

Timeline

West Park features over the years have reflected the desires, interests, and needs of the times with an eye to costs and funding possibilities. Some features proved temporary, some moved around, and some are still with us today (2022) in their original location. This timeline from Park Department files shows features built from the park's beginning through 1995 (though a few, like the early shelters, are omitted):

WEST PARK HISTORY TIME LINE

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| 1908 | West Park was born at ± 6 acres |
| 1910 | 2 Ball diamonds and 1 clay tennis court constructed |
| 1914 | 2 additional clay tennis courts |
| 1915 | Children's playground |
| 1925 | Pergola at Miller Rd. entrance |
| 1928 | 2 additional clay tennis courts |
| 1929 | New shelter constructed at site of old one
Old Indian Trail stone marker by BSA |
| 1933 | Artificial lake constructed for wading and skating |
| 1938 | Bandshell/bleachers/wading pool and spray fountain |
| 1958-59* | West Park Shelter (architect Robert Metcalf) at a cost of \$38,000 |
| 1962 | Lurie Terrace construction |
| 1965 | 2 asphalt tennis courts paved and play area improved |
| 1980± | Built-in exterior benches were removed from the shelter and fireplace was covered |
| 1982 | Michigan Theater considered use of the shelter for performances set construction |
| 1984 | Improvements to shelter's restrooms, park walks, parking lot, play area, spray fountain, game court and tennis courts |
| 1988 | Youth murals from Ann Arbor Coop Heritage Project were installed on exterior of shelter |
| 1993-95 | West Park Bandshell/walk widening/porta johns and drainage for band shell/retaining wall and landscaping improvements. |
| Summary: | West Park is now 26.8 acres in size, with entrances off Chapin St. (x1), Seventh (x2), Huron (x2) and Miller (x1). It is a large neighborhood park that also serves both the west side community and City-wide users when you consider the bandshell, scheduled league use softball field, ice skating rink and tennis courts. |