

Annual Report  
2019  
Portage County Parks



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## Our Purpose

In 2019, the County Parks Department continued to play an important role in the quality of life for Portage County residents. Parks are important for health physical fitness, economic development, tourism, and conservation.

Researchers have found that parks, recreation, and open space amenities are ranked as one of the most important quality of life factors that people have identified. These areas have always been highly demanded by the citizens of Portage County.

Quality of life is an important determining factor for recruiting new businesses, business expansion, and retaining employees. Businesses often select a location with a high quality of life, including parks, open space, and easy access to the outdoors in order to compete for the highly trained in-demand workers.

In addition, retirees are choosing communities to settle in that have high quality of life factors. Overall, communities that do not factor in the quality of life issues will lose out to ones that do.

Often over-looked is the value County Parks provide for tourism. Previous camping surveys show that campers spent over \$650,000/year in Portage County while on their camping trips. This spending is significantly higher when other park users such as boaters, fisherman, skiers, bikers, lodge renters, Green Circle Trail users, snowmobilers, and tournament participants such as (Disc Golf) are considered.

The Parks Department is staffed by 10 full time employees. In addition, 23 seasonal employees help make everything possible.

The Portage County Board of Supervisors established the Park Commission in 1935. The Seven-member Park Commission consists of four County Board Supervisors, whose term is subject to re-election every two years and three citizen members who serve Seven- year terms.

The achievements of the Portage County Parks Department would not be possible without the support of our staff, Park Commission, elected officials, and the local community.

A Greek proverb says that "societies become great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they will never sit in."

**Commission members serving during the period of this report are listed below in Table 1.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>	<b>Meetings Attended/Held</b>
Mike Splinter	2018	2020	11/11
<i>Mildred Neville</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>11/11</i>
Jim Gifford	2018	2020	11/11
Bob Gifford	2016	2020	11/11
George Kraft	2008	2022	9/11
Sara Brish	2019	2026	5/6
Jim Zach	2016	2023	11/11
Eric Olson	2014	2019	5/5

Meetings held - The Park Commission held 11 regular meetings during the year. Minutes of these meetings are available at the Parks Department office.

**Review of Commission Meeting Highlights**

**January 10**

Snowmobile Trails Aid Resolution; Steinhaugen Resolution; Pasta request to build multi-purpose bike trails.

**February 14**

Pasta Mt. Bike proposal to build a new beginner/intermediate trail. 2019 Learn to Hunt update.

**March 14**

Pasta Mt. Bike trail building; Update on new Standing Rocks multi-purpose building; Capital Improvement Updates.

**April 11**

Jordan Dam Capitol improvement project budget adjustment; Approval of contract with Becher/Hoppe for professional services on Jordan Dam.

**May 9**

Recommendations from standing rocks sub-committee on tubing hill, update on 2018 annual report.

**June 11**

Cancelled

**July 11**

Resolution for a donation from Edith and Dallas Pankowski for lighting improvements at Standing Rocks; Utility Easement for Amherst Telephone at Jordan Park. Discussion of dust at Standing Rocks.

**August 8**

Election of V.P; Recognition of Don Butkowski for 10 years of service; Logging update at Dewey shooting Range; 2020 proposed budget expenditures; Tour of Lake Emily Storm damage.

**September 12**

Discussion on dust over ski trail at Standing Rocks; Update on parks revenue; Update request on Capital improvement for 2020 budget request; Update on storm damage to parks; Updates on the New Outdoor Rec. building at Standing Rocks Park.

**October 4**

Green Circle Trail Easement Resolution; Resolution for purchasing 10 acres at Steinhaugen.

**November 8**

Resolution for purchasing 10 acres at Steinhaugen ; Authorizing Rettler Corporation to contract Green Circle Trail head development project; Discussion and update from County Executive in regards to dust issues on the ski trails at Standing Rocks Park; Update on 2019 budget.

**December 13**

Discussion on 2019 Park Commission meeting date, 2018 Dewey Shooting Range Annual Report.

