

# CITY OF MENOMINEE FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN 2020-2025



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Cover Photos (clockwise from left): North Pier Lighthouse, Henes Park Fountain, Marina Park Bandshell, (photo taken by Ms. Judi), Higley Triangle Park Fountain, River Park Campground, and Children's concert in Henes Park sponsored by the Menominee Recreation Department. All photos from <http://www.cityofmenominee.org>.

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## 1.0 COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

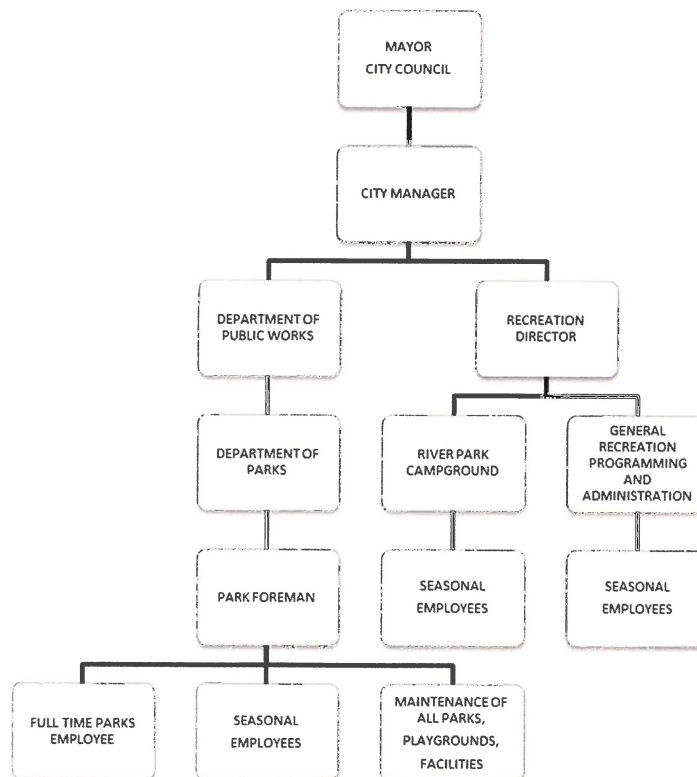
This Recreation Plan is designed to provide for the improvement and development of recreational activities, programs and facilities within the City of Menominee. The City of Menominee is a 5.3 square mile parcel of land located in the southern tip of Menominee County and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, bordering the State of Wisconsin. It is located adjacent to the City of Marinette, Wisconsin and about 60 miles north of the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Map 1-1 in Appendix A illustrates the location of the City of Menominee.

The City of Menominee selected the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development (CUPPAD) Regional Commission to assist in the preparation of this Recreation Plan. City staff provided updated information concerning recreational facilities and CUPPAD staff provided current demographic information. Changes were suggested and incorporated into the final draft. The final draft was reviewed and adopted by the City Council on [date here].

## 2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Planning for and providing park and recreation services and open space for a community requires staff (or volunteers) and funds to purchase land and open spaces and to develop, operate and maintain them. This section describes how the Menominee Parks and Recreation functions are carried out. The City's current organizational structure is detailed in Figure 2-1.

Figure 2.1 - Organizational Structure



## 2.1 PARKS AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT

The City of Menominee has been involved in the development of recreation programs and facilities for area residents for a number of years. The development of park and recreation improvement projects and programs is the responsibility of the Director of Public Works, the Recreation Director, the Parks and Recreation Committee, City Manager, and the City Council.

The ultimate decision on implementing proposed improvement projects and programs is made by the eight City Council members and the Mayor. The City Council works to assure that the limited funds available for park and recreation are spent on improvements that produce maximum benefits for the entire community.

## 2.2 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The City has separate parks and recreation departments, with a full-time Recreation Director and a full time DPW Director whose employees are responsible for parks.

City Public Works Department employees perform maintenance at the City recreational facilities; the City employs one full -time director/engineer, one part-time secretary, 10 full-time DPW workers, 7 seasonal park workers, and 5 seasonal cemetery workers. The recreation department staff consists of one full-time director, one seasonal part-time office worker, and 28 seasonal employees for various recreation programs, events, plus seasonal campground workers.

Parks and recreation employees have specific responsibilities within their departments. Listed below are the general job descriptions of the employees in these departments.

**Parks Maintenance Workers:** Under the direct supervision of the Public Works Director and the Parks Maintenance Crew leader. These workers perform routine maintenance and repair functions at the City parks, supervise seasonal maintenance workers in the park system, and other related duties.

**Park Maintenance Crew Leader:** Under the direct supervision of the Department of Public Works Director and Street Foreman. Supervises and works with the park's maintenance workers to provide maintenance, upkeep, and improvements of the park system, performs routine maintenance of all equipment, including playgrounds, arranges for repair and service of the equipment, and other related duties.

**River Park Campground Workers:** Under the supervision of the Recreation Director, the workers perform general maintenance of the grounds and assist with campground operations.

**Public Works Director:** Under the general supervision of the City Manager and respective boards, Riverside Cemetery Board of Trustees (concerning cemetery responsibilities), and the Henes Park Board (concerning Henes Park responsibilities), the public works director supervises the operation and maintenance of the City parks, playgrounds, and cemetery, and also supervises personnel of the parks and cemetery.

**Recreation Director:** Under the general supervision of the City Manager, the Recreation Director supervises the City's recreation programs and personnel, develops, organizes, promotes, and upgrades the recreation activities for the City and the community at large and oversees the general operation and maintenance of the River Park Campground.

## 2.3 BUDGET AND FUNDING SOURCES

**Table 2.1: City of Menominee Parks and Recreation Budget**

Category	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
<b>Recreation Department</b>	\$64,044	\$71,514	\$92,880	\$93,090
<b>Parks Maintenance</b>	\$19,496	\$17,022	\$19,010	\$19,010
<b>Spies Field Maintenance</b>	\$24,408	\$36,521	\$44,118	\$39,340
<b>Henes Park</b>	\$55,799	\$37,552	\$95,930	\$66,773

## 2.4 ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are a vital part of our youth community programs, sports, and events. They volunteer their time as coaches for basketball, T-ball, baseball, softball, soccer, and football programs, and while others volunteer their time to work concessions and admissions at games. Through the hard work and dedication, the volunteers provide, the programs continue to grow year after year. They are truly a vital part of the community's success with youth sports and programs.

## 2.5 RELATIONSHIP WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES

The City Recreation Department coordinates a variety of recreational programs for junior high and high school students. In cooperation with various local organizations, the Recreation Department also assists in coordinating multiple special events, including but not limited to:

- M&M Antique Car Shows
- Art Festivals
- Waterfront Festival
- Family Recreation Day
- Kids Fishing Derby
- Children's Concerts
- Boy/Girl Scout and Explorer's Bay Jammer
- Baseball/Softball Tournaments
- Fishing Tournaments
- 100 miler yacht club races
- Concerts in the Park
- July 4th Celebration
- Pumpkin Patch Festival

The Recreation Department works with the following organizations for event planning: Menominee Senior Center, Spies Public Library, Aurora Bay Area Medical Center/Hospital, (DAR) boy's and Girl's Club, American Legion Post 146, Menominee Hoops Club, Community Gardens, M&M Youth Football, Menominee Youth Baseball, Menominee Historic Downtown Farmer's Market, Bellin Health, Healthy Youth Coalition, Great Start Parent Coalition, and Menominee, Stephenson, Marinette, Peshtigo, Coleman, and Crivitz school districts.

### 3.1 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF MENOMINEE

The City of Menominee has a total of 22 outdoor recreation facilities, including those that are associated with educational complexes (schools) and privately owned entities. These 22 facilities accommodate a variety of opportunities for a broad spectrum of recreational pursuits for the City's residents.

Below are the parks recreation facilities owned by the City of Menominee with a history of grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for various park development and improvement projects over the past 20 years.

#### 1. Tourist Park Size: 6.0 acres | Accessibility Rating: 1

Located in the southeastern corner of the City. The park contains frontage along the Bay of Green Bay and is used as a public beach during the summer months. Facilities at Tourist Park include:

- Swimming Beach (Unsupervised)
- Restroom (Unisex)
- Picnic Tables

Tourist Park is also the site of annual events such as a Windsurfing Regatta and the Boy Scouts of America Bay Jammer.

#### 2. Duby Park Size: 1.8 acres | Accessibility Rating: 3

Located in the southeastern portion of the City. Various local organizations sponsor ice skating parties for children during the winter months. The City provides used skates at no charge. Children in nearby residential areas are the primary users of the park. Facilities at the Park include:

- Fenced-in Field Play Area
- Two Team Benches
- Volleyball Play Area
- Paved Basketball Court with 2 Hoops
- Playscape Playground Structure
- 1 Swing Set (3 swings)
- Restroom Facility/Warming Shelter
- 1 Lighted Ice Rink
- Multiple Park Benches
- Portable Toilet (Winter Use Only)
- Equipment Storage Building
- Multiple Trash Cans
- Warming Shelter (west rink)
- Landscaped/Planted Areas
- Community Gardens
- Artistic Mural Wall for Youth



### 3. Marina Park and City Marina

Size: 9.2 acres | Accessibility Rating: 3

Located along the Bay of Green Bay within the City's Downtown Historic District. This site offers a wide range of recreational activities, especially for boating and fishing enthusiasts. It is also the site of several events and festivals during the summer months, plus weekly concerts and a Farmer's Market. The City's former water plant was transformed into a boater's lounge recently. Facilities include:

- 4 Stationary Docks (1 Equipped w/ Gas Pumps & Attendant Gazebo)
- 3 Floating Docks
- Bandshell w/ Restrooms
- Multiple Moveable Picnic Tables
- 1,100 feet of Water Frontage
- 10 Stationary Benches
- Breakwater
- 263 Boat Slips
- Pathway Along Marina
- Lighted Off-Street Parking Area
- 32 Flag Poles
- 8 Flower Boxes
- Multiple Trash Cans
- 8 Rotating Grills w/ 8 Stationary Picnic Tables
- Double Boat Ramp, with Boarding Piers
- M&M Yacht Club House, with Restrooms and Viewing Deck
- Harbor Master's Office, with Restrooms and Showers
- Boater's Lounge w/ Restrooms, Meeting Area, Kitchen, Offices, Flagpole, Planters, sculptures
- Small Boat Lift to Launch
- Historic Ship Rigging & Anchors
- 3 Bike Racks

#### MDNR Grant History

- A \$1,244,577 Waterways Program Grant was provided in 2013 to dredge the marina to provide a water depth of ten feet to accommodate vessels. The project was successfully completed and approximately 47,775 cubic yards of sand was removed.

### 4. Veterans Memorial Park

Size: 2.6 acres | Accessibility Rating: 3

Located just north of the City's Central Business District, along 1st Street. The park contains 2.6 acres of land and 440 feet of water frontage along the Bay of Green Bay. The park is also used as a public swimming beach. Facilities at Veterans Memorial Park include:

- Lighted Pathway
- Multiple Sitting Benches and Picnic Tables
- Landscaping, with 2 Flower Beds
- Two Monuments Honoring the City's Veterans and the Sacrifices they have Made
- 13 Flag Poles
- Ceremony Area w/ Access to Beach Area
- Multiple Trash Cans



- Swimming Beach
- Off-Street Parking Area
- Restrooms/storage area
- Drinking Fountain
- Volleyball Court

## 5. Higley Triangle Park

Size: 0.6 acres | Accessibility Rating: 4

Located in the east-central portion of the City, bordered by 7th Street, 18th Avenue, and 10th Street. The park primarily serves as an open space for nearby residents to rest. In 2019 the fountain area was improved through a generous donation by the Stang Family. The facilities at the park include:

- Landscaping, with Flower Beds
- Victorian Style Fountain with three Flag Poles
- Pergola Shelter
- Historic Downtown Placemaking Shelter
- Few Picnic Tables
- Large Play Area
- 2 Sitting Benches
- Parking Available on 18th Avenue Side

## 6. Reindl West End Park

Size: 0.6 acres | Accessibility Rating: 2

Located on the City's west side. The neighborhood park has a playground area with a play structure with a double child slide's playscape. Facilities at the Park include:

- 4 Sitting Benches
- Fenced in Playground Area
- 2 Rocking Toys
- 2 Memorial Stones
- Historical Water Fountain
- Playscape w/Child's Double Slide
- Drinking Fountain
- 2 Picnic Tables w/Trash Cans

## 7. Water Tower Park

Size: 33.6 acres | Accessibility Rating: 4

Located in the northern portion of the City. The park is used during the summer months for tennis lessons and practice baseball/softball field use. The first phase of overhauling the park's playground area was completed in 1995. The second phase of overhauling the park's playground was completed in 1996. Funding for the playground improvements was generated from a group of residents with a fund-raising drive called, "A World for Kids". Facilities located at Water Tower Park include:

- 2 Fenced-in Lighted Softball Diamonds, each with 2 Team Benches and 2 Bleachers
- Pavilion w/Grill and Picnic Tables
- Drinking Fountain
- 4 Lighted Tennis Courts
- 1 Concession/Storage Building

- 2 Portable Bleachers
- 6 Sitting Benches in Playground Area
- One 26' Balance Beam
- Domed Climbing Canopy
- Playground Designed for Ages 2-5
- Multiple Trash Cans
- 4 Swing Sets (12 Total Swings)
- Playscape w/7 Slides & 4 Tiered Levels
- Smaller Playscape w/2 Slides
- 3 Spring Units
- Sand Area w/3 Digging Units
- Multiple Picnic Tables
- Merry-Go-Round
- Restrooms
- Warming Shed
- Lighted Sledding Hill
- Landscaped w/Decorative Boulders
- 2 Large Paved Off-Street Parking Areas
- Walking Trails w/Pond Area

#### MDNR Grant History:

- \$25,000 in funding was provided in 1991 to construct two additional tennis courts at the park. The project was successfully closed out. The courts are in good condition as of 2014.
- \$24,000 in funding was provided in 1999 to install lights at the softball diamonds. The project was successfully closed out. The fields are used frequently, and the lights remain effective.
- On December 19, 2012, the Bay Area Regional Tennis Association (BARTA) began working with City Council to plan for the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Water Tower Park. BARTA acquired bids from several companies that resurface or replace tennis courts and had been awarded a grant from the United States Tennis Association for 20% of the project budget or approximately \$8,400.00 that expired in 2013. BARTA additionally raised roughly \$5,000 for the remaining match for the project. City Council at the January 13, 2013, regular meeting authorized the City to apply for a DNR Grant to help defray the cost of the project. The DNR Grant application was submitted in accordance with the April 1st deadline. Unfortunately, the City did not receive the grant, and the entire project was put on hold yet again.
- In the summer of 2014, BARTA donated \$5,000 and the City provided the remaining funds for resurfacing of the south courts, costing \$13,500. These repairs addressed trip hazards to get the courts playable for Fall 2014. The following plan was developed through a partnership with City and BARTA: BARTA has hired Keith Mattson to grind off the existing paint. City Public Works Crews (DPW) seasonal workers sealed the cracks, and a contractor was hired to paint the courts with BARTA supplied paint. DPW installed new nets. All improvements were completed in advance of a tournament held in September 2014.

