

BUHR PARK

AREA .....	39.0 Acres
BOUNDARIES .....	Dorchester on the north Packard " " south Easy " " east Colony " " west
FACILITIES .....	Softball, Baseball, Playground Picnicking, <del>Coast</del> , Tennis, Swimming Pool, Artificial Ice Rink.

In 1952 the Joseph Buhr Memorial Fund was established in order to buy land for Parks purposes. At the March 12, 1952 meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, the Buhr Tool Machine Company gave to the Parks Department the sum of \$30,000.00 and the R. & B. Tool Machine Company of Saline gave the sum of \$4,000.00 making a total of \$34,000.00. With this money 54 (fifty four) acres of land in Pittsfield Township were purchased from Arthur and Emilie Drappatz (Deed D-19) in the summer of 1952. The property was called Buhr Park in memory of Mr. Joseph Buhr.

The original 54 acres has since been reduced to something less than 40 acres by the sale of two parcels of land. One parcel of 2.6 acres was sold to the Utilities Department for the purpose of constructing a storage tank, reservoir and pumping station on it, but to this date the Utilities Department has not used the site. Records show that the Utilities Department paid the Parks Department the sum of \$1,749.50 for this parcel. However, it should be noted, that in September 1958 by Resolution R-9-174, the Ann Arbor City Council authorized the Utilities Department to pay the Department of Parks and Recreation \$7,000.00 for this land, which sum was to be devoted to the development of Buhr Park.

A second parcel of 12 acres was sold to the Ann Arbor Public Schools for the sum of \$35,000.00 - a school was built on this site. The \$35,000.00 was placed in the Public Improvement Fund for the purpose of acquiring the 4 acre home site of the old Campbell Farm adjacent to Buhr Park whenever the owners are ready and willing to sell.

In August 1965 the Ann Arbor City Council approved the construction of tennis courts and play areas in Buhr Park. The contract for the 2 tennis courts was awarded to Washtenaw Asphalt whose bid was \$5,073.00 The contract for the play areas amounting to \$5,873.84 was given to the Ann Arbor Construction Company.

