

Skate Park Public Meeting Notes

November 30, 2021

Location

Boys and Girls Club

Proximity to bike path
Family friendly with playground nearby
Would better support competitions
Concerns with parking during festivals
Bathroom facilities possible near Rotary Park
Possible room to expand
Lake breeze
Parking
Don't want kids or my board to end up in the street
Partnerships with the Club
More room
Community
Less busy traffic and more family friendly area!
It's perfect.
Closer to downtown, more visible.
Location. Safety from busy roads.
Better for families.
Not as congested/less driving around park/more available parking.
I think it would have a bit more space.
Feel like it fits with the kids and programs.
Location, parking, and congestion.

Lighton

Too congested
Too close to traffic
Less family friendly with no playground nearby
No room to expand
If you keep some of the trees – does the Lighton Family have any input?
Reasons for choosing this site – Nelson Elementary, Huntington Bank “Parks”

Design Elements

Cement is critical for less maintenance
Build as large as we can and plan for future expansion
Needs to be aesthetically pleasing
Include novice zone (pump track)
Bowl should be 4-6' deep and some sides should be transition, not vertical (Ann Arbor is a good example, Grand Haven is not)
Ledge, Manual pad, and quarter pipe are essential
Include everything on the design element slide
Include multiple lines with different tricks
Ensure there is enough space for people to maneuver among other skaters

Include street section, especially if we want to attract contests
Pyramids
Ledges
Quarter Pipes
Funboxes
Manual Pad
Stairs
Pump Track
Grind Boxes
Step Up
Half Pipes
Flat Bar
Stairs
Bowls
Snake Runs
Rails
Grind Rail on Stairs
Hand Rails
Spine Transfers
Small miniramp like Dirkse in Holland
Whatever the Olympics have.
20'x5' Fun Box

Other Amenities

Covered section – possibly using solar panels
Restrooms
Parking
Surveillance cameras
Benches, Picnic Tables – separate areas to sit and observe
Food Trucks
Playground for younger kids
Shade
Water station/drinking fountain
Lights (possibly solar powered)
Trash cans
Lender equipment
Benches
Landscaping/Trees
Storage

Benefits of Skate Parks

Friday night late skate
Mental and Physical Health
Host events, draw attention to Muskegon and local businesses
Added customers for local restaurants and retail

Monthly bike only, skate only, rollerblade only days
Keeps skaters off private property
Keeps kids active
Hold skate camps
Building Relationships
Skate parks bring people together and it's something to do
A place to have fun, hangout with friends, and learn
Keeps kids out of trouble. Fitness.
Safe place, family!
Keeps kids engaged and encourages their creativity.
It provides a place for young people to grow!
Keeps folks young and out of trouble.
Keeping the youth active and at bay in our community.
I fell in love with riding my bike very early in life and I think it kept me in line.
Major mental and physical benefits for the mind and soul.
Keeping children out of trouble. Great for tourism.

Design/Construction Consultants

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Fundraising

Fits with Chamber of Commerce Taking it Outdoors push
Hold annual contest to raise funds for maintenance (perhaps June 21 Go Skate Day)
Look for local business sponsors
Naming rights to the highest bid
State / Federal Grants
Tony Hawk Foundation
Pere Marquette Parking Pass

Other Comments

Develop and update a website or social media account for the park
5 Mile Hill willing to donate some loaner boards
Include all users including bikes