## 8. Henes Park

Size: 45 acres | Accessibility Rating: 2

Located in the northeastern portion of the City, along the Bay of Green Bay. The park, with its 2,600 feet of water frontage, is a very popular recreational area for City residents and individuals from out-of-town. It offers a vast array of recreational opportunities like picnicking, swimming, walking, sightseeing, playing, biking, rollerblading, and fishing. The City received a private donation in 1998 for the construction of a new, larger pavilion with electricity to handle large group gatherings (more than 350 persons); this pavilion is currently called the "3rd Pavilion." Facilities at Henes Park include:

- A Dedication Boulder at the Henes Park Entrance
- Small Grassy Play Area
- Beach and Swimming Area
- Newly Renovated Beach house w/ Restrooms, Meeting Room, Wrap Around Enclosed Porch Area, and Storage which was improved through a \$700,000 donation from the Henes Foundation in 2020.
- 3 Large Picnic Pavilions w/ Electricity
- 2 Water Fountains
- 2 Horseshoe Pits
- 100+ Picnic Tables
- Wishing Well
- Several Nature Trails Named After John Henes Sr.'s favorite poets
- Multiple Stationary Grills
- 2 Bike Racks
- Double Fenced-in Volleyball Court Next to Beach
- Flowing Creek & Pond Systems from Bog Throughout Park to roadway
- Large Stone Gate Entrance to Park
- 1 Wooden Bridge Walkway
- Several Sitting Benches (donations to park)
- 25+ Trash Cans
- Maintenance Garage
- 3rd pavilion - 2 Large Portable Grills
- 3rd Street Decorative Stone & Cedar Entrance
- 3rd Street Bathrooms w/ Walkway

### Playground Near Beach House

- 2 Swing Sets (Total of 10 Swings)
- 4 Spring Units
- 2 Playscapes w/ 5 Slides
- 1 Tire Swing
- 1 Small Basketball Court w/ Backboard & 1 Hoop
- 1 Swing Set w/ Handicap Swing

### Playground Near Entrance of Park

- 2 Swing Sets (9 Swings Total)
- Merry-Go-Round
- 2 Teeter Totters
- Climbing Apparatus

### Playground Near First Pavilion

- 1 Swing Set (2 Swings)
- Sandbox w/ 1 Spring Unit
- 2 Climbing Units

- Restrooms w/Walkway

New for 100 Year Centennial:

- DEQ permit work to dredge pond area and walkway with rock formation water fountain
- Enhanced native prairie landscaping in deer area with new tree plantings
- Walkway from entrance to 3rd Street bathrooms

## 9. River Park Campground

Size: 14.2 acres | Accessibility Rating: 3

Located in the southern portion of the City, adjacent to the Menominee River and U.S. 41. Fronting on the Menominee access river, the City-owned and operated campground provides visitors with a clean, pleasant and convenient place to camp in the immediate Menominee area. Facilities at the campground include:

- Office Building (new roof in 2017)
- Employee Restroom/Shower Facility
- 54 Campsites w/Full Utility Hook-Ups
- 2 Large Enclosed Garbage Containers
- Restroom Building w/ Showers and Storage Room (new roof in 2013)
- 4 Designated Overflow Sites w/Electricity
- 2 Boat Trailer Parking Pads
- 1 Gazebo and 2 Fishing/Observation Wooden Decks
- 1 Large Playground Play Structure w/Swing Set
- Storage Building
- 60 Picnic Tables
- Large Grassy Play Area
- 1 Large Picnic Shelter
- 1 Vending Building
- Paved Main Entrance, Roadways and Site Pads
- 6 Permanent Benches
- 53 Fire Pits

### MDNR Grant History:

- \$51,000 in funding was provided in 1997 to paving and upgrade the parking lot and boat launch area at the park. The project was successfully closed out. The parking lot and boat launch are used frequently; the parking lot is in good condition, but the boat launch needs some improvements.

## 10. Menominee River Access

Size: NA | Accessibility Rating: 3

This public river access, known as Mystery Ship Boat Launch, is located just east of River Park. The site is used primarily by boating and fishing enthusiasts that want to access the river and the bay. Facilities at the river access include:

- Triple Boat Ramp
- Large Paved Off-Street Parking Area
- Border Pier w/4 Stationary Seating
- 3 Fishing Overhangs w/Rod Holders
- Trash Cans and Picnic Tables

- Trailer Parking Available
- Fish Cleaning Station (2008)
- Small Pavilion w/Electricity and 2 Stationary Benches

#### 11. Swings and Things

Size: 120x100 ft. | Accessibility Rating: 2

Located in the central business district of the City near the library. It functions primarily as a play or tot lot, with a wide variety of preschool age playground equipment available. The facilities at this recreational site include:

- One 3-Tiered Play Structure w/2 Slides, Overhead Slider & Hand-Ring Options
- 1 Smaller Playscape w/Slide
- Stationary Sitting Benches
- 1 Smaller Swing Set w/4 Infant Swings
- Fenced-in for Safety
- Multiple Picnic Tables
- 1 Large Swing Set (6 Swings Total)
- Multiple Trash Cans
- Plans for addition of Sidewalk and Drinking Fountain
- Historic Marker Commemorating the City of Menominee's Historic District

#### 12. Northeastern Wisconsin Hydro River Access

Size: NA | Accessibility Rating: 3

Located at the end of 11th Avenue in the western portion of the City. The site is used exclusively for launching and loading small watercraft. It is owned and maintained by the Northeastern Wisconsin Hydro Company.

The facilities at the river access include:

- Single Ramp
- Boarding Pier
- Paved Parking Area

#### 13. North Pier Lighthouse and Ann Arbor Park

Size: 5 acres | Accessibility Rating: 3

This public river access site is a water-based recreational site owned and operated by the State of Michigan. The North Pier Lighthouse is owned by the City of Menominee. It is in the southeastern portion of the City near the mouth of the Menominee River. Facilities at the river access site include:

- One Unisex Outhouse Style Restroom
- One Dedication Boulder
- Walkway to Lighthouse Pier w/Decorative Lighting and 3 Stationary Seating Areas
- 1 Boarding Pier
- Double Boat Ramp
- Paved Parking area w/Trailer Parking Available
- Bike/Pedestrian pathway

The City owned lighthouse was completely renovated in 2017 with the interior refurbished to showcase its original historic grandeur. Funding for the renovations and pathway were provided by a generous private donation. The North Pier Lighthouse is now open for tours.



14. Spies Field  
Rating: 3

Size: 16.44 acres | Accessibility

An active athletic recreational complex that is in the east-central portion of the City, along 10th Street (US-41). It is used by two baseball leagues (American Legion and Babe Ruth) and youth football leagues (M&M Youth Football-Pop Warner, M&M Youth Hornets). Renovated in 2005-2006, facilities at the complex include:

- Two Fenced-In Lighted Baseball Diamonds
- Two Batting Cages
- 8 Sitting Benches
- 1 Football Press Box and 2 Baseball Press Boxes
- 3 Electric Scoreboards
- Spies Field Arch and Stone Wall at North Side of Complex. This was recently repaired and painted with landscaping on the north and east sides of the park and new signage was installed through funding provided by a generous donation.
- 1 Practice Field for Football-Game Field for Soccer
- 1 Concession Stand w/Handicap Bathroom Attached
- Complete Restroom Facility w/2 Adjacent Locker Rooms and Water Faucet
- Large Off-Street Parking (North) and Smaller Parking Areas for Delivery and Handicap (East)
- 4 Dugouts (Drainage improvements in 2013; funds raised by Menominee Youth Baseball and City. Baseball association provided volunteers to assist with improvements.)
- Multiple Trash Cans
- Multiple Sets of Bleachers
- 1 Utility Building
- 1 Complete Lighted Football Field
- Donor Wall
- Storage Building for Youth Football/Hornets, Soccer, and Baseball
- Storage Building for City-Owned Equipment
- ADA Access Pathway

MDNR Grant History:

- \$460,425.00 in funding was provided in 2002 to renovate and expand the facility, including the construction of two baseball fields, two football fields, restroom, concession, and storage building. The project was successfully closed out. Spies Field is used frequently, and the facilities are in good condition.

15. Fisherman's Park

Size: 1.5 acres | Accessibility Rating: 2

Located in the western portion of the City, along the Menominee River, near the Hattie Street Bridge and dam. Owned by Northeastern Wisconsin Hydro Company. The park is used as a shore fishing recreational site. The facilities at the park include:

- 3 Disabled Accessible Picnic Tables; 1 Picnic Table Near Shore
- 3 Trash Cans
- Wooden Fish Station/Picnic Deck Area w/Built-In Rod Holders
- 2 Stairways to the Shoreline
- Shore Fishing Area

- Off-Road Parking Availability
- 1 Cedar Notice Board
- Improvements to fishing platform on Hattie Street Bridge planned for 2021

The following recreation facilities are located within the City of Menominee but are not owned and operated by the City.

### Menominee H.S., Jr. High, & Central Elementary

Size: 37.1 acres

Located along 18th Street in the west central part of the City. Recreational activities provided at this site include track, baseball, football, tennis, playing, basketball, and physical education activities. Facilities provided at the site include:

- Two Stationary Outside Tables
- Two Flag Football Fields
- Two Tire Climbing Apparatus (1 Large/1 Small)
- Football Practice Field Complex w/Bleachers and Track & Field Area Surrounding Field
- Parking Lot Available and Site Street Parking
- 4 Fenced-In Tennis Courts (Parking Lot Available)
- Concession Stand
- Multiple Bleachers
- Multiple Trash Containers
- 1 Large Playscape w/2 Slides, Climbing Area and Overhead Slider Option
- 2 Small Playscapes for Ages 2-7
- 3 Balance Beams
- 2 Storage Buildings
- 2 Fenced-In Baseball Diamonds w/Dugouts
- 2 Swing Sets (Total 12 Swings)
- Metal Climbing apparatus (Dome Shaped)
- 12 Bike Racks
- Open Field used for Physical Education Classes
- Restrooms w/Storage Area
- Storage Garage
- Multiple Picnic Tables
- 2 Scoreboards
- Basketball Area w/2 Back-to-Back Hoops
- 1 Teeter Totter and 1 Overhead Ladder-Climber
- Ample Side Street Parking for Baseball Fields

### St. John Paul II Catholic Academy

Size: 3.2 acres

Formerly Lincoln Elementary. Owned by Marquette Catholic Diocese. Located in the north-central portion of the City along 17th Street. Recreation facilities available at the school include:

- Large Plastic Play Apparatus w/4 Slides
- Two Swing Sets (Total 10 Swings)
- Sandbox installed and green space added

- Large Plastic Play Apparatus (Multi-Lever w/ Gazebo and 2 Slides, Overhead Climbing Unit, Overhead Slider Unit, and Ladders)
- Two Bike Racks

## Menominee Blesch Intermediate School

Size: 8.7 acres

Located in the south-central portion of the City along 13th Street. The 8.7-acre parcel is the site of the City's football stadium, Walter Blesch Field. The recreation facilities on the school's property include:

- Lighted Football Stadium
- 1 Electronic Scoreboard
- Basketball Court w/ 4 Hoops
- Picnic Tables and Trash Cans
- Football Apparel Shop
- Bathrooms in School
- Small Playscape w/ Climbing Wall, Chain Wall, Ladder Assembly & Overhead Rings and Slider)
- East & West Side Grandstands/ Bleachers
- Concession Stand
- Portable Toilet (Extra for Football Needs)
- Announcement Booth
- Donor Wall
- Pedestrian safety improvements were installed in Summer 2014 to provide a bus drop-off/ pick-up area separate from other vehicle traffic.

## Greater M&M YMCA

Size: 40 acres

Located at 1600 West Drive in the western portion of the City. Recreational facilities available at the complex include:

- Restrooms
- Gymnasiums
- Youth Center
- Tot Watch
- Flag Football Field
- Free Weightlifting Center
- 4 Locker Rooms
- Aerobic Studio
- 3 Handball/ Racquetball Courts
- Cardiovascular Equipment
- Swimming Pool
- Lifestyle Center
- Gymnastic Center
- Disabled Accessible Changing Room
- Martial Arts Studio
- Hot Tubs, Steam Rooms, Dry Sauna

The club is located at 901 8th Avenue in the southeastern portion of the City, within a residential area. The facility occupies an old school. Regular, in-house activities at the facility are held during the school year Monday through Friday from 3:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. During the summer months, the facility is used as an activity center for kids six to 13 years of age. This program is available for families in the City that cannot afford the cost of private day care centers. Facilities at the club include:

- Arts and Crafts Rooms
- Gym
- Lunchroom
- Small Library
- Kitchen
- Learning Center with computer lab
- Social Recreation Room with pool table, air hockey, ping pong, carpet ball foosball, bumper pool
- Ham Radio
- Fenced-In Play Area
- Basketball Hoops
- Swings

### Riverside Country Club

An 18-hole golf course located at the end of 14th Avenue in the southwest portion of the City.

