

# JOHN MILES COUNTY PARK

## 2017 RECREATION PLAN

### Summary of Planning Process

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John Miles County Park is an approximately 60-acre park owned by the County of Door. The park is located on N. 14th Avenue in the City of Sturgeon Bay, approximately one-half mile west of State Highway 42-57. Originally called Door County Fairgrounds, the park became part of the Door County Parks System in 1990 and renamed to Door County Fair Park. In 2001, it was renamed John Miles County Park, due to the fact that more than just the county fair takes place there.

John Miles County Park has long been considered to have greater potential for serving recreational needs within the community. In the beginning of this year, county officials initiated a study to look into how the park might be better utilized and requested the Door County Parks and Land Use Services (previously "Planning") Departments to draft a recreational plan for the park. A second phase to consider the entire park, including non-recreational buildings and grounds, is planned to begin after the recreation plan is complete.

#### **OPEN HOUSE MEETINGS**

Six open house meetings were held at John Miles County Park in June in order to present information regarding the planning process, tour the grounds, and gather input from participants. Notes from those meetings can be viewed here:

<http://map.co.door.wi.us/parks/JohnMilesPark/MeetingNotesSummary.pdf>

#### **SURVEY QUESTIONS**

Input regarding the park is still being gathered via a short survey that can be answered online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W2NPPC7>

- How do/does you or your organization currently use the John Miles County Park, if at all?
- How could you or your organization better use the park if existing buildings or grounds were remodeled, expanded, or improved?
- What new buildings or grounds would you or your organization, as related to your organization's mission, like to see happen at the park?

Reponses to these questions and any comments regarding the planning process may also be submitted via mail or email to the contact information listed above at any time up through Monday, August 7th, 2017.

## PLANNING PROCESS TIMELINE

Listed below are remaining steps for the planning process and an estimated timeline for completion.

- **Press Release and Work Meeting (August, 2017).** Follow-up information from the kickoff meetings and an invitation to attend a work meeting will be emailed to stakeholders and issued in a press release. The purpose of the work meeting is to:
  - Review site assessment information
  - Present summary of input from stakeholders and public
  - Conduct exercise to identify opportunities and constraints
- **Plan Development (August – September, 2017)**
  - Identification of recreational alternatives
  - Evaluation of alternatives
- **Open House (October, 2017).** Present the draft recreation plan and provide an opportunity to comment.
- **Airport and Parks Committee Meeting (November, 2017).** Discuss/recommend draft recreation plan for adoption by Door County Board of Supervisors.
- **Door County Board of Supervisors Meeting (December, 2017).** Discuss/approve draft recreation plan.

## PLANNING DOCUMENTS

Any of the documents listed below may also be viewed at the Land Use Services Department during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday).

**John Miles County Park Map:** [http://map.co.door.wi.us/parks/JohnMilesPark/11x17\\_map.pdf](http://map.co.door.wi.us/parks/JohnMilesPark/11x17_map.pdf)

**Detailed Planning Process:** <http://map.co.door.wi.us/parks/JohnMilesPark/Planning%20Process.pdf>

**Site Assessment:** <http://map.co.door.wi.us/parks/JohnMilesPark/Site%20Assessment.pdf>

### Press Releases:

May 17th: <http://map.co.door.wi.us/parks/JohnMilesPark/PressRelease.pdf>

June 5th: [http://map.co.door.wi.us/parks/JohnMilesPark/OpenHouseMeetings\\_June5thPressRelease.pdf](http://map.co.door.wi.us/parks/JohnMilesPark/OpenHouseMeetings_June5thPressRelease.pdf)

June 30th: [http://map.co.door.wi.us/parks/JohnMilesPark/OpenHouseMeetings\\_June30thPressRelease.pdf](http://map.co.door.wi.us/parks/JohnMilesPark/OpenHouseMeetings_June30thPressRelease.pdf)