



**AGENDA**  
**Committee on Public Services**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m.**  
**City Council Conference Room, City Hall 10<sup>th</sup> Floor**

Council Member Peter Spadafore, Chair  
Council Member Kathie Dunbar, Vice Chair  
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Member

**1) Call to Order**

**2) Public Comment on Agenda Items**

**3) Minutes**

- September 3, 2019

**4) Discussion/Action:**

- A.) RESOLUTION – Appointment; Sean Hammond; Park Board-4<sup>th</sup> Ward Member; Term to Expire June 30, 2020
  
- B.) RESOLUTION – Support Resolution to the State of Michigan for a Significant Investment into the Transportation Infrastructure
  
- C.) DISCUSSION – Traffic Calming Update from Public Service
  
- D.) DISCUSSION – Capital Area Disability Network AARP Age-Friendly Parks Report

**5) Other**

**6) Adjourn**



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**MINUTES**  
**Committee on Public Service**  
**Monday, September 3, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall, Conference Room, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Member Peter Spadafore, Chair  
Council Member Kathie Dunbar, Vice Chair- excused  
Council Member Jeremy Garza, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager  
Greg Venker , Assistant City Attorney  
Lisa Hagen, Council Legal Analyst  
Andy Kilpatrick, Director of Public Service  
Jason Wilkes, Public Service Board Member  
Walter Sorg, Public Service Board Member  
Stacey Locke, Public Service Board Member

**Public Comments**

No public comments at this time.

**Minutes**

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 16, 2019 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

**Discussion**

**DISCUSSION – Budget Priorities for 2020/2021; along with Public Service Board Priorities**

Council Member Spadafore confirmed that the highlighted sections in the current document reflect the changes that will need to be made to update it for FY2020-2021. The Planning Board Members present then introduced themselves and Mr. Wilkes went through their recommendations to Council. Highlighted in their resolution was a recommendation to increase the funding for streets, increase in compliance to stay consistent with maintaining safety as a priority, funding to improve the City fleet of vehicles with a priority towards Public Service, and increase of funding for the maintenance and cleaning of the wastewater aeration basins, expansion of recycling for multi-family and business recycling, in addition to implement organic recovery; follow the recommendation on the energy audit, and lastly fund training for PFAS regulation. Council Member Spadafore noted that the Council approved additional funding in the current budget for sidewalks, and the new scooter ordinance also addresses

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funding from those applications for the streets as well. He then asked Mr. Kilpatrick if the City has received funds from any other sources for vehicles, and Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed there were funds from the sale of the Waverly Golf Course that went to forestry vehicles, and there is currently a grant in front of the Council that will assist with recycle truck funding. Ms. Locke spoke in support of the universal design for people with disabilities.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE COUNCIL 2020-2021 BUDGET PRIORITIES. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

**Other**

**Board of Public Service Communication; RE: Michigan's Transportation Infrastructure**

Council Member Spadafore referenced a resolution from the Board of Public Service requesting the City Council to support significant State government investment in the transportation infrastructure. Council Staff was requested to draft a resolution for the next Committee meeting, September 17, 2019.

**Discussion- continued**

**RESOLUTION – Local Agency Pavement Warranty Program, Adoption and Implementation**

Mr. Kilpatrick explained this is a resolution that is mandated by the State to adopt the Local Agency Pavement Warranty Program and then implement and report on the program. He added, that the program is based on dollars and will apply to actual pavement projects, however the history of City projects reflect projects that will not be large enough projects. However, the State mandates the municipalities adopt and implement. Regarding any large project that could occur, in the City the majority of those are MDOT streets and therefore the point person on the bidding, letting and construction will be the State of Michigan anyways. Council Member Spadafore requested Mr. Kilpatrick provide a "bullet- point" list to him prior to the Council meeting Monday night to provide an overview to Council before action.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MICHIGAN LOCAL AGENCY PAVEMENT WARRANTY PROGRAM. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT AND REPORT ON THE LOCAL AGENCY PAVEMENT WARRANTY PROGRAM. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Council Member Spadafore asked Mr. Kilpatrick to return to the September 17, 2019 Committee meeting to discuss traffic calming updates.

