

# ***COLEMAN MEMORIAL PARK***

## **2019 ANNUAL REPORT**



**Submitted By the Board of Trustees**

**January 7, 2020**



## Coleman Memorial Park

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TO: Recipients of the Coleman Memorial Park 2019 Annual Report

FROM: Coleman Memorial Park Board of Trustees

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An old adage in management is a supervisor, when requesting a year-end list of accomplishments from a subordinate, often will advise that “existing for another year is not an accomplishment.” The Board of Trustees of Coleman Memorial Park certainly takes that to heart, as evidenced by a busy and productive 2019.

This attached report is intended to provide a snapshot of the activities and operations of the Park which took place in 2019, the 83<sup>rd</sup> year of the Park’s existence. Lack of adequate financial resources has plagued the Park from its inception, with the initial \$6,000 annual budget in 1936 having grown only to about \$100,000 today, which includes the salary of the Park Manager, the only full-time employee in a Park which extends over 100 acres, much of which is forested. Park employees continue to operate with antiquated equipment and vehicles which require constant repair. Other than pavilions, it is unlikely any new buildings have been constructed in the last 100 years..

Despite these challenges, as the reader will see, the Park continues to progress and thrive. It is led by a dedicated volunteer Board of Trustees, and its paid staff is committed and determined. Volunteers provide valuable assistance, and partnerships with the City and County of Lebanon afford the lifeblood for the Park’s continued existence. We are especially grateful to Mayor Sherry Capello and all of the City of Lebanon Departments for their cooperation in ensuring the success of the Park.

We hope that you enjoy and are informed by the attached Annual Report for 2019. Please direct any questions to Park Secretary Irwin Siegel ([isiegel53@comcast.net](mailto:isiegel53@comcast.net)) or Trustee Gene Long ([longspecialties@yahoo.com](mailto:longspecialties@yahoo.com)), who prepared this report on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

*David Schnoke*

David Schnoke, Chair  
Coleman Memorial Park  
Board of Trustees

## **OVERVIEW**

For almost the past 85 years Coleman Memorial Park has provided the community with countless moments of relaxation and family fun. The park, while maintaining its tradition, all within funding constraints common to municipal recreation areas, offers the community numerous recreational sports, walking trails, playgrounds, and picnic areas. Coleman Memorial Park provides multiple rental pavilions for business and family events. Even though the grand mansions that at one time graced the grounds of the park are gone, a leisurely stroll through the park will find historic markers where homes once stood, partially restored gardens, and evidence of the mansions as well as industrial ruins that were part of the Lebanon North Furnace that the Coleman family once owned. Although the mansions are gone, the Homestead's Carriage House and Ready House (part of which has been renovated into a Board meeting room) as well as the two gate houses are still standing.

The Park contains in excess of 100 acres. The governing structure, as set forth in the 1935 Deed of Gift to and Agreement with the City of Lebanon involves the City owning the land that constitutes the Park, while governance and maintenance of the Park is entrusted to a Board of Trustees (currently authorized at 9 volunteer members) appointed to lifetime terms by the Court of Common Pleas of Lebanon County. The Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month (except December), at 6:30 PM.

As of December 31, 2019, the Board of Trustees was comprised of:

David Schnoke, Chair  
Pat Royer, Vice-Chair  
Irwin Siegel, Secretary  
Bob Sentz, Treasurer  
Bret Fisher  
Gene Long  
George Rodriguez  
Pam Tricamo  
Karl "Skip" Wolf  
Robin Getz, City of Lebanon Representative (*Ex Officio* - Nonvoting)

Trustee Gordon Kirkessner passed away on March 21, 2019, and, pursuant to the Park's By-Laws, Pam Tricamo was appointed on June 18, 2019 by the Lebanon County Court of Common Pleas to fill the vacancy.

The Annual Budget of the Park totals about \$100,000, where expenditures exceed projected revenue almost every year. Most of the revenue is generated via funding provided by the City and County of Lebanon, along with rental income from pavilions and the two original houses on the property. Salaries and benefits for the staff constitute the bulk of expenses, along with Buildings and Grounds. The accounting firm of Ellis Lee Hostetter and Company, P.C. provides financial services (including payroll

preparation) to the Park. A monthly financial report prepared by Barry Hostetter is presented to the Board by Treasurer Bob Sentz.

Coleman Memorial Park is staffed by a full-time Park Manager, who resides at the Park, and several part-time Caretakers, supervised by the Park Manager. Except for a brief break in service while he was out of state, the current Park Manager, Craig Henninger, has faithfully and diligently served the Park for over 15 years. Staff-related issues are handled by the Chair, in conjunction with the Park's Finance Committee, which serves also as a Personnel Committee. The roadways in the Park, while considered City streets, are maintained (including snow removal) by the staff. Due to budgetary constraints, non-recurring services provided by outside vendors are primarily limited to taking down large dead trees, a high-risk operation for which the Park has neither the manpower nor equipment.

The Park is grateful for the hundreds of volunteer hours provided in 2019, primarily through the Friends of Coleman Memorial Park, but also by local individuals and organizations, including the United Way of Lebanon County Day of Caring, held on April 27, 2019, where over 100 volunteers from the community engaged in a number of projects at the Park.

Seven pavilions (including the Bandshell) are available for rentals. The Park is also graced with an Amphitheater, which is also available for rental. The baseball fields are well-regarded and accommodate a large number of games and tournaments. The tennis and basketball courts are utilized frequently by the community. The Park also includes The Mini-Golf Connect, a miniature golf course.

***Much was accomplished at Coleman Memorial Park during 2019, which this report will serve to highlight. Because Park governance is based upon a system of committees, organization of the report will follow that format.***

## **ADMINISTRATION/GOVERNANCE**

Coleman Memorial Park, given its size and usage, requires a great deal of day-to-day administration, most of which is performed by the Park Manager, consulting Trustees as needed. Governance of the Park is a crucial responsibility of the Board of Trustees.

