Crystal Lake Landing	County	0.03										×	
Crystal Lake Pier	GR												×
Forest Lake Pier	GR												×
Grand Rapids Sports Complex	GR	32.00	×		×	×				×			
Hale Lake Landing	GR	0.50										×	
Izaak Walton Park	State	1.00										×	
McKinney Lake Landing	GR	1.00										×	
Newton Sliding Hill	GR	0.80											×
Pokegama Beach	GR	0.25									×		
Ryan Flood Park	GR	0.30				×							
Showboat Landing	GR	4.25											×
Steamboat Landing GR 0.50											×		
Sylvan Lake Landing	GR	0.50										×	×
Veterans Memorial Park	GR	36.00							×	×			×

Table	3. Recre	ational Tra	ails in Gr	and Ra	apids							
				Tr	ail Ty	ре	Features					
Trail	Owner	Owner Use ^L		Separate Trail	Street	Sidewalk	Paved Surface	Trailhead/Parking	Resting Places	Lighting	Other	
Horseshoe / Isleview	GR	Walk/bike	3.5	×	×	×	×		×	×		
Riverfront	GR	Walk/bike	1.0	×	×		×		×	×		
Sylvan Point	GR	Walk/bike	2.0	×			×	×	×			
Through-town ATV	GR	ATV	3.0		×							
Through-town Snowmobile	GR	Snow- mobile	4.0	×	×	×						
Trails located within parks												
American Legion Park: ski / hiking	GR	Hike/ski	3.6	×								
American Legion Park: mountain bike	GR	Bike	6.0	×								

Table 4. Condition Assessment of Recrea Primarily Neight				and I	Rapid	s that	are
Facility	ADA Accessibility	Equipment Replacement	Fall Zone / Resilient Surface	Safety	Landscaping	Other	Comments
Crystal Lake Park							×
Grussendorf Park	1	~					
Lost Creek Park							
Maplewood Park	1	~	~				
McGowan Park	$\checkmark\checkmark$	11	~	\checkmark			
Oakland Park	~	~					
Syndicate Park							×
Willow Park	~	~~	~				
Forest Lake Elementary School	~	~					
Murphy Elementary School	1	~	~				
RJE Middle School							
Southwest Elementary School	✓		\checkmark				

✓ = Minor issue; ✓ ✓ = Major issue; ¥ = See comments.

Comments:

- Crystal Lake Park is being adopted by the Rotary Club; possible improvements to this new site could include a pavilion and toddler play area.
- Syndicate Park: Along with Showboat Landing this site could be lost to near-future expansion by UPM-Blandin Paper Company.

Table 5. Condition Assessment of Recreation Facilities in Grand Rapids that are Primarily Community Parks							
Facility	ADA Accessibility	Equipment Replacement	Fall Zone / Resilient Surface	Safety	Landscaping	Other	Comments
American Legion Memorial Park	1						
Blandin Beach	1						
Blandin Garden							×
Central School Square							
Cody Siem Skateboard Park							
Crystal Lake Landing				~			×
Crystal Lake Pier							×
Forest Lake Pier							
Grand Rapids Sports Complex							
Hale Lake Landing							
Izaak Walton Park							×
McKinney Lake Landing							×
Newton Sliding Hill							
Pokegama Beach							×
Ryan Flood Park							
Showboat Landing							×
Steamboat Landing							
Sylvan Lake Landing							×
Veterans Memorial Park							

✓ = Minor issue; ✓ ✓ = Major issue; **≭** = See comments.

Comments:

• Blandin Garden is owned and maintained by UPM-Blandin Paper Company but is open to the general public.

- Crystal Lake Landing: This is a carry-in only landing but is essentially undeveloped lacking parking and proper site delineation.
- Crystal Lake Pier: There are complaints about inappropriate use of the fishing pier for swimming. The issue may be there is a need for a designated swimming area on the lake.
- Izaak Walton Park: Like Sylvan Lake Landing this facility provides access to the stretch of river from the Mill Pond to the Pokegama Dam. This site, though, is better suited for use by visitors to the area due to its more direct access from highways.
- McKinney Lake Landing is a carry-in access only to minimize transport of invasive aquatic plant species.
- Showboat Landing: Along with Syndicate Park this site could be lost to near-future expansion by UPM-Blandin Paper Company.