**Other**

Council Member Garza asked Mr. Kilpatrick for confirmation on ownership of the intersection of Edgewood and Cedar and was told it is MDOT.

Council Member Spadafore stated he had an inquiry on what the process would be if a neighborhood all agreed to pay a special assessment to have their road fixed. Mr. Kilpatrick acknowledged he was not aware of an actual policy or program, however it could possibly follow the same track that is used for sidewalks.

Council Member Garza asked for an update on Schafer Road and occasional water in a residents yards. Mr. Kilpatrick confirmed the evaluation was performed and letters would be sent. If it is determined that he property owners have to clean up the area, and it is not done, then the work will be performed and the property owners will be assessed the cost. Council

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Member Garza then presented a photo of a sidewalk that had heaved on Ellendale off Miller. Mr. Kilpatrick reviewed the photo and noted since it is marked with green paint, it could be on the repair list. Lastly, Mr. Kilpatrick was asked if there were traffic study results and plans for Ellendale and Devonshire and Mr. Kilpatrick stated the study was done, but the results fell within the acceptable percentile. He would obtain the traffic study and forward to the Council offices.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak,

Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

## Boak, Sherrie

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### Application for Appointment to Board or Commission

*Thank you for your interest in serving on a Lansing Board, Commission or committee. The Lansing City Charter requires that every appointee to a board, commission, or committee established by Charter or ordinance must meet the following qualifications and eligibility requirements:*

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- Be a registered elector in the City of Lansing (Charter Section 2-102).*

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  - Be a resident of Lansing for one year prior to taking office (Charter Section 2-102).*

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  - Not be in default to the City at the time of taking office (Charter Section 2-103.2).*

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  - Not have been convicted, within 20 years of taking office, of a violation of the election laws of the City of Lansing, State of Michigan, or the United States; a violation of public trust; or any felony (Charter Section 2-103.1).*

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Date	2/28/2018
First Name	Sean
Middle	Nathaniel
Last Name	Hammond
Other name(s) by which you have been known, including maiden names	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Date of Birth	
Address	820 N Verlinden Ave
City	Lansing
State	MI

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Zip Code	48915
Email	seannhammond@gmail.com
Gender	Gender
Ward	4
Precinct	38
Best phone number to contact you	5172820685
Last 4 digits of social security number	
In what year did you move to Lansing?	2015
Additional information regarding experience and credentials	Member of the State Bar of Michigan
Occupational Background	Deputy Policy Director at Michigan Environmental Council - Work with the Legislature and Executive branch on environmental policy
Educational Background	BS of Biology - Saginaw Valley State University JD - Michigan State University College of Law
Please attach a resume if available	<a href="#">Resume 2018.docx</a>
First choice for board to serve on	Saginaw St. Coordinator Improvement Authority
Second choice of a board to serve on	Parks Board
Third choice of a board to serve on	Potter Park Zoo
Fourth choice of a board to serve on	Board of Water and Light
Please comment briefly on why you wish to serve on a particular board or commission. Please be specific as to your goals and ideas about how you	Corridor Improvement Authority - As a resident of Old Oakland neighborhood, I want to see the Saginaw Oakland Corridor grow and improve so that it serves the residents of our neighborhood in an efficient and meaningful way. This includes creating placemaking along the corridor to better attract investment and to have an accessible corridor via any form of

wish to contribute to the work of the board or commission

transportation used. Parks Board - As a environmental proponent, nothing can be more important than local parks to get people outdoors. I want to see strategic investments to improve park infrastructure and connectivity. Trails are a very important part of a connected and functioning transportation system in a city like Lansing, and developing a full system to complement the river trail would be high on my priority list.