**Staff Roster**

The Portage County Parks Department Employs 10 full time employees and many seasonal employees

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Job Title:</b>	<b>Anniversary Date:</b>
Jerry Brzezinski	Parks Lead Tech	1-79
Mickey Cychosz	Parks Assistant	1-77
Ben Tracey	Parks Maintenance Tech	5-17
Andrew Gundrum	Parks Maintenance Tech	3-16
Jon Trzebiatowski	Parks Specialist	6-18
Josh Nemec	Parks Specialist	3-14
Joe Trzebiatowski	Equipment Specialist	10-01
Rex Runke	Trails Supervisor	3-00
Justin Vogel	Assistant Parks Director	9-13
Ryan Rose	Parks Director	5-07

**2018 Seasonal positions include**

**Collins Park**

- 1 Manager
- 1 Assistant Manager

**Jordan Park**

- 1 Manager
- 2 Assistant Managers

**DuBay Park**

- 1 Manager
- 2 Assistant Managers

**Lake Emily**

1 Manager

3 Assistant Manager

**Standing Rocks Park**

1 Summer Manager

6 winter season ski hill aides

**Dewey shooting Range**

1 Range Master

**Area Inventory** – The Portage County Parks Department manages 29 areas (including the Green Circle Trail) totaling over 2600 acres. A brief description of each area follows:

**Lake Emily Park 177.7 acres**

- A. Location- Old Highway 18, west of Amherst Junction.
- B. Date Acquired
  - 1935 Cate (County owed since 1900)
  - 1941 Woyak
  - 1944 Lutz
  - 1947 Newby
- C. Current Management Practices-Managed as a campground, boat launching/fishing area, beach, picnic grounds, hiking area, historical site.
- D. Existing facilities-71 campground pads, three walk-in tent sites, boat ramp beach/changing stalls, electricity, two lodges, three shower buildings, 4 pit vault toilets, 5wells, 2 playgrounds, picnic area, trails, baseball field, Native American burial site, handicap fishing pier, office, storage garage/workshop and two trailer dump stations.
- E. New Facilities or improvements added- Current Facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year. None at this time.
- G. Future Goals – Possible campground expansion to the west property. Update park pit toilets update Lodges.

**Collins Park 53.08 Acres**

- A. Location- County Hwy I, 3 miles SW of Rosholt.
- B. Date Acquired
  - 1937 Kruzicki/Gliniecke
  - 1947 Richter
  - 1959 Omernick
  - 1966 kaminski
  - 1973 OmernickCurrent

- C. Current Management Practices-managed as a campground, boat launching/fishing area, beach, and picnic grounds.
- D. Existing Facilities- 28 campground pads, boat ramp, beach, electricity, shower building, lodge, flush toilet building, 1 pit vault toilet, 2 wells, fishing pier playground, seasonal managers residence, picnic area, storage garage and trailer dump station.
- E. New Facilities or Improvements Added – pave campground rd.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year - Continue improving beach access and control plant growth in beach area.
- G. Future Goals - Acquire adjacent land if ever available. Update Lodge.

**Carrie Frost Park 7 Acres**

- A. Location-Co Hwy BB 4.5 Miles NW of Almond
- B. Date Acquired  
1940 Frost
- C. Current Management Practices- Managed as a roadside rest area and picnic grounds.
- D. Existing Facilities - Snowmobile shelter and picnic area.
- E. New facilities or improvements Added – Current facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year- Nothing at this time.
- G. Future Goals- Current goals are appropriate.

**Peterson Park 9 Acres**

- A. Location – Tree Lake Road, 5 Miles North of Rosholt.
- B. Acquisition  
1946 Williams  
1961, 67' 69' Danielson  
1976 Town of Alban and Torun
- C. Current Management Practices – Managed as a boating/fishing area, beach and picnic area.
- D. Existing Facilities – Boat ramp, beach, shelter, Pit Vault toilet, well, playground picnic area.
- E. New Facilities or improvements added- Provide a new boat dock at landing.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year – Nothing at this time.
- G. Future Goals – Current Goals are appropriate.

