

# VILLAGE OF COLON FIVE YEAR PARKS & RECREATION PLAN



**FEBRUARY 2024 – FEBRUARY 2029**

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## **COMMUNITY GEOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION**

The Village of Colon is approximately 1.73 square miles and is located on M-86 in northeast Saint Joseph County, approximately 17 miles west of Coldwater, 15 miles north of Sturgis (18 miles from the Indiana toll road), 19 miles east of Three Rivers, 36 miles southeast of Kalamazoo, and 30 miles south of Battle Creek. It is situated on portions of both Palmer Lake and Sturgeon Lake, with close proximity to Long Lake south of the village. The location of the village puts it within easy traveling distance to and from larger municipalities and in close approximation to I-94, I-69, M-60, M-66, and the Indiana Toll Road. Situated as it is, the Village of Colon affords easy access to individuals wishing to vacation or attend many of the year round attractions.

## **HISTORY OF COLON**

“Roswell Schellhous of Ohio was the first to settle in the area. In 1829, he built a log house that contained two rooms and was used as a hotel for other settlers and travelers. Roswell left for Illinois in 1838, but by then Lorancie, Martin and George Schellhous, brothers of the first settler, had located in Colon and were on their way to becoming Leaders in the community.”<sup>1</sup>

“The Village of Colon was originally platted in 1832 but the plat was not officially recorded until 1844. It was actually named by Lorencie Schellhous when he opened a dictionary at random and saw the word: “Colon.” He determined that the town would be named that, as he felt the lake and river resembled the shape of a grammatical colon.”<sup>2</sup> The Schellhous brothers purchased the property along Swan Creek to develop a saw and later gristmill. At approximately the same year, 1832, Charles Palmer moved from Ohio to Colon and constructed the first dam across Swan Creek. This 90 foot long dam backed up water into what is now Palmer Lake.

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“Colon’s roll in the world of magic began in 1925 when Harry Blackstone, the great magician and illusionist, bought property that is still known as Blackstone Island. Blackstone and his troupe would spend the summer months in Colon, designing their shows and perfecting their craft.”<sup>3</sup> “Among those who came to visit Blackstone, was his Australian friend, Percy Abbott. Not only did Abbott perform magic, but also he built tricks and illusions. Together, he and Blackstone formed the company, which still bears Abbott’s name.”<sup>4</sup> Hence, the Village of Colon to this day is known as the Magic Capital of the World.

### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

“According to the 2020 United States Census, the Village of Colon has a population of 1199.<sup>5</sup> This represents an increase in population of 2.2% from the population in the 2010 Census.

The percentage of families living below the poverty level in the Village of Colon also rose from 3.5% in 2010 to 8.9% in 2020. <sup>6</sup> These low-income families will benefit greatly with the availability of recreational activities at no cost to them.

“The Village of Colon is a desirable place to live, with proximity to many natural and recreational assets, a strong history, and sustainable local businesses. Although population and housing growth have been limited in recent years the area’s tourism opportunities and proximity to population centers positions the Village of Colon for a positive future.”<sup>7</sup> (Further information on the Village of Colon Demographics may found in the 2014 Master Plan. Copy may be viewed at the Colon Village Office.)

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## **HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE OF COMMUNITY PARKS IN THE VILLAGE OF COLON**

In 1988 the Colon Community Pride Committee was formed with representatives from all of the service clubs, schools, Chamber of Commerce and village government with the ultimate goal of making improvements and promoting Colon as the Magic Capital of the World. The Village Council solicited the committee's input on improvements to the Swan Creek Park (now the Veteran's Memorial Park). Over a two to three year period, playground equipment, four metal tables with benches, two barbeque grills, benches along the waterfront, and boat tie-ups were added. The Colon Garden Club also landscaped the park.

In the mid 1970's Recil Bordner purchased the property on the northwest corner of North Blackstone Avenue and Mill St. He then, most generously, donated that property to the Village of Colon. In 1996 the Colon Garden Club approached the Village Council with a proposal to build a community gazebo in what would become Bordner Park. Upon approval of the village council, garden club members and community volunteers made the dream of a gazebo become a reality.

In approximately 2001 a committee was established to raise funds for the construction of a community center on property abandoned by the railroad along the southeast shore of Sturgeon Lake. For six long years the Community Center Executive Board raised funds, but in the end funding was far short of the actual cost. With the realization that the community center could not be built they enlisted suggestions from the community. From this the concept of the Colon Community Park was developed. The department of Architectural and Landscape Design at Michigan State University was contacted and agreed to have a class assist in planning and designing of the park. In December of 2007 the executive board was presented twenty-five different architectural landscape designs/plans; one for each student working on the project. January 22<sup>nd</sup> thru the 26th 2008, all twenty-five plans were put on display at the Colon Township Library for the community to view and comment on. A master plan was developed by Danny Bulmore, senior at MSU, and presented to the Colon Village Council

on March 11, 2008. The plan was also presented to the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) of the Branch County Community Foundation and a grant for \$2,000.00 was secured. With this grant, and funds held over from the community center project, construction for the pavilion began in August of 2008 and was completed in the spring of 2009. However, going into the spring of 2009 and realizing that funds were near depleted, the executive committee applied for a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. In March of 2009 the Colon Village Council passed a resolution authorizing the application for a DNR Grant. The grant application was completed and submitted to Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant Management. Also, as a condition, the grant application process required that the Village of Colon, through resolution, resolve to keep the park in perpetuity. March 10, 2009 the Colon Village Council voted 7-0 on the above resolution, which pledged to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources that the Village of Colon would keep the park in perpetuity. (*Appendix E: Resolution Keeping the Colon Community Park in Perpetuity and Appendix F: Section 6 : Post-Project Completion Obligations and Program Recognition*) On July 21<sup>st</sup> the executive committee was notified that Michigan Resources Trust Fund Board was extending an invitation to make a ten-minute presentation on the community park plan and development proposal at their August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting. Three members of the executive board made the trip to Lansing to present their plan/proposal to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Board. December 8, 2009 the executive board was notified that their application was among those recommended and approved to receive a MNRTF development grant in the reduced amount of \$200,000.00. September 14, 2010 the Village of Colon passed a resolution to accept the property, on which the now Colon Community Park stands, as part of the Colon Community Parks system. The Colon Community Park, now one of the true jewels of the Village of Colon, was completed in 2014.

## **VILLAGE OF COLON PARKS BOARD & ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

The Village of Colon is a General Law Village comprised seven council members serving four-year terms. All property within the Village of Colon, designated as community parks, falls under the auspices of the Colon Village Council. The Colon Community Parks Board was established by the Village of Colon in 2014. The Village of Colon acts as treasurer for the Parks Board and the Parks Board reports directly to the Village Council. One member of the Village Council shall serve as a member of the Colon Community Parks Board of Directors.