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Qualifications and Eligibility – At this time, if you do not meet one or more of the qualifications or eligibility requirements listed at the top, please state here the requirement to be met and explain how you will be qualified or eligible before you would be sworn in to an appointed office

N/A

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Background Check Authorization

I agree

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Please type your name in this box to signify that you can serve on a board or commission and the information in this application is accurate to the best of your knowledge

Sean Hammond

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Date & Time

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# **Sean N. Hammond**

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## **Professional Memberships**

- **Michigan Bar**, Admitted May 2015

## **Education**

- **Michigan State University College of Law**: Graduated December 2015
  - Juris Doctor
    - o 3.418 GPA
    - o International Law Review
- **Saginaw Valley State University**: Graduated with Honors May 2012
  - Bachelor's of Science in Biology
    - o Biology Major; Political Science and Chemistry Minors
    - o Presidential Scholarship – 4 years
    - o Honors Program – 4 years
    - o Roberts Fellows at SVSU 2011-2012
    - o Dow Corning Public Service Scholarship - 2012

## **Relevant Experience**

### **Michigan Environmental Council – January 2015 – Present**

#### **Deputy Policy Director**

- Research, draft, give testimony, and meet with state officials on policy issues, proposed legislation, and regulations
- Manage and coordinate the policy team to ensure that all necessary engagement occurs

### **Senate Majority Policy Office - March 2014 – Aug 2014**

#### **Legal Policy Extern**

- Prepare Issue Analysis for use by the Caucus and policy staff
- Research and draft legal memos concerning proposed legislation

### **Michigan Attorney General – Revenue and Collections Division – August 2013 – December 2013**

#### **Legal Student Assistant**

- Reviewed files to identify traits of potential class action suit members
- Organized data from the files into an easily sortable and reviewable format

### **Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development – May 2013 – August 2013**

#### **Legal Intern**

- Reviewed Michigan's statutes and regulations to compare and contrast with other states
- Drafted memos on various issues facing the Department, addressing case law, regulations and statutes

### **IMG College Seating – August 2008 – November 2013**

#### **MSU Stadium Representative**

- Oversaw the installation of ~10,000 seatbacks per year, managing the installation crews and auditing for accuracy
- Managed the gameday sale booths and volunteers, coordinating installation of new seats and handling customer service

## **Activities**

- Saginaw Valley State University Foundation Board Member, 2017-Present
- Federalist Society at Michigan State University College of Law, Vice President of Marketing, 2013-2014

- Boy Scouts of America: Eagle Scout, Chief of the BSA Order of the Arrow Section C-2B, 2009-2010
- Saginaw Valley Model United Nations, Vice-President - 2011

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BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the Mayor made the appointment of Sean N. Hammond, 820 N. Verlinden Avenue, Lansing, MI 48915 as a 4<sup>TH</sup> Ward Member of the Park Board for a term to expire June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the nominee has been vetted by the Mayor's Office and meets the qualifications as required by the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Public Service met on October 1, 2019 and took affirmative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, confirms the appointment of Sean N. Hammond, 820 N. Verlinden Avenue, Lansing, MI 48915 as a 4<sup>TH</sup> Ward Member of the Park Board for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE  
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS the City of Lansing Board of Public Service adopted a resolution on July 11, 2019 addressing the lack of State resources to adequately respond to the City's crumbling transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS at that time they appealed to the City Council to support a request to the State government to adjust the distribution formula to better recognize the differing wear and tear on roads based on usage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lansing City Council and the Administration demands a significant State government investment in Michigan's transportation infrastructure, and appeals to State officials to adjust the distribution formula to better recognize road funding based on usage.

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**AARP Age-Friendly Parks – City of Lansing Parks**  
**By Dax E. Carpenter, Project Access Coordinator**

**Introduction**

Our organization was asked to perform an age-friendly accessibility study for the AARP Age-Friendly Lansing organization. This task was carried out over March and April 2018. As listed below, the reports are being submitted in alphabetical order. This project encompasses usability, accessibility, quality of life, and better means of aging in place.

(In Alphabetical Order)

Asterisk (\*) for ADA Accessible Amenities

7<sup>th</sup> Street Park – Has parking on the street, a play structure, and basketball court. No other features available. This park does feature an open green area.

