



**PARKS, RECREATION AND LAND PRESERVATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
8:30 A.M., THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021**

**ROSELLE PARK MEETING ROOM
1010 GRAND RIVER DR., ADA, MI 49301**

AGENDA

- 1) Call meeting to order/roll call
- 2) Approval of agenda
- 3) Approval of minutes from May 13, 2021
- 4) Update on Kent County Chief Hazy Cloud Park
- 5) Updating the 5-year PRLP Plan
 - RFP process for a consultant
 - Review of Goals and Objectives and Actions Program
- 6) Committees Reports
 - * Stewardship Committee
 - * Facilities and Programs Committee
 - * Trails Committee
- 7) Update on Bond Process for funding Capital Projects
- 8) Park Director's Report
- 9) Board Member Comment
- 10) Public Comment
- 11) Adjournment

**ADA TOWNSHIP PARKS, RECREATION AND LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE THURSDAY MAY 13, 2021 REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A.M., ROSELLE MEETING ROOM
1010 GRAND RIVER DR., ADA 49301**

1. Call meeting to order/roll call

Present: Terwilliger, Damstra, Steketee, Levick, Roe, Jacobs, Winczewski, VandenBerge, Schmottlach, Crosby

Absent: Steketee, Leisman

Staff Present: Fitzpatrick, Ergang, Suchy, McCormick **Absent:** Ferro

Public Present: None

2. Approval of agenda

Crosby moved, Roe supported, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of minutes from April 8, 2021.

VandenBerge moved, Crosby supported, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Planning Schedule for Updating the PRLP 5-year Community Recreation Plan – Fitzpatrick presented a draft of a schedule to update the 5-year PRLP Plan. Note that the schedule and links to the DNR guidelines and our current plan are in the packet. Discussion followed regarding timing and bringing in a consultant to assist with the process. Julius to follow up with Jim and Mark on an RFP for a consultant.

5. Review of Updated Facility Use & Rental Fees –Fitzpatrick presented the draft of Park facility use and rental fees, noting changes since the last version. Increases were based on maintenance and operations costs, supplies, and staffing. New facilities added on included Legacy Park and the Decks at Leonard Field. Rental of the Les Craig Learning Center was removed. Julius mentions an upcoming meeting with a person from Amway to help look comparable prices area the area for rentals and events.

6. Committee Report and updates

- a. **Stewardship Committee** — Crosby gave an update on the last meeting. The group is working on communications about invasive plants in the Adaview. Other efforts focusing on conservation easements and reaching out to property owners. The next meeting is to have a representative from the Land Conservancy of West Michigan.
- b. **Programs & Facilities Committee** – Terwilliger provided an update on the May 7 committee meeting. Minutes from that meeting are in the packet. Highlights included: keeping the committee as one group and that in the past it had focused on facilities; some discussion on park rules; and next steps of meeting out in the parks. Mark to set up site visits plus a meeting to review recreation programs.

c. Trails Committee– VandenBerge provided an update on the work of the committee. Highlights include large maintenance projects for the summer of 2021 to going out to bid, and finalizing a plan for new projects to be done over the course of the new millage.

7. Directors Report – Fitzpatrick provided a few highlights from the Directors Report included in the packet. These included an update on Covid-19 restrictions being reduced; the RecPro software still in process, construction on Leonard Field lights being done and operating. He also noted that bids for the Roselle Shelter project are to go out next fall or early winter.

9. Board Member Comment – None

10. Public Comment – None

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Smith, Ada Township Clerk

Regarding Kent County Chief Hazy Cloud Park

Seyferth Public Relations firm facilitated a press event on June 3rd at Chief Hazy Cloud Park regarding the expansion of the park.

Eileen McNeil noted in an email the following text, photos and links:

- “Thursday’s announcement of the expansion of Chief Hazy Cloud Park in Ada Township received extensive positive coverage across TV, print, radio online and social media. The total audience is more than **300-thousand** people with a PR value of **more than \$40,000**”
- WOOD-TV 5 had stories on Thursday am and pm, WXMI-TV 5 had stories on Thursday pm and Friday am, WZZM-TV-3 had stories on Thursday pm and Friday am.



