



Special Meeting Notice

Plymouth City Commission
Committee of the Whole

Monday, June 1, 2026 – 5:30 P.M. – 6:45 P.M.
Plymouth City Hall – 201 S Main St.

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The Committee of the Whole will meet on Monday June 1, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. for discussion on Parks.



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1. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – CALL TO ORDER
2. DISCUSSION – Adopt-a-Park and Public Participation & Volunteer Framework
3. DISCUSSION – Parks Advisory Board
4. ADJOURNMENT

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City of Plymouth Strategic Plan 2022-2026

GOAL AREA ONE - SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

OBJECTIVES

1. Identify and establish sustainable financial model(s) for major capital projects, Old Village business district, 35th District Court, recreation department, and public safety
2. Incorporate eco-friendly, sustainable practices into city assets, services, and policies; including more environmentally friendly surfaces, reduced impervious surfaces, expanded recycling and composting services, prioritizing native and pollinator-friendly plants, encouraging rain gardens, and growing a mature tree canopy
3. Partner with or become members of additional environmentally aware organizations
4. Increase technology infrastructure into city assets, services, and policies
5. Continue sustainable infrastructure improvement for utilities, facilities, and fleet
6. Address changing vehicular habits, including paid parking system /parking deck replacement plan, electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, and one-way street options

GOAL AREA TWO – STAFF DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, AND SUCCESSION

OBJECTIVES

1. Create a 5-year staffing projection
2. Review current recruitment strategies and identify additional resources
3. Identify/establish flex scheduling positions and procedures
4. Develop a plan for an internship program
5. Review potential department collaborations
6. Hire an additional recreation professional
7. Review current diversity, equity, and inclusion training opportunities
8. Seek out training opportunities for serving diverse communities

GOAL AREA THREE - COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY

OBJECTIVES

1. Engage in partnerships with public, private and non-profit entities
2. Increase residential/business education programs for active citizen engagement
3. Robust diversity, equity, and inclusion programs
4. Actively participate with multi-governmental lobbies (Michigan Municipal League, Conference of Western Wayne, etc.)

GOAL AREA FOUR - ATTRACTIVE, LIVABLE COMMUNITY

OBJECTIVES

1. Create vibrant commercial districts by seeking appropriate mixed-use development, marketing transitional properties, and implementing Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) practices
2. Improve existing and pursue additional recreational and public green space opportunities and facilities for all ages
3. Develop multi-modal transportation plan which prioritizes pedestrian and biker safety
4. Improve link between Hines Park, Old Village, Downtown Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and other regional destinations
5. Maintain safe, well-lit neighborhoods with diverse housing stock that maximizes resident livability and satisfaction
6. Modernize and update zoning ordinance to reflect community vision
7. Implement Kellogg Park master plan

"The government in this community is small and accessible to all concerned."

*-Plymouth Mayor Joe Bida
November 1977*

City of Plymouth Adopt-a-Park & Public Participation & Volunteer Engagement Framework

Celebrating Partnerships. Supporting Parks. Building Community.

Overview & Strategic Vision

The City of Plymouth has a rich tradition of strong community involvement in the stewardship of its public spaces. From the founding of Fall Festival to our neighborhood parks, partnerships have always defined our park system.

As we face new challenges in funding ongoing maintenance and improvements, we are proud to introduce the **Adopt-a-Park Program**—a flexible, transparent framework to empower individuals, civic groups, local businesses, and philanthropic organizations to play a direct and recognized role in maintaining and enhancing our city’s parks.

- **5-Year Strategic Plan (2022–2026)** prioritizes:
 - Enhancing **sustainable infrastructure** (green parks, EV chargers, native/pollinator-friendly plantings)
 - Fostering **staff development**, including adding recreation professionals
 - Strengthening **community connectivity** via public–private partnerships
 - Delivering an **attractive, livable community**, with expanded green space and improved recreation facilities
- **Recreation Master Plan (2024–2028)** outlines:
 - Needs for **facility enhancements** (playgrounds, lighting, ADA upgrades, bike access)

- Strong public support for **sustainability**, including pollinator gardens and native plantings
- Desire for **joint initiatives** and **partnerships**
- Requirement for **grant eligibility** and funding-driven action plans

Program Goals

- Foster public-private partnerships that support the long-term health and accessibility of our parks.
- Provide equitable opportunities for community members and organizations to sponsor park amenities and infrastructure.
- Ensure consistent maintenance, recognition, and transparency for all sponsored or donated projects.
- Accelerate park improvements like play structures, ADA-accessibility, lighting, and signage through support and shared civic pride.
- Enhance sustainability and connectivity with native landscaping, pollinator gardens, bottle fill stations, plazas, benches, and bike racks.

