



Project Funding and Development

The park is currently planned to be developed in phases (as funding allows)

2019/2020 Proposed Projects:

Butterfly/Pollen Garden and natural areas - Clare Parks and Recreation will be working with the local Conservation Districts to develop these areas. There will be interpretive signage and a future extension of this project will be to work with local scouts to construct an insect hotel, a small foot bridge through the pollen garden, along with a 12' gazebo and overlook.

Interpretive Signage – (does not include design cost). The signage will be utilized through the butterfly and pollen garden area and along the outer perimeter trail for tree and plant identification and information regarding soil erosion and control, habitat, water cycle, etc...

Playground - This is a high priority scope item on the project list. The playground will be a 60' x 60' area that which will include a natural and universal design. A Recreation Passport Grant was submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the spring of 2019 for partial funding (they require a 25% match for development). Waiting on notification if the project will be funded.

Skate and Bike Park Equipment - In the Fall of 2019 an 80' x 100' concrete pad was completed. Equipment that had been purchased over the last few years was placed on the pad in the Spring of 2019. More equipment will be purchased as more funds become available.

2020 to 2022 Proposed Projects:

Concession Stand/Bathroom Facility - This will be a 65' x 35' building with a 14' overhang, until the park is completed, portable bathrooms will be utilized.

Lighting - Lighting is an important feature that we plan on adding to the park as funding allows. We recently extended electrical service into the park.

Paving of the Parking lot - The parking lot will be a gravel surface until funds are secured to pave it. There will be clearly marked ADA parking spaces and two entrance/exits.

Two 50' x 50' Park Pavilions - These are additional facilities that will be added to the project in the future. These pavilions will be able to be used by park users, Clare Parks and Recreation, and other organizations for educational programs.

Storage Unit 40' x 60' - This will be the last facility added to the park. This building will allow on-site storage for Clare Parks and Recreation equipment and program materials. Until this scope item is complete, storage will be off-site.

Thanks to the 2012 voter approved parks millage renewal, the City of Clare was successful in purchasing 26.3 acres in the southern part within the City of Clare to be utilized as a new park. The property is located on Pinecrest Street, just southwest of the McEwan intersection (behind Tice's Farm Market).

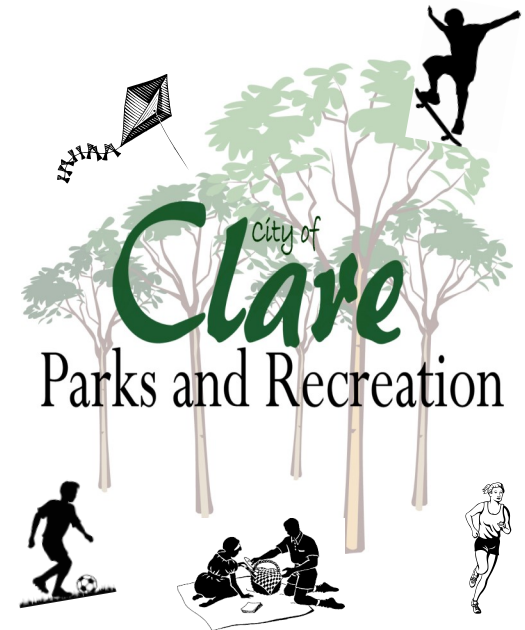


After a collaborative effort between the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members, the community, and the City of Clare, a layout was designed for the new park. The park will be home to the Clare Youth Soccer Program and will offer many other amenities that will benefit the whole community. Some of the amenities will include; paved walking and exercise trails, skate and bike park, exercise stations, a butterfly garden with wildlife viewing opportunities. The future park plans also include; two pavilions, flush toilets, a concession stand, paved parking, and an ADA accessible playground area.

With over sixty entries during May of 2018 there was a "Name Our Park" contest, where the park received the official name of **Emerald Isle Recreation Complex**.

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Park Amenities

At its completion, the new park will contain many amenities for the community:

- Paved walking and exercise trails throughout park, complete with adult exercise stations
- Skate and Bike Park
- Butterfly/Pollen Garden
- Eight youth soccer fields
- Two premium full size fields, one with lighting and electronic scoreboard
- One multi-purpose field
- Concession stand and bathroom facilities
- Two picnic pavilions similar to Shamrock Park pavilion
- ADA accessible playground area
- Paved parking
- Safety lighting



How Can YOU Help?



As you know, every project takes a lot of time and planning in order to make it a reality. Clare Parks and Recreation needs help in many facets of the project. For more information on how you can help, contact:

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