<https://www.woodtv.com/news/kent-county/kent-co-s-chief-hazy-cloud-park-grows-to-nearly-400-acres/>
<https://www.fox17online.com/news/local-news/kent/chief-hazy-cloud-park-to-feature-trails-grand-river-frontage-after-major-expansion>

https://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/2021/06/officials-want-to-turn-395-acre-property-along-grand-river-into-major-regional-park.html?utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=grandrapidspress_sf&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR3iT-yTilAtrClitaisliuozb82R-bhVeaTopedCKmQrdG0ZUqqa2udS9oM

<https://www.wgvunews.org/post/395-acre-expansion-coming-chief-hazy-cloud-park-ada>



Kent County Parks Director Dan DeLooff noted that the next steps will include hiring a consultant to help facilitate and develop a Master Plan for the park and then a capital campaign for the development phase. Dan also noted that he will work closely with Ada Township through that process.



To: PRLP Advisory Board
From: Mark Fitzpatrick, Parks & Rec. Director
Re: Process & Schedule for Updating the PRLP 5-Year Plan
Date: June 8, 2021

Process & Schedule for Updating the PRLP 5-Year Plan

Regarding Consultant Services

Requesting approval of PRLP Advisory Board for Township staff to develop an RFP for consulting services to assist with updating the 5-year PRLP Plan, and to proceed with the hiring process.

Timeframe:

June: Township staff develop RFP and process hiring consultant

July, Aug., Sept.: Consultant works with Township on public input and updating plan.

Scope of Work:

Consultant facilitates public input process and data collection

Consultant facilitates work with PRLP Advisory Board on updating “Goals & Objectives” and “Action Program”

Related Planning Notes:

***Township staff tasks:**

During July, August and September, to update:

Community Profile and Resource Inventory

Administrative Structure

Planning and Public Input Process

Parks, Natural Areas and Recreational Facilities

Appendix

***PRLP Advisory Board Tasks:**

Review “Goals & Objectives” and “Action Program” prior to work with consultant

***Fall schedule:**

October 14 PRLP Advisory Board final review of plan

November 8 Public Input/hearing at Ada Township Board Meeting, Resolution

Nov. 9 – 17 Final edits to the plan based on public input

December 6 Target date for Submitting Plan to MI DNR

Links for resources:

MI DNR guidelines:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/IC1924_Guidelines_for_the_development_of_Community_Park_Recreation_Open_Space_and_Greenway_Plans_626102_7.pdf

Our current PRLP Plan:

<http://adamichigan.org/uploads/township/Parks-Recreation/Ada-Township-Parks-Recreation-and-Land-Preservation-Plan.pdf>

MINUTES

Ada Township Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation

Stewardship Committee

Meeting held Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 3:00 p.m., Ada Library Community Room

Attendees: Betty Jo Crosby, Elise Roe, Rick Steketee, Jim Ferro, Mark Fitzpatrick, Julius Suchy

Guests: Rebecca Marquardt, Allison Tousley, Justin Heslinga

Items reviewed and discussed:

Introductions of staff and guests.

Update on invasive plants article that went into the summer Adaview newsletter.

Discussion on doing more education and stewardship articles.

Update on the annual inspection of the Carl Creek Wetlands Preserve, conducted by Nick Sanches of the Land Conservancy of West Michigan. Nick noted a couple areas of violation by adjacent land owners. Committee recommended a direct letter of notice be sent to those individual landowners: 5506 and 5946 Forest Bend Dr.



Justin Heslinga of the Land Conservancy of West Michigan provided an overview of the LCWM's Strategic Conservation Planning process for assessing priority lands for protection in the west Michigan region they serve. He discussed, and showed on screen, the logic behind and process for each of their evaluation areas and mapping tools. Specific maps were highlighted for Ada Township. The Committee was pleased to see how Ada Township is located in high priority areas identified by the LCWM and that the work we have done with our Open Space initiatives fits very well with their goals.

Justin noted that the LCWM is very interest in continuing to work with Ada Township on land preservation initiatives. One follow-up task is for the Committee to identify one or two "projects" that the LCWM can include in their project goals and funding initiatives. It was noted by the Committee that we need to re-activate the process for Ada residents making donations to the LCWM to have those donations targeted to a specific "Ada Township fund".

For follow up information see:

<https://naturenearby.org/strategic-conservation-plan/>

<http://maps.tnc.org/resilientland/>



Ada Township Parks & Recreation Department
Park Director's Report
For June 8, 2021
Submitted by Parks & Recreation Director Mark Fitzpatrick

Parks, Recreation, and Land Preservation Advisory Board Items

- Township staff met to review the process, schedule and scope of work for updating the 5-year PRLP Plan and hiring a consultant to help facilitate that process. The Advisory Board will review that process June 10.
- Stewardship Committee met May 26. Trails Committee to meet June 9
- Programs and Facilities Committee to set meetings at the parks.