**DuBay Park 84.06 Acres**

- A. Location – Co Hwy E, 1 Mile South of Dancy
- B. Date Acquired  
1947, 65 Consolidated Water and Power Co  
1970 Rickford  
1978 Sturm  
1988 Gregory
- C. Current Management Practices- Managed as a campground, boat launch/fishing area, beach and picnic grounds.
- D. Existing Facilities- 36 campground pads, boat ramp, beach, electricity, lodge, 2 shower buildings, 4 pit vault toilets, 1 well, 2 playgrounds, seasonal manager's residence, picnic area, 1 ball field, handicap fishing pier, storage building and trailer dump station.
- E. New facilities or improvements added - Courtesy Dock was added at boat launch.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year. Nothing at this time.
- G. Future goals. Replacement of pit toilets by fishing pier.

**Consolidated Park 23 Acres**

- A. Location- West River Drive, .5 Miles South of Stevens Point.
- B. Date Acquired  
1958 leased from Consolidated Water & Power
- C. Current Management Practices – Managed as a boat launching/fishing area and picnic grounds.
- D. Existing Facilities – Boat ramp, pit Toilet, and picnic area.
- E. New Facilities or improvements added –Current facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for Next Year- replace roof on pit toilet.
- G. Future Goals – Current goals are appropriate.

**Al Tech Park 2-9 Acres**

- A. Location- West River Drive, 1 Mile South of Stevens Point
- B. Date Acquired  
1953 Leased from Kimberly Clark
- C. Current Management Practices – Managed as a canoe access/fishing area and picnic grounds.

- D. Existing Facilities- Canoe Access, picnic area, and low head dam observation area.
- E. New facilities or improvements added- Current facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year – Nothing at this time
- G. Future Goals – Current goals are appropriate.

**CATE PARK 8.7 Acres**

- A. Location- Co Hwy A. ½ mile North of Amherst.
- B. Date Acquired  
 Managed since 1961 (County owned since 1899)  
 Ownership officially turned over to commission in 1985
- C. Current Management practices- Managed as a picnic area and trailhead for the Tomorrow River State Trail.
- D. Existing Facilities – Picnic area, parking lot, trail head.
- E. New facilities or improvements added- Current facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements or Additions Planned for Next year –Nothing at this time.
- G. Future Goals – A bathroom and well may be needed for the trail.

**Jordan Park 404.64 Acres**

- A. Location – Hwy 66 and Co Hwy Y, 3 Miles Northeast of Stevens Point
- B. Date acquired  
 1961 Wisconsin Public service  
 1968 Wisconsin Public service  
 1969 Larson  
 1970 City of Stevens Point  
 1972 Wisconsin Irrigation Leasing Corp  
 1973 Stuller  
 1974 Weronke  
 1980 Greiten  
 1982 DOT
- C. Current Management Practices – Managed as a campground, boat Launching/fishing area, beach, picnic area, nature center, nature trails, historic site, administrative office, workshop and hydroelectric plant.

- D. Existing Facilities -25 campsites, boat ramp canoe access, beach, electricity, 2 lodges 2 open shelters, shower building, 5 sets of pit vault toilets, 4 wells, 3 playgrounds, picnic area, trails, Hydro plant, Dam, 5 storage buildings, administrative office, maintenance facility, steel foot bridge, snowmobile bridge, and trailer dump station.
- E. New facilities or improvements Added –Finished new canoe campsite boardwalk.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year- None at this time
- G. Future Goals – Expand the campground to the west as a part of the long range plan and replace old pit vault toilets. Repair gates and concrete on the Dam per inspection.

**Standing Rocks 555.1 Acres**

A. Location – Standing Rocks Road, 6 Miles West of Amherst.

B. Date Acquired

1964 Kontny  
 1965 Repinski  
 1973 Laszewski  
 1989 Acker  
 1990 Repinski  
 1992 Wolding  
 1995 Schroeder

C. Current management practices – Managed as a downhill ski and cross-country ski area, mountain bike, and hiking area, boating/fishing area, public hunting area, disc golf course, dog exercise area, and cross- country running course.