### 18th Ave. Boat Launch

Size: 0.13 acres

The 18th Ave Boat Launch is a small single launch ramp facility on the Menominee River located on the north edge of the Riverside Cemetery on 18th Ave. There are no restroom or other facilities at this site, but it is handicap accessible.

## NEARBY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The following is an inventory of recreational facilities in Menominee County within 20 miles of the City of Menominee. This list also includes significant recreation sites available in the City of Marinette, Wisconsin that are most likely used by residents of the City of Menominee. This information was obtained from Bay-Lakes Regional Planning Commission.

- **Airport Park:** A recreational site located along M-35, 4 miles north of Menominee, with picnic tables, grills, toilets, carry-down boat landing, and wildlife viewing.
- **Bailey Park:** A 74-acre primitive area located along M-35, 13 miles north of Menominee, with 4,800 feet of sand beach on Green Bay, picnic areas, swimming, boating, and fishing.
- **Birch Creek Roadside Park:** A wayside located along U.S. 41, 1 mile north of Menominee, with water, toilets, picnic tables, and grills.
- **Grand Rapids Boat Landings:** Two Wisconsin Public Service boat landing sites on the Menominee River located off County Road 577, near Grand Rapids Hydroplant, 16 miles northwest of

Menominee, with access to the Grand Rapids Flowage.

- **Kleinke Park:** A 10-acre area on the Bay of Green Bay along M-35, 15 miles north of Menominee, with 25 campsites (20 with electricity, 5 without), picnic area, water, toilets, carry-down boat ramp, fishing, and swimming.
- **Koss Bridge Park:** A State Forest Campground and State Waterway on Koss Bridge Road off County Road 77, one-half mile east of Koss on the Menominee River, 19 miles from Menominee, with a small boat ramp, tent campsites, and shore fishing sites.
- **Mellen Township Park:** A 20-acre area along U.S. 41, one-half mile from Wallace, 14 miles north of Menominee, with picnic tables, grills, shelter, water, toilets, playground equipment, and baseball field.
- **River Park:** A 29-acre area along County Road 581 fronting the Menominee River, 12 miles from Menominee, with 1,700 feet of water frontage, shelter, picnic tables, swimming, and fishing.
- **Stoney Point Boat Landing:** This Bay of Green Bay access site is located along M-35, 7 miles north of Menominee, with ample parking, lighting, and toilets.
- **Marinette Civic Center:** This community recreational facility is located on Alice Lane in the central portion of the City of Marinette. Facilities at the center include: 2 domed buildings, 8 lighted tennis courts, outdoor Olympic size swimming pool, wading pool, locker room, concession stand, and volleyball sand court.
- **Red Arrow Park:** This water-based recreation site occupies approximately 15.0 acres in the extreme eastern part of the City of Marinette, along the Bay of Green Bay. Facilities at the Park include: swimming beach, dressing room/bathrooms, pavilion, boat launches, boarding pier, picnic tables, grills, playground equipment, water, and sitting benches.
- **Stephenson Island Park:** This community park occupies 11.0 acres of land along the Menominee River. It is located on an island just south of the U.S. 41 Interstate Bridge. The Stephenson Island Historical Museum, a popular tourist attraction, is located within the park. Facilities at the Park include playground equipment, restrooms, boat launches, dock, telephone, logging display, statue, water, grills, picnic tables, pavilion, parking, and historical museum building.
- **Marinette City Park:** This 400-acre community park is in the central portion of the City of Marinette, directly west of the Civic Center and Higley Field. The park is a popular area, with towering pines. Facilities at the Park include a campground, restrooms, grills, telephone, showers, an enclosed pavilion, picnic tables, playground equipment, and cross-country ski trail.
- **Higley Field:** This active recreation park is located on an 8.7-acre parcel land in the central portion of the City of Marinette, near the Civic Center and City Park. Facilities at the site include lighted softball fields, restroom/playroom building, playground equipment, concession stands, picnic tables, water fountains, and bleachers.

### 3.3 U.P. HIDDEN COAST RECREATION HERITAGE ROUTE



The City of Menominee is the western gateway to the U.P. Hidden Coast Recreation Heritage Route, which runs 64 miles along the shores of Lake Michigan to the northern limits of the City of Gladstone in neighboring Delta County. This route features a wide variety of recreational facilities (many of which are public owned), including parks, waterways, forests, trails, boat launches, harbors, and campgrounds. Activities available along the Hidden Coast include camping, hiking, biking, swimming, hunting, fishing, boating, and skiing.

### 3.4 RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF MENOMINEE

**Tennis:** Tennis is growing rapidly as a favorite sport of both young people and adults. Programs include: PeeWee Tennis (4-5 years old), Junior Tennis (6-7 years old), Advanced Tennis (8-16 years old), and Beginner (8-13 years old). All tennis lessons are held at the Water Tower Tennis Courts on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

**Volleyball:** Volleyball leagues are offered through the YMCA. Junior High School lessons are being offered through the City Recreation Department at Menominee Blesch Intermediate School on Thursdays. Beach volleyball is open to the public at Henes.

**Softball:** The City Recreation Department's girls' softball program (ages 7-16) is currently coordinated through the Menominee Youth Baseball Association. Games are played at the Little League Fields. All costs are covered through sponsor fees and fundraising.

**T-Ball:** One of the most popular programs offered through the Recreation Department. There are three divisions which include Little Tykes (4-5 years old), Minor League (6-7 years old), and Major League (8-9 years old). All games are played at Water Tower Park on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

**Evening Baseball Clinic:** This clinic emphasizes and teaches the basic skills and fundamentals of baseball. Clinic is held on Wednesday evenings at the Kiwanis Field (located behind City Hall).

**Hardball:** Little League baseball is for boys and girls ages 7-12. They play 16 games a season plus tournaments. Costs are covered by sponsor fees and fundraisers. Approximately 170 children took part in this league. Babe Ruth league is offered for boys, ages 13-15 years old. JV Legion baseball is offered for boys ages 16-17 years old. Legion baseball is offered for boys, ages 17 & 18. All hardball programs are coordinated through the Menominee Youth Baseball Association.

**Soccer:** Soccer lessons are offered on Wednesdays and held at Spies Field. There are two age groups: Just-4-Kix (4-5 years old) and Soccer Stars (6-7 years old). M&M Youth Soccer Association offers soccer to boys and girls ages 4-18 years of age. This program is held in the evenings during the summer months.

**Gymnastics:** Gymnastics is offered to boys and girls 3-18 years old through the YMCA. The YMCA currently offers both instruction and a place on competitive teams.

**Racquetball:** The YMCA features five (5) racquetball courts for both league and recreational play. This is offered to both youth and adults.

**Football:** M&M Youth Football is offered to 4th to 6th grade boys. Hornets football is offered to 7th and 8th grade boys. Both leagues use Spies Athletic Field for their home games.

**Flag Football:** The City Recreation Department coordinates a flag football league for high school students and adults. The City Recreation Department currently has 14 teams in league play, which begins in June and ends mid-August followed by a tournament.

**Basketball:** The City Recreation Department in conjunction with Hoops Club coordinates elementary basketball leagues for boys and girls in grades 4-5. The girls' season begins in early September and ends in the middle of November. The boys' season begins in January and ends in early March.

The City Recreation Department coordinates the Junior High School basketball program for both boys and girls grades 6 - 8. The girls' season begins in early September and ends in mid-November. The boys' season begins at the end of November and end mid-January. Teams are formed after the completion of registration. Coaches are volunteers and practice times, and competitive game schedules are coordinated with school gym facilities and other local schools. Transportation to games is the responsibility of parents.

The City Recreation Department coordinates basketball camps for a nine-week period. Instructors cover fundamentals and drills. This program is offered to children 4-12 years of age.

**Swimming:** All swimming instructions are offered through the YMCA. Sessions are available for anyone six (6) months and older. Open swim, lap swim and water walking are also available daily. The City of Menominee has unsupervised beaches at three locations.

**Ice Rink:** All ice rink related activities (skating, figure skating, hockey and curling) are currently available to the public through the Rec Center in Marinette, Wisconsin. Menominee does offer an outdoor rink at Doby Park.

**Art-n-the-Park and Just 4 Kidz:** Art based programs and fun and fitness activities are coordinated by the recreation staff throughout the summer months. There are two (2) classes offered focusing on art-based projects: Art-4-Fun (5-8 years old) and Kreative Kids (9-12 years old). Two classes focusing on gross motor development are: Just Kid'N Around (6-8 years old) and Munchkins in Motion (4-5 years old).

**Other Recreation Opportunities:** The City Recreation Department is involved in coordinating the following opportunities: Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, Kids Fishing Derby, Punt, Pass and Kick Contest, Walking in the Park, Water Front Festival, Senior Citizens, Yacht Club 100 mile race, Family Fun Night, July 4 Celebration, and various other youth and adult activities.

Contact information for local recreation opportunities can be found in Appendix B.

## 4.0

## PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

### 4.1 PLANNING DATA

#### 4.1.1 Population Profile

According to the 2018 American Community Survey 5-year estimates, the City of Menominee has a population of 8,214, a median household income of \$35,558, a poverty rate of 17.4% and an employment rate of 58.9%. The

median age is 42.7. About 10.9% of the population are veterans and the population by race is predominantly white at 96.7%.

Nearly 20% of the population in the City of Menominee suffers from some type of disability ranging from hearing and vision difficulty to cognitive, ambulatory and self-care difficulty.

Educational attainment is high compared to the rest of the United State with over 92% of the population achieving high school graduation or higher. Median earnings for full time workers are about \$48,028 for males and \$30,565 for females.

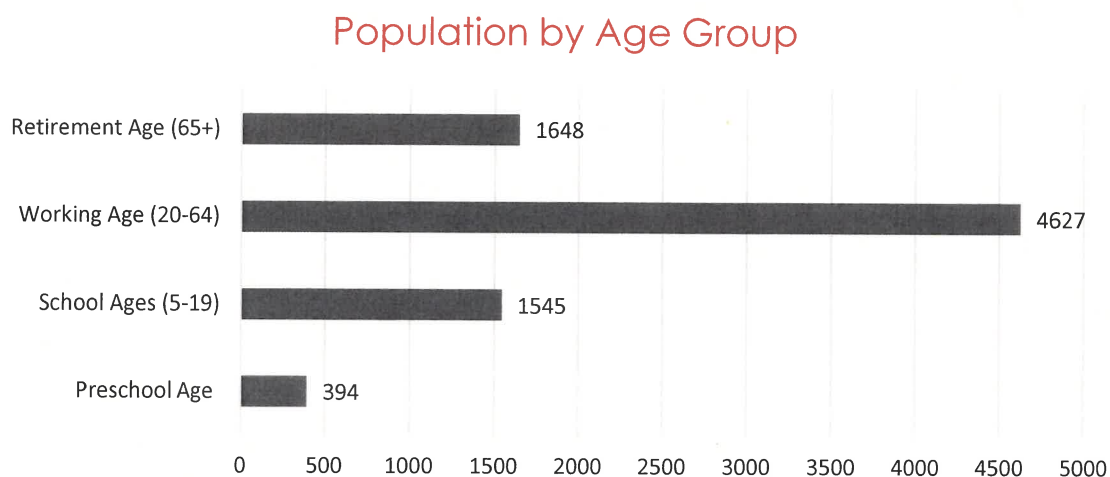
There is a total of 4,494 housing units in the City of Menominee. About 2,637 are owner occupied housing units and there are 1,380 renter occupied housing units. The median cost of a home is \$83,800 compared to the state of Michigan with a median cost of \$151,400 for a home.

The City's age structure is presented in four categories in Figure 4.1 below: preschool, normal school age, normal working age, and normal retirement age. Those persons in the normal retirement category comprise 20 percent of the City's population, the preschool category comprises 5 percent, the normal school age category comprises 19 percent and the normal working age category comprises 56 percent of the population.

Understanding the composition of the population by age group will help the City's leaders plan for the types of recreation facilities that will maximize the recreational opportunities for as many residents as possible. The trend line in figure 4.1 shows how the moving average of the age groups in the City's population is trending up significantly. Recreational facilities that offer walking trails and those that are accessible to people of all abilities will be valuable into the future.

Figure 4.1 - Population by Age Group

ACS,2018, Table DP05



#### 4.1.2 Topography

The terrain of the City is level to rolling with almost no areas of steep terrain of 10 percent or greater.

#### 4.1.3 Water Resources

The most visible water features associated with the City of Menominee are the Bay of Green Bay and the Menominee River. The Bay of Green Bay forms the entire eastern edge of the City. It is used as the primary water source for the City and provides residents and tourists with a variety of recreational opportunities like

beaches, boating, and fishing. Parks and recreation areas along the shorelines allow residents and visitor's access to water features.

The Menominee River serves as a port for commodities coming in and out of the City. The Menominee area was originally settled due to its location at the mouth of the Menominee River. Logs were floated down the river from inland forests where they were milled into lumber or shipped to other areas via Lake Michigan.

#### 4.1.4 Soils

Soil is the result of glaciers moving over bedrock material, with massive pressure and slow movement turning the solid rock into extremely fine-ground material. The different types of soil created from the contractions of these glacial sheets were deposited throughout the City in no particular order. As a result, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service has classified the soils of the City of Menominee into 18 soil types, which are shown on Map 4-1.

These soils are grouped into phases, complexes, or associations. Soil phases are divided from one soil series according to the texture of the surface layer or of the underlying material. A soil complex consists of two or more soils, or one or more soils and a miscellaneous area, in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the soil map. A soil association is made up of two or more geographically associated soils that are shown as one unit on the maps. These soil classifications are grouped based on common characteristics, such as drainage, slope and texture.