Updates related to COVID-19

- May 5 updates from the Governor reduced more restrictions allowing including increases to the number of people in indoor spaces and less needs for mask.
- We now have the Roselle Park meeting room limited to 40 people inside.

Administrative Updates

- The Township started an on-line system for timesheets, making that to a paperless system.
- The ReCPro registration software still needs a few adjustments to coordinate the website, some more program input from staff, and one final training before we go "live" to the public.
- Recommendations for changes to the park facility use and rental fees are to go to the Township Board for June 28.
- We are working to update our website content so it is current and more user friendly.
- We created a new E-Newsletter which also serves as a handout. A copy is attached.

Updates on Township Parks and Preserves

Leonard Field Park

- The improvement project for the new light poles and lights is in the final punch list stage. Just finishing up lawn recovery and a crack in the concrete. Then the 10% retainage will be released to Airport Lighting, LCC. The lights have been being used for night games.
- We just received the report on the archeological survey required by the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office. We will review it and then submit follow up documents to the DNR grants office.
- We are working to get a contractor to replace the damaged bathroom stall partitions.
- We are looking to purchase trail cams to put up in the park. At some point we will need to set up security cameras.

Ada Township Park

- The park has been very busy, especially in the evenings when softball, soccer and other activities are all going on simultaneously.
- The fountain in the pond has finally aged out ceased working. We will be updating the electric system that feeds it and replacing the fountain over the next few weeks.
- We have decided not to replace the broken gates and leave the gated areas open for the summer. We will revisit gates as we go though the master plan update later this year.
- Volunteers helped with removal of Garlic Mustard throughout the spring.

Updates on Township Parks and Preserves continued

Legacy Park – In Memory of Helen and Rich Devos

- Facility rentals, concerts and yoga sessions are now weekly events at the Pavilion.
- A summer concert series is now going Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The Parks Department partnered with the Ada Historical Society to facilitate these events.
- Adjustments to the COVID-19 restrictions is allowing more people in the designated area for events and less need for masks. More people are coming outside and enjoying the area.
- Re-staining the finish on the Pavilion woodwork is completed.
- In regards to the erosion issues along the bank, we turned off several sprinkler heads in the irrigation system to reduce impacts from them. We are putting together specifications for contract services to help with the recommendations proposed by Progressive A&E.

Roselle Park

- Daily activity in the park and on the trails is still high. It is good to see so many people using the park.
- The number of rentals for the room in the building are increasing again as well as using it for more Township meetings. We have increased the room limit to 40 people inside and are allowing some rental group use of 10x10 canopies outside.
- Work on Shelter/Accessible Picnic/Playground improvement project is set for 2022. We will re-visit the bid process and schedule after the summer.
- Volunteers helped with the garden beds around the entries and building.
- Staff are evaluating repair and maintenance needs for the silo as well as adjusting public access hours.

Carl Creek Crossings Preserve

- Volunteers assisted with Garlic Mustard removal through the spring.
- There is consistent daily use.
- Review of the easement and trail route will be assessed by the Programs & Facilities Committee at their site visit.

Carl Creek Wetlands Preserve

- The annual site visit and review by the LCWM was done in May. Two property owners were found in violation of dumping debris from their yards into the preserve area. We will be following up with them.
- Assistance by Kent Conservation District is expected in the late summer or early fall to treat some of the wood invasive plants. A grant application has been submitted to the Cascade Community Foundation to assist with those costs.

Grand River Natural Area Preserve

- Moore & Bruggink is coordinating repairs to a section of the paved trail. It is part of a larger trail maintenance project being contracted out. The work is expected to be done in the fall.

Knapp Corners Preserve

- With no action from the sign committee, we are looking at alternatives for a white backing to the sign on the site.

Shady Drive Preserve

- No updates at this time.

Update on the Bike Paths / Non-Motorized Trails

- Bids for the major maintenance project to be done this year were received June 8. The Trail Committee will review them June 9 and the Township Board is to review their recommendation on June 14. Moore & Bruggink is facilitating that initiative. The scope of work includes a section of trail at the Grand River Natural Area, the Consumers Energy easement trail, a section of the trail on Ada Drive and replacement of the bridges on Ada drive. The work is expected to be done in the fall.
- The Trail Committee is meeting June 9 to review options for future additions and extensions to the trail system and a bonding option to help fund them.
- Park staff continue to maintain the trail. An area on Bailey Drive damaged by a tree fall is being patched this week by staff. More complete repairs will be done by contractors this fall. Several trees in that area are in need of attention – we are reviewing with contractors for assistance.

