

City Plans Parks for Future

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the Board of Water and Light.

"And, should the sternwheeler someday be restored to the Grand River to take passengers to various city parks, one of these parks might serve as a landing," Haskell observes. "They will tie in with the planned river walk, too."

Two blocks north—from Shiawassee to Saginaw Street on both sides of the river—the city will develop a 20-acre campus park in cooperation with Lansing Community College. Development of the area, which embraces the site of the present public service garage, is set for 1969.

PLANS AT GIER

Gier Park—40 acres on the city's north side held in reserve as a neighborhood park while a large sewer was being built—is now in the six-year-plan for development as a major city park.

"We expect to begin construction in 1969," Hayden explains.

Risdale Park—an 18-acre playfield off Risdale west of Pleasant View School—was acquired because of the Reo Road Turn Key Project and another high-density development north of it.

"Open areas are more important to high-density developments than subdivisions," Hayden said.

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"Our aim is to have the park ready by the time the kids are there to use them."

The city has a new ski hill on the south edge of Waverly Golf Course under development—with the help of the local ski patrol, skiers and the recreational staff.

Haskell says it will be a

"good beginners slope" and should be ready for use within two to four years.

In the winter sports area, the department opened two lighted sliding slopes this win-

Boundary Plan Switch Takes 5 Steps

Lansing School District officials, anticipating the opening of a new junior high and senior high school within the next few years, are already considering who should attend the new facilities.

A five-phase plan to adjust attendance areas, or individual school boundary lines, is now in progress.

It includes:

Phase One—Development of alternative boundary line plans for the entire district by the Department of Pupil Personnel.

Phase Two—Critical review of the alternative proposals by a staff committee.

Phase Three—Review of the proposals by a larger committee including community representation.

Phase Four—Creation of "reactor panels" of PTA representatives and other community organization spokesmen to consider alternative proposals and discuss them with community groups.

Phase Five—Final action, following study of enrollment projections, feasibility statements, and community reactor reports, by the Lansing School District Board of Education.

ter at Grand River Park on man-made hills created from the excavation from the capitol complex, and other projects. A scenic river overlook is planned for the park.

Within 10 years lies development of a 50-acre Willoughby Road facility south of I-96—half of it donated by C. Roland Stebbins—probably as a nature interpretation area.

Also within about 10 years is the Hoyt Lake project east of Scott Woods, which was given to the city subject to gravel removal for the next five years.

"This will provide a sizeable lake all west of Aurelius Road which may provide quality fishing and boating—without motors," Haslett said.

REGIONAL PARK?

Priggooris Park, one-half mile south of Bath and north of Park Lake, came into the city park system in 1959 when the late Angel Priggooris left 206 of its 263 acres to the city.

While still undeveloped the park is receiving extensive use of Scout groups, family groups and hikers.

Now the park department faces a policy decision as to whether it should be developed for Lansing people or as a regional park which might fill the park gap of an overnight camping area.

In the immediate future is the remodeling of the Potter Park "doghouse" into a visitors' center. No plans are being made for zoo expansion at the present time.

"But I can dream of a day when a miniature train will take people from a parking lot near the entrance of Potter Park through a new children's zoo and across Mt. Hope Avenue to Fenner Arboretum," says Haskell.