\*Adado Riverfront Park – This Park straddles the Grand River in downtown Lansing. It is home to the Common Ground Music Festival in July. This park offers vast amounts of green space on both sides of the river. The eastern portion is on the main route of the River Trail System, goes down to the Lansing City Market, and has sculptures, a small play structure, a boat dock, benches, and an ADA accessible kayak launch. The two sides are connected by a train trestle that has been modified to accommodate all forms of non-motorized transportation. The western half of the park features another boat docking area, pavilion, ADA accessible walkways, and an amphitheater.

\*Attwood Park – Located at Attwood Elementary School; the park portion is a green space that has no features to it. Much of the playground equipment is located on the school districts portion of the property. However, the southeast portion of the park does have a pavilion, play structure, two park benches, and an ADA accessible walkway.

Averill Park – Located at Averill Elementary School; The park features one play structure, two park benches, and no walkway into the park or benches. The park features a wooded area that resides on the eastern half of the park.

\*Bancroft Park – Features a play structure, benches, parking, and a walking path. Is also home to a sledding hill in the winter months. Park backs up to Groesbeck Municipal Golf Course on the eastern side of the park.

\*Barb Dean Tot Lot – Is located on Martin St. and is a park setup for Lansing's youngest residents. There are play structures, benches, picnic tables, and an ADA walkway to the play area. There is a good amount of shade available to keep that sunburn to a minimum.

Bassett Park – Has a play structure, basketball court, a large green space that is used for pickup softball and football games. There are also picnic tables and benches available.

\*Beck Park – Has a dirt parking space available on Rolfe St. and a rustic hiking trail located on the north end of the park. There are two park benches and play structure. There is a short, accessible walkway available at the Rolfe entrance.

Bluebell Park – No parking lot, parking is available on the street. The north end of the park is a green space, the south end of the park has two benches, a water fountain, and playground area.

\*Bruchard Park – Is located on the west side of Brenke Fish Ladder and Dam. There are ADA Walkways and benches to sit on and enjoy the view of Old Town and the Dam. Parking is located at the dead end of E. Maple St.

\*Caesar-Donora – There is a play structure, ADA accessible walkway to the play area, benches, and picnic tables. There is also a large green space available at the park.

Cavanaugh Park – Located at Cavanaugh Elementary School, there are multiple access points to get into the park. The west end of the park is a large green space and the playground equipment is located on the school side of the property.

\*Cherry Hill Park – Is located near downtown on River St. The park features a large open space, play structure, pavilion, a boat launch located at the south end of the park with parking for tow vehicles with trailers, and an ADA accessible kayak launch.

Clifford Park – Has a small parking area, three tennis courts, play structure, community garden, and large green space.

Comstock Park – Has a large open area. The park still maintains the old bunkhouse that was used for ice skate rental when the park was flooded in the winter. There are also hills used for sledding during the winter. A small play structure is there, along with several picnic tables.

\*Cooley Gardens – Located on the corner of Townsend and Malcolm X St. This park features several garden areas but can be difficult for wheelchair users to navigate.

\*Crego Park – Lansing's largest park by size, it is home to the MSU connector for the River Trail System. There are ADA accessible kayak launches to the Red Cedar River, fishing docks, 4 ADA accessible parking spots at the main portion of the park, as well as 2 more ADA accessible parking spots located at the Krueger's Landing portion of the park that features the connector to downtown for the River Trail System. There are multiple benches, picnic tables, and resting areas available.

\*Davis Park – At the west end of the park there are two softball fields with bleachers, an accessible parking lot. The east end of the park has two lighted softball fields, outdoor workout equipment, two restroom areas, a concession stand, three play structures, and several walking paths that exceed ADA specifications. There are only two ADA accessible parking spots for a parking lot that has over 100 parking spots. There are portions of the parking lot that are in disrepair also. There is one full-court basketball court and two half-court basketball courts.

Dietrich Park – Is located as direct access point for the River Trail. Other than that, this park is a green space that has a park bench for trail users to rest.

Dodge Park – Is a green area that is located just west of the Turner-Dodge House.

Dunneback Park – Is located directly north of West Side Park. There is a community garden that is inaccessible, as there is no walking path available to get to the garden area. There is a pavilion with no path accessibility, a playground that is accessible from Stanley St. The tennis courts are in the process of being taken down because of disrepair.