Update on the Kent County Park in Ada Township

- A press event was held at the park announcing Kent County Parks's completion of the property expansion initiative. There was good press coverage. <https://www.woodtv.com/news/kent-county/kent-co-s-chief-hazy-cloud-park-grows-to-nearly-400-acres/>
- With the completion of the land acquisition phase, the County can complete the DNR grant reports and submit us an invoice for our matching funds.
- The development phase of the park will start by the County hiring a consulting firm to assist with the Master Plan and then go into a capital campaign. Ada Township will be involved in the master planning process.

Updates on Recreation Programs

- For the softball and baseball programs:
 - Middle School Baseball League games we held in the springs
 - Two more tournaments were held. Three more are scheduled.
 - Summer adult softball leagues started May 4: Men's Slow Pitch League on Tuesdays, COED on Wednesdays.
 - In addition, there are several field rentals set up.
- Field rentals for spring AYSO youth soccer completed June 5.
- Field rental for spring middle school ZigZag Ultimate Frisbee completed last week. There will run a summer session once a week.
- One pre-school field trip is set up for the summer. Others are expected in the fall. We are working with various schools to see what might be available for fall k-8 field trips and outreach programs.
- We set up a series of ½ summer programs for youth. They are outlined in our newsletter. A registration form is being finished up this week.
- Outdoor yoga at Legacy Park is underway. Other adult programs are being planned for the fall.
- The outdoor summer concerts series at the Legacy Park Pavilion is underway at 7:00 pm on Wednesday. It is coordinated with the Ada Historical Society will be held on Wednesday nights at Legacy Park. We are also hosting a youth open mic night one Tuesday evening a month.
- The Grand Rapids Triathlon will be based out of Ada Park this year and run over two days, Saturday June 19 and Sunday 20. The youth component will be held on Saturday June 19, also at Ada Park.
- The 4th of July Committee decided to now have the activities on June 3rd. They will include a parade, kid's parade, classic car show, music concert and fireworks.
- The *Beers at the Bridge* Committee is working to hold the August 20 event.
- The ABA has decided not to hold the August in Ada Children's Fair this August at Ada Park. We will plan to host that again in 2022.
- We are coordinating with the Thornapple River Watershed Council to hold the annual river clean-up day on September 18.
- LGROW has set up a series for programs related to the Grand River for June 10-20. Details are on their web site: <https://www.lgrow.org/spring-forum>



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7330 Thornapple River Dr, Ada,
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Web site:

www.adatownshipmi.com

Highlights of Upcoming Events:

Community Events:

4th of July Events
on July 3rd
Parade, Fireworks

Wednesday nights
"Concerts on the Lawn"
7:00 p.m. at Legacy Park

Youth Programs:
1/2 Day Event
Kid's Garden Opportunities
Youth Open Mic

Adult Programs:
Yoga in the Park
Softball Programs
Volunteer Opportunities



Ada Township Parks and Recreation Newsletter June 2, 2021

Ada Township Parks and Preserves:

Ada Township Park 180 Buttrick Ave, 57 acres

Park office, Learning Center, shelters, arboretum, softball & soccer fields, tennis & pickleball courts, basketball court, playground, pond, trails, picnic areas.

Roselle Park 1010 Grand River Dr. NE, 247 acres

Restrooms, meeting room, picnic area, playground, paved and non-paved trails, observation decks, natural areas, Grand River shoreline.

Legacy Park 7450 River Street in Ada Village

Thornapple River view, playground, trail, restrooms., pavilion/amphitheater.

Leonard Field Park & Ada Covered Bridge,

7490 Thornapple River Drive, 2 acres

Softball field, bike path, Thornapple River overlook deck, Ada Covered Bridge.

Carl Creek Crossings Preserve 6230 Grand River Drive, 8 acres

Non-paved trails, creek access.

Grand River Natural Area Grand River Drive, 110 acres

Enter via Ada Moorings Trails, bike path, Grand River shoreline.

Kent County Parks manages Seidman and Chief Hazy Cloud Parks. See

www.kcpf.org/parks or www.accesskent.com/Departments/parks for details

Park Rules and Use:

COVID-19: Some facilities and amenities may still be limited for use. Please follow current guidelines, safety and sanitation practices.

