

# FRIENDS OF BOARDMAN PARK

Dear Community:

Boardman Park is truly a community-built park, and is definitely a treasure that we should all be proud of and cherish. Moreover, it has been the generosity of the Community that is responsible for making Boardman Park what it is today – a community park, rich in natural beauty and comprised of 227 acres that is a recreational haven, located in the heart of Boardman.

During the past 18 years Boardman Park has benefited from the addition of numerous recreational assets; thereby, creating a unique and diverse footprint of facilities and programs. The primary funding source for each of these accomplishments has been private donations of time, materials and money, coupled with government grants. The 17 projects below reflect over \$4.5 million invested in the Park.

## Projects:

- Kids' Town Creative Playground,
- Tot's Town Playground,
- Maag Outdoor Arts Theatre,
- Elton Beard Family Cabin,
- Kenneth Hofmaster Pavilion,
- Hike & Bike Trail,
- Main Septic system – elimination of an antiquated Leech Bed system and the connection to a public sanitary system at the Shops at Boardman Park,
- West Quadrant Improvements Project, includes the Thomas C. Masters Pavilion w/restrooms, a 300-car lighted parking lot and landscaping,
- 2 Sand Volleyball Courts,
- Practice Tennis Wall,
- The acquisition of 35 acres of greenspace, thereby, increasing the size of the Park to 227 acres, with 40 acres of Open Space property located in several areas of the Township,

- The Renovation of Kids' Town playground with plastic lumber made from recycled materials,
- St James Meeting House – Exterior Renovation,
- Memorial to the Veterans of Boardman,
- Historical Village Septic system – elimination of the Leech Bed/Holding Tank system and the connection to a public sanitary system at the Shops at Boardman Park,
- West Quadrant Phase III, includes the Lariccia Family Bocce Pavilion, ADA Accessible Playground and the asphalt paving of the 300-car parking lot,
- The Boardman Park Lariccia Family Community Center Phase I.
- The North Trail project – Walkway that travels parallel to the Main Drive of the Park, includes 6 foot paved walk, curbing and storm water provisions. The Trail will connect to existing trails within the Park.



We would like to acknowledge and express our deepest appreciation to the hundreds of volunteers, who provided the hands-on labor to bring new life to the Park. The countless hours provided by members of our Community realized the dreams of Kids' Town and Tot's Town playgrounds, the Maag Outdoor Arts Theatre, as well as other Park projects. To all the community-minded volunteers, who have helped make the Park the "Green Oasis" of our community. THANK YOU!!!!!!!

Similar to the Old-Fashion Amish Barn-Raising, the Community-Built concept started in 1993, when thousands of volunteers came together to build Kids' Town Creative Playground over a 5-day period. The Community-Built concept continued with the building of the Maag Outdoor Arts Theatre, and was responsible for the realization of Tot's Town Playground.

Over the years, it has been all the individuals and organizations, who have donated their time, talent and money in order to create a unique and diverse recreational asset for the benefit of our Community.

Furthermore, and most importantly, because of the generosity of the Community, Boardman Park, the Green Oasis, has evolved into one of the most popular recreational facilities in the Mahoning Valley.

Please understand that the Park's financial resources could not have funded these improvements, i. e. from 1980 to 2010, the Park's Budget has been primarily funded by the same two 30-year old voted Levies {0.3 & 0.6 mills}. Approximately, 80% of the funding for these improvements was generated by donations and grant monies, with only a fraction of the money coming from the Park's Budget.

Therefore, the continued support of the Community is necessary to keep the "Green Oasis" a viable recreational and natural resource, with grants and donations subsidizing growth.

The Green Oasis is a place where families gather to enjoy a diversity of recreational and educational opportunities in an environment that lends itself to pleasant family experiences.

On behalf of the Park Board, the Staff, and the Community we so proudly serve, I would like to express our deepest appreciation to all the people and organizations who have contributed of their time, talent, and money in pursuit of the Park's mission... to provide a place where families gather to enjoy 227 acres of recreational greenspace in the heart of Boardman.

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On behalf of the Community, we would like to express our deepest appreciation to all the Commissioners who have served the Park well by working diligently in pursuit of the Mission of the Park, providing great leadership and a focused vision on long-term planning. They have definitely played an instrumental role in making the Park the Green Oasis of our Community.

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