\*Durant Park – Is a large park located north of Lansing Community College. The park features a play structure, several benches, and ADA-friendly walkways.

Edmore Park – Is a small park that features a play structure and a park bench. Parking is done on Edmore St.

\*Elm Park – Has a north and south portion. The north portion features a play structure and a basketball court. The portions of the park are connected by the River Trail. The south portion features a softball diamond with bleachers, dugouts, and a small parking lot.

Elmhurst Park – Located at Elmhurst Elementary School, there is a basketball court, baseball diamond, and a large open space. There are a couple of picnic tables available.

Everett Park – Is a sports-oriented park with two soccer fields and a basketball court. There is a small parking lot with one ADA accessible spot. Additional parking is available on Holmes Rd.

\*Fenner Nature Center – Is a wildlife refuge that is home to nearly every ecosystem the State of Michigan has to offer. There are ADA compliant walking paths around the center that have resting points along the multiple paths around the park. There 8 accessible parking spots at the center, a welcome center that has accessible bathrooms and an information center.

\*Ferris Park – Is located in downtown and home to the Beacon Soccer complex. The park also features a play structure, basketball court, picnic tables, benches, and a vast green space for other activities. The walkway in the park is ADA-friendly.

Fine Park – Park is a green space with no features.

Forest View Park – Is a large park located on Forest Road. There is a parking lot available. There are two pavilions, picnic tables, and Basketball courts.

Foster Park – Is home to a softball diamond, water fountain, accessible picnic table, grill, resource center for the Ingham County Food Bank, Community Garden, play structure, and several park benches, and picnic tables. There are also two full length basketball courts. Parking is available on Marcus Street on the street.

\*Frances Park – Is home to a rose garden that is home to man wedding ceremonies. Frances Park also has several other amenities including an ADA compliant walking path that goes around the entire park, 20 accessible parking spots, a large pavilion, several picnic tables, multiple play structures, extremely large open grass area that can accommodate soccer, football, and other sports as well. There is also a scenic overlook that overlooks the Grand River over Moores River Drive. Across Moores River Drive there is walking path area and a fishing dock, as well as resting areas.

\*Fulton Park – Has a play structure, walkway, limited number of parking spaces, is part of the west Lansing Walking Trail, has two picnic tables, 5 benches, and a fishing dock that has limited accessibility.

Georgetown Park – Features tennis courts, a pavilion, play structure, picnic tables, benches, and a large open space. This park is located in the Georgetown Co-op neighborhood.

\*Gier Park – BMX area has four (4) accessible parking spots and an accessible walkway to the bleachers and track area. The main portion of the park has three (3) softball diamonds, concession area, six accessible parking spots, eight (8) foot wide sidewalks around the bleacher area, restrooms, bleachers for viewing softball games, and multiple picnic tables.

Glenn Eden Park – Is a large open space with no accessible walkways; park is located on Hamelon St.

\*Grand River Park – Is home to the Lansing Boat Club. This is also the entry point for the Michigan Princess Riverboat. There are several boat launches, an ADA accessible Kayak launch, fishing dock, and a pavilion.

\*Graves Park – Has two play structures, one on the east end of the park, the other on the west end of the park. There is a basketball court in the middle of the park. There is an ADA accessible walkway with two park benches located at the west side of the park.

Greencroft Park – Is a green space with no park features or amenities.

\*Hillborn Park – Located at a dead end, there is no parking available. There is a play structure with a park bench and picnic table with an ADA accessible walkway.

\*Hillsdale Park – Features a small play structure and ADA accessible walkway. Located west of Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Holly Park – Features a play structure, park benches and moderate sized forest area. Located on S. Holly Way

Horsebrook Park – This Park may be one of the most hidden parks in the City. There is a basketball court, play structure, and a very large open green space. Parking is available behind the UAW building located at Grand River and Delta River Drive.

\*Hull Court Park – Features a play structure, bench, and ADA-friendly path through the park. Located on Comfort St. and Hull Ct.