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D. Existing Facilities – Lodge, ski shop, pit vault toilet, 3 ski tows, 5 downhill ski slopes, cross-country ski/hiking/biking trails, archery course, storage garage, disc golf course, cross country course.

E. New facilities – Installed a 1mile loop of LED Lighting for X/C ski trail. 50% funded through DNR Grant for trail and renovation improvements.

F. Improvements or additions planned for next year- Build a Multi-purpose Outdoor Recreational Building.

G. Future Goals- continue to follow the forest management plan. Construct a zoned area for spraying invasive species such as Garlic Mustard and Autumn Olive. Consider a year around employee at the park. Look at the possibility of building a snow tubing hill, and an additional mile of lights.

**Becker Lake 40 Acres**

A. Location – Ellis Road, 2 Miles North of Ellis

B. Date Acquired

1964 Transferred from County to Park Commission

- C. Current management practices – Managed as a natural area and public hunting grounds.
- D. Existing Facilities – None
- E. New facilities or improvements added – Current facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year – Re-posting property has been complete.
- G. Future Goals – Current goals are appropriate.

**Wolf Lake 112.77 Acres**

- A. Location – Wolf lake Rd, 3 ½ miles Northwest of Blaine.
- B. Date Acquired  
1964 Transferred from the Highway Department  
1978 Lempicki & Belter
- C. Current Management Practices -. Managed as a boat launching/fishing area public hunting grounds and picnic area
- D. Existing Facilities – Boat ramp, beach, pit vault toilet, well picnic area, trails
- E. New Facilities or Additions added Current Facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year. Follow the forest management plan that calls for a second thinning of pines in 2020.
- G. Future Goals – Acquire adjacent land remove trees that grew into the beach area from years of low water conditions.

**Sunset Beach 36.2 Acres**

- A. Location – Sunset Lake Road – 5 Miles North of Nelsonville.
- B. Date Acquired  
2005 North New Hope Lutheran Congregation (previously leased since 1965)
- C. Current Management Practices – Managed as a beach area.
- D. Existing Facilities – Beach/changing stalls, shelter, two sets of pit vault toilets, well, playground, picnic area.
- E. New facilities or improvements added - Current facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year- Nothing at this time
- G. Future Goals – The pit toilet buildings will need to be replaced.

**Tomorrow River Wayside 3.07 Acre**

- A. Location – rolling Hills Rd 1.5 miles northwest of Nelsonville

- B. Date Acquired  
1967 Transferred to park Commission
- C. Current Management Practices – Managed as a fishing access.
- D. Existing Facilities – None
- E. New Facilities or improvements Added – Current facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year- None at this time
- G. Future goals – Current goals are appropriate.

**Stedman Park 2.85 Acres**

- A. Location- Co Hwy D, 6 miles South of Amherst
- B. Date Acquired  
1968 Transferred from conservation committee
- C. Current Management Practices – Managed as a fishing access and picnic area
- D. Existing Facilities – picnic Area
- E. New Facilities or Improvements added – Current facilities are adequate
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year – nothing at this time
- G. Future Goals – Current goals are appropriate.

**Lake Helen Park 10.6 Acres**

- A. Location – Lake Helen road, 3.5 miles East of Rosholt
- B. Date Acquired  
1970 Gilmeister  
1970 Town of Alban  
1973 Stanislawski  
1974 Ferg  
1981 Stanislawski
- C. Current management practices- Managed as a boating/fishing area, beach, and picnic area.
- D. Existing Facilities – Boat ramp, beach, pit vault toilet, well playground picnic area picnic shelter, horseshoe pit, volleyball court.
- E. New Facilities or improvements added – Current facilities are adequate.

- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year – Nothing at this time
- G. Future Goals – Current goals are appropriate.

