



Alma Parks Committee

Agenda

Park Meeting – April 24, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

1. Alma Park Meeting Minutes from March 28, 2023
2. MEDC – Public Gathering Spaces Initiative Application Submission for Riverside Park.
3. Updates on Grant Applications
 - a. Spark Grants for Trail Expansion & Riverside Park
 - Scores
4. Park Plan Survey (Update Priority List)
 - a. Copy of the Survey from the last Park Plan
5. Community meetings for Public Input (What Month Should we Schedule)
 - a. Public Meeting Format from last Park Plan
6. Other Business.

A regular meeting the City of Alma Parks Committee was held March 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Alma Municipal Building.

Present: Roger Allman, Bill Gorton, and Josh Higbie.

Absent: Kim Alonzi, Jamie Jerome, Blaine Lafler, Aeric Ripley, Ty Warczynsky, Andi Whitmore, and Luke Wright.

A quorum of the Committee was not present. Public Services Director David Ringle chaired the meeting, and explained to those present that an official meeting could not be conducted without a quorum.

Ringle provided an update on grant applications and related projects for those present. He spoke briefly about the park plan survey, saying the RESD had offered to assist, and would be sending out the proposed questionnaire included in the agenda packet. He asked that any suggested changes be sent in for consideration, and said community meetings would be scheduled for public input as part of development of the master plan.

Chris Maltby provided a brief presentation on his proposal for a pump track at Conservation Park. Steve Keeley from the Central Michigan Mountain Bike Association was also present and provided additional information about development of the track and future maintenance. Discussion followed about the track location and materials needed to build up the track.

The meeting recessed and the group disbanded at 6:20 p.m.

Sara Anderson, Alma City Clerk

Date of Approval







Expense	\$191,000
17 Entry Environmental	0
Construction (includes trenching and bonding)	\$85,000
Structure	\$20,000
Railing	\$242,000
Decking	\$82,000
Weld Work	\$1,000
8 Casted Metal Tables/Seats	\$12,000
benches	\$1,000
9 Casted Metal Park Table	\$9,400
4 Casted Square Metal table/seats	\$1,000
Trash Receptacles	\$1,700
Lighting	\$12,000
Site Landscaping	\$1,200
Signage	\$7,200
SUBTOTAL	\$658,200
CON. BALANCE	\$187,800
GRANT REQUEST	\$914,094
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,015,590

Grant Amount Request: \$914,094
Required Match for the City: \$101,566.00 (10%)



Spark Application Score

Instructions: Select an organization from the drop down menu and hit Search.

Please note: To display on this report, the Spark application must be in the status 'Scoring Report Available' or 'Additional Info in Process'. If it is any other status, it WILL NOT display on this report.

For the Spark Scoring Tier Summary, please click [here](#).

The information provided in this report and in the link above represents only of round one and will not be updated with any new applications submitted as part of round two.

Scoring Categories

Public Benefit and Anticipated Outcomes - **Maximum of 24 Points**

Access to Project Site - **Maximum of 17 Points**

Financial and Social Considerations - **Maximum of 19 Points**

Clarity of Scope and Ability to Execute - **Maximum of 14 Points**

Access to New Opportunities for People of All Abilities - **Maximum of 15 Points**

New Construction, Renovation and Future Maintenance - **Maximum of 11 Points**

Total Score - **Maximum of 100 Points**

Search Criteria

Organization

City of Alma

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Application Number	Public Benefit and Anticipated Outcomes	Access to Project Site	Financial and Social Considerations	Clarity of Scope and Ability to Execute
ARPA-0214	22	13	15	14
ARPA-0215	22	13	14	11

City of Alma Parks & Recreation
 Master Plan Public Input Survey Questions
 2-5-15 Draft

The City of Alma is in the process of updating its 5-Year Recreation Master Plan to provide planning for community recreation. We would like to invite you to take part in the process by participating in this short on-line survey. Your input will greatly influence the direction in developing park and recreation opportunities over the next five years and beyond. Thank you in advance for your time and interest.

1. I am a: City of Alma Resident___ College Student___ Local Area Resident___.

2. How important do you feel public parks and recreational facilities are to your quality of life?

- Extremely Important Comments: _____
- Somewhat Important
- Neutral _____
- Somewhat Unimportant
- Extremely Unimportant _____

3. Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality and current maintenance of public parks and recreation facilities available in the City of Alma?

- Extremely Satisfied Comments: _____
- Somewhat Satisfied
- Neutral _____
- Somewhat Dissatisfied
- Extremely Dissatisfied _____

4. What priorities should the City of Alma give to the following recreational opportunities?

Low	Medium	High	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Develop a Dog Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expansion of Existing Trail System
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Upgrades to Existing Park Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Encourage Park Programs/Partnerships with Community Organizations (i.e. School groups, Churches, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improving Softball/Baseball Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improve City Basketball Courts
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improve Existing Tennis Courts
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Areas/Opportunities for Wildlife Viewing
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Support Facilities for Existing Recreational Areas (Restrooms, Parking, Lighting, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Branding/Park Signage/Maps/Wayfinding
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Develop Bike Routes Within The City

5. What is your age?
 0-5 ___ 5-12 ___ 13-18 ___ 18-30 ___ 31-50 ___ 50 and older ___

6. How do you hear about recreation programs and activities?
 Brochures ___ Website ___ Flyers ___ Facebook ___ Newspaper ___ Word of Mouth ___

7. Place a check (✓) if you have visited any of the city parks listed below in the past year:

___ Hampton Park

___ Mill Park

___ King Park

___ Holiday Park

___ Washington Park

___ Euclid Park

___ Highland Park

___ Pine River/Conservation Park

___ Riverside Park

___ Scotland Yard (Farmer's Market)

Recreation Open House

Hosted by:
City of Alma
Park and Recreation Advisory Committee

Welcome! Thank you for your participation. We would like your ideas and suggestions for the future of our City parks. Please make sure you sign in.

The city is currently updating its 5 Year Recreation Plan (required for various grant funding opportunities). Your input will be used to refine goals and develop an action plan of priorities within the plan. The draft of the recreation plan will be posted and available for public review this Spring.

Various stations are located within the room, attended by city staff, park and recreation advisory committee members or consultants from ROWE Professional Services. Each station has a board with topics and related ideas. Please talk with the representative at the station for questions or to add your suggestions to the board.

Stations include:

- Existing Facilities
Find out what we have accomplished since the last recreation plan and what is at our parks already. Locate your favorite park.
- Survey Results
Review the comments we have received from the survey that has been posted for public comment since January.
- Park Development
Are there specific improvements that should be made at existing parks?
Look at what is already planned for 2015.
- Miscellaneous
Let us know what you think of our draft goal statements.
Any additional thoughts for how we can work together and partner to get things done?

What is important to you? Let us know by using your stickers to vote on things you support. (put them all on one or spread them around as appropriate). There are some forms for additional written comments too.

Thanks again. Enjoy the refreshments and thank you for your input!