\*Hunter Park – Is home to a public swimming pool, community garden, large gazebo with accessible picnic tables, grilling area, tennis court, play areas, walking path that runs throughout the park, as well nature areas throughout the park. This park is also the most improved park over the last decade.

Ingham Park – Is located on S. Catherine St. There is a play structure, basketball court picnic table, and bench. There is parking available and a walkway to the play structure.

\*Irving Park – Is located at CATA bus stop with a small play structure, bench, and ADA walkway. This park is located across the street from Sycamore Park on Pennsylvania Ave.

Jones Lake – Is located at the dead end of W. Fredrick Ave. There is a play structure and no pathway to navigate the park in any manner.

Kalamazoo Park – Is a green space located on the Hunter Park property. There is a CATA bus stop located directly in front of the “park”.

Kaynorth Park – Has playground and a park bench. There is no designated parking area, nor a walkway to the bench and playground area. It has a portion of the River Trail extension that runs the north border of the park.

Kendon Park – Description located north of Kendon Elementary School; the north end of the park has a basketball court, softball field, picnic table, and a park bench. The play structures are at the school and usable when school is not in session.

Kimberly Park – Is a green space located on Chester Rd. No amenities or features.

\*Kingsley Park – Renamed Letts Park, it is home to several tennis courts, a community garden, Letts’ Community Center, a play structure, park benches, picnic tables, and a large green space. There are 4 ADA accessible parking spots, along with a pavilion, and ADA accessible walkways around the park.

\*Kircher/Municipal Park – Home to a baseball diamond that hosts major baseball tournaments and events. There are six (6) accessible parking spots, a compliant walkway and walking path around the park, a playground, accessible bleachers, concession stand, picnic tables, restrooms that are open during game nights and several trash cans. There is also access to the River Trail at this park.

Larch Park – This Park is a green space with no park features or amenities.

Lyons Park – Located at Lyons Elementary School; the park has a basketball court and soccer field. The play structure is located on the school property, as well as available parking spaces.

\*Maguirre Park – Has multiple access points for the River Trail, a bicycle repair station, pavilion with six picnic tables, 54 parking spots with van accessible parking spots, a playground area that is primarily a “ropes course”, and portable restroom that is not handicap accessible.

\*Marscot Park – Has no formal parking area as it is located at a dead end of a road. Park has a playground, tennis courts, 2 picnic tables, 5 benches, and ADA accessible walkway to the tennis court and playground areas.

\*Marshall Park – Is a large park that is home to beach volleyball courts, a baseball field, pavilion, bleachers, and a massive open space that is used for various sports events in the City of Lansing. There is a paved parking lot. There is also a softball diamond and play structure.

McKinch Park – Features a play structure, large open green space, and basketball court. Located on Moffitt St, the parking for this park is also done on the street.

Michigan Ave. Park – Park has a dirt parking lot and features a sledding hill.

Moore, Harold Park – Formerly known as Filley Park, there is a pavilion, play structure, picnic tables, and a large open space that could be used for pickup soccer games or other sports. Very limited parking is available Filley St.

\*Moores Park – Is home to one of the United States oldest outdoor swimming pools and has an historical marker for this; the western portion of the River Trail System now traverses through the park. There are tennis courts, a sledding hill, basketball courts, play structures, fishing docks located above and below the dam, a pavilion, multiple picnic tables and benches, and a large open space. This park also sits in the flood plain, which lends itself to flooding when there are large amounts of precipitation.

Munn Park – Is a green space located on Aurelius Road.

Oak Park – Park features volleyball courts, basketball courts, a play structure, along with large open spaces. There is a pavilion, picnic tables, and benches. There is parking available on Leshler Place.

Ormond Park – Is currently closed for modifications to add a direct access point for Groesbeck Municipal Golf Course.

Osborn Park – Is located west of the former Verlinden Elementary School Site. There is a basketball court and a picnic table. Parking is done on the streets surrounding the park.

Pleasant View Park – Is located on the same property as Pleasant View Elementary School.