### **Village of Colon Council Members**

President	Jodi Gross
President Pro tem	Keith Stickley
Council Member	Richard Delp
Council Member	Tamera Sterlini
Council Member	Dillon Baker
Council Member	David Senkewitz
Council Member	Boyd Blashfield

### **Colon Community Parks Board of Directors**

Chairperson	Richard Livermore
Vice Chairperson	Jon Columbo
Secretary	Linda Rehmeyer
Member	Mikeal Smoker
Member	Edith Doenges
Member	Connie Thrans
Village Council Liaison	Jodi Gross

### **Colon Community Parks Advisory Committee**

Member	Mike Davis
Member	Kristie Boals
Member	Tom Tenney
Member	Colin King
Member	Linda Held

## **VILLAGE OF COLON PARKS DEPARTMENT FINANCE & BUDGET**

The Village of Colon is responsible for the funding of all public parks owned and operated by the village. It must be realized that, for all practical purposes, these parks are nonprofit facilities. The majority of cost accrued by the village fall under the department of public works for general property maintenance. The Village of Colon budgeted \$25,978 for general parks and recreation maintainance, supplies, and liability insurance in the 2023-2024 fiscal year which ends on March 31, 2024. The Colon Community Parks Board has a checking account that has a balance as of November 30, 2023 of approximately \$12,240. The funds in this account have been generated from individual donations to the parks and have not come out of the Village of Colon's General Fund.

No fees are charged to enter any of the Village parks; they are free and open to all visitors. A facilities rental enterprise focused on the pavillion at the Colon Community Park has been developed as a source of self-generated funding focused on the maintenance of that building, wherein fees are charged for special events, classes, etc.

## **RECREATION INVENTORY & PARKS LISTING**

It could be said that in the Village of Colon there are only two seasons, when the docks go in and when the docks come out. As stated previously, the Village of Colon is nestled between Palmer Lake and Sturgeon Lake. However, the surrounding area of Colon Township offers many other lakes. These lakes include Long Lake, Lepley Lake, Goodrich Lake, River Lake, Farrand Lake, Leidy Lake, Washburn Lake and the St. Joseph River, which flow into and out of the North section of Sturgeon Lake. These lakes



provide well over 1500 acres of year around enjoyment and are one of the areas largest tourist attractions.

Palmer Lake, at approximately 448 acres and with 16 miles of shoreline, has two public boat launches, one maintained by the Village of Colon at the Veterans Memorial Park and the other at the Southeast end maintained by the DNR. Both Sturgeon Lake and Long Lake have public launches maintained by the DNR. Recreation on these lakes and the St. Joseph River, from late spring to early fall, provide tremendous opportunities for fishing, canoeing, kayaking, boating, tubing, wave runners, and of course the leisurely slow ride around the lake on the pontoon. During the winter months the Village of Colon, even though there is ice fishing, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing, sees a decline in tourism and population. Cottages are closed up for the winter and the snowbirds have all gone south.

### **VILLAGE PARKS**

#### **COLON COMMUNITY PARK (3.5 Acres at 200 W. State Street)**

The Colon Community Park, started in 2008 and completed in 2014, is truly one of the highlights of the village. Developed on 3.5 acres of village property located on the southeast section of Sturgeon Lake, this park has become one of the most popular parks within the Village. The park has a large pavilion with a central area and a north and south wings holding twenty-three picnic tables, men's and women's restrooms, large storage room and grilling area. During late spring, summer, and early fall the pavilion has been used for a farmers markets, family reunions, graduation parties, and meetings. Non-profit organizations also utilize this facility approximately several times per year.

Other features of the park include a children's playground, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, gazebo, memorial gardens, approximately one quarter mile paved walking path, floating dock with fishing platform, large storage barn, and lighted parking lot. The Colon Garden Club has also professionally landscaped the entire park and

added the Blue Star Memorial. The Colon Community Park has also been used for the annual Fourth of July celebration with kids games, food vendors, and musical venue and for activities of the Colon Township Library Summer Reading Program. The first Friday in December the park is decorated by the Colon Garden Club for the annual Christmas in Colon activities.

**VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK (intersection of South Swan St. and Canal St.)**

The Veterans Memorial Park, formally the Swan Creek Park, is located one block South of the downtown area on South Swan Street. This park has a public boat ramp, maintained by the Village, with limited vehicle parking and hitching post for the Amish parking. The park also has a small very dated playground, new square metal tables with benches, and several grills. There are several dated benches on the shoreline, and a few boat tie-ups for boat parking. The Veterans Memorial Park provides one of the best views for fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**BORDNER PARK (209 N. Blackstone Ave.)**

The Bordner Park, named after Recil Bordner, is located on the northwest corner of north Blackstone Ave. and Mill St. next to the Colon Historical Museum. This park contains a fully accessible gazebo with electrical service. A perennial garden and memorial trees surround the gazebo, which was built by the Colon Garden Club members, spouses, and volunteers. The Colon Garden Club paid for a new roof on the gazebo in 2020, and paid for the powerwashing and restaining of the gazebo in 2022. This small park is used for musical performances, garden club plant sales, and a quiet place to just sit, read a book or enjoy the view.

**DRAKE PARK (undeveloped natural wetlands on the north side of the M-86 bridge over Swan Creek & land owned by MDOT immediately to the west)**

This park has two sections. The first area includes the undeveloped wetlands immediately north of the bridge on M-86. This area of Swan Creek is part of the St.

Joseph watershed and, because of the fluctuating water levels, for all practical purposes cannot be developed. The second area, immediately west of the wetland area is a section owned by MDOT. This land slopes north to Swan Creek and has a retaining wall at the north end. This area cannot be developed because of underground BP Gas lines. This park may be used for fishing on Swan Creek.

### **DESCRIPTION OF PLANNING PROCESS AND PUBLIC INPUT**

The Colon Community Parks Board (CCPB) along with the Community Parks Advisory Committee (CPAC) met several times during 2022 to discuss the Village parks. All of the meetings were open to the public and public comments are allowed. The Village of Colon is a very small community. Each board member and advisory committee member solicited input from the local community. The CCPB and the CPAC met on October 28, October 31, and November 1, 2022 to discuss and draft the 5-year plan. The Draft 5-year plan was authorized by the Village Council at their regular meeting on November 8, 2022. At a meeting of the CCPB and CPAC on December 7, 2022, the draft was amended to add some required elements to the 5-year plan after reviewing requirements on the MiGrants website. The amended draft was presented at the December 13, 2022, village council meeting, and approval was given to post a public notice of the draft plan for public comment by January 5, 2023. Copies of the Draft 5-year plan will be available at the Village Hall and The Colon Township Library. In addition to the posting in the Sturgis Journal, notices will be placed outside the Village Hall, at the American Legion, the Colon Township Library, and the Village Market. The Public Hearing will be held on February 14, 2023. Following the Public Hearing, the Village Council will adopt the resolution to approve the 5-year plan.