Individual Park Information

Crystal Lake Park

Owner	City						
Туре	Neighborhood						
Size	0.25 acre						
Location	900 Block between Pokegama and 1 st Avenues NE						

Feature	Condition
Pathway / Linkage	Varussad
Concrete sidewalk runs through park.	Very good
Play Equipment	
None.	
Amenities	Vorugood
Green space.	Very good
Vegetation / Landscaping	
Lawn.	
Lighting	
Street lights.	
Other	
This new park is being adopted by the Rotary and likely will see several new improvements.	

Grussendorf Park

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Owner	City						
Туре	Neighborhood						
Size	8.40 acres						
Location	8 th Avenue & 6 th Street SW						

Feature	Condition
Pathway / Linkage	
Concrete sidewalk runs through park from parking area to play area and tennis court.	Good
Play Equipment	Quad
Timber swing, timber play structure, sand diggers.	Good
Amenities	
Tennis courts, basketball court, lighted hockey rink, warming house, chemical toilet, ballfield with backstop, benches, tables, trash cans, water fountain, park sign.	Good to very good
Vegetation / Landscaping	Venigood
Mature pines at north end of site.	Very good
Lighting	
Lighted rinks and streetlights	
Other	
Accessible route to play area is needed; add designated accessible parking space.	

Lost Creek Park

J	t Greek Park							
	Owner	City						
	Туре	Neighborhood						
	Size	2.00 acres						
	Location	4 th Avenue & 8 th Street NW						

Feature	Condition
Pathway / Linkage	
Sidewalk on west side, crushed limestone paths, accessible route to one swing and climbing structure.	Fair to very good
Play Equipment	
Climbing structure, swing, spring rider, digger	Fair to good
Amenities	
Benches, trash cans, pond, site sign.	Good to very good
Vegetation / Landscaping	Coord
Trees and shrubs, both maturing	Good
Lighting	
Streetlights.	
Other	
Needs accessible route to play area and a designated accessible park space. Needs better division between park and adjacent residential property.	

Maplewood Park

Owner	City
Туре	Neighborhood
Size	2.00 acres
Location	5 th Avenue & 14 th Street SE

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
None.		
Play Equipment	Banlaga	
Timber play structure.	Replace	
Amenities		
Paved basketball court, bike rack, benches, picnic tables, grills, open playfield, paved parking area, site sign.	Fair to very good	
Vegetation / Landscaping	Quart	
Maple and mixed deciduous trees.	Good	
Lighting		
None.		
Other		
Needs resilient surface at play equipment; no accessible play equipment; no accessible route to play area.	-	

Grand Rapids Recreation Facility Review

McGowan Park

Owner	City
Туре	Neighborhood
Size	1.00 acres
Location	1 st Avenue & 13 th Street SW

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
None.		
Play Equipment	Darias	
Chinning bar, merry-go-round, swing, metal climbing structure.	Replace	
Amenities		
Open play area, picnic table, trash can, site sign.	Good to very good	
Vegetation / Landscaping		
Jack pine/deciduous along south end; spruce trees along west side.	Very good	
Lighting		
Streetlights.		
Other		
No accessible equipment; no accessible route to play area; no accessible parking space.		

Oakland

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Owner	City
Туре	Neighborhood
Size	10.70 acres
Location	11 th Avenue & 4 th Street SE

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
Paved path; snowmobile trail passes through park; foot/bike/snowmobile bridge spans river connecting to Veterans Park.		
Play Equipment	Replace to fair	
Large tires, merry-go-round, slide, swings, tether ball post, toddler play equipment.	Very good (toddler equipment)	
Amenities		
Soccer/football/lacrosse field, softball field with backstop and baseline fences; benches; paved parking area; site sign.	Very good	
Vegetation / Landscaping	Cand	
Mature white and red pines, mixed oak and maple.	Good	
Lighting		
None.		
Other		
Eagle Scout project is located southwest of park on triangle piece of land – is landscaped with bench, table, and trail through it. Needs accessible play equipment, accessible route to play area, designated accessible parking space.		

Syndicate Park

Owner	City
Туре	Neighborhood
Size	1.00 acre
Location	16 th Avenue & 3 rd Street NW

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
None.		
Play Equipment		
None.		
Amenities		
Open play area.	Good	
Vegetation / Landscaping		
Fir trees scattered on site.	Good	
Lighting		
None.		
Other		
Play equipment has been removed from this site. Designated as open play area. Potential to be acquired by UPM-Blandin Paper Company.		