City of Plymouth Adopt-a-Park Sponsorship Tiers

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Tier Name	Contribution Level	Focus & Examples	Recognition
Neighborhood Giver (<i>Individual Sponsor</i>)	Up to \$100	Grassroots support for general park care such as paint touch-ups, trash bags, mutt mitts, light tools, pollinator plants, flower bulbs	Thank-you e-certificate; name included in annual sponsor list on website
Playground Pal	Up to \$2,500	Enhancements like inclusive play panels, infant/toddler swings, ADA-compliant surfacing,	Digital name listing; optional recognition sign near play area

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Park Steward	\$2,501– \$5,000	replacement mulch, interactive elements, repair kits, small shade features Park furniture (picnic tables, benches), tree planting, native landscaping, garden beds, interpretive signage, waste/recycling bins, bike racks	Nameplate in supported park; website and newsletter recognition
Community Champion	\$5,001– \$24,999	Infrastructure upgrades like water fountains, wayfinding signage, fitness equipment, upgraded lighting	Park signage, annual sponsor appreciation, website & social media mention
Legacy Leader	\$25,000– \$99,999	Larger improvements including pavilion renovations, athletic field fencing, irrigation systems, accessible walking paths	Custom signage in park, recognition at city events, official city proclamation
Visionary Partner	\$100,000+	Transformational additions like full playgrounds or playscapes, new park construction, permanent public art, large-scale park redesigns, or nature-based play zones	Naming rights (10 years), citywide media recognition, partnership planning with city staff and community, feature story in city publications

Additional Notes:

- **Playground Pal** is a perfect tier for residents, scout troops, and neighborhood groups who want to support play spaces at a grassroots level.
- All sponsors will receive **project updates**, recognition based on their tier, and opportunities to participate in **community celebration events**.

Public Participation & Volunteer Engagement Framework

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Purpose

To create an active, ongoing pipeline of volunteers—drawn from individuals, families, neighborhood groups, civic organizations, and businesses—who contribute their time, skills, and resources to the upkeep and enhancement of Plymouth’s parks, while fostering civic pride and community connection.

1. Participation Framework

- **Core Volunteer Groups**

Rather than relying on one-off events alone, establish affinity-based volunteer teams that can be called upon for seasonal projects.

- **Neighborhood Park Teams** – Residents near each park adopt that park for periodic cleanup and minor maintenance.
 - **Youth & Scout Crews** – Partner with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, school clubs, and sports teams for service projects.
 - **Corporate & Civic Partners** – Invite local businesses, Rotary, Kiwanis, and church groups for team-building volunteer days.
 - **Citywide Park Stewards** – A volunteer network that supports multiple parks as needed.
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2. Volunteer Pipeline Strategy

Recruitment Sources:

- Annual **Adopt-a-Park Kickoff Meeting** (spring) for all interested individuals & groups.
- Outreach through schools, faith-based organizations, service clubs, and HOA newsletters.
- Social media spotlights on volunteer opportunities and completed projects.
- Partnership with local events (Farmers Market, Fall Festival) to host an “Adopt-a-Park” booth.

Sign-Up Process:

- Online volunteer interest form with option to join a specific park team or the citywide “On Call” team.

- Match volunteers to park needs, project dates, and preferred activities (cleanup, planting, light repairs, etc.).

3. Seasonal Volunteer Events

Create a rhythm of recurring, themed events so people know when they can plug in:

Season	Event Name	Focus
Spring	"Plymouth Parks Bloom"	Pollinator planting, mulching, playground cleanup
Summer	"Green & Clean" Days	Litter sweeps, light painting, small repairs
Fall	"Leaf & Love" Cleanup	Leaf raking, invasive plant removal, winter prep
Winter	"Frosty Friends" Help Out	Snow removal on paths, prepping park signage & benches