***Amendment of By-Laws.*** On August 6, 2019, the Board of Trustees granted final approval to amendments to the Park's By-Laws, which were originally adopted in 1986. The amendments to the By-Laws (drafted by a committee chaired by Secretary Irv Siegel) primarily addressed: (a) outlining the duties and responsibilities of Trustees, based upon the 1935 Deed of Trust and other sources; (b) providing specific responsibilities for the various committees; and (c) defining *emeritus* status for retired Board members. The amended By-Laws were provided to the City of Lebanon and the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Lebanon County.

## **ATHLETICS**

Providing resources for community athletic events has always been an important function of Coleman Memorial Park. In particular, the baseball fields have served generations of patrons, and are commonly described as “the finest in Lebanon County.”

Accomplishments in the area of Athletics during 2019 include the following:

- Installation of automated irrigation system
- Re-grading of infield area on large ballfield to allow better drainage
- Installation of a new batting cage on the upper fields
- Installed electric power cable to lower field dugouts
- Sponsored the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Baseball Hitting Contest on August 17, 2019. A total of 99 entrants participated. This event has been organized and operated since its inception by Trustee Skip Wolf



*The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual baseball hitting contest was held on August 17<sup>th</sup>. This event is organized by Trustee Karl “Skip” Wolf.*

- Sponsored Future Stars Baseball Tournaments, which netted the Park almost \$6,000
- Entered into a three-year agreement to continue to serve as home field for Lebanon High School varsity baseball
- Hosted a total of 121 practices and 136 baseball games during the year
- Friends of Coleman Memorial Park utilized the tennis courts for tennis camps for local children and provided scholarships for those needing funding for the camps.



*Four Coleman Park ballfields are maintained and used each year. During the 2019 baseball season a total of 136 games and 121 practice sessions were conducted on the fields. The Lebanon High School varsity team uses the premier Coleman field during the spring season while Lebanon Baseball Association teams use all four fields during the summer season. Tournament Baseball is growing each year in Lebanon County. Coleman fields are a central part of this activity. Teams from many surrounding states play baseball at Coleman Memorial Park, from April through October. Tournament activity produces tourist trade, for Lebanon County, all summer long. Rental fees acquired from tournament baseball and Lebanon High School typically cover all field maintenance costs as well as funding improvements.*

Most of the above accomplishments result primarily from the hard work of Trustee Gene Long, who has been overseeing the ball fields in particular since his appointment to the Board of Trustees in 1991. The lower ballfield received the Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization “Field of Distinction” Award in 2016. We are proud that Gene was honored by that statewide organization in 2019 for his diligent and magnificent efforts to maintain the ballfields at the highest quality.



*Field improvements were completed this year on the premium park field. Field drainage was improved by re-grading the outer baseline arc. Rainfall will now dissipate quickly, allowing play to resume. Automated infield irrigation was also installed, while the field was under re-grading activity. The automated system is connected to a rainwater collection system and cistern storage. Irrigation is not only useful for the infield grass; it also keeps the baselines moist and dust free. The re-grading project was funded through the annual ballfield budget. Irrigation was funded through a local private donor.*

## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS / FORESTRY**

*Renovation of Pavilion #2.* Pavilion #2, located near the Carriage House, was a “primitive” pavilion that was the only remaining original pavilion erected by the Park, shortly after it came into existence in 1936. The pavilion had fallen into disrepair and the deteriorated condition of the roof made it unusable. The Board determined that it wanted it preserved because of its historical significance. The pavilion was renovated in 2019, and is once more included among those available to be rented. Chair Dave Schnoke oversaw this project, along with Park Manager Craig Henninger.



*Among the renovations to historic Pavilion #2, the only remaining “primitive” pavilion erected by the Park Board soon after it came into existence, were replacement of roof boards as needed, new paper and shingles, structural bracing, painting and repair of table tops. Work was performed by an outside contractor and completed in 2019.*

*Adoption of Memorial Tree and Bench Program.* The Board adopted a “Memorial Tree and Bench Program” on May 7, 2019. This program, spearheaded by Vice Chair Pat Royer, sets forth the specifications and requested donations for planting of memorial trees and/or installation of memorial benches, including markers. The Park has designated areas north and west of the Carriage House for placement of memorials. As a result of the generosity of several of the Trustees, on November 19, 2019, a chestnut tree and bronze plaque were placed in memory of the late Hon. John L. (“Jack”) Worrilow, a former Mayor of the City of Lebanon, who served the Park as Chair, Trustee and Trustee *Emeritus* for almost 50 years.



*A memorial tree was planted in honor of Hon. John L. Worrilow, a former Lebanon Mayor and Park trustee. The forestry committee has planted 12 donated trees in the park, all of which are indigenous to this area.*

**Re-Establishment of Proper Sewage Elements.** For the prior several years, the Park had been plagued by issues involving sewage backup and clogs at the restrooms, particularly those located outside of the Carriage House. Largely through the efforts of Park Manager Craig Henninger, along with outside specialists, those issues were addressed and resolved during 2019, resulting in discovery of additional sewage elements, including an amazing circular brick holding area buried just south of the Carriage House, which probably was constructed by the Coleman family in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

**Restoration of Grounds at Site of Former “Homestead” Mansion.** The G. Dawson Coleman mansion (known as “the Homestead”) is the most recognizable of the five mansions which once graced what is now Coleman Memorial Park, primarily because it was the last to be razed (1960). Through the decades since its demolition, the grounds surrounding the site had become extremely uneven and unsafe. Through the efforts of Trustee Gene Long, the site was renovated and restored in 2019 resulting