\*Potter Park – Is located directly outside the Potter Park Zoo; there is a pavilion located next to the River Trail connector route. There are resting benches nearby as well. There is a small parking space located near the zoo entrance.

Porter Park – Has a playground with a walking path to the area. Park also features a basketball court and a couple of picnic tables. Accessible parking is unavailable as all parking is done on the streets surrounding the park.

\*Poxson Park – Is a large park with a large green space. At the west end of the park is a play structure, two benches, and ADA accessible walkway.

\*Quentin Park – Is home to two softball diamonds, tennis courts, and play structure with walking path to the structure. There is a vast amount of green space in the park as well. Parking is done on the streets surrounding the park.

\*Ranney Park – Is home to the only outdoor action/extreme park for the City of Lansing. There is a softball diamond that is used by Lansing Community College. At the north end of the park there is a sledding hill, but no walkway to it. The central portion of the park is an open area that is relatively flat. The south end of the park has parking with a two (2) accessible parking spots, tennis courts, and a practice tennis area. The action sports portion of the park has seating around the entire area. There is also a concession stand that is only open during game days at the softball complex.

Reasoner Park – Has a play structure, picnic tables, large open area, and a basketball court.

Red Cedar – Former golf course that has been closed and purchased by a developer for redevelopment.

\*Regent Park – Park has a large amount of nature-friendly space, playground, picnic table, and a walkway that is ADA compliant.

Reola Park – Is located near no parking area. This park features a playground that has accessible path to the play structure.

\*Reutter Park – Located across the street from the downtown library, features a large fountain, several benches, several ADA accessible walkways to the fountain, and is located directly on the CATA bus line.

\*Risdale Park – Has 5 ADA accessible parking spots, ADA accessible football stadium for Pop Warner football leagues, a bike parking rack, small play structure, water fountain, and two basketball courts located on the west end of the park.

\*Riverpoint Park – Has dock area at the meeting point for the Grand and Red Cedar River. This is a direct access point for the River Trail. Park has a pavilion, play area, picnic tables, and benches available.

Riverside Park – Is a large, open green space located at Moores River Drive and Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

St. Joseph Park – Is home to 6 tennis courts, two softball diamonds, basketball court, a play structure, and large open space that was once home to the Lansing Youth Football League. There is plenty of parking available, but the markings for the accessible spots have worn away and should be re-lined.

Scott Center and Park – has access to the River Trail, lacks any other true amenities.

Scott Woods Park – Is a large green space that is a connector point for the River Trail system. The park connects Sycamore Golf Academy to Hawk Island County Park. The River Trail is ADA-friendly. Scott Woods Park has no dedicated parking area.

Shubel Park – Is a green area that is mostly forest area for nature walks. No accessible paths, and parking is done on Lindbergh drive.

Stabler Park – Has a play structure, picnic tables, full-length basketball court, and a small amount of green space.

Stroud Park – Is a green space with no park features or amenities.

Sunset Hills – Is a green space with no park features or amenities.

Sycamore Park – Is home to a plat structure, lighted softball field that in years past has been used for City of Lansing softball leagues. There is a parking lot that features some accessible parking, a concession/restroom area, as well as bleachers for watching softball games.

Tammany Park – Is located in the middle of a neighborhood. There is an ADA walkway to the play structure with a bench located near the play structure. Parking is done on Canarsie Dr.

\*Tecumseh Park – Description: East end of the park has four parking spots (1 ADA accessible); A Floating kayak launch dock (ADA accessible) with a paved access trail to docking area. Center of the park is a wooded lot with several different types of trees. West end of the park has a playground, a pavilion with picnic tables and grill available, ADA accessible walkway to the pavilion and play structure. There is also a backstop for softball or baseball, but the remainder of the field is overgrown, and half-court setup for basketball. Parking is done along Tecumseh River Drive, where available. The park does sit in a flood plain along the Grand River. Upon snowmelt or heavy amounts of rain, the park will occasionally flood in low lying areas.

\*Trager Park – Is a green space with direct access to the River Trail System, located directly across from Potter Park Zoo. There is a resting bench available. This park also sits directly in the flood plain for the Red Cedar River and floods regularly with inclement weather.

