



Overlooking the majestic St. Joseph River is the Century Center which is a destination point in downtown South Bend for banquets, trade shows, entertainment, meetings, conventions, and special events. It also houses the South Bend Regional Museum of Art.



“We are Building Community Through People, Parks and Programs”



The Board of Park Commissioners approved a Master Plan for 2014-2018. This is a “cohesive five-year vision and a prioritized plan of action”. The public is invited to review this document at: www.sbparksplan.com

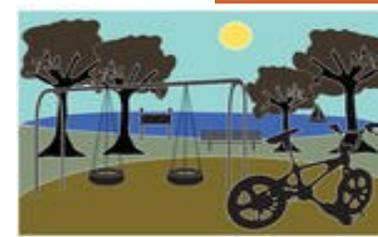


In 1982, the South Bend Common Council passed Ordinance No. 7108-82 which provided that the public parks of the City of South Bend would operate under the provisions of *Indiana Code* § 36-10-4, [See Sec. 2-137 of *SBMC*] §19-36 through §19-79 of Chapter 19 of the *South Bend Municipal Code* sets forth rules and regulations governing activities in South Bend’s parks.



The four-member Board of Park Commissioners meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 4:00 pm in the O’Brien Center Board Room, located at 312 E. Walter Street in South Bend.

2017
Parks, Arts, Recreation,
Cultural Arts &
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Committee
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Committee Members

The **Parks, Recreation, Cultural Arts and Entertainment Committee** is one of eleven Committees of the South Bend Common Council.

Council Members on this PARC Committee:



Randy Kelly, Chairperson

3rd District Council Member



Dr. David Varner, Vice-Chair

2nd District Council Member



Oliver J. Davis, Member

6th District Council Member



John Voorde Member

Council Member at Large

The PARC Committee:

“Oversees the Century Center, Regional Museum of Arts, the Morris Performing Arts Center and the Parks and Recreation Department”.

Its committee meetings are governed by the Open Door Law which require at least 48-hour notice prior to a meeting being held.



South Bend

- Is home to the **East Race Waterway**— 1,900 feet for white water rafting & kayaking since it opened in 1984
- Is home to the Howard Park Recreation Center, Pinhook Pavilion, Potawatomi Conservatories, Erskine Clubhouse, O’Brien Recreation Center & Skate Park
- Has 56 parks of various kinds & locations
- Has 59 playgrounds
- Has 42 tennis courts
- Has 3 public golf courses
- Has 7 water playgrounds
- Has 1 swimming pool
- Has over 27 miles of multi-use trails
- Offers aquatics, dance, fitness, lunch & playground programs, skating, & the arts



Accreditations



- The Parks & Recreation Department is CAPRA accredited—placing it in the top 1% of all departments in the country.
- South Bend is recognized as a **“Bicycle Friendly Community”** by the League of American Bicyclists for having over 66 miles of bike routes throughout the City.
- Parks & Recreation programs comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) thereby providing opportunities for youth and adults to participate.
- **Potawatomi Zoo**, the oldest zoo in the State of Indiana, is governed by a 5-year lease which authorizes it to be managed by the Potawatomi Zoological Society which took effect on January 1, 2014. In 2016, it received the Quarter Century Award from AZA.

In 2015, the Morris Theater received the Outstanding Historic Theatre Award by the League of Historic American Theatres for demonstrated excellence.