Willow Park

Owner	City
Туре	Neighborhood
Size	1.25 acres
Location	4 th Avenue SE

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
None.		
Play Equipment	Deplace to good	
Whirls, swings, slide.	Replace to good	
Amenities	2	
Open play area; site sign.	- Good	
Vegetation / Landscaping	Vary good	
Mature red and white pines; maples.	Very good	
Lighting		
Streetlights.		
Other		
Need resilient surface at play equipment; need accessible play equipment and accessible route to play area; need designated accessible parking space.		

Forest Lake Elementary School

Owner	ISD 318
Туре	School / neighborhood
Size	2.50 acres
Location	8 th Avenue & 6 th Street NW

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
Sidewalks on east and north sides of site.	Good	
Play Equipment	Cood	
Play structure.	- Good	
Amenities		
Hockey rink (owned by City), basketball hoop, hard surfaced basketball court, warming house, chemical toilets, ballfield with backstop.	Replace to very good	
Vegetation / Landscaping		
Minimal mature trees.	Good	
Lighting		
Lighted hockey rink, streetlights.	1	
Other		
Ballfield backstop needs replacement. Need accessible route to play equipment.		

Edna Murphy Elementary School

Owner	ISD 318
Туре	School/neighborhood
Size	2.00 acres
Location	5 th Avenue & 8 th Street NE

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage	Qual	
Sidewalks on north, south, and west perimeter of site.	Good	
Play Equipment	Deplace to good	
Tire swings, slide climber, swings, play structure.	Replace to good	
Amenities Paved basketball court, lighted hockey rink (owned by City), warming house, chemical toilets, on-site parking.	Fair to very good	
Vegetation / Landscaping	Very good	
Dense evergreen tree screen on north side of site.	Very good	
Lighting		
Lighted hockey rink, perimeter streetlights, building security lights.		
Other		
Playground equipment is not accessible; play structure needs to be replaced; no accessible route to play area.		

RJE Middle School

Owner	ISD 318
Туре	School / neighborhood
Size	6.65 acres
Location	10 th Street & 8 th Avenue NW

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
None.		
Play Equipment		
None.		
Amenities		
Tennis courts, ballfield with backstop and sideline fences, open play field, paved parking by tennis courts.	Very good	
Vegetation / Landscaping		
None.	· ·	
Lighting		
Building lights.		
Other		

Southwest Elementary School

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Owner	ISD 318
Туре	School / neighborhood
Size	2.00 acres
Location	7 th Avenue & 7 th Street SW

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage	Cand	
Paved path loops around site providing some access to play area.	Good	
Play Equipment	Doplose to good	
Timber play structure, tires, swing, climber.	Replace to good	
Amenities		
Small scale football field, benches, bike rack, ballfield with backstop, unpaved parking lot.	Good	
Vegetation / Landscaping	Variated	
Mature evergreens at east side of site.	Very good	
Lighting		
Building security lights, streetlights.		
Other		
Needs improved accessibility; resilient surfaces at play equipment; timber play structure and climber should be replaced.		

American Legion Memorial Park

Owner	City
Туре	Community
Size	60.00 acres
Location	Highway 38 & 14 th Street NW

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
Sidewalks on south side.	Good	
Play Equipment		
None.	-	
Amenities Baseball field with grandstand, full fence enclosure, press box, concession stand, scoreboard and dugouts; lighted cross country ski trails; disk golf course along trails; single track mountain bike trails; Conifer Field (lacrosse/soccer/football); Ryan Flood basketball court; paved and unpaved parking; site signs.	Good to very good	
Vegetation / Landscaping		
Mature evergreen and deciduous trees; forested trail area.	Very good	
Lighting		
Cross country ski trails; baseball field; street lights.		
Other		
School district facilities are adjacent to this facility – practice and game football fields, all weather track. Signage for trails could be upgraded to include all functions.		