Development should be planned in such a way as to take into account the suitability of the soils for the type of development planned. The presence of large rocks or shallow bedrock can make construction more difficult, while very sandy soil may be too unstable for some types of development. Engineering and construction techniques can be used to overcome soil limitations, often at considerable cost.

Below is an inventory of the soil types found in the City of Menominee and an analysis of their primary characteristics and suitability for development.

**10B-Onaway Fine Sandy Loam, 3 to 9 percent slopes:** Deep, undulating, and gently rolling, well drained sandy loam soil with fine texture surface soil. The permeability and available water capacity of the soil are moderate. The surface runoff of this soil is slow or medium. There are slight limitations for use as campgrounds, picnic areas, and paths and trails; the soil has severe limitation, due to slope, for use as a playground. This soil type is found in the northwestern portion of the City.

**12B-Nadeau Fine Sandy Loam, 3 to 12 percent slopes:** Deep, undulating, and gently rolling, well drained sandy loam with fine texture surface soil. There are slight limitations for use as campgrounds, picnic areas, and paths and trails; the soil has severe limitations, due to slope, for use as a playground. The surface runoff of the soil is slow or medium. This soil type is found on Poplar Point in the northeastern portion of the City. A smaller area of the soil is also located in the northwestern portion of the City.

**6-Ensley Mucky Silt Loam:** Deep, nearly level, poorly drained sandy and loamy soil with mucky texture surface soil. The permeability of the upper portion of the Ensley soil is moderate, while the lower portion is moderately rapid. The available water capacity of this soil is high. The surface runoff of the soil is very slow or ponded. In Menominee County, it is mostly used as woodland. The ponding characteristic of the soil causes severe limitations for recreational uses. It is found on the southern edge of Poplar Point in the northeastern portion of the City.

**20A-Solona Loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes:** Deep, nearly level, somewhat poorly drained soil, with



moderate permeability and available water capacity. Surface runoff is slow. Seasonal wetness limits recreational uses.

**21-Deford Mucky Fine Sand:** Deep, nearly level, poorly drained sandy soil with fine texture subsoil. This soil is located on broad flats and in depressions and drainage ways on uplands. The permeability of the soil is rapid, and the available water capacity is low. The soil surface runoff is very slow or ponded. In Menominee County, it is mostly used as woodland. The ponding characteristic of the soil causes severe limitations for recreational uses. Areas of this soil type are scattered throughout the City, with the largest areas located in the extreme northeast corner and near the high school in the western portion.

**22A-Wainola Fine Sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes:** Deep, nearly level, somewhat poorly drained sandy soil with mottled fine subsoil. The permeability of the soil is rapid. The surface runoff of the soil is slow. The wetness of the soil causes severe limitations for recreational uses. The Wainola Fine Sand soil is found in scattered areas throughout the City; the largest concentration is located just east of the Twin County airport.

**23B-Rousseau Fine Sand, 3 to 12 percent slopes:** Deep, undulating and gently rolling, well drained sandy soil with fine texture subsoil, which occurs on ridges, knolls, and plains in the uplands. The permeability of Rousseau sand is rapid. Due to its sandy soil, it has severe limitations for recreational uses. The two largest concentrations of this soil type are in the northern portion of the City.

**23D-Rousseau Fine Sand, 15 to 25 percent slopes:** Deep, rolling and hilly, well drained sandy soil with fine texture subsoil, which is found on ridges and hills in the uplands. The permeability of the Rousseau soil is rapid. The surface runoff of the soil is slow. The steep slope of the soil causes severe limitations for recreational uses. A small area of this soil type is found in the north central portion of the City.

**24-Arnheim-Moquah Complex, 0 to 3 percent slopes:** Deep, nearly level sandy and loamy soils with mottled fine texture subsoil. The permeability of the soil complex is moderate. The surface runoff is medium on the Moquah soil and very slow or ponded on the Arnheim soil. The wetness and flooding characteristics of the soil complex causes severe limitations for recreational uses. The Arnheim-Moquah soil complex is found on a small island in the Menominee River, located off the southwestern corner of the City.

**25B-Onaway-Rousseau complex, 3 to 12 percent slopes:** These deep, undulating and gently rolling, well drained soils include Onaway and Rousseau soils so intricately mixed that they cannot be mapped separately. Permeability is moderate in the Onaway soils and rapid in the Rousseau portion. Runoff is slow or medium on both soils. This soil type has only slight limitations for campgrounds, picnic areas, and paths and trails, and severe limitations due to slope for playgrounds. Areas of the Onaway-Rousseau soil complex are found in the southwestern corner of the City, in the Riverside Country Club area.

**26B-Rubicon Sand, 3 to 12 percent slopes:** Deep, undulating and gently rolling, excessively drained sandy soil with loose texture subsoil. The permeability of Rubicon soil is rapid. The surface runoff of the soil type is slow. It has severe limitations, due to its sandy characteristics, for recreational uses. The largest concentrations of Rubicon Sand soil are found in the southwestern corner of the City.

**27A-Urban Land-Rousseau Complex, 0 to 3 percent slopes:** Nearly level, moderately drained sandy soil with fine texture subsoil. This soil type is usually found on broad flats and low ridges in uplands. The permeability of the Urban Land-Rousseau soil complex is rapid. The surface runoff in the areas with this soil is slow or very slow. The wetness of the soil complex causes severe limitations for recreational use. The range of this soil complex stretches north to south through a large portion of the central portion



of the City.

**28A-Ingalls Fine Sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes:** Deep, nearly level, somewhat poorly drained sandy and loamy soil with mottled fine texture subsoil. The permeability of the upper sandy portion of the soil is rapid, while the lower loamy portion of the soil is moderately slow. The wetness of the soil causes severe limitations for recreational uses. It is in scattered areas throughout the City, with the largest concentration found in the very southwestern corner of the City. A portion of this area is located within the municipal cemetery property.

**29-Burleigh Mucky Fine Sand:** Deep, nearly level, poorly drained sandy and loamy soil. The permeability of the upper portion of the Burleigh soil is rapid, while the lower portion is moderately slow. The surface runoff of this soil type is very slow or ponded. The ponding characteristic of the soil causes severe limitations for recreational uses. This soil is primarily found in the west central portion of the City, just north of the Twin County Airport.

**27A-Urban Land-Desford Complex:** Deep, nearly level, poorly drained sandy soil with fine texture subsoil. The permeability of Urban Land-Desford soil complex is rapid. The surface runoff of this soil is very slow or ponded. The ponding characteristic of the soil causes severe limitations for recreational uses. This soil complex is found in the eastern portion of the City along the Bay of Green Bay, in the southeastern portion of the City along the Menominee River, and near the Twin County Airport.

**34-Lupton-Tawas Association:** Deep, very poorly drained sandy soils with mucky fine texture subsoil. The permeability of Lupton soil is moderately slow to moderately rapid, while the Tawas soil's organic part is moderately slow to moderately rapid and the mineral substratum is rapid. The surface runoff is very slow or ponded. It has severe limitations for recreational uses. The largest area of this soil association is located in the southwestern portion of the City. Smaller areas of the association are located in the east-central portion of the City near Green Bay and near the mouth of the Menominee River.

**38A-Rousseau Fine Sand, 0 to 3 percent slopes:** Deep, nearly level, moderately well drained sandy soil with fine texture subsoil. The permeability of Rousseau soil is rapid. The surface runoff from this soil is slow. The wetness of the soil causes severe limitations for recreational uses. The Rousseau fine sand soil is scattered throughout the City, with the largest concentration located in the southwestern portion of the City just east of the cemetery.

**40-Lupton Muck, Ponded:** Deep, level, very poorly drained sand, or sandy loam with mucky texture surface soil. It is well suited for wetland wildlife habitat. The subside and ponding characteristics of the soil cause severe limitations for recreational uses. The two major concentrations of this type of soil are found in the west central and northwestern portions of the City.

**40-Aquents, Sandy and Loamy:** Nearly level, poorly drained and somewhat poorly drained sandy and loamy soil, with texture that ranges from very coarse to silt. In most areas these soils are idle and do not have a plant cover. The two largest concentrations of this soil type within the City are located adjacent to the two major wetland areas (Lupton Muck, Ponded soil areas).

**40-Pits, Sand, and Gravel:** Areas that have been excavated for sand or for sand and gravel. The exposed material supports few plants. Most areas are idle. The Twin County Airport property is where the largest concentration of this soil type is located.

## Vegetation

Within the City limits there are small, isolated areas of aspen birch type woodland and an area of upland hardwood and conifer.

### 4.1.5 Fish and Wildlife Resources

The Menominee River is a habitat of popular sport fish like chinook, coho salmon, walleye, small mouth bass and steelhead trout. It has one of the largest natural populations of sturgeon in the state of Michigan, which is a threatened species.

Throughout the City are found wildlife typically found within an urban setting, including white-tailed deer, squirrels, skunks, turkeys, fox, rabbits, and the occasional black bear.

### 4.1.6 Land Use Patterns

The current land use inventory of the City of Menominee indicates that 1,362.7 acres of land is residential, or 39.9 percent of the City's total land use (Table 4.4). In terms of total acreage, this land use category is followed by public land and industrial land uses, which consume 332.1 and 393.3 acres, respectively. Map 4-2 indicates the existing land use in the City.

**Table 4.4: Land Use Patterns, City of Menominee**

Land Use or Cover Type	Acres	Percent
Urban and Built-Up	2,402.8	70.4
Agriculture	90.6	2.6
Non-forested	136.5	4.0
Forested	141.1	4.1
Water	203.5	6.0
Wetlands	94.4	2.8
Barren	13.9	0.4
Public Areas/Recreation	332.1	9.7
Total	3,419.9	100.0

Source: Michigan Resource Information System, Windshield Survey 2007

### 4.1.7 Transportation Systems

U.S. 41 is the major thoroughfare through the City of Menominee. It links the City to the Cities of Green Bay and Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the south, and the Cities of Escanaba and Marquette to the east and north. It is an important north/south highway corridor used by businesses and industries in the Upper Peninsula and eastern Wisconsin for hauling raw materials and finished products by truck. State trunk line M-35 is another economically important highway that runs through a portion of the City. This highway is an important alternative north/south route between Menominee and the Cities of Escanaba and Marquette, that runs north from the City along Lake Michigan to the City of Gladstone and then northwest through the community of Gwinn to just west of the City of Marquette. Both M-35 and U.S. 41

have been recently resurfaced. Map 4-3 details the road network within the City.

The City of Menominee's port facility is shared with the City of Marinette, Wisconsin and is located along the Menominee River. The major commodities that are handled at the port are coal and stone/sand/salt. The port handles an average of 130,365 tons of commodities per year.

Local commuter and corporate charter air service is provided by the Menominee County Airport. This airport facility is owned and operated by Menominee County. It is included in the Federal Aviation Administration National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems for 2017-2021, which it is categorized as a local general aviation facility.

Rail service in the City is primarily provided by the Canadian National Railroad. The line runs north/south through the entire City parallel to U.S. 41, with spurs and sidings running to businesses and industries along the Menominee River, in the east-central portion of the City, and near the industrial park. This railroad hauls a variety of commodities, primarily bulk in nature.

#### 4.1.8 Floodplains and High-Risk Erosion Areas

Floodplains and wetlands are important from a planning standpoint due to their potential limitations on future development, as well as possible impacts on existing development in the case of floodplains. Map 4-4 shows floodplain areas in the City of Menominee as mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The 100-year floodplain is defined as the area in which there is a one percent chance of a flood occurring in any given year.

An issue related to shoreline development is the risk of erosion in certain areas. Under Part 323, Shorelands Protection and Management of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (PA451 of 1994), high risk erosion areas along Michigan's shorelines were identified and provisions outlined for minimizing erosion risk. High risk erosion areas are defined as "an area of the shoreland determined . . . on the basis of studies and surveys to be subject to erosion." These high-risk erosion areas have been designated by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality where active erosion has been occurring at a long-term average rate of one foot or more per year. The erosion is the result of several factors, including high water levels, storms, wind, groundwater seepage or surface water runoff.

To safeguard development in high risk erosion areas, regulations establish required setback distances from the shoreline to protect new structures from erosion for a period of 30 to 60 years, depending on the size, number of living units and type of construction. A permit from the MDEQ is required for construction activities located in the high-risk erosion areas. Significant portions of the Green Bay shoreline are included in high risk erosion areas, with setbacks ranging from 35 to 150 feet for moveable structures.

#### 4.1.9 Climate

The City has a humid continental climate that is influenced by Lake Michigan and the Bay of Green Bay, with cold winters and humid, cool summers. The lake and bay help keep temperatures cool in summer and generally moderate in winter. The temperature in the City ranges from the lower nineties to the negative teens, with a mean annual temperature of 45.7 degrees Fahrenheit. Total precipitation averages 28.86 inches per year, with the wettest month in June and the driest month in February. The average yearly snowfall in the City is about 45 inches, with the largest average snowfall occurring in the month of January.

## 4.2 PLANNING METHODS

### 4.2.1 Standards System

One method to assess community recreation needs is the standard system. Standards that have been developed by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) provide a scale against which an existing recreation system can be measured so the guidelines for future needs can be created. Standards link the number of acres to the community's population.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management Division "Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans" includes a table of suggested facility development standards which can be found in Appendix B. A direct comparison of the suggested facility development standards to the existing facilities in the City of Menominee is shown in Table 4.5.