## **GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND ACTION PLAN**

**GOAL:** to maintain the Colon Community Park, the Veteran's Memorial Park, and Bordner Park for community gatherings, social events, and recreational activities for all age groups, and to enhance the recreational opportunities available at these parks as funds become available.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTION PLAN:**

Continue organizing and promoting various activities and festivals at all the parks with community activities for all age groups. These would include Magic Week activities, 4th of July activities, Farmers Market, Christmas in Colon, car shows, and other activities that are of interest to many age groups.

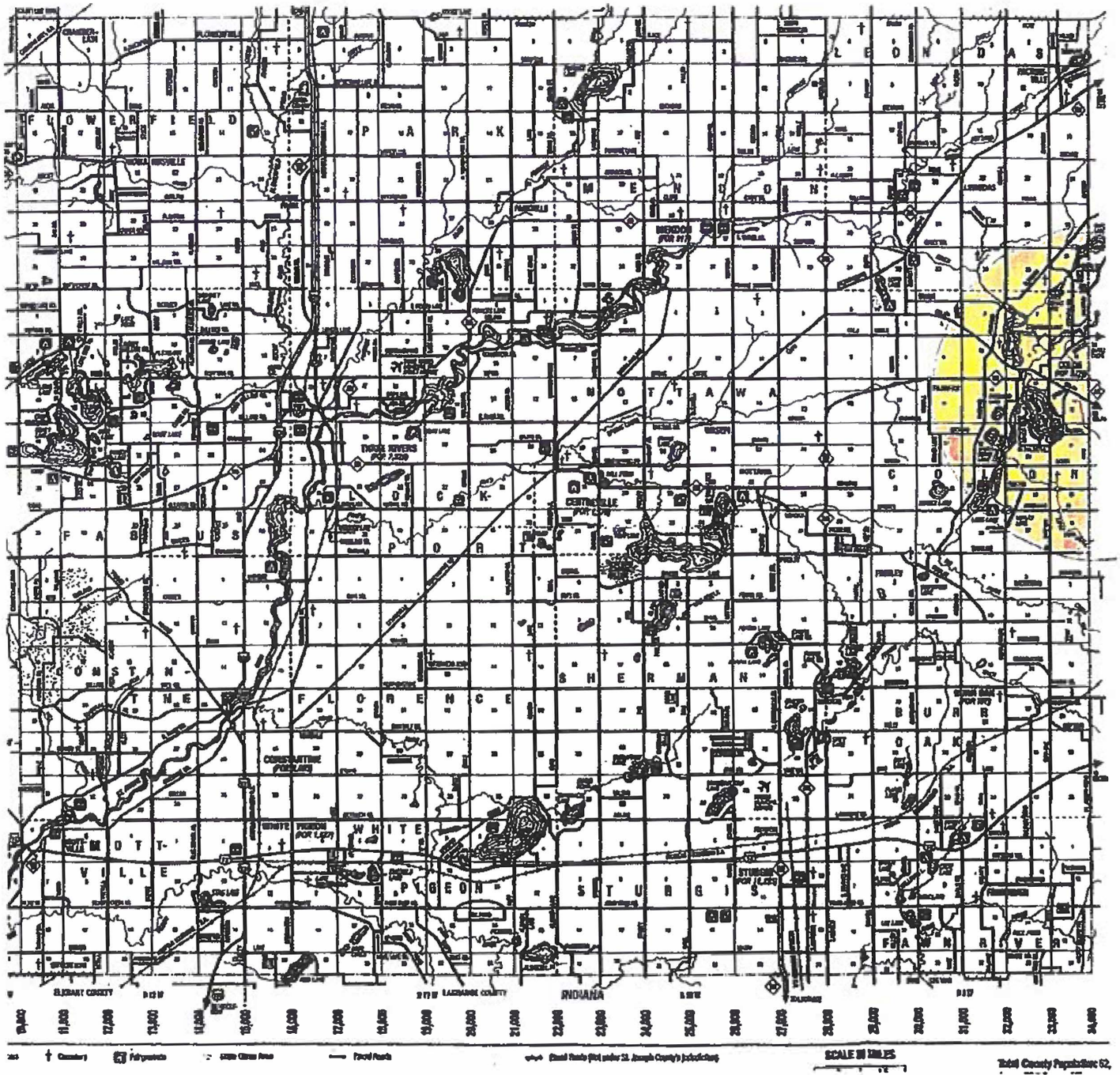
- \* To apply for Grants to add additional recreational options to the Colon Community Parks.
- \* To add physical fitness stations with age appropriate activities for children and adults along the walking trail at the Colon Community Park.
- \* Improvement of playgrounds
- \* Provide lighting from the pavilion to the floating docks on Sturgeon Lake.
- \* Lighting improvements
- \* Security cameras
- \* Paved parking lots (Colon Community and Veterans Park)
- \* Pickleball court
- \* Stage area for concerts and events
- \* Food truck days
- \* Rubber mulch for playgrounds
- \* Basketball, softball, kickball area
- \* Updated playground equipment
- \* Dog walk with fenced in area for small/large dogs
- \* Splash pad
- \* Updated Information Center