**Wisconsin River Recreation Area 89.2 Acres**

- A. Location – Park Road, 8 Miles North of Stevens Point.
- B. Date Acquired  
1969, 71 Omernick  
1975 Consolidated Water and Power Co
- C. Current Management Practices – Managed as a fishing/hunting area.
- D. Existing Facilities – Parking Lot/Gate
- E. New Facilities or improvements added – Current facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year – Nothing at this time.
- G. Future goals – Possible future campground.

**Galecke Park 33.2 Acres**

- A. Location –River Drive 1.5 Miles west of Plover
- B. Date Acquired  
1976 village of plover  
1979 Galecke
- C. Current Management practices – Managed as a boating/fishing area and picnic area.
- D. Existing Facilities-Boat ramp, boat dock, open shelter, pit vault toilet, picnic area.
- E. New Facilities or improvements added. Current facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year. Not at this time
- G. Future Goals – Use boat launch fee fund to pave entrance road and parking lot

**Plover River Wayside 0.3 Acres**

- A. Location –Hwy K, 7 Miles Northeast of Stevens Point.
- B. Date Acquired  
1984 transferred from County
- C. Current management Practices-Managed as a canoe access

- D. Existing Facilities – None
- E. New facilities or improvements added- Current facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements and additions planned for next year – Nothing at this time.
- G. Future Goals – Current goals are appropriate.

**Portage County Cemetery 1 acre**

- A. Location – Lake Road, 1 Mile North of Amherst Junction
- B. Acquisition  
1984 Transferred from Conservation Committee
- C. Current Management Practices – Managed as a county cemetery
- D. Existing Facilities – Iron Boundary Fence.
- E. New Facilities or improvements added – Current facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for Next Year – Nothing at this time.
- G. Future goals – Current goals are appropriate.

**Meyers Lake .52 Acres**

- A. Location – Lake Meyers Road, 1 Mile East of Amherst Junction.
- B. Date Acquired 1984 transferred from conservation committee
- C. Current management practices- Managed as a boating/fishing access
- D. Existing Facilities – Primitive boat ramp
- E. New Facilities or improvements added – Current facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year – Nothing at this time
- G. Future Goals – Current goals are appropriate.

**Rhinehart Lake 1.5 acres**

- A. Location – South Lake Road, 3 Miles North of Nelsonville.
- B. Date Acquired  
1984 Transferred from conservation committee

- C. Current management practices – Managed as a boating /fishing Access
- D. Existing Facilities – Primitive boat ramp
- E. New or improvements added – Current facilities are adequate
- F. Improvements or additions planned for Next year – Nothing at this time.
- G. Future Goals – Current goals are appropriate.

**Dewey Range 319.5 acres**

- A. Location- Willow Springs Drive, 5 miles North of Stevens Point
- B. Acquisition  
1984 Transferred from Conservation Committee
- C. Current management practices- Managed as a gun shooting range and public hunting area
- D. Existing Facilities – Range office, pistol range, 50, 100, and 200yard ranges, archery range and pit vault toilet
- E. New Facilities or improvements added. - Pistol range was completed along with light installation.
- F. Improvements or additions planned – Nothing at this time
- G. Future goals- Current goals are appropriate at this time

**Tomorrow River State Trail 180 acres (14miles)**

- A. Location –Plover to Waupaca County Line
- B. Date Acquired 1997 Leased from Wisconsin DNR
- C. Current management practices- Managed as a recreational trail
- D. Existing Facilities – Fourteen miles of limestone trail, parking lots at Custer Road, Amherst Junction, Cate Park, and a 14 mile off- grade horse trail
- E. New facilities or improvements added – Resurfaced 4 miles with Limestone.
- F. Additions or improvements planned for next year – None at this time
- G. Future goals – Consider moving horse trail along side of limestone trail.