**Table 4.5: Comparison of Existing Recreational Facilities to Suggested NRPA Standards, City of Menominee**

Activity/Facility	No. of units per population	Standard required for area	No. of Existing Facilities	Deficiency per Standards?
Badminton	1 per 5000	1.8	3	No
Basketball	1 per 5000	1.8	5	No
Handball (3-4 wall)	1 per 20,000	0.5	3	No
Ice Hockey	1 per 100,000	0.09	1 Outdoor	No
Tennis	1 court per 2000	3.3	2	Yes
Volleyball	1 court per 5000	1.8	2	No
Baseball	1 per 5000	1.3	2 lighted	No
Little League	Lighted- 1 per 30,000	0.3	2 lighted	No
Field Hockey	1 per 20,000	0.5	0	Yes
Football	1 per 20,000	0.5	2	No
Soccer	1 per 10,000	0.9	1	No
Golf-driving range	1 per 50,000	0.2	0	Yes
¼ - Mile Running Track	1 per 20,000	0.5	1	No
Softball	1 per 5,000	1.8	3	No
Multiple Recreation Court (Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis)	1 per 10,000	0.9	0	Yes
Trails	1 system per region	N/A	2	No
Archery Range	1 per 50,000	0.2	0	Yes
Combination Skeet and Trap Field (8 station)	1 per 50,000	0.2	0	Yes
Golf (9-Hole)	1/25,000	0.4	1 18-hole	No
Golf (18-Hole)	1/50,000	0.2	1 18-hole	No
Swimming Pools	1 per 20,000	0.5	1	No
Beach Areas	NA	NA	2	No



## Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Recreation Open Space and Trails

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management Division "Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans" includes a table of a recommended classification system for local and regional recreation open space and trails which can be found in Appendix C.

## National Park and Recreation Standards for Park Acreage

The National Park and Recreation Association has suggested standards for park size and type based on the population of the area. No standards exist to determine how much open space a community needs, however, these standards can be used as guidelines in the planning process. Appendix D includes a table of these suggested standards.

A community's park system under NRPA standards should have a minimum of 6.25 to 10.50 total acres of developed open space per 1,000 population. The City of Menominee, with a population of 8,599, would have to provide between 2.35 to 4.70 acres of mini parks, 9.40 to 18.80 acres of neighborhood parks, and 46.99 to 75.18 acres of community parks (Table 4.6).

**Table 4.6: Existing Public Open Space, City of Menominee**

Type and Name of Park	Park Land Area (Acres)	Land Area Standard (Acres)
<b>Mini Parks</b>		
Higley Triangle Park	0.6	
Reindl West End Park	0.6	
Veterans Memorial Park	2.6	
Swings and Things	0.3	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>2.3 to 4.6</b>
<b>Neighborhood Parks (and Schools)</b>		
Tourist Park	6.0	
Duby Park	1.8	
Fisherman's Park	1.5	
John Paul II Catholic Academy	3.2	
Menominee Blesch Intermediate School	8.7	
Menominee H.S./Jr. High/ Central Elementary	37.1	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>9.1 to 18.2</b>
<b>Community Parks</b>		
Tourist Park	6.0	
Henes Park	45.0	
Veterans Memorial Park	2.6	
Water Tower Park	33.6	
Spies Field	16.4	
Great Lakes Memorial Marina Park	9.2	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>112.8</b>	<b>45.5 to 72.8</b>
<b>Total Park Area</b>	<b>176.9</b>	<b>56.9 to 95.6</b>



The City of Menominee possesses more than 160 acres of public and school owned recreational land. The breakdown of this recreational land includes: 4.1 acres of mini parks, 60.0 acres of neighborhood parks, and 103.6 acres of community parks (Table 4.6). Comparing the NRPA standards with the number of acres of recreational land found in the City, the City has the recommended amount of acreage in mini parks, and an excess acreage for neighborhood and community parks. These statistics indicate that the supply of open space within the City is adequate for the current population.

#### Barrier Free Accessibility Requirements for Parks

As a component of this plan, the Superior Alliance for Independent Living (SAIL), Disability Network of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan conducted accessibility reviews of four parks in the City of Menominee on June 13, 2020. The reviews are intended to help the City plan for specific elements within parking, entrance, circulation, seating, and restrooms that will bring each of the four parks in compliance with ADA standards. The four parks that were evaluated were the John Henes Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Menominee City Harbor and Marina Park, and Water Tower Park.

### 4.3 PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Another method to assess community recreation needs is to base decisions on the expressed desires of the residents of the City of Menominee. A survey was conducted from May 26, 2020 to August 7, 2020 during the COVID 19 pandemic, so surveys were limited to online only. Links to the survey were on the City of Menominee website, the Recreation Department web page and the Parks and Recreation Facebook page. There was a total of 149 responses and 145 of those responses were collected from Facebook alone. The full survey results are in Appendix F.

#### Public Survey Summary

Most of the survey respondents were between the ages of 25 and 44, and 83.89% were residents of the City of Menominee. Survey participants were asked to rank each park in the City of Menominee on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest. Below are the rankings for each park.

Henes Park	4
Water Tower Park	3
Great Lakes Memorial Marina Park	4
Veterans Memorial Park	3
Menominee Sports Complex	4
Reindl West End Park	3
Swings and Things	3
River Park Campground	3
Menominee River Access	3
Marina Boat Launch	3
18 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Boat Launch	3

Henes Park: When asked what improvements they would like to see at Henes Park, the top responses were upgrade grade playground equipment, provide an accessible kayak launch system, provide accessible trails, a concessions program, and more paved trails.

Water Tower Park: Top improvements for Water Tower Park include are upgrade playground equipment and make it accessible, resurface tennis courts, develop a disk golf course, develop accessible trails, and upgrade restrooms to be ADA compliant.

River Park: Improvements most important to the survey respondents for River Park are relocate the campground to a new site that is not prone to flooding and upgrade electric to 50-amp service at campsites and restore bench and gazebo and update restrooms to ADA compliance.

Great Lakes Memorial Marina Park: The overwhelming response to what improvements one would like to see at the Great Lakes Memorial Marina Park is a splash pad.

Veterans Memorial Park: Top responses include more parking and improved access to the lake for people with mobility devices and a lifeguard on duty

Duby Park: Respondents would like to see updated and accessible playground equipment, updated ADA compliant restrooms and improved lighting.

Menominee River Access: The overwhelming response for this site is an accessible fishing pier

Reindl West End Park: A vast number of respondents want updated playground equipment at this park and ADA compliant restrooms.

Tourist Park: The top responses were almost tied between more parking and ADA compliant restrooms

Swings and Things: The most important improvement selected was an accessible drinking fountain. Next was ADA compliant restrooms.

Marina Boat Launch: This site gathered another huge response with the vast majority of respondents wanting maintenance.

18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Boat Launch: Respondents were nearly tied between floating piers and a ramp replacement.

### Final Adoption Process

A notice was advertised in the Menominee Eagle Herald for the 30-day public review period on October\_\_, 2020. After the 30-day public review period, the City of Menominee Parks and Recreation Department conducted a public hearing on December 9, 2020 to solicit additional public comment before making a recommendation to the City Council for final adoption. The City Council adopted the City of Menominee Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan 2020 – 2025 on December 21, 2020. A copy of the notices, meeting minutes and resolution of adoption are included in Appendix G.

## 5.1 GOALS AND POLICIES

The following goals and policies should serve as guidelines toward development strategies. Consideration of the recreational policies should lead the community toward the attainment of each goal. Specific development projects and programs should be evaluated with respect to the recreational goals and policies.

Goal I: Provide a wide variety of recreational opportunities to all residents of the City of Menominee.

Policies:

- Projects should be accessible to residents of all abilities
- Whenever possible, facilities should be for multiple and/or year-round use.
- Proposed projects should eliminate identified recreation deficiencies as described in this plan.
- Proposed projects should consider the results of the survey and what the public wants.

Goal II: Make maximum use of the recreational opportunities offered by the area's natural environment.

Policies:

- Create pocket parks at the terminus of 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets
- Facilities should be designed to complement and preserve the surrounding natural qualities of the area.
- Whenever possible, the City and private interests should coordinate the development of recreation facilities and programs.
- Existing facilities should be upgraded before new ones are built.
- Proper maintenance should be ensured for all facilities.
- The City and concerned organizations and individuals should develop programs and incorporate designs to reduce vandalism.

Goal III: Promote our park and recreation facilities as a means of attracting tourists and visitors to our City.

Policies:

- Continue to provide support for local events/festivals that will attract local citizen participation and visitor interest.
- Continue to support the maintenance and development of Marina Park for its tourism value as well as for its own local citizens.
- Continue to support The Central School Little League Fields.
- Continue to support The Menominee Marina as a transient boater destination.
- Support local historical attractions i.e., lighthouse, museum, downtown shops, etc., as a means to encourage tourism in our City.

The Action Program provides the City of Menominee Parks and Recreation Department with a recreational development plan over the next five years. Projects are developed through information gathered from the goals of this plan, results of the 2020 public survey, the City's capital improvement plan, the ADA evaluation by SAIL and the City's parks and recreation budget. Under ideal conditions a plan should always result in an action; however, the year 2020 has been challenging for the City's Parks and Recreation Department with the highest water levels ever recorded for Lake Michigan affecting their water front parks and restrictions the have been put in place to reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

**Table 6.1: Recreational Development Plan, City of Menominee**

Project	Year	Funding Source
<b>Henes Park:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade playground equipment to accessibility standards with accessible approaches.</li> <li>• Provide accessible nature pathways.</li> <li>• Provide accessible picnic tables, grills and bubblers.</li> <li>• Provide accessible parking and signage.</li> <li>• Provided an accessible kayak launch.</li> <li>• Upgrade restrooms to accessibility standards.</li> <li>• Provide consistent wayfinding signage throughout the park</li> </ul>	2020-2025	DNR Grants/City/Donations
<b>Water Tower Park:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide accessible parking and required signage.</li> <li>• Relocate playground to improve proximity to restrooms to avoid crossing the driveway.</li> <li>• Develop a dog park where playground was previously located</li> <li>• Upgrade playground equipment to accessibility standards with accessible approaches.</li> <li>• Install accessible water fountain with accessible approach.</li> <li>• Adaptive re-use of tennis court area for pickle ball and multi -use sports court</li> </ul>	2021 - 2024	DNR Grants/City/Donations

<p>or construct new pickle ball courts southeast from current tennis courts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update tennis courts.</li> <li>• Replace tennis court nets with new and repair lighting system.</li> <li>• Develop a disk golf course.</li> <li>• Upgrade restrooms to ADA compliance and include lighting.</li> <li>• Create a walking/running trail over the sandhills.</li> <li>• Maintain all buildings and structures.</li> <li>• Update softball field including drainage.</li> <li>• Update sledding hill to include lighting.</li> <li>• Provide accessible picnic tables, grills, and bubblers.</li> <li>• Add garbage cans.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Veterans Memorial Park:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision is to have a wedding park.</li> <li>• Provide ADA compliant parking and ramp signage and markings.</li> <li>• Install a mobi mat for lake access for people with mobility devices.</li> <li>• Upgrade landscaping to be low maintenance</li> <li>• Add gazebo to southeast corner</li> <li>• Add accessible garbage cans, picnic tables and benches with accessible approaches.</li> <li>• Provide accessible picnic tables, grills, and bubblers.</li> </ul>	2024- 2025	DNR Grants/City
<p><b>Great Lakes Memorial Marina Park:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update parking and park access to ADA standards.</li> <li>• Install a Splash Pad.</li> <li>• Repair irrigation system</li> <li>• Improve landscaping</li> <li>• Install bocce ball court near marina</li> </ul>	2023 - 2024	DNR Grants/ City/ Donations



sidewalk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide accessible picnic tables, grills, and bubblers.</li> <li>• Install an accessible kayak launch</li> </ul>		
<b>Tourist Park:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek ways to provide more available parking. Make required parking spaces ADA compliant.</li> <li>• Build permanent restroom/concession/changing room with storage</li> <li>• Provide accessible picnic tables, grills, and bubblers.</li> <li>• Install permanent volleyball courts.</li> <li>• Provide Lifeguard Stand and section off an area for safe swimming.</li> <li>• Improve parking by paving parallel parking and add portable speed bumps.</li> <li>• Add garbage cans and accessible water fountain.</li> <li>• Install a mobi mat for access to the water</li> </ul>	2021-2025	DNR Grants/ City/Donations
<b>Duby Park:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install a skateboard park</li> <li>• Install full size basketball court and smaller kids court.</li> <li>• Expand community garden with upgrades.</li> <li>• Relocate swings and things from 1<sup>st</sup> street park to Duby Park.</li> <li>• Add another graffiti cement area.</li> <li>• Replace old sign with new consistent park signage.</li> <li>• Provide accessible picnic tables, grills, and bubblers.</li> <li>• ADA parking.</li> <li>• ADA access to playground, upgraded and accessible playground equipment.</li> <li>• ADA compliant restroom and improved lighting.</li> <li>• ADA compliant park benches</li> </ul>	2021-2024	DNR Grants/City/Donations

<b>Menominee River Access:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADA accessible parking, accessible pathway and ADA accessible fishing pier.</li> </ul>	2024-2025	DNR Grants/City
<b>Reindl West End Park:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADA compliant parking,</li> <li>• ADA accessible pathways,</li> <li>• ADA accessible playground equipment</li> <li>• ADA compliant restrooms</li> <li>• Provide accessible picnic tables, grills, and bubblers.</li> </ul>	2022-2025	DNR Grants/City
<b>Swings &amp; Things:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove and relocate playground equipment to DUBY park.</li> <li>• Add new play equipment with nautical or pirate theme.</li> <li>• Develop a multi-purpose/all-season pavilion for a farmer's market and other events</li> <li>• Add adult outdoor workout station outside of Swings and Things.</li> <li>• Provide accessible picnic tables, grills, and bubblers.</li> <li>• Provide ADA parking.</li> <li>• Provide ADA pathways, ADA accessible water fountain and restrooms and garbage cans.</li> </ul>	2021-2023	DNR Grants/ City/Donations
<b>Marina Boat Launch:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance improvements</li> </ul>	2020	City
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Boat Launch:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide floating piers, replace ramp</li> </ul>	2021-2022	TBD
<b>Harbor Drive &amp; North Pier Lighthouse Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install ADA restroom with accessible approach</li> <li>• Provide ADA parking with required signage.</li> <li>• Provide accessible picnic tables, grills, and bubblers.</li> <li>• Add a pavilion</li> <li>• Update DNR boat launch.</li> <li>• Update Lighthouse Museum</li> </ul>	2021 -2025	DNR Grants/ City/Donations