Park Hours: Park grounds are open dawn to dusk.

Dog Policy: Township ordinances require dogs to be on a leash and cleaned up after in all parks and preserves.

Motorized recreation vehicles are not allowed.

Alcohol is not allowed in the parks or park facilities.

Facility Reservation and Rentals: Current Covid-19 restrictions apply, contact the Park office for availability, scheduling and fees.

Walking & Bike Paths: Located throughout the Township and in several Parks.

For more information visit our website at www.adatownshipmi.com
e-mail us at adaparks@adatownshipmi.com or call 616-676-0520

Community Events:

“Music on the Lawn” Summer Concerts:

7 p.m.—9 p.m. Wednesday Evenings

Legacy Park Pavilion

7450 River Street in Ada Village

- ♪ 6/2 Cole Hansen *Soloist, Catchy & Timeless*
- ♪ 6/9 Whiskey Bound *Country-Classic Rock*
- ♪ 6/16 Grand Rapids Women’s Choir
- ♪ 6/23 Night Owls Jazz Quartet *Jazz*
- ♪ 6/30 Rain Date
- ♪ 7/7 Open Mic Night Adults +18*
- ♪ 7/14 Right Side Up *Classic Rock*
- ♪ 7/21 King Biscuit Trio *Blues*
- ♪ 7/28 Adams Family 50’s-90’s *Pop Rock*
- ♪ 8/4 B-Side Growlers *Blues, Jazz, Country*
- ♪ 8/11 Kathy Lamar *Jazz, R&B, Pop-Vocal*
- ♪ 8/18 Rain Date
- ♪ 8/25 That Beatles Thing *Beatles songs*

*To sign up for the “Open Mic Night”, email
Luc James Studios at lucjamesms@gmail.com

4th of July Events:

To be held on Saturday, July 3
in Ada Village

Parade at 10:00 a.m.
Participants line up starts at
9:00 a.m. on River St.

Kids Parade 9:45 am line up on Headley at Ada Dr.

Classic Car Show after the parade at the Community
Church parking lot.



Adult Programs:

Yoga in the Park

Legacy Park Pavilion, River Street

Pre-registration requested. Walk-ins welcome. All levels.

Pay as you go; \$10/person:

Tuesdays, 9 am—10 am

Wednesday, 8:00 am—9:00 am

Free Yoga:

July 12 - August 16

Mondays 6:00 pm—7:00 pm

Sponsored by **Innovation GR**



Grand Rapids Triathlon

Saturday & Sunday, June 19-20 Ada Park

Road closures on Thornapple River and
Buttrick Drives. For more information
visit www.grandrapids triathlon.com.



Tennis Anyone? (Ages 50+)

**Thursdays, 9:00 am Ada Park
Court #4**

Join others adults that want to play tennis and meet new
folks for free! Bring your own supplies.

Softball Programs:

Fall softball leagues will run late August to the end of
September. Registration for men’s
slow pitch and coed slow pitch
league will start in early July with a
team entry fee of \$375.00.

For information, contact
rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com



Volunteer in the Parks

Volunteer opportunities are available to help support the
operations and care of our parks and programs.

Join others groups ,assist on your own, or bring a team
from your organization.

Help with gardens, grounds, trails,
habitat stewardship, office/clerical
task, and programs.

Contact the Park office for an
application, interview or schedule
of events.



For more information and updates visit our website at www.adatownshipmi.com
e-mail us at adaparks@adatownshipmi.com or call at 616-676-0520

Youth Programs:

Pre-registration required by calling 616-676-0520 or email adaparks@adatownshipmi.com. Contact the Park office for more information.

Discovery Days – Ages 3-5

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. \$10/youth/session

Pre-schoolers and guardian to have fun together in the parks with hands-on activities and a guided discovery experiences outdoors.

Turtle-Tastic!

Tuesday, June 22 Ada Park

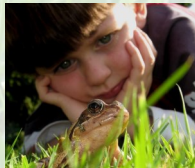
Come out of your shell and learn about turtles through fun activities and crafts.



Frogs and Friends

Tuesday, July 13 Roselle Park

A hop, skip, and a jump along the creek to learn about frogs and other animals, while creating a “frog” craft to take home



Beautiful Bugs

Tuesday, August 10 Roselle Park

What beautiful bugs live in your neighborhood? Go on an insect hunt and make a cool craft.