Blandin Beach

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Owner	City
Туре	Community
Size	3.00 acres
Location	10 th Avenue & 6 th Street NW

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage	Quark	
Sidewalk from parking area to beach house.	Good	
Play Equipment		
Timber play structure.	Good	
Amenities		
Swimming beach, beach house with changing rooms / bathrooms / concession, bike racks, benches, picnic tables, trash cans, site sign.	Fair to very good	
Vegetation / Landscaping	Quad	
Landscaped site with maples and ornamental crab apples, shrubs.	- Good	
Lighting		
Streetlights and on beachhouse.		
Other		
Needs designated accessible parking spaces; beach house is showing its age. Lack of covered space (e.g., pavilion) diminishes opportunities for expanded use of site.		

Blandin Garden

Owner	UPM-Blandin Paper Company
Туре	Community
Size	0.75 acre
Location	2 nd Avenue & 1 st Street SW

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
None.		
Play Equipment		
None.		
Amenities		
Trail, C.K. Blandin memorial, gardens.	Good	
Vegetation / Landscaping		
Site is landscaped with mature trees, shrubs and plantings.	- Very good	
Lighting		
None.		
Other		
Site is privately owned but open to public use. Paved parking lot is across street.		

Grand Rapids Recreation Facility Review

Central School Square

Owner	City
Туре	Community
Size	2.00 acre
Location	Pokegama Avenue & 5 th Street NE

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
Concrete sidewalks and accessible entrance to building.	- Very good	
Play Equipment		
None.		
Amenities	- Very good	
Amphitheater, picnic tables, benches, paved parking.		
Vegetation / Landscaping	Manuard	
Site is landscaped with mature trees, shrubs and plantings.	- Very good	
Lighting		
Street and site lighting.		
Other		
Provides open space, community focal point, and event space in the center of the community.		

Cody Siem Memorial Skate Park

Owner	City
Туре	Community
Size	0.25 acre
Location	Highway 38 & 14 th Street NW

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
None.		
Play Equipment		
None.		
Amenities		
Assorted Tier I skate board park ramps, jumps and fixtures; wire mesh fence enclosure; site use sign; site sign.	Good.	
Vegetation / Landscaping		
None.		
Lighting		
None.		
Other		

Grand Rapids Recreation Facility Review

Crystal Lake Landing

Owner	County
Туре	Community
Size	0.03
Location	12 th Street & Crystal Lake

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
None.		
Play Equipment		
None.		
Amenities	Declass	
Boat ramp.	Replace	
Vegetation / Landscaping	- <u></u>	
None.		
Lighting		
Streetlights.		
Other		
Inadequate parking, insufficient launching/loading room, no dock; site is owned by County and minimally maintained by City.		

Crystal Lake Fishing Pier

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Owner	City
Туре	Community
Size	N.A.
Location	12 th Street & Crystal Lake

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
None.		
Play Equipment		
None.		
Amenities	Good	
Wooden fishing pier.		
Vegetation / Landscaping		
None.		
Lighting		
Streetlights.		
Other		
Some complaints about unauthorized diving and swimming from pier.		

Forest Lake Fishing Pier

Owner	City
Туре	Community
Size	N.A.
Location	

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
None.		
Play Equipment		
None.		
Amenities	Good	
Wood fishing pier.		
Vegetation / Landscaping		
None.		
Lighting		
Streetlights.		
Other		

Grand Rapids Sports Complex

Owner	City
Туре	Community
Size	32.00 acres
Location	1100 NE 11 th Avenue

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
Sidewalks from 14 th and Hwy 169; accessible parking and route to fields and building.	Very good	
Play Equipment	Manuara	
Play structure.	Very good	
Amenities		
Softball fields, irrigated, with full fence enclosure and warning tracks; bleachers; electric scoreboards; paved parking lot; concession/toilet building; soccer field with practice field.	Very good	
Vegetation / Landscaping	Manuarad	
Well maintained turf.	Very good	
Lighting		
Lighted ballfields.		
Other		

Hale Lake Landing

Owner	City
Туре	Community
Size	0.50 acre
Location	9 th Avenue NW & Hale Lake

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
None.		
Play Equipment		
None.		
Amenities	Good	
Concrete launch ramp; picnic tables; trash cans; paved parking area.		
Vegetation / Landscaping	Cood	
Young red pines.	Good	
Lighting		
Building and site lighting.		
Other		
Area beside launch provides excellent fishing from shore.		