**Rocky Run Preserve 83.66 Acres**

- A. Location – rocky Run/Little Chicago Roads, .25 miles West of Stevens Point

- B. Acquisition  
2005 Stora Enso North America
- C. Current management practices- Managed as green space and public hunting area
- D. Existing Facilities- None
- E. New Facilities or improvements added – Current facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for Next year- Nothing at this time.
- G. Future Goals- Current Goals are appropriate.

**Mill Creek Preserve 122.25 Acres**

- A. Location – Co Hwy O, 1.5 Miles Southeast of Junction City
- B. Date Acquired  
2010 Donation from Central Wisconsin Community Foundation
- C. Current Management practices- Managed as a green space and public hunting area
- D. Existing Facilities – Parking Lot
- E. New Facilities or Improvements added – Current facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year – Nothing at this time.
- G. Future Goals – Current Goals are appropriate.

**Lake Jacqueline Preserve 23.19 acres**

- A. Location – Co Hwy J, 6 miles Northwest of Rosholt
- B. Date Acquired  
2011 Kulas
- C. Current Management Practices – Managed as a green space
- D. Existing Facilities – none
- E. New facilities or improvements added- Current facilities are adequate
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year – Nothing at this time
- G. Future Goals – Current goals are adequate

**Steinhaugen 280 Acres**

- A. Location- Bentley Rd, 7 Miles Northeast of Stevens Point

- B. Date Acquired  
2015 Olson
- C. Current Management Practices- Managed as a greens space, Silent sports, and a public hunting area.
- D. Existing Facilities- 12 car parking lot and trails.
- E. New Facilities or Improvements added. Current facilities are adequate.
- F. Improvements or additions planned for next year. Purchase of 10 acres of land. future
- G. Future goals – Manage the unique natural resources and continue managing as a silent sport area. Plan for removal of existing buildings on the property.

#### **Other Projects**

**Green Circle Trail-** Portage County does all the routine maintenance, storm damage clean up and enforcement on the 27mile trail except in the City Parks and Schmeckle Reserve. Approximately 126,000 use the trail system annually.

**Snowmobile Trail Program** – Portage County currently contracts with ten snowmobile clubs for trail maintenance. The Governor’s snowmobile council approved funding for \$87,270 for the maintenance of 290.9 miles of trail for the 2018 season.

Cross Country ski trail grooming – The Parks Department grooms approximately ten miles of ski trails at Standing Rocks. In addition, the department continues to manage, maintain, and groom the Plover River ski trail at the city well fields.

#### **County Department Cooperation**

The Parks department works with the Facilities Department to continue to share manpower and equipment for projects when needed. Lends equipment for use to remove excess of snow in parking lots. We also do their tree injections for Emerald Ash borer. Facilities provides an electrician for Parks projects.

The Parks Department mows grass, sprays weeds, cuts dead trees, and plows snow at the Sheriff’s Department law enforcement range. We also Provide our building and Range for Hunter Safety programs.

#### **New Projects created during the year.**

Parks Department created another new One Mile lighted x/c ski loop at Standing Rocks Park. Funded fully by Edith and Dallas Pankowski.

### Table of County Parks

<b>Name</b>	<b>Township</b>	<b>Acreage</b>
Al Tech Park	Linwood	2.9
Becker Lake	Sharon	40
Carrie Frost Park	Almond	7
Cate Park	Amherst	8.7
Collins Park	Alban	53.08
Consolidated Park	Linwood	23
County Cemetery	Amherst	1
Dewey Range	Dewey	319.5
DuBay Park	Eau Pleine	84.06
Galecke Park	Plover	33.2
Jordan Park	Hull	404.64
Lake Jacqueline Preserve	Sharron	23.19
Lake Emily Park	Amherst	177.7
Lake Helen park	Alban	10.6
Meyers Lake	Amherst	.52
Mill Creek Preserve	Carson	122.25
Peterson Park	Alban	9
Plover river Wayside	Sharon	.3
Rinehart Lake	New Hope	1.5
Rocky Run Preserve	Linwood	83.66
Standing Rocks Park	Stockton	555.1
Stedman Wayside	Lanark	2.85
Steinhaugen	Sharon	280
Sunset Beach	New Hope	36.2
Tomorrow River State Trail	Plover, Stockton, Amherst	180 (14miles)
Tomorrow River Wayside	New Hope	3.07
Wisconsin River Park	Dewey	89.2
Wolf Lake Park	Almond	<u>112.77</u>
		2664.99