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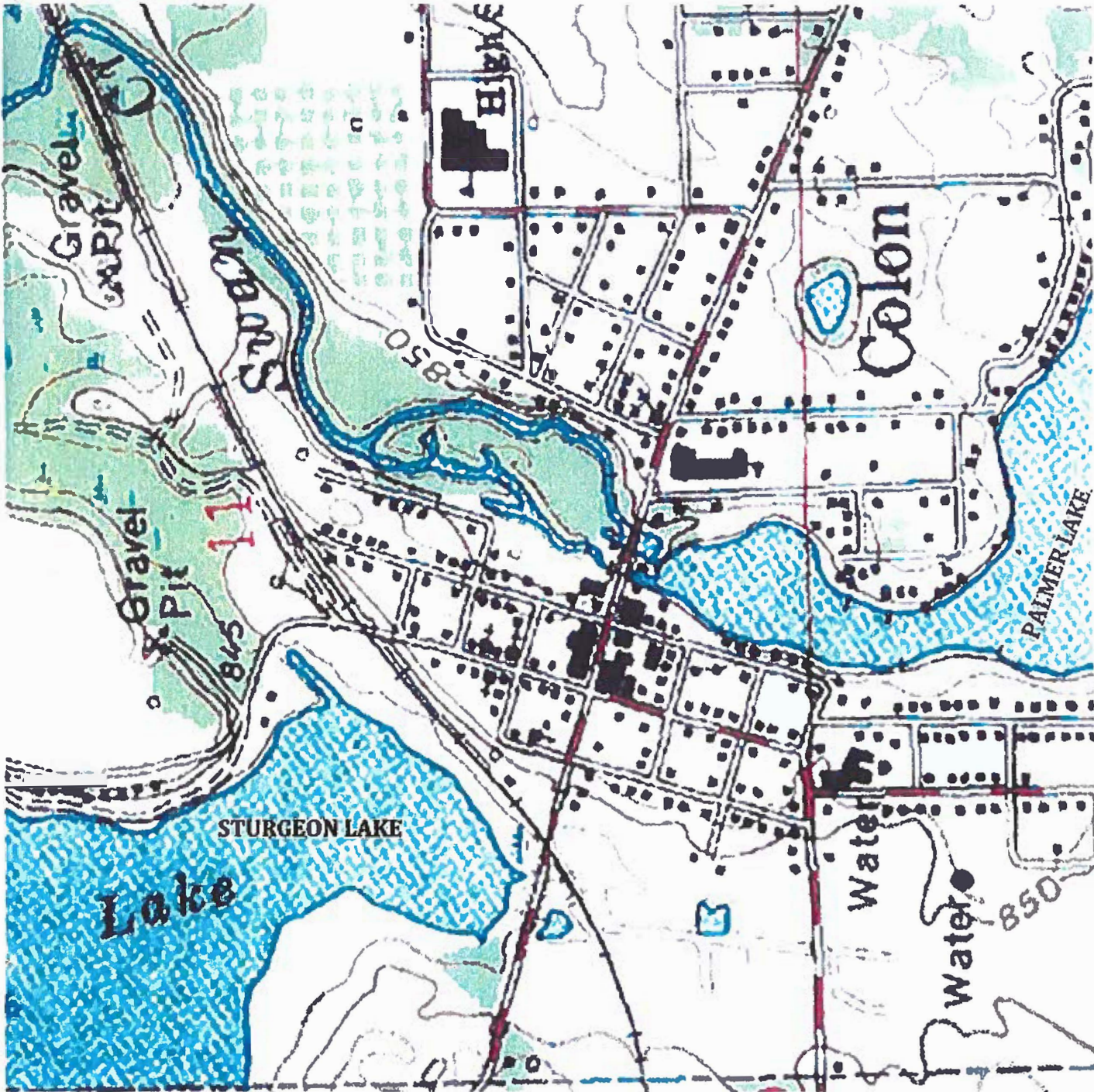
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# APPENDIX A

## Map of ST JOSEPH COUNTY, MI

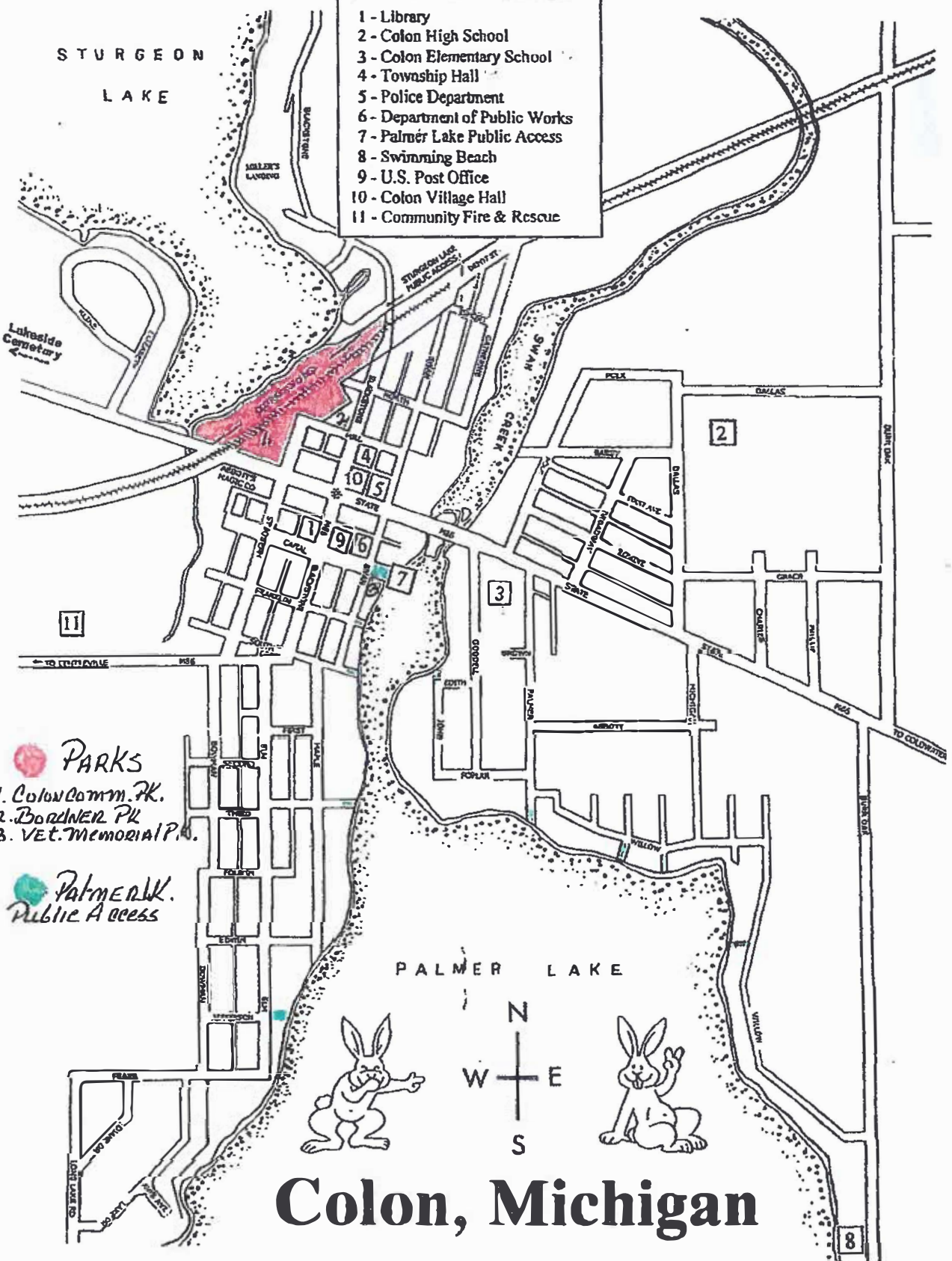


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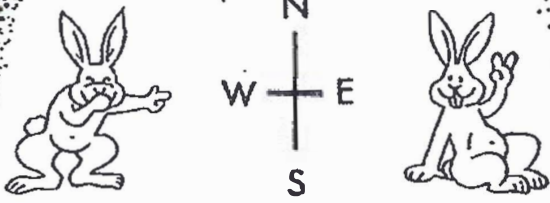