Young Explorers – Ages 5-7

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. \$10/youth/session

Parents may drop off or join their youth for a fun morning of outdoor activities, nature study and crafts.

Bonkers for Bikes

Wednesday, June 23 Roselle Park

Bring your bike and helmet to the park! Great for beginner bikers to learn safety tips and test your skills on our obstacle course.

Hooked on Fishing

Wednesday, July 14 Ada Park

Learn about fishing at the pond in Ada Park. Fishing poles and bait supplied or bring your own.



Scavenger Hunt Ada Park

Wednesday, August 11

Venture off in Ada Park in our scavenger hunt and discover what is in your backyard.

Youth Programs:

Junior Naturalists – Ages 8-11

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. \$10/youth/session

Each program includes hands-on nature and science activities, snacks and outdoor adventure-based outings.

Bike-A-Thon

Thursday, June 24 Roselle Park

Bring your bike and helmet to the park. Great for Intermediate bikers to learn about bike safety and join in on a group ride on the bike paths



Fishing Frenzy

Thursday, July 15 Ada Park

Go fishing at the Ada Park pond and learn about native fish that live in Michigan. Fishing poles and bait supplied or bring your own.

Pioneer Day Ada Museum

Wednesday, July 28

Go back in time to learn about the life of a kid s in the 1800's. Tour the museum, play old time games, make toys and yummy snacks

Rocks and Fossils

Thursday, August 5 Ada Park

Explore many types of rocks and fossils, go on our rock to make a collection to take home

Outdoor Adventurer – Ages 11-13

9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Sites & fees vary

Outdoor adventure activities including games, nature and science learning, and snacks.

Treasure Hunt

Thursday, July 29 Roselle Park \$15/youth

Learn how to use a compass and use your navigational skills on our wild treasure hunt!

Paddle the Grand!

Wednesday, August 4 \$30/youth

On the Grand River—M-21 to Knapp

Learn the basics and safety of canoeing while having fun down the Grand River. Canoe, paddle, and safety gear included. Sign up as a team of two if possible. This is a 2 hour float time.

Pre-registration required by August 1



More Youth Programs:

Pre-registration required by calling 616-676-0520 or email adaparks@adatownshipmi.com. Contact the Park office for more information.

Youth Open Mic Nights

Tuesday evenings: June 8, July 13 and August 10
Legacy Park Pavilion 6:30 pm—9:00 p.m.

Sponsored and hosted by Luc James Studios

Sign up ahead of time for a time slot for you as a soloist or as a group. Support instruments and accompanist provided.

Register at Luc James Studios:
lucjamesms@gmail.com



1st Annual Grand Rapids Kids Duathlon

Saturday morning, June 19 Ada Park
Bike—Run—Fun Ages 6-11
 visit www.grkidsduathlon.com for more information.

Kid's Garden

10:00—12:00 Tuesday Mornings
Next to the Community Church Parking Lot
Donations or pay as you go.

Join in the fun at the Ada Farmer's Market by exploring or joining in at the *Kid's Garden*. Help care for the garden, learn to make your own. A different theme each week.



Bike Decoration Day

Friday, July 2 Ada Park Shelter
For Ages 3-11 with guardian \$10/bike

Bring your bike Ada Park to decorate for the 4th of July Parade (Held on July 3rd)! Helpers and materials will be available.



Grand River Events for All:



The Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds, LGROW, is hosting a series of events from June 10 to the 20th as part of their Spring Forum. These are open to all and range from kayak trips to rain barrel workshops, stewardship events and presentations. Pre-registration is required for most. For more information see: <https://www.lgrow.org/spring-forum>

Thanks for Supporting Your Parks:

Thanks to all Ada residents and businesses for your support of the Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation millage and the Trails millage. We are grateful for your generosity and care of this community.

Donations, Charitable Gifts and Pledges

Through individual, family and business donations and sponsorships, your support helps improve our park facilities and community enrichment programs. As a government entity, donations to Ada Township are tax deductible and always appreciated.

Current opportunities:

- *General gifts to support facilities and programs
- *Legacy Park: engraved pavers are still available. For details see: www.ournextchapterada.org
- *Leonard Field Park: pledges and donations are being accepted for improvements to the riverfront decks, river access area and ballfield fencing.
- *Roselle Park: pledges and donations are being accepted for a new accessible shelter, picnic tables, trees, and a playground structure. Naming opportunities available for several items.



For more information and updates visit our website at www.adatownshipmi.com
 e-mail us at adaparks@adatownshipmi.com or call 616-676-0520