Izaak Walton Park

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	Owner	State
	Туре	Community
	Size	1.00
	Location	CR 63 & Mississippi River

Feature	Condition
Pathway / Linkage	
None.	
Play Equipment	
None.	
Amenities	Qued
Concrete boat launch ramp, gravel parking area.	Good
Vegetation / Landscaping	
Mature pines.	Very good
Lighting	
Other	
Site is maintained by UPM-Blandin Paper Company.	

McKinney Lake Landing

Owner	City
Туре	Community
Size	1.00 acre
Location	Highway 38 & Conifer Drive

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
None.		
Play Equipment		
None.		
Amenities	Fair	
Carry-in access, gravel parking area.	Fair	
Vegetation / Landscaping		
None.		
Lighting		
None.	-	
Other		
Site is carry-in only to minimize potential to spread invasive exotic aquatic plants.		

Pokegama Beach

gana Deach	
Owner	City
Туре	Community
Size	0.25 acre
Location	Pokegama Golf Course

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
Paved accessible path; concrete steps.	Very good	
Play Equipment		
None.		
Amenities	Very good	
Narrow beach, picnic table, grill, dedicated parking area, access to club house toilets, site sign.		
Vegetation / Landscaping		
Maintained lawn.	Very good	
Lighting		
Site lighting from buildings and parking area.		
Other		
Beach provides access to lake in area where this is very limited; beach is narrow, especially at high water levels; beach is not observable from tables and benches; parking gets poached by golfers.		

Ryan Flood Memorial Park

Owner	City
Туре	Community
Size	0.30 acre
Location	Hwy 38 & 14 th Street NW

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
None.		
Play Equipment		
None.		
Amenities	Very good	
Paved basketball court; paved parking at Civic Center.		
Vegetation / Landscaping	Very good	
Mature deciduous trees.	Very good	
Lighting		
None.		
Other		
This facility is actually a part of the overall American Legion Memorial Park.	-	

Showboat Landing

boat Landing	
Owner	City
Туре	Community
Size	4.25 acres
Location	16 th Avenue & 3 rd Street NW

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
Bituminous accessible path to accessible seating areas.	Good	
Play Equipment		
None.		
Amenities	Very good	
Seating for 1,000+; control booth; storage building; fencing; performance stage and docking, unpaved parking.		
Vegetation / Landscaping	Very good	
Mature red pine and maple.		
Lighting		
Stage lighting.		
Other		
Lovely riverfront location; potential for this site to be acquired by UPM-Blandin Paper Company.		

Steamboat Landing

Community
0.50 acre
SE 1 st Street at Mississippi River

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Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage	g trail. Very good	
Paved walking/hiking trail.		
Play Equipment		
None.		
Amenities	Good	
Boat ramp, small paved parking area, trash cans, site sign.		
Vegetation / Landscaping		
Naturalized river bank.		
Lighting		
Other		
Only public access to river within the city below the dam; dock is no longer installed.		

Sylvan Lake Landing

Owner	City	
Туре	Community	
Size	0.50	
Location	12 th Avenue & 1 st Street SW	

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
None.		
Play Equipment		
None.	-	
Amenities		
Concrete boat ramp, removable dock, paved parking lot, benches, picnic tables, chemical toilet, wood fishing pier, site sign.	Very good	
Vegetation / Landscaping	Very good	
Mixed deciduous trees; naturalized shore.		
Lighting		
None.		
Other		
Site also provides open space at lakefront that can serve as neighborhood park; does not appear to be issues with vehicle traffic using local streets to access site.		

Grand Rapids Recreation Facility Review

Veterans Memorial Park

Owner	City	
Туре	Community	
Size	36.00 acres	
Location	7 th Avenue NE and US Hwy 2	

Feature	Condition	
Pathway / Linkage		
Paved riverfront trail, unpaved access road, hiking/snowmobile bridge linking to Oakland Park.	Very good	
Play Equipment	Good	
Timber play structures.		
Amenities	Good to very good	
Pavilions, tables, benches, grills, chemical toilets, drinking water, site sign.		
Vegetation / Landscaping	Very good	
Mature white and red pines; naturalized riverbank.		
Lighting		
None.		
Other		
This facility, linked to Oakland Park by the bridge, provides the largest community park in Grand Rapids and offers a complete blend of activities.		

Grand Rapids Recreation Facility Review