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- 7 - Palmer Lake Public Access
- 8 - Swimming Beach
- 9 - U.S. Post Office
- 10 - Colon Village Hall
- 11 - Community Fire & Rescue



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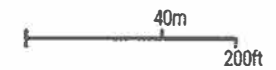




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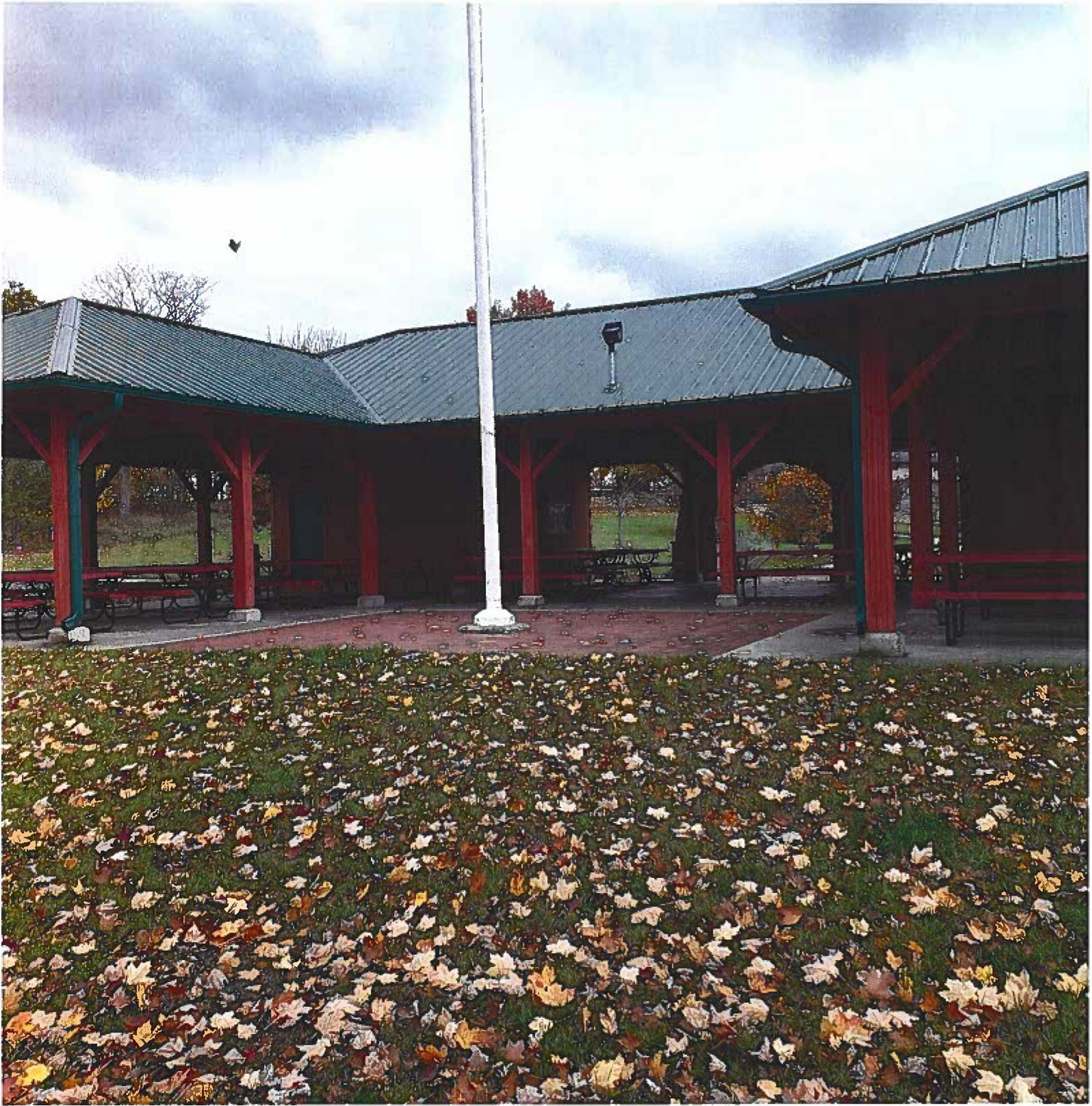


