



Annual Report

2020

Appointing Authority for the Wayne County Park District

Board of Commissioners:

The Honorable Latecia Wiles, Probate Judge
Wayne County Common Pleas Court

Park District Board of Commissioners:

Denny Jordan, Chr.
Donald Gerber
Joel Berry
David Armstrong
Carole Van Pelt

2020 In Review

COVID-19 provided many negatives for a lot of people but the Barnes Preserve gave visitors of all ages a safe place to get outside to exercise and refresh their mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

Noteworthy accomplishments despite COVID 19 restrictions:

- ≈ During a Citizen Science project 42 volunteers surveyed the usage of the Park over a ten day period in the summer and found that over 1,343 adults and children visited the park during that period. We were pleased with the statistics!
- ≈ The Park Board and Friends of the Park met outdoors under the Romich Pavilion during the summer and fall with masks and social distancing in an effort to keep everyone connected and updated. Our naturalists provided educational materials and maps for self-guided activities and info on our kiosks.
- ≈ A second Citizen Science project brought together 45 volunteers to “Save the Meadow”. Those volunteers cleared huge amount of saplings from the Meadow to allow appropriate habitat for pollinators and open space for birds to nest/thrive.
- ≈ The Barnes Preserve acquired seven poly lumber benches that were purchased and donated by people/families and strategically placed around the trails.
- ≈ An Eagle Scout project in the Spring opened up a new venue to hikers and birders. He and his troop created and mulched a path down to the lower ponds. It fast became a favorite for nature lovers! It is a challenging hike but worth the effort.
- ≈ A second Eagle Scout project provided the Meadow with 21 blue bird houses.
- ≈ Electricity was installed by the County for the Romich Pavilion.
- ≈ Our website and Facebook page, “*A Walk at Barnes Preserve*” contains a gallery of beautiful and stunning pictures of wildlife and scenery. We have several excellent photographers that submit pictures all year long and then educate viewers with their “finds”.
- ≈ The Park Board continues to address strategic planning for the future growth of the Park District and wish to finish the final development of the Barnes Preserve.

INFO & STATISTICS

Total Revenue: \$ 4,967.67

Total Expenditures: \$ 1,390.00

Land: 76 acres Barnes Preserve (partially developed)

Includes: .9 miles of meandering ADA compliant asphalt trails
1 mile of mulched paths
Large cathedral pavilion
Observation deck overlooking wetland pond
Seasonal Port a John
2 parking lots (one asphalt and one gravel)

88 acres of undeveloped woods at another location. (tba)

Romich Pavilion reservations totaled: 13 registered

Average number of active volunteers: 30

Number of hours of volunteer labor recorded: 343 hours
(Does not include scouts hours)

Website: waynecountyparkdistrict.org

Facebook page: Wayne County Park District and Friends of the Park.

Related Facebook page: *A Walk at Barnes Preserve*

