September 17, 1917

Gentlemen: Whereas, G. Frank Allmendinger has presented two deeds to the City for Street purposes in the Second Ward of the city of Ann Arbor, and

Whereas, said deeds have been approved by the City Attorney

and

Whereas, in the opinion of this committee said deeds should be accepted in order to open and widen certain streets in said ward, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the deeds from said G. Franklin Allmendinger and wife to the said city, of land to be used for street purposes, be and are hereby accepted.

Whereas, G. Frank Allmendinger and wife has presented a deed to the City of Ann Arbor of two parcels of land to be used for park purposes, and

Whereas, said deed has been approved by the City Attorney,

and

Whereas, this committee has investigated the matter and deem it advisable to accept said land, now therefore be it

Resolved that the deed from G. Frank Allmendinger and wife to the City of Ann Arbor of two parcels of land in the Second Ward to be used for park purposes be and is hereby accepted.
Ann Arbor, Mich. May 8th, 1917

To the Park Commission of Ann Arbor,

Gentlemen:—The Second Ward of Ann Arbor has never had a public park. In this ward my grandfather John George Allmendinger settled in 1832 — almost 85 years ago. I should like to offer to the City of Ann Arbor through your honorable Board the tract of land between Pauline and Franklin Avenue, and Sixth Street in my proposed addition to the City of Ann Arbor to be used forever for park purposes — the same to be marked in honor of my grandfather Allmendinger Park.

The only other condition attached to the offer is that this Park Board shall perform the preliminary
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Grading required by the city, the work to be done during the season of 1917.

I also request that I be allowed one year to remove the cut timber and cleared portion of the property. Much of it is wooded.

The triangle across Franklin Avenue is to be leased to the School Board. Should this Board, for any reason, not desire the tract, it will be added to the offer made herein and on the same conditions.

A deed will be made for this property so soon as your honorable Board signifies acceptance of the offer. I am

My Respectfully yours,

G. F. Allmendinger
ALLMENDINGER PARK

AREA ........................................ 8.5 acres

BOUNDARIES .................................
Pauline on the north
Potter on the south
Edgewood on the east
Hutchins on the west

FACILITIES .................................
Basketball, Tennis,
Shelter, Ice Skating,
Picnicking, Softball,
Playground.

This Park was started by a gift of 3.25 acres in 1917 from
Mr. G. Frank Allmendinger (Deed A-8 dated September 14, 1917).
It was stipulated in the offer of the gift that the Park be
named Allmendinger Park in honor of Mr. Allmendinger's
Grandfather, John George Allmendinger who settled in Washtenaw
County in 1832. At the same time the Public Schools of Ann
Arbor were given a similar, though smaller, tract of 1.84
acres across Franklin Boulevard.

The property adjacent to the Park developed slowly so that
there was little demand for park facilities in this
neighborhood for several years. Some grading work was done
and a tennis court and soft ball diamond laid out prior
to 1934.

In 1934, the Park Commission asked the Common Council to take
steps for the closing and vacating of that park of Franklin
Boulevard fronting on the Park and School properties. To do
this, it was considered advisable to open Edgewood Avenue
from Keech Avenue to Pauline Boulevard. This street opening
required the purchase of three parcels of land owned by
August Jahr, E. A. Widsom and Charles L. Brooks respectively.
The Jahr property was purchased for $600.00 - Deed J.5 dated
June 18, 1936. The Wisdom property was purchase for $600.00
Deed W.36 dated June 18, 1936. The Brooks property was
purchased for $800.00 - Deed B.37 dated September 30, 1936.
With the acquisition of these properties the section of
Franklin Boulevard was closed, and Edgewood Avenue opened
from Keech Avenue to Pauline Boulevard.

In the area bounded by the four streets, Pauline, Hutchins,
Potter and Edgewood, there remained seven lots which were

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privately owned and a section of Keech Avenue which dead-ended at the school property. On July 1, 1936 the Park Commission asked the Council to acquire these lots. Some difference of opinion as to value developed. However, an agreement was finally reached and the lots were purchased for a total price of $4215.50. The following deeds cover the property:-

N.15 from Frank T. and Edna Nordman dated May 18, 1938
H.46 from H.H. and Nell Higbie dated May 3, 1938
C.22 through C.26 from Chas. and Laura Brooks and LaVerne and Clara Cushing all dated May 4, 1938.

These acquisitions made a total park area of 8.5 acres.

Coincident with these purchases, a building boom started in this section of the City and many homes were constructed. The entire area of the park was graded, two softball diamonds were constructed, and playground apparatus and picnic equipment installed. One bituminous tennis court was built gratis by the Ann Arbor Construction Company.

In 1940 Council appropriated $75.00 for the construction of a skating shelter with toilet facilities for the Park.

The present shelter was erected in 1949-50 at a total cost of $8,104.34 and designed by Colvin and Heller, architects.

The existing facilities are:-

Balance Bars ......................... 3
Basket Ball Court, complete .......... 1
Bike Rack ............................ 1
Chin Bars ............................ 2
Climber .............................. 1
Concrete Platform .................... 1 (table tennis)
Cookers ............................. 3
Drinking Fountain .................... 1
Merry-go-Round ....................... 1
Park Signs ........................... 2
Sand Box ............................ 1

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Shelter
Slide ................................. 1
Softball Diamonds with backstop ..... 2
Teeter-Totter .......................... 4
Tennis Court ........................... 1
Tether Ball ........................... 2

Features:
Allmendinger Park contains memorial markers, and the Park is a picnic site for Saturday U.M. Home Football Games.