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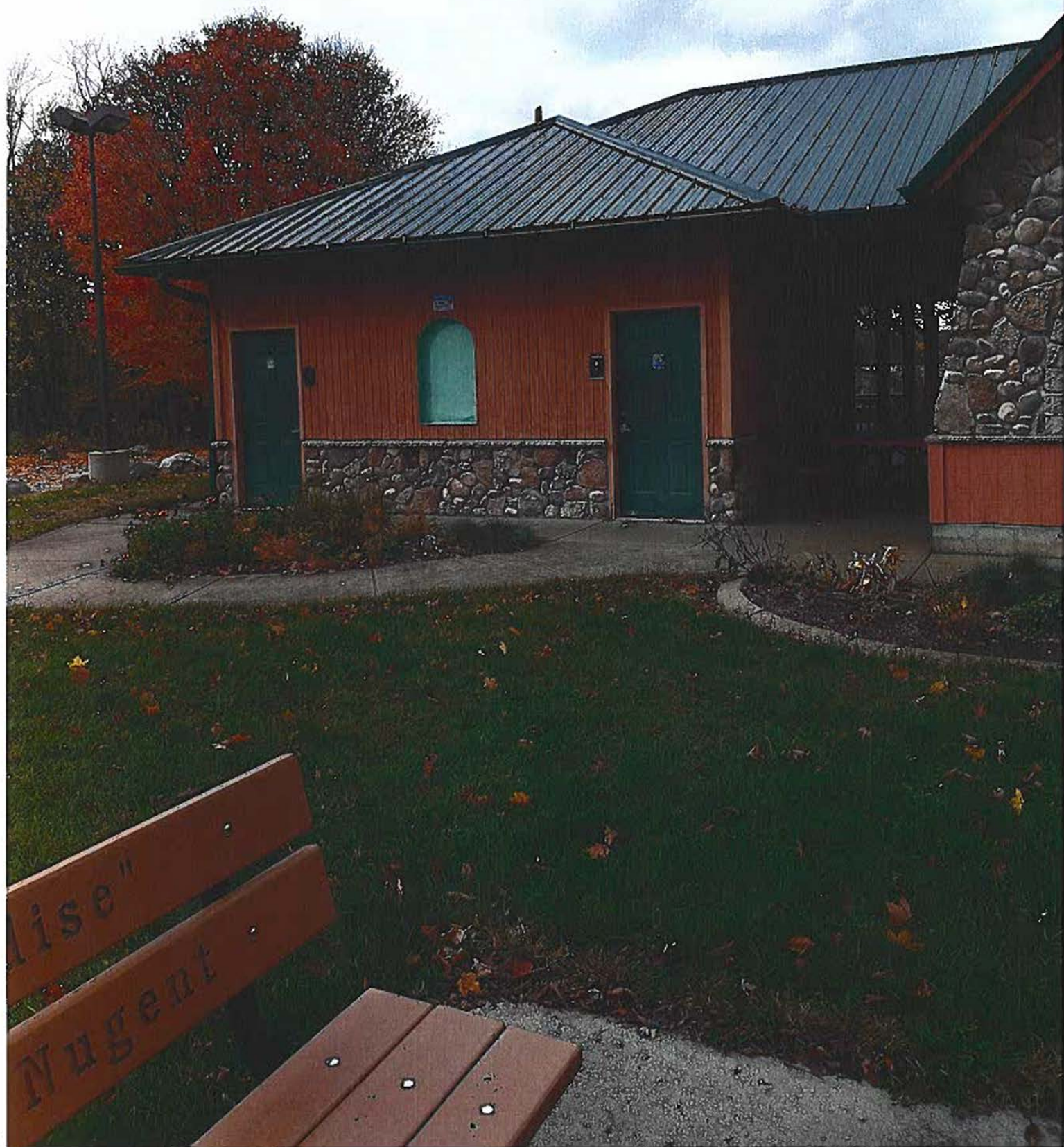
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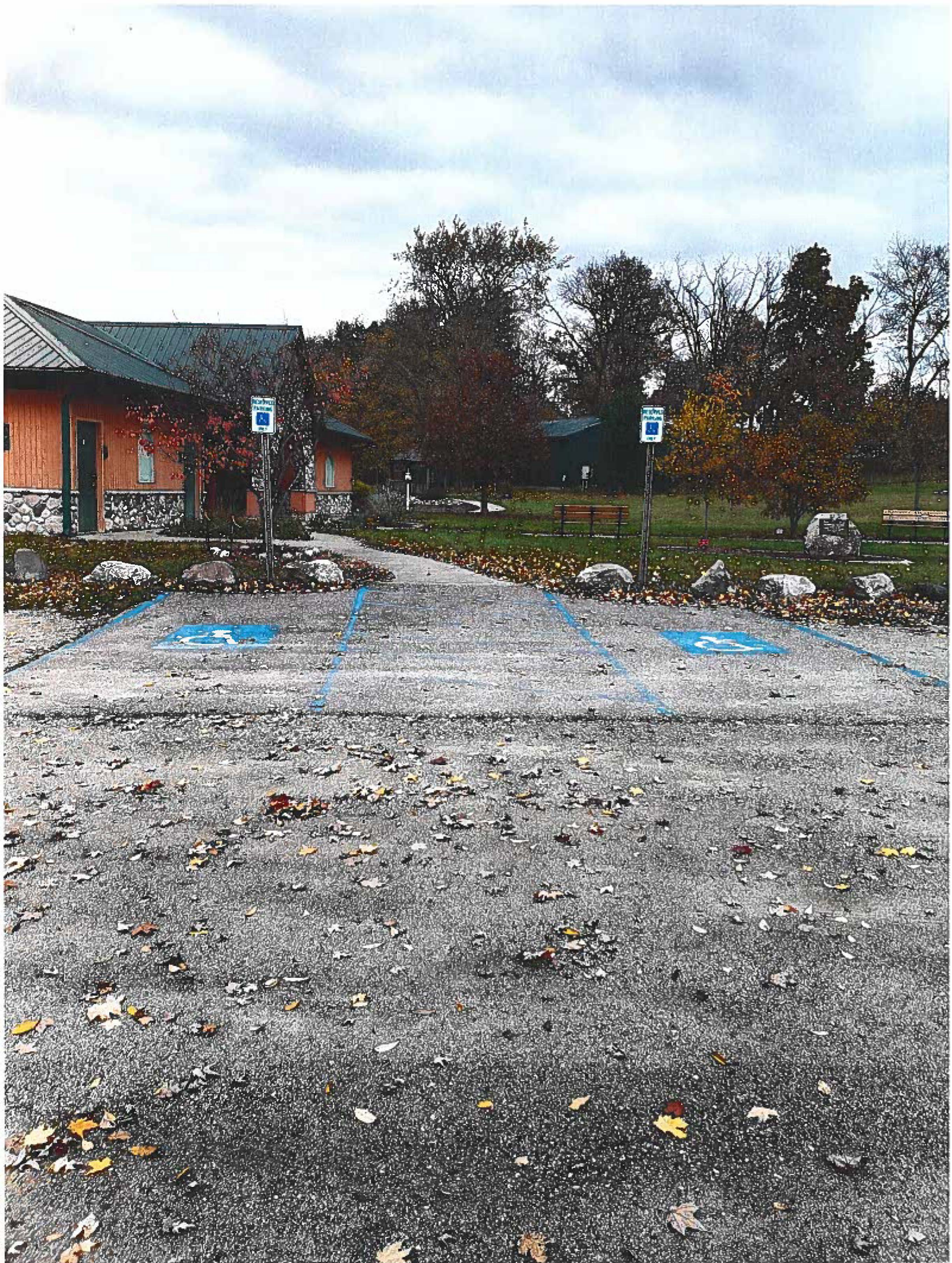
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## Owner Address

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Unit:

041

Unit Name:

COLON VILLAGE

PO BOX 50 / 111 SOUTH ST JOSEPH ST

COLON, MI 49040

## General Information for 2023 Tax Year

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Class Name:	RESIDENTIAL VACANT	State Equalized Value:	\$0
School Dist Code:	75040		
School Dist Name:	COLON		



# APPENDIX E

## VILLAGE OF COLON Resolution #09-03

### A RESOLUTION KEEPING THE COLON COMMUNITY PARK IN PERPETUITY

At a regular meeting of the Village of Colon, Michigan held at the Village Hall on March 10, 2009 the following resolution was offered by Council member Percival, and supported by Council member Bell.