### Park Facilities and Recreational Opportunities

1. Beaches (8)
2. Picnic Areas (14)
3. Boat Launching Sites (11)
4. Enclosed Shelters (7) (Rentals)
5. Open Shelters (4)
6. Downhill Skiing (Rentals available)
7. Cross Country Ski Trails (16 miles)
8. Snowmobile Trails (292 miles)
9. Nature Center
10. Self- Guided Nature Trail
11. Camping Areas (4)
12. Archery Range
13. Shooting Range

14. Fishing, Power boating, Sail Boating Water Skiing
15. Fitness Trail
16. Playgrounds (7 Parks)
17. Horseshoe Pits (7)
18. Public Hunting (8 areas)
19. Mountain Bike (10 miles double track and 13 miles single track)
20. Recreation State trail (14 miles)
21. Disc GOLF Course (32 holes)
22. Volleyball Courts (6)
23. Hydroelectric Plant
24. Cross Country Running Course
25. Fat Tire Bike Trail.

### **Annual Report Highlights**

**Camping** – The \$286,019.00 from camping revenues was an increase of 17 percent over 2018.

**Firewood Sales** -Totalled \$14,785.00. this was down from 2018 total of \$16,040.

**Lodge Rentals.** The \$28,177 from lodge rentals were 16% higher than 2018.

**Skiing** – The downhill opened for its 53<sup>rd</sup> year and was open for 21 days plus 5 special events for a total of 26 days. A total of 1165X/C skiers, 1138 downhill skiers, and 565 others from special events used the hill. Revenues totaled \$39,061.00 this was up 20% over 2018.

**Other Standing Rocks Park Revenues** – In addition to winter recreation revenues and Lodge rentals, the park provides a number of other activities where user fees were generated; Disc Golf, Dog Exercise and mountain biking. In 2019 the Disc Golf course generated \$10,036. Dog Park generated \$11,295.00, and Mt. Bike \$6456.00

**Cross Country Course** – The running course created at Standing Rocks Park in 2011 continues to be popular. Close to 80 high schools and middle schools with approximately 1500 students participated in the cross country meets Approximately 2000 spectators attended the school events.

**Boat launch Permit Fee** – 2016 was the first year for boat launch fees. In 2019 the Parks Department generated \$17,680. which was down from 2018 numbers of \$ 20,405.00

**Jordan Nature Center** – The nature center is staffed by 7 volunteers for 15 Saturdays, for a total of approximately 150 hours. Approximately 300 people attended the center. Parks staff and other volunteers continue sporadic programming when requested, and some campground programs are still conducted when time allows.

**Dewey Shooting Range** – The range completed its 33<sup>rd</sup> season. A total of 1683 shooters used the range during the year. Range numbers have averaged 1847 for the past five years. In addition, the sheriff's department and hunter safety classes used the range and adjacent law enforcement range. The total range revenue was \$12,788.00 above 2018 number of \$11,031.00.

Copies of the detailed Camping, Skiing, and Shooting Range Annual Reports are available at the Parks Office for further review.

**Projects planned for the 2020 year.**

Completion of the Standing Rocks Outdoor Recreation Building.

Installing another 2miles of LED Lighted X/C Ski trail, fully funded through donations from Edith and Dallas Pankowski.

Update Lake Helen Lodge and Jordan East Lodge with new roof siding windows and doors.

**Capital Development Projects for the upcoming year.**

Collins Campground Road was repaved with the help of the HWY Department. Chip sealing park roads and vault toilets have been put on hold until 2021.

A copy of the 2018 budget is available for review at the Parks Department office.