Turner Park – Is a small corner park located in Old Town that has a picnic table and several benches for enjoying the uniqueness that Old Town offers. Turner Park is also the smallest park based on size.

Wainwright Park – Shares space with Wainwright Elementary School; Has a pavilion with 4 picnic tables, 2 tennis courts on the west side of the park. The east side, which is on the school property, features three play structures and a basketball court.

Waldo Park – Is located on a corner lot with a play structure, basketball court, picnic tables, and benches.

Walsh Park – Has a play structure, two basketball courts, baseball field that has no backstop. There is a pavilion located at the south end of the park with a bench nearby.

\*Washington Park – Is formerly home to two ice rinks. The park includes a large pavilion with accessible seating picnic tables. The path to the pavilion is long enough to warrant the need for a park bench for people to rest on the walk to the pavilion. There is a play structure, softball diamond, walking path around the park, and a wealth of parking spots. The paint marking the ADA accessible spots needs to be resprayed for better visibility.

\*Wentworth Park – Description: Located on Grand Ave., across from the Radisson Hotel. This park has a ten (10) foot wide sidewalk area that is directly in front of a CATA Bus Stop. This park is home to several monuments and memorials (Kerns Hotel Fire, 9/11 Memorial, and Lansing Steam Clock). This park has two solar powered picnic tables (courtesy of the BWL) that can accommodate phone charging as needed. This park is home to several “Pokémon stops” and is near Downtown amenities and Lansing Community College. There are no bathrooms available at the park, but it is near several public restrooms. There are ten (10) sets of benches to relax next to Grand Ave. This park, while active, is a park with leisure opportunities.

\*West Side Park - Is home to the baseball stadium for Lansing Community College Baseball. There is also softball stadium with bleachers. There is a pavilion, restrooms, lawn bowling/bocce ball facility located in the center of the park. There is parking available near both stadiums located on the property. This park has been re-named for the Wilson Family as well, which makes it difficult to enter it into GPS systems, as Wilson Park is located near the Mt. Vernon Co-op Living community near the Capital City Airport.

Willoughby Park – This Park is a green space, with no amenities, benches, walking paths, etc.

Wilson Park – Is located in the Mt. Vernon neighborhood. There is a pavilion, basketball court, tennis courts, picnic tables, and a play structure. There is a walking path that only leads to the tennis courts. The remainder of the park is open green areas.

Woodcreek Park – Shares space with Woodcreek Elementary School; there's a walking path with two benches near single play structure. There is a basketball court at the school. Parking is available at the school when school is out of session.

### Recommendations

The City of Lansing and the Parks and Recreation system consists of 114 parks. The website reflects a different number, but the number remains well over 100. While most of the parks are user friendly, there are accessibility issues at many of the parks. However, the Parks and Recreation Department is also in the middle of a 20-year park upgrade plan. These accessibility concerns are being addressed as the improvements are being made. There are areas for improvement and as an organization that has partnered with many other park departments in the Tri-County Area in the past, I would recommend that a partnership with the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department and Disability Network Capital Area be formed. Accessibility to all is our goal and the best way to accomplish this is to partner with as many groups as possible.

Community partnerships are the way to forge a positive path for our region future, doing what is best for all citizens, regardless of ability, and putting our future generations of park users in a great position for positive and increased park usage for persons of any age. We would like to continue to work with the City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department to increase accessibility to all.

Aging in place relies heavily on having the amenities locally to those residents that choose to have this style of life. Parks play a great role in allowing all residents to maintain quality of life by using their neighborhood parks, having safe and accessible walkways around the parks, while allowing for simple activities like walking in order to promote their personal health, as well neighborhood engagement with other residents in these areas.

Lansing's park network is vast and is made up of some of the best parks in the State of Michigan. Residents from around the state use our park system yearly for many events. From the Common Ground Music Festival, family reunions, birthday parties, to just wanting a place to enjoy tranquility, our parks play a vital role in our city. Forming partnerships allows for further investment and

development to this great resource that we have available to our residents, as well as residents from around our great state.

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