WHEREAS, the Village of Colon is working with the Colon Community Park Committee to develop a multifaceted community park, and

WHEREAS, the park is situated at 200 W. State St., parcel # 75-041-180-125-00, the property lies north of State St., west of N. St. Joseph St., south of the DNR public access and east of Sturgeon Lake, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Colon considers this park to be a recreational improvement to the residents of the Village of Colon, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Colon wishes to keep this park in perpetuity for the recreational needs of its residents, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Colon Council wishes to keep the Colon Community Park (parcel # 75-041-180-125-00) in perpetuity for the purpose of improving recreation for the residents of the Village of Colon.

AYES: Bell, Delp, Kuhlmann, McManus, Percival, Thibideau, Whitford

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

#### RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I, Nancy Schultz, hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution made and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Colon on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2009.

  
Nancy Schultz  
Colon Village Clerk

## APPENDIX F

### SECTION 6: POST-PROJECT COMPLETION OBLIGATIONS AND PROGRAM RECOGNITION

Your obligations under your development grant do not end with final reimbursement and close-out of the financial portion of the grant. Grantees have long-term obligations that pertain to both the facilities developed with grant assistance and the project area encumbered by the Project Agreement. Your obligations regarding facilities endure for the life of the facilities. Obligations regarding the project area endure in perpetuity.

These long-term obligations include, but are not limited to:

- Maintenance of the project area and facilities, so they are attractive, inviting and safe.
- Management of the area and facilities in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- Keeping the project area/facilities open and accessible for public use at all appropriate times, based on the type of facilities. Full or partial closure of the project area or facilities to public use is a significant violation of the grantee's obligations under the Project Agreement. Extended, temporary closures for renovation or other purposes may be acceptable, but should be approved by the DNR before being implemented.
- Not instituting membership or annual permit systems. Differences in admission and other fees may be instituted on the basis of residence, but nonresident fees cannot exceed twice the amount charged to residents.
- Keeping the project area in public outdoor recreation use in perpetuity. Adding any non-recreation facility to the project area, including other government buildings (such as libraries or fire stations) and utility structures (including cellular towers) is considered a **conversion** of the project area to nonrecreation use. Conversion of park areas developed with grant assistance is strongly discouraged. Conversions require prior DNR approval and the implementation of specific mitigation measures as approved by the DNR and, as appropriate, by the MNRTF Board of Trustees or, for LWCF projects, by the National Park Service. Mitigation measures normally include a requirement to replace the parkland with new parkland of equal or greater recreational or natural resource value and of equal or greater monetary value.
- Obtaining DNR approval and, for LWCF projects, National Park Service approval to discontinue operation of any grant-assisted project facilities prior to or at the end of their useful life.
- Obtaining DNR approval to make any significant change to the type of recreation provided for at the site. For example, if a grant was awarded for a site that was presented in the grant application as a passive recreation area with limited development, prior DNR approval must be sought if the site is to be changed over to an intensely developed active recreation area.

The DNR will perform periodic formal and informal inspections of the project area and facilities to determine compliance with the grantee's long-term obligations. You will be notified of any problems identified and will be asked to address them within a reasonable timeframe. You are obligated to comply with long-term obligations even in the absence of a DNR post-completion inspection process. Failure to comply with long-term obligations is a violation of the terms of your Project Agreement and will require mitigation. In addition, failure to comply with post-completion obligations will negatively impact your ability to compete for future recreation grants.

It is not uncommon for a park to receive DNR grant assistance under a number of grant programs, including MNRTF, LWCF, the 1988 Recreation Bond Fund program and the CMI-Recreation Bond Fund program; therefore, the grantee's long-term obligations at the site may be governed by more than one project agreement. A community should make sure they are aware of all grant obligations before implementing a change.

Any questions regarding post-completion obligations should be directed to your Grant Coordinator.

VILLAGE OF COLON  
(St. Joseph County, Michigan)

**APPENDIX G**

RESOLUTION 10-91410

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PROPERTY AS PART OF THE COLON COMMUNITY PARK

Council member Nancy Percival offered the following resolution and Council member Ruth A. Kuhlmann moved for its adoption.

WHEREAS: The Colon Community Park, Incorporated, formerly know as Edgett-Godrey Community Center, Incorporated owns parcel# 75-041-180-122-00 adjacent to Village of Colon property parcel# 75-041-180-125-00; and

WHEREAS: the Colon Community Park Committee has designed a Colon Community Park to be placed in Village of Colon parcel # 75-041-180-125-00, which lies in the area west of St. Joseph St., east of Sturgeon Lake, north of State St., south of Michigan DNR public access, parcel # 75-041-040-001-00; and

WHEREAS: The Colon Community Park, Incorporated intends that their parcel# 75-041-180-122-00 become a permanent part of the Colon Community Park being developed on the Village of Colon parcel #75-041-180-125-00; and

WHEREAS: The Village of Colon has set aside the property for the Colon Community Park parcel# 75-041-180-125-00 in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS: Colon Community Park, Incorporated, parcel# 75-041-180-122-00 is tax exempt; and

WHEREAS: It is the opinion of the council that it would be in the best interests of the Village of Colon to accept the Quit Claim Deed for parcel#75-041-180-122-00 for inclusion as part of the Colon Community Park; and

WHEREAS: The Colon Community Park, Incorporated is wanting only One Dollar (\$1.00) for this Quit Claim Deed for parcel # 75-041-180-122-00; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that The Village of Colon accepts the Quit Claim Deed for parcel # 75-041-180-122-00 for inclusion as part of the Colon Community Park for One Dollar (\$1.00) . Said resolution to be immediately effective on this date September 14, 2010

YEAS: Bell, Craun, Delp, Kuhlmann, McManus, Percival and Whitford

NAYS: none ABSENT: none

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I, Nancy L. Schultz, hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution made and adopted at a regular meeting of the governing body of this municipality on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2010.