<b>Trail Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update trail system at Water Tower Park.</li> <li>• Develop a non-motorized trail that connects all park throughout the City.</li> <li>• Develop a non-motorized trail that connects the City of Menominee and the City of Marinette.</li> </ul>	2021 -2025	DNR Grants/City
<b>New Park Spaces</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop pocket parks at the terminus of 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> streets.</li> <li>• Explore public land collaboration with county, schools, DNR, etc.</li> </ul>	2021 - 2022	MEDC/ City
<b>River Park Campground</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate and assess the sustainability for the River Park Campground</li> </ul>	2021	Recreation Director/City

## Images for Reference:

Mobi Mat  
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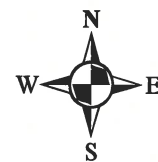
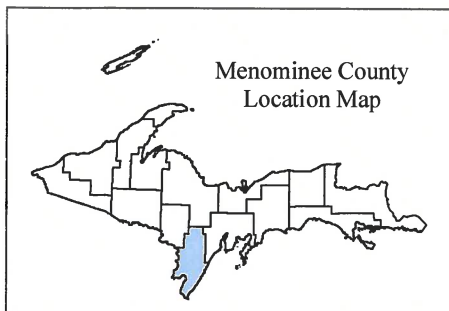
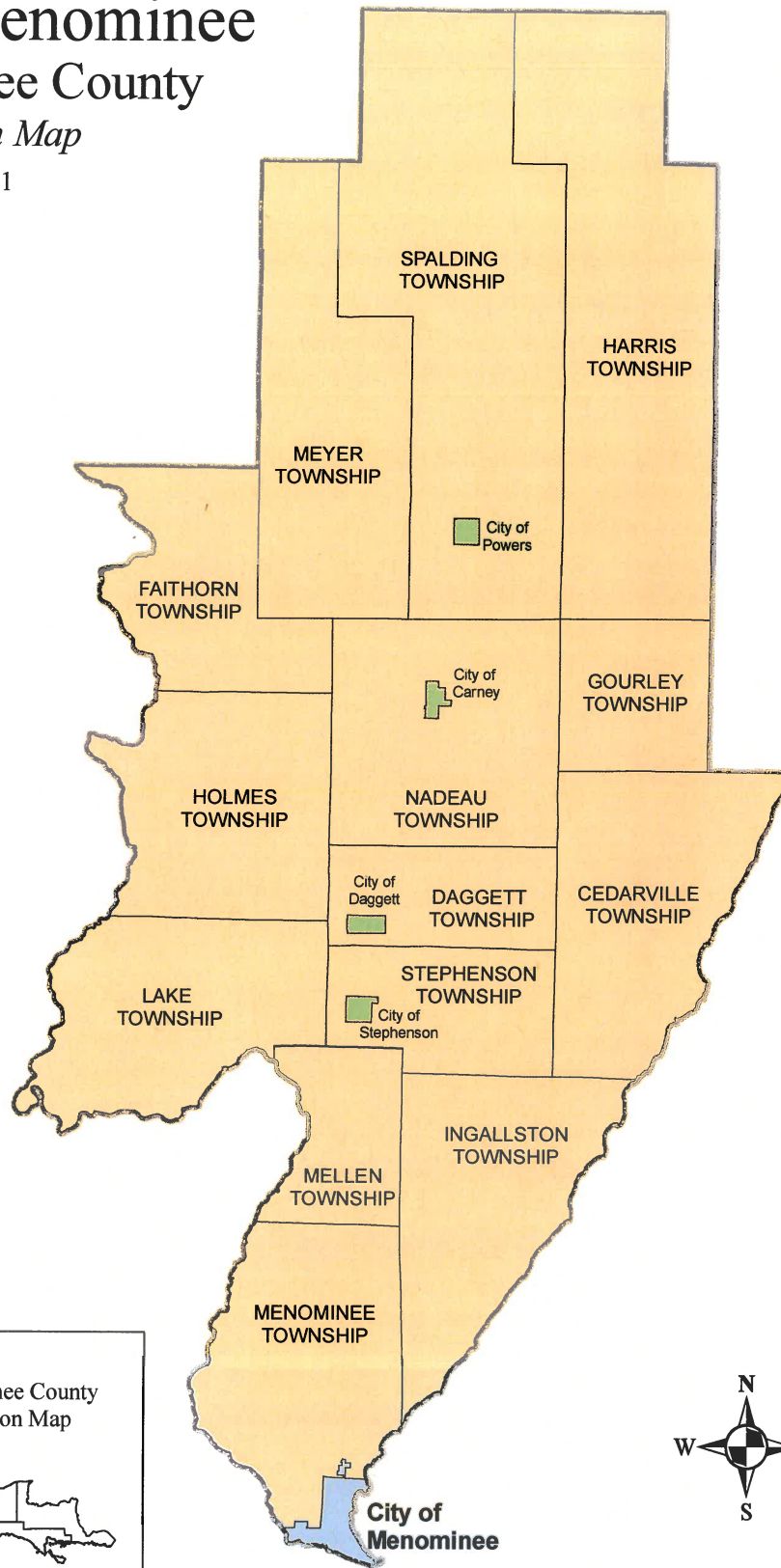
## APPENDIX A: MAPS

# City of Menominee

## Menominee County

### *Location Map*

Map 1-1



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# City of Menominee

## Recreation Facility Map

Map 3-1

### Recreation Facilities

1. Tourist Park
2. Duby Park
3. Marina Park and City Marina
4. Veterans Memorial Park
5. Higley Triangle Park
6. Reindl West End Park
7. Water Tower Park
8. Henes Park
9. River Park Campground
10. Menominee River Access
11. Swings & Things
12. Northeastern Wisconsin Hydro River Access
13. Lighthouse Ann Arbor Park
14. Spies Field
15. Fisherman's Park
16. Menominee Junior High School, Menominee High School, and Central Elementary School
17. Lincoln Elementary School
18. Menominee Blesch Intermediate School
19. Catholic Central South School
20. Greater M & M YMCA
21. Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) Boys & Girls Club
22. Riverside Country Club



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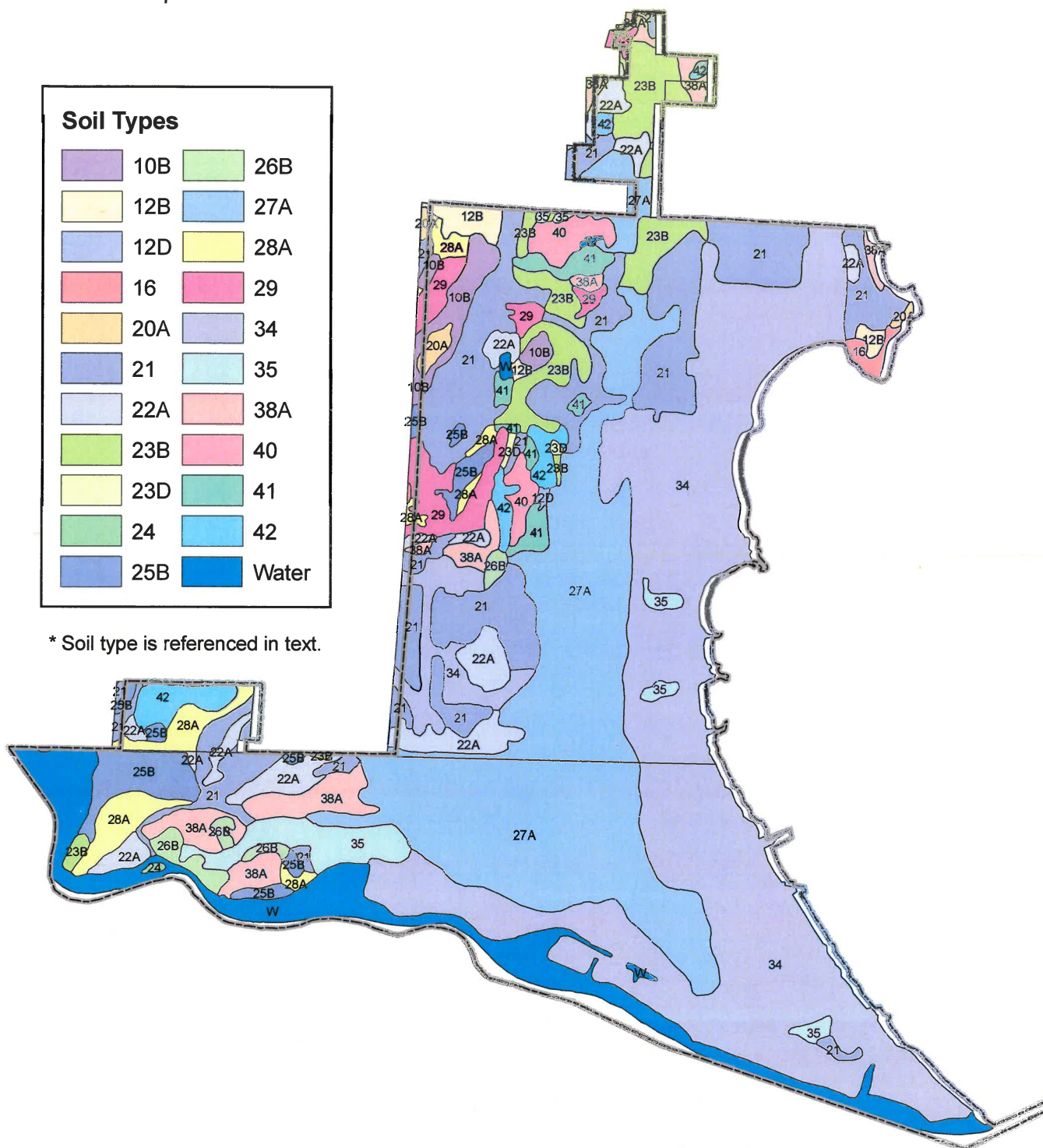
## Soil Types

Map 4-1

### Soil Types

10B	26B
12B	27A
12D	28A
16	29
20A	34
21	35
22A	38A
23B	40
23D	41
24	42
25B	Water

\* Soil type is referenced in text.



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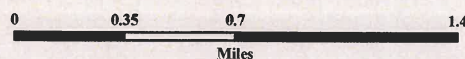
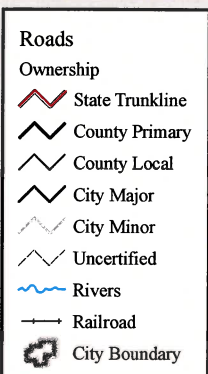
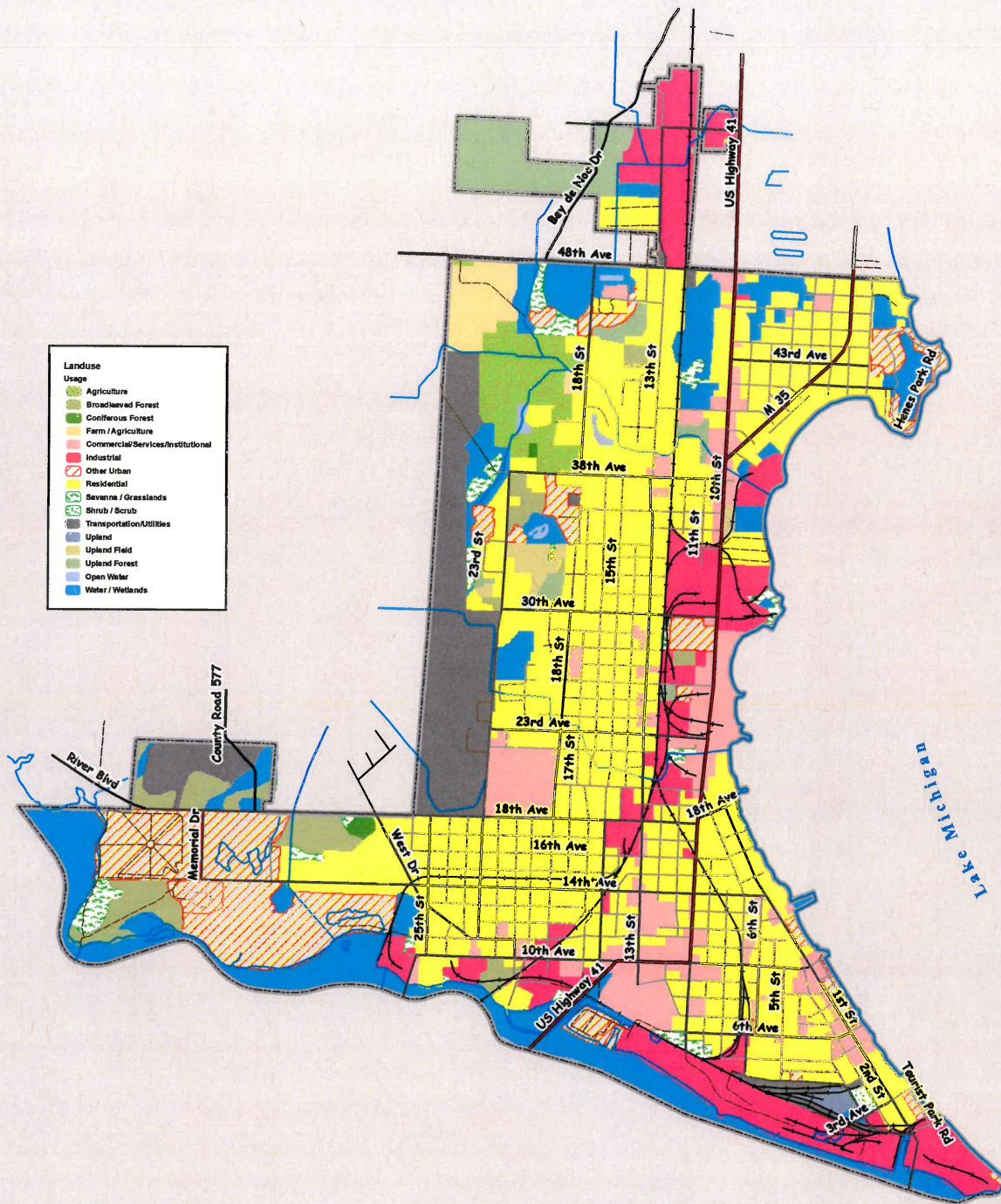
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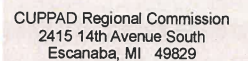
Land Use

Map 4-2





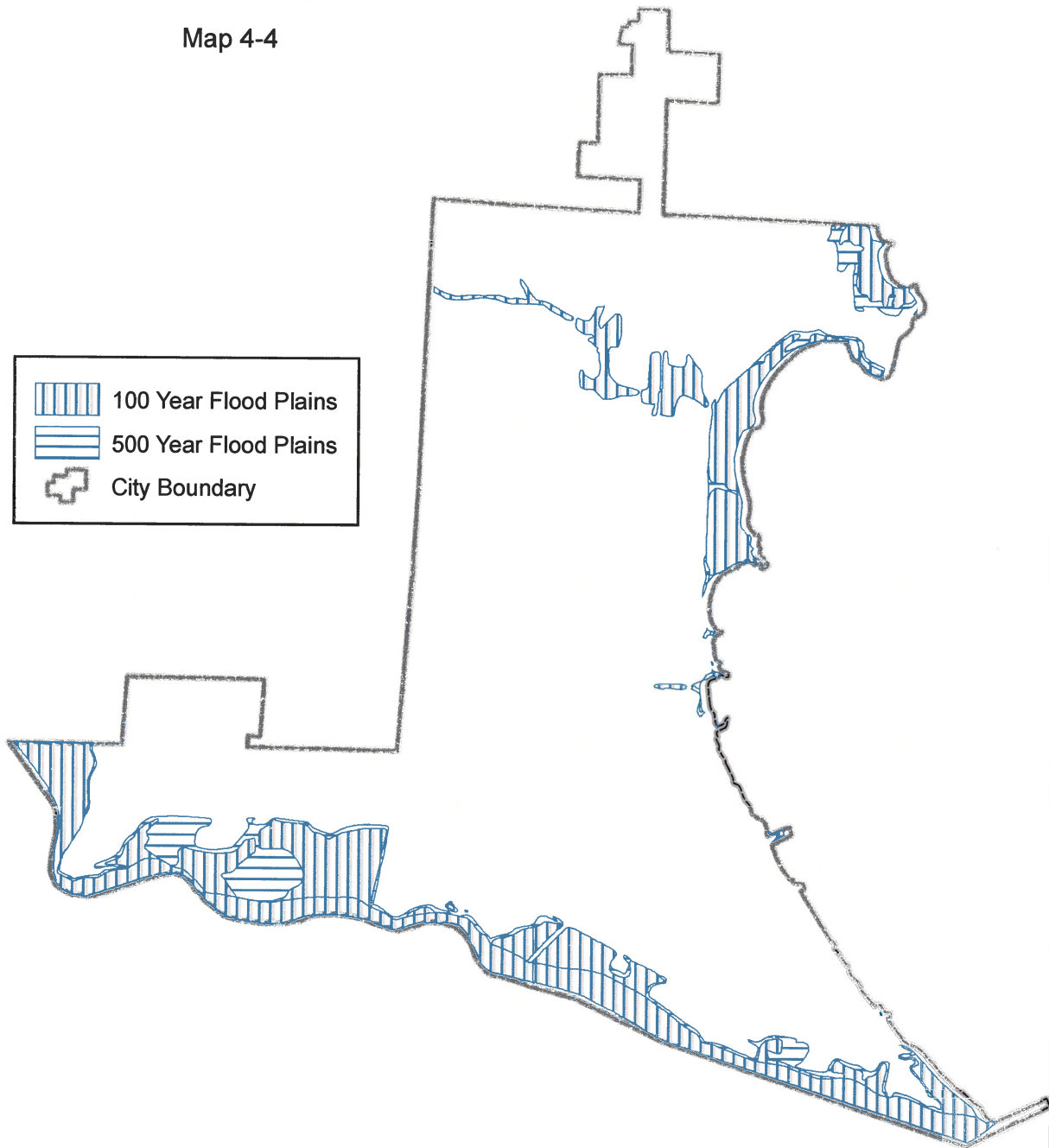
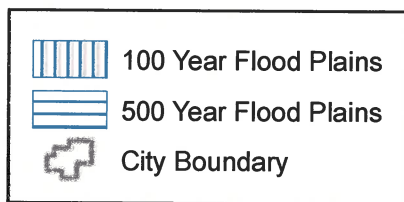
### Map 4-3



# City of Menominee

## *Flood Plains*

Map 4-4



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## APPENDIX B:

### SAIL REPORT AND BARRIER-FREE ACCESSIBILITY





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Date: July 19, 2020

To: CUPPAD Director Dotty Lajoye

RE: City of Menominee Parks Accessibility Reviews

From: Lucy Wilcox, SAIL ADA Coordinator

CUPPAD requested SAIL conduct accessibility reviews of four parks in the City of Menominee. The reviews are to inform the development of the updated recreation plan being developed with CUPPAD's assistance. SAIL agreed to visit the parks during the COVID 19 pandemic and address the four key priorities to evaluate a facility as meeting minimal ADA standards. The four priorities are:

1. Parking and approach
2. Entrance
3. Circulation and seating
4. Restrooms

The SAIL Ambassadors team visited the John Henes Park, the Water Tower Park, and several areas along the proposed LakeFront Reinvestment Plan. The specific areas reviewed along the Lakefront include the Veterans Memorial Park, the City of Menominee Marina Harbor with the Marina Park. We did not review the Marina Park Bandshell. As COVID 19 had limited sizeable gatherings the Bandshell was not active on 6-13-20. There is a clear flow between the recreation areas along the Lakefront and it seems almost arbitrary to separate them out. Included with this summary are the single reports for Henes Park, the Water Tower Park, Veterans Park, and the Harbor and Marina Park. We did not provide a separate report for the Great Lakes Memorial Marina Park as it was not clear if the restrooms would be open and the general comments about parking apply for the entire lakefront.

Each report notes specific findings to the Park and should be reviewed separately. There is an Accessibility Rating assigned to each park based on the findings of the site review team. Through the review lens of visiting all the sites in one day, two findings were consistent across the Parks. Two key requirements of the ADA are not followed across all the settings reviewed. The standards for identifying and marking handicapped parking for cars and for vans are not followed in any of the Parks reviewed. Generally, the old strategy of painting the concrete to mark a handicapped spot was used. However, there was quite a variation in how spaces were marked at the different Parks. The second consistent finding was the lack of following ADA standards for identifying handicapped accessible restrooms. The portapottys in use in all the parks during COVID were marked as generally marked as handicapped. However, the closed permanent buildings throughout the Parks were frequently not properly marked as handicapped accessible. The ADA has specific standards to assist



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individuals who are visually impaired; wheelchair users or other mobility devices to be able to identify the correct handicapped accessible restroom. At a couple of parks, the reviewers noted the appearance of some signage indicating accessibility, but the signage was not adequate or not giving credit for an accessible restroom. One approach to meeting the standards would be to complete a review of the four park areas with these two standards as the focus. Clear documentation on maps of the specific parking and restroom signage that need to be changed or added could allow a single quality improvement project to create uniformity across all the parks. This would be a big step toward creating accessibility for residents and visitors.

SAIL is excited by all the possibilities the City of Menominee has in creating even more delightful outdoor opportunities for their community. SAIL is available to assist with a deeper dive into creating greater inclusion for all as the City moves forward. Please let us know if we can assist with a formal review of any of these sites or others.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Respectfully,

Lucy Wilcox, Certified ADA Coordinator

Cc: Sarah Peurakoski, CEO of SAIL



## Accessibility Four Important Priorities

Reviewers: Allen Beauchamp, Joan Beauchamp & Lucy Wilcox, ADA Coordinator

Date: 6-13-20

Establishment: John Henes Park

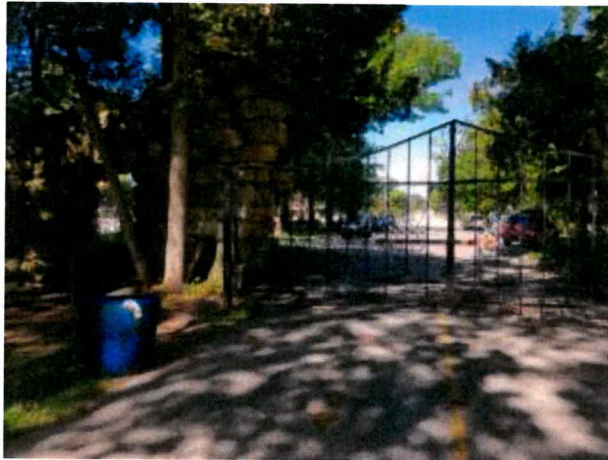
Address: 100 Henes Park Dr, Menominee, MI 49858

Establishment Contact: None on site/ Saturday review during COVID 19 Closure

Accessibility Rating per MI DNR: 2 --Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Y	N	N/A	Parking and Approach
	x		1. Accessible parking marked correctly by international symbol.
x			2. Route from parking to the business is reasonably stable, flat & slip resistant.

*Comments: Due to COVID 19, Park closed to auto traffic. No identified handicapped parking on the street at entrance. Foot traffic only through the main gate and not wheelchair accessible. A pedestrian gate on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. is accessible. Signage is missing for accessible parking spots in different areas of the large park. Main Parking lot suggestion is utilizing 2 spaces of 11 feet wide with 5 ft between marked no parking. This would accommodate either cars or vans. Need to mark all signage for Handicapped parking with international parking symbol posted at least 60 inches above ground.*



*Henes Park Main Entrance from street*



*Henes Park Main Entrance from inside the park*

Y	N	N/A	Entrance
x			3. Entrance does not require stairs.
x			4. A standard wheelchair (30") gets through a doorway at least 32" wide.
x			5. Door threshold is no greater than ¾" -about the size of adult thumbnail.

*Comments: Main gate was closed due to pandemic and construction. 4" curb makes entrance not accessible. Pedestrian entrance on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street was accessible.*





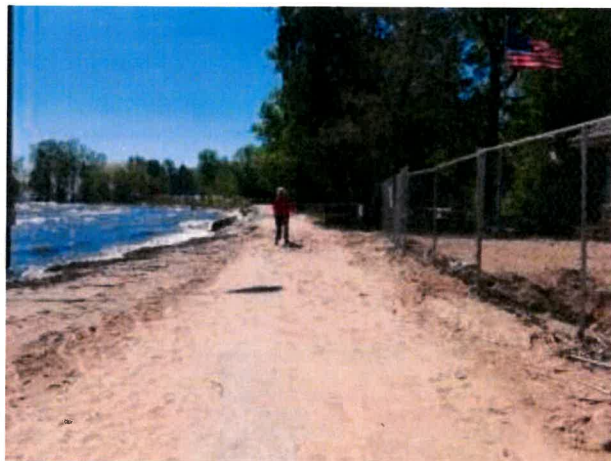
## Accessibility Four Important Priorities

Y	N	N/A	Circulation and Seating
	X		6. There are places where people in wheelchairs can comfortably sit with their legs under the table and these tables are equally dispersed throughout the establishment.
X			7. Aisles are about 32" to checkouts & routes to seating or restrooms.
		X	8. A portion of the sales counter is comfortable for a seated person to do business such as writing a check or signing a receipt (Note handing a person a clipboard to write on is usually an acceptable alternative)
		X	9. Individuals are able to maneuver in departments off main aisles between racks and displays
		X	10. To assure space for maneuvering- display racks, garbage cans or other barriers do not fill the aisles.

*Comments: The reviewers took the accessible pathway around the park and note there were at least three Pavilions –not including the new one. There were similar issues with them of having an accessible path to the Pavilion but not having accessible tables. Picnic tables in Pavilion#3 not accessible, Grill stations not accessible. Playgrounds outdated and not accessible. Nature paths are not accessible. The new pavilion was not completed and looks like it will be fully compliant with ADA standards. However the construction has led to the pathway not being accessible to a mobility device user.*



New Pavilion looking out Lake Michigan



Inaccessible Pathway in front New Pavilion

Y	N	N/A	Restrooms
x			11. Restrooms are marked by the international symbol or updated with new Michigan state logo.
x			12. A larger stall is provided with at least a 32" door & two handrails

*Comments: Reviewers were unable to enter the restrooms near the main entrance, however a porta potty was located in the parking lot. It was not marked as accessible, but reviewer entered and determined it was ADA accessible. Throughout the park there were a few restrooms and signage was inconsistent with the 3<sup>rd</sup> St entrance restroom actually being handicapped accessible but*

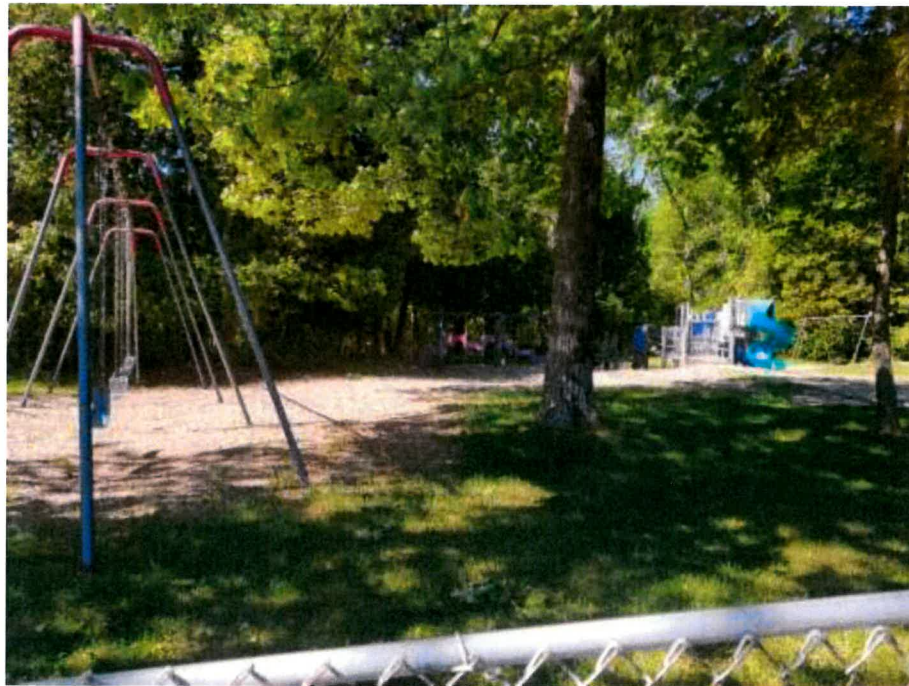




## Accessibility Four Important Priorities

*not marked as so. With the restrooms being closed it was not clear if Pavilion 1 restrooms were accessible, but the restroom building was in serious despair.*

**Brief Summary:** *The John Henes Park is a beautiful park nestled along Lake Michigan with generally accessible pathways throughout the park. Due to the COVID 19 restrictions in place, the reviewers were able to identify a couple of areas—signage for restrooms and signage for accessible parking that need a full inventory. Once the specific areas throughout the park requiring proper signage are identified, the remediation of those inadequacies could be accomplished without great expense. It is clear that there is a long term vision for the park where the pavilions could be fully accessible and playgrounds could also be more accessible for children and their caretakers. The playground next to the new pavilion does have some accessible features but there are no accessible approaches to the equipment. Currently neither of the two playgrounds have accessible approaches and little accessible equipment. The reviewers are aware of the expense of such endeavors and support the City in considering such plans to make the Henes Park the finest jewel in their extensive network of parks.*





## Accessibility Four Important Priorities

Reviewers: Allen Beauchamp, Joan Beauchamp & Lucy Wilcox, ADA Coordinator

Date:6-13-20

Establishment: Menominee City Harbor and Marina Park encompassed in the LakeFront Reinvestment Plan

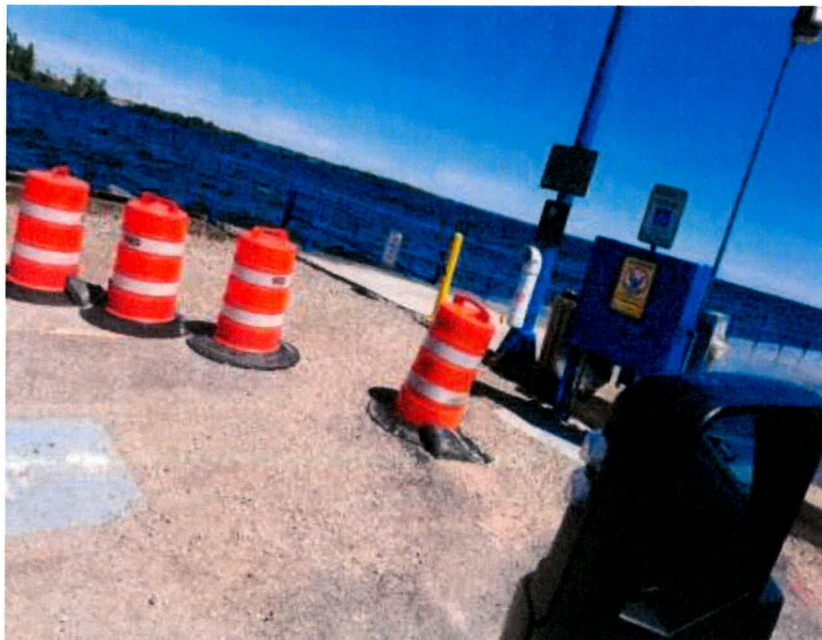
Address: First Street, Menominee—Lakefront Properties

Establishment Contact: None –visit on Saturday during COVID 19 Pandemic

Accessibility Rating per MI DNR: 3-Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Y	N	N/A	Parking and Approach
	X		1. Accessible parking marked correctly by international symbol.
	X		2. Route from parking to the business is reasonably stable, flat & slip resistant.

*Comments: At the Menominee City Harbor there was one parking spot at the boat launch marked with a handicapped sign that was not posted at 60 inches minimum and directly in front of the space due to construction. There were several parking spaces the parking lot for the Harbor where the curb is painted yellow and stripes on the pavement but no required signage was posted at minimum of 60 inches at the front of spaces identifying handicapped parking. Perhaps spaces intended for handicapped parking to be identified by the yellow curb?*





## Accessibility Four Important Priorities

Y	N	N/A	Entrance
X			3. Entrance does not require stairs.
X			4. A standard wheelchair (30") gets through a doorway at least 32" wide.
X			5. Door threshold is no greater than ¾ " -about the size of adult thumbnail.

*Comments: Throughout the Harbor and the Marina Park areas, the surfaces on the pavement are even and there are accessible pathways and curb cuts in place in most needed areas. Part of the analysis by the City could include a map for each part of the Lakefront with all curb cuts and handicapped spaces and accessible pathways that exist to be marked clearly and the areas where curb cuts or pathways or parking is needed that they are marked for remediation. This could meet a level one transition plan goals to meet:*

- 1. The required ADA standards for signage according to number of spaces available.*
- 2. Assure Van and Car accessible spaces are available*
- 3. Assure curb cuts or ramps up to accessible pathways are frequent enough to keep wheelchairs from having to navigate long stretches of the parking lots where cars are in motion.*

Y	N	N/A	Circulation and Seating
X			6. There are places where people in wheelchairs can comfortably sit with their legs under the table and these tables are equally dispersed throughout the establishment.
X			7. Aisles are about 32" to checkouts & routes to seating or restrooms.
X			8. A portion of the sales counter is comfortable for a seated person to do business such as writing a check or signing a receipt (Note handing a person a clipboard to write on is usually an acceptable alternative)
		X	9. Individuals are able to maneuver in departments off main aisles between racks and displays
		X	10. To assure space for maneuvering- display racks, garbage cans or other barriers do not fill the aisles.

*Comments: The Marina area has numerous gathering places where there are accessible tables and there are access routes to restrooms.*

Y	N	N/A	Restrooms
X			11. Restrooms are marked by the international symbol or updated with new Michigan state logo.
X			12. A larger stall is provided with at least a 32" door & two handrails

*Comments: The Harbor that has been undergoing construction and new building has created two unisex bathrooms right across from the boat launch area. It was not possible to review the other restrooms along the park areas as the bathrooms were all closed and portapottys are in use.*

***Brief Summary: The LakeFront park areas is a vibrant area clearly utilized by the residents and tourists. The long-term considerations for improvement will only be enhanced by the improvement of basic access to parking and park facilities all along First Street.***





## Accessibility Four Important Priorities

Reviewers: Allen Beauchamp, Joan Beauchamp & Lucy Wilcox, ADA Coordinator

Date:6-13-20

Establishment: Veterans Memorial Park

Address: First Street, Menominee, MI

Establishment Contact: None—Saturday review during COVID 19

Accessibility Rating peer MI DNR: 3- Most of the facilities/park meet accessibility guidelines

Y	N	N/A	Parking and Approach
X			1. Accessible parking marked correctly by international symbol.
X			2. Route from parking to the business is reasonably stable, flat & slip resistant.

*Comments: There is an accessible parking space in the parking lot off the street at the north side of the park. It is at the lake side of the parking lot with a ramp next to the parking space for access up to the pathway to the park. This area is not well identified. There is not the required international signage for handicapped parking in front of the space at least 60 inches above the pavement. This one spot could be easily car & van accessible by widening the space to 11 feet. The ramp does not have needed yellow paint on the open edge for safety purposes.*

Y	N	N/A	Entrance
X			3. Entrance does not require stairs.
X			4. A standard wheelchair (30") gets through a doorway at least 32" wide.
X			5. Door threshold is no greater than ¾" -about the size of adult thumbnail.

*Comments: Numerous accessible points of entrance by wheelchair throughout the park. All along First Street there are curb cuts at many of the street corners to allow crossing the street and to gain access into different areas of the park.*

Y	N	N/A	Circulation and Seating
X			6. There are places where people in wheelchairs can comfortably sit with their legs under the table and these tables are equally dispersed throughout the establishment.
X			7. Aisles are about 32" to checkouts & routes to seating or restrooms.
X			8. A portion of the sales counter is comfortable for a seated person to do business such as writing a check or signing a receipt (Note handing a person a clipboard to write on is usually an acceptable alternative)
		X	9. Individuals are able to maneuver in departments off main aisles between racks and displays
		X	10. To assure space for maneuvering- display racks, garbage cans or other barriers do not fill the aisles.

*Comments: As mentioned above, there are multiple curb cuts at street corners to be able to reach the park from different starting points other than the parking lot. There are also multiple accessible pathways through the different areas of the park.*





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Y	N	N/A	Restrooms
x			11. Restrooms are marked by the international symbol or updated with new Michigan state logo.
x			12. A larger stall is provided with at least a 32" door & two handrails

*Comments: Restrooms locked but portapotty available. Portapotty was accessible. The signage on the permanent restrooms was inconsistent: Women's restroom marked with handicapped sign but not the Men's side.*

***Brief Summary: Veterans Memorial Park is the first park area as a visitor arrives from the north end of 1<sup>st</sup> Street. It is a well-maintained park with restrooms and a special area of stairs down to the water that is not accessible but there is an accessible pathway to view the open swim area. There is a parking lot off the street and a handicapped parking space that has a ramp for access to the park. The City might consider a beach mat off the parking lot with the accessible parking to allow an accessible swimming area at the north end of the Park. As noted above, the parking space is not properly signed without having a 60 inch sign above the ground at the front of the space and the ramp without yellow edging to assist in navigating the open side of the ramp. When the reviewers were in the parking lot, the handicapped space was occupied by a vehicle without a handicapped sign in their vehicle. The findings in the Veterans Park are consistent with the clear trends of remediation needed across the other City Parks reviewed. Required signage for parking and restrooms would achieve an ease of moving through the community park system by residents and visitors.***



## Accessibility Four Important Priorities

Reviewers: Allen Beauchamp, Joan Beauchamp & Lucy Wilcox, ADA Coordinator

Date:6-13-20

Establishment: Water Tower Park

Address: Water Tower Park, Menominee, MI 49858

Establishment Contact: Not applicable –COVID 19

Accessibility Rating per MI DNR: 4-Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

Y	N	N/A	Parking and Approach
	X		1. Accessible parking marked correctly by international symbol.
	X		2. Route from parking to the business is reasonably stable, flat & slip resistant.

*Comments: One accessible parking spot that was unmarked with lines on the pavement but no required signage. Per ADA standards, international signage for handicapped parking must be at least 60 inches above the ground in front of the parking space.*

Y	N	N/A	Entrance
X			3. Entrance does not require stairs.
		X	4. A standard wheelchair (30") gets through a doorway at least 32" wide.
		X	5. Door threshold is no greater than ¾" -about the size of adult thumbnail.

*Comments: The entrance to the Park is accessible. The parking lot is laid out on a primarily flat surface and is wheelchair accessible. The key areas of the park: tennis courts, the ball field, the playground and the pavilion do not have accessible entrances.*

Y	N	N/A	Circulation and Seating
	X		6. There are places where people in wheelchairs can comfortably sit with their legs under the table and these tables are equally dispersed throughout the establishment.
X			7. Aisles are about 32"to checkouts & routes to seating or restrooms.
		X	8. A portion of the sales counter is comfortable for a seated person to do business such as writing a check or signing a receipt (Note handing a person a clipboard to write on is usually an acceptable alternative)
	X		9. Individuals are able to maneuver in departments off main aisles between racks and displays— <a href="#">see pictures and comments below</a>
		X	10. To assure space for maneuvering- display racks, garbage cans or other barriers do not fill the aisles.



## Accessibility Four Important Priorities



*Comments: There is no accessible path to the water fountain. And the fountain itself is not accessible because of the ring design at the foot of the fountain blocking wheelchair access. The Pavilion on the grounds is attractive but there is not an accessible pathway to the Pavilion, and it has a much higher threshold than a wheelchair user could navigate. The playground does not have accessible pathways—other than one pathway up to the primary piece of play equipment—either for children or adults with them who have mobility issues. The ball field is a wonderful asset and yet there are no accessible pathways to the seats for viewers so that again kids and adults may not be able to sit with their friends and families if they have mobility issues.*



*Playground-access to one piece of equipment*



*No accessible path to the bench*



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Y	N	N/A	Restrooms
	X		11. Restrooms are marked by the international symbol or updated with new Michigan state logo.
		X	12. A larger stall is provided with at least a 32" door & two handrails

*Comments: Restrooms were locked and not marked as handicap accessible, so the reviewers cannot state whether they are accessible or not. A portapotty located in front of the restroom building is handicapped accessible.*

***Brief Summary: Water Tower Park is a spacious neighborhood park with well-maintained tennis courts and baseball field. The lack of accessible pathways to all of the park areas—the playground, the ball field, the pavilion and the tennis courts may be the product of an existing neighborhood park that has not been upgraded to meet ADA standards. A thorough review of the park would allow a multi-step approach to meeting accessibility standards. Creating the accessible pathways to the park areas and better signage in the parking lot might be a first step approach in achieving inclusion for all.***