

On October 19th 2010 The Muncie City Parks Board approved the final design for Phase 1 for the renovation of Tuhey Park. The Plan was the direct result of the board's representatives; President, Amy Gregg, Mary Beth Lambert, board member and consultant Doug Zook working with the design team headed up by Rundell Ernstberger and including US Architects with Aquatic and Recreation Design. Over the last few months this group as looked at many options of how to best use the existing structures and facilities to get the most out of our resources with the best possible outcome for the community. Multiple alternatives were looked at for the site along with revisions and fine tuning based on feedback, State and Federal regulations, physical restraints of the site, neighborhood input, budget constraints and the deadline of opening next summer. With all this in mind with the following goals as guidelines the board approved the Phase One plan.

1. The focus of the pool would be recreational and educational for the children of Muncie, a draw for the surrounding communities and serve as a training and completion site.
2. The pool would include multiple areas of play, swim, recreation and competition that would be accessible to all persons.
3. The pool would be constructed and operated in such a way that it would run at a minimal loss to the city of Muncie and with the taxpayers' dollars being used to the best of our abilities to launch the first phase of the park renovation.
4. That while the main focus of the park would be the Aquatic elements, that Tuhey Park would remain a neighborhood park with features that will eventually include; a playground, picnic area, green space and spray pad that would be open to the public when the main pool was closed.
5. That upon opening, the Parks Board would focus on expanding the aquatic features in a total of three phases and continue to build the park as a destination spot with in a fiscally sound manner.

We would like to thank the many people and organizations such as Unision, The YMCA and Muncie Action Plan for helping to launch this renovation and to give us a vision from which to build. We, the parks board, are excited about the future of Tuhey Park as it sits at a cross roads of many types of transportation within the community and as the ability to be a place that brings all areas of the community together, drawing people into our community and facilitate a higher level of overall health and wellbeing for the community.