  
Nancy L. Schultz, Village Clerk/Treasurer

  
Thomas Whitford, Village of Colon President



## APPENDIX H

### COLON COMMUNITY PARK & PAVILION RULES

1. Park hours are dawn to dusk unless pre-approved by the village president, however the park restrooms will be closed at or around dusk or at such time the Colon Police Department is available.
2. All vehicles, including horse drawn, **must** be parked in the parking lot and may **not** be parked on the grass or any other park area. Overnight parking is **not** allowed in the parking lot and overnight camping is **not** allowed in the park area.
3. Alcohol is **not** permitted throughout the park.
4. Smoking is **not** allowed in the pavilion, restroom, or other park structures.
5. Grills, of any kind, are **not** allowed in the pavilion.
6. Fireworks or bonfires are **not** allowed in the park.
7. Glass beverage containers are **not** allowed in the park.
8. Skateboarding or riding of bicycles is **not** allowed in the pavilion.
9. All pets in the park **must** be on a leash and owners are responsible for cleaning up.
10. The use of tape, nails, thumbtacks, push pins, and staples to attach signs or decorations to the park pavilion, trees, or shrubs surrounding the area is **not** permitted. Also, glitter, confetti, or table sprinkles may **not** be used in the pavilion or park area.
11. Permanent installation of signs, decorations, or plantings is only allowed without the express permission of the Colon Community Park Board.
12. Picnic tables may **not** be removed from the pavilion. Picnic tables may be rearranged for an event, but **must** be moved back to their original position when finished. Also, picnic tables **must** be carried not dragged.
13. Facilities **must** be returned to their original condition: picnic tables wiped down, trash picked up and placed in trash containers, and all decorations taken down.
14. Other than vendors of the Colon Farmers Market, **no** individuals, organizations, or business may sell food, drinks, services, or merchandise in the park without express written permission of the village president.

## **APPENDIX I**

### **COLON COMMUNITY PARKS BOARD BYLAWS AUGUST 12, 2014**

#### **ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE**

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the Colon Community Parks Board hereby referred to as the "CCPB".

**Section 2.** The purpose of the CCPB is to assist the Colon Village Council and the Village of Colon as an at large committee who will oversee the conservation, preservation, and future development of all parks within the Village of Colon.

**Section 3.** The CCPB will act strictly as an advisory board and report directly to the Village Council.

#### **ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** The CCPB shall consist of two factions: the Colon Community Parks Advisory Committee and the Colon Community Parks Board of Directors.

- a. The Colon Community Parks Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members from the greater Colon Community. At least one member of the Village Council shall be a member of the CCPB to act as a liaison for the Village Council. Members of the CCPB shall also serve on the Advisory Committee.
- b. Individuals wishing a position on the CCPB will submit letters of interest to the Village Council. Council members shall appoint the initial seven (7) members of the CCPB. The CCPB will recommend future members to the Village Council for appointment.
- c. Members of the Advisory Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, in addition to members of the CCPB, making a total of fourteen (14). These individuals shall be appointed by the CCPB and serve as at large members that act in an advisory role to the CCPB of directors.

#### **ARTICLE III: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1.** The officers of the organization shall be the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary. Officers will serve four-year terms and may hold office for a maximum of three consecutive terms. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors, the appointee to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

## **APPENDIX I**

### **ARTICLE VI: FUNDING**

**Section 1.** The Colon Community Park Board of Directors operates under the auspices of the Village of Colon Village Council and the Village shall act as Treasurer for the Board. As such, the Board will hold no funds and have no funds available from the general budget at their discretion. The Village Council must approve all major requests for funding.

**Section 2.** The fiscal year of the Colon Community Park shall be from April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, the same as the Village of Colon.

**Section 3.** All fund raising activities, donations, memorials or any monies raised will be deposited into the parks savings account and earmarked for parks conservation, preservation, maintenance, and future development.

**Section 4.** Should park funds exceed \$10,000.00 the Board must present a budget to the Village Council in February of that respective year.

### **ARTICLE VII: PLANNING**

**Section 1.** The CCPB shall be responsible for required planning, which includes, but not limited to, the Village of Colon Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan.

### **ARTICLE VIII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

**Section 1.** Rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall apply whenever they are applicable.

### **ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** These by-laws may be amended by majority vote of the members present and voting at any meeting of the membership provided written notice of the proposed amendment has been sent with the notice of the meeting.

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**APPENDIX J**

**VILLAGE OF COLON  
(St. Joseph County, Michigan)**

**RESOLUTION 2022-0908-01**

**A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE COLON COMMUNITY PARKS BOARD TO APPLY FOR A MICHIGAN SPARK GRANT FOR THE COLON COMMUNITY PARK**

Council member Marilyn McManus offered the following resolution. Council member, Marilyn McManus moved to adopt the resolution, and Council member Michael Michalski seconded the motion.

WHEREAS, the Village Council of Colon supports the submission of an application titled, "Colon Community Park Improvement" to the Spark grant program for the renovation of old facilities and the addition of new facilities at the Colon Community Park; and,

WHEREAS, this village is located in a high poverty area and the village does not have the funds to enhance the Colon Community Park in the current budget and cannot add funds to the next budget; and,

WHEREAS, Covid has had a serious effect on the earnings of the residents of the village and the village does not wish to impose any more taxes on the residents of the Village of Colon to fund these enhancements;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the village council of the Village of Colon hereby authorizes submission of a Spark Application for \$750,000, and further resolves to attempt to secure donations to add funds to the project during the 2023-2024 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years.

AYES: ALL

NAYES: Ø

ABSENT: Ø

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by Village Council of Colon at their regular meeting held on 11-8 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Colon Village Office, with a quorum present.

Sharon Craun  
County Clerk Village President - Sharon Craun Dated: 11-14-22

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APPENDIX J

VILLAGE OF COLON  
(St. Joseph County, Michigan)

RESOLUTION 2022-0908-02

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE COLON COMMUNITY PARKS BOARD TO APPLY FOR A MICHIGAN SPARK GRANT FOR THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Council member Linda Norton offered the following resolution. Council member Linda Norton moved to adopt the resolution, and Council member Dana Senkewitz seconded the motion.

WHEREAS, the Village Council of Colon supports the submission of an application titled, "Veterans Memorial Park Improvement" to the Spark grant program for the renovation of old facilities and the addition of new facilities at the Veterans Memorial Park; and,

WHEREAS, this village is located in a high poverty area and the village does not have the funds to enhance the Veterans Memorial Park in the current budget and cannot add funds to the next budget; and,

WHEREAS, Covid has had a serious effect on the earnings of the residents of the village and the village does not wish to impose any more taxes on the residents of the Village of Colon to fund these enhancements;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the village council of the Village of Colon hereby authorizes submission of a Spark Application for \$300,000, and further resolves to attempt to secure donations to add funds to the project during the 2023-2024 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years.

AYES: All

NAYES: Ø

ABSENT: Ø

MOTION APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by Village Council of Colon at their regular meeting held on 11-8 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Colon Village Office, with a quorum present.

Sarah Cray  
Clerk Village of Colon - Sarah Cray Dated: 11-14-22