

Superior Township Parks Commission

The parks and recreation functions in Superior Township are the responsibility of an elected Parks and Recreation Commission, consisting of seven members, which meets on a monthly basis on the fourth Monday of the month. Created by a vote of the people in 1974, the Park Commission is authorized by statute to employ staff and incur expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of public act 271, 1931, as amended. The township board approves the Park Commission's direction by approving its annual budget. The Parks and Recreation Commission's major revenue sources are authorized by Township Board. These funding sources can include a general fund allotment, granted monies from public and private sources, a special Parks and Recreation millage, an issuance of township bonds for township parks, and the approval of selling unneeded property. The Township Board has chosen to provide the public service of Parks and Recreation through the current General Fund Millage, meaning a general fund allotment. The Parks and Recreation Commission has traditionally operated on a very frugal budget, which has allowed for modest maintenance operations and recreation activities. The Parks and Recreation Commission's staff is responsible for establishing and evaluating the needs of the community, providing the appropriate Parks and Recreation services, providing long-range planning and preparing capital improvement programs.



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Superior!**

Superior Township Parks and Recreation



The mission of the Superior Township Parks and Recreation Commission is to provide, to all people within the township, recreation and park opportunities that will enhance the quality of life, promote greater enjoyment and happiness within individuals and family groups and sustain greater mental and physical health for the

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Superior Township Parks & Recreation Department Parks & Buildings

- 1. Old Township Hall**— Located at the corner of Cherry Hill and Prospect Roads, this building houses Parks and Recreation 's Summer Learning Camp, which runs for seven weeks each year. Old Township Hall is contiguous to Schock Park and the current Township Hall.
- 2. Community Park**— Community Park is an 18 acre parcel located on the north side of Stamford Road, across the street from Cheney Elementary School. As a neighborhood park, Community Park receives extensive use. It is located in a heavily populated urban area. Of its 18 acres, about 10 acres are open, and these are heavily used. The remainder of the property is wooded. Open areas of the park include a ball field, play equipment, and a tennis court.
- 3. Fireman's Park**— Fireman's Park is located on the corner of Harris Road and MacArthur Boulevard. This small neighborhood park has access to community room and bathrooms at the fire station, which makes it convenient for special events and regularly scheduled recreation programs. In addition, a parking lot and field are available.
- 4. Harvest Moon Park**— Harvest Moon Park is located in the southeast portion of the township to the east of Wiard Road. The 29.2 acre park extends south to the Township border and east to the West Ridge

Mobile Home Park. Its main access is off Harvest Lane. Harvest Moon Park, also a neighborhood park, is the largest neighborhood park in the system, although only about 10 acres are used by the Harvest Lane neighborhood. The park has a shaded picnic area, a play structure, the only outdoor basketball court on Township property, and a lovely wetland area.

5. Oakbrook Park—Oakbrook Park is located on the south side of Berkshire Road between Sheffield and Stamford. Oakbrook Park, a neighborhood park, was acquired in an exchange with the Willow Run School District for property adjacent to Cheney School in the late 1980's. Previously a vacant lot, not maintained field, the Township workers and volunteers cleaned it, graded it, and had it seeded. The Township was awarded a grant in 1990 to develop the park. It now has a picnic area, a seating area, a drinking fountain, play equipment, a ball field, and an open field for organized and unorganized activities.

6. Norfolk Park— Norfolk Park is located on North Norfolk Street between Sheffield and Stamford at the east end of Oakbrook Park.. Norfolk Park is a small neighborhood park which has a portion of open space. It has a shelter which is used by the neighborhood as well as people in the surrounding communities. There are also wooded trails with a connecting trail to Oakbrook Park.

7. Schock Park— Schock Park, used as a community park, is located in the center of the township. It has a picnic area and a display of antique farming equipment. The maintenance shop for the Parks Department is housed on this property. In addition, it is a historical site, as the Old Township Hall building is located on the property.

8. Schroeter Park—Schroeter Park is a 32.7 acre park located at the southeast corner of Berry and Warren Roads. Schroeter Park, a regional park, is an undeveloped natural area which is mainly used by horseback riders, walkers, and cross-country skiers. It has trails through a field and woodland for horseback riding and hiking.

9. Cherry Hill Nature Preserve— Located in the northwestern part of the township on Cherry Hill Road, this nature preserve is approximately 160 acres and was purchased in 1998, in collaboration with the Superior Land Conservancy, through a grant from the DNR. The property has a variety of terrain, from wetlands to woods and meadows and is home to a variety of wildlife. A trail system has been established and is used regularly.

10. Administrative Offices—The Parks and Recreation Administrative Offices are located in the Utility Department's Administration Building, located at the corner of Prospect and Clark Roads. This building is the former Parks and Recreation Building.

11. North Prospect Park—Located in the northern part of the township on Prospect Road, immediately north of the Fire Station, this newest park is at the present time undeveloped. Future plans are to leave this acreage as a passive use park

Recreation Programs

Each summer we hold recreation programs, such as kite making, bicycle safety, various sports instructions at our parks on Saturdays during the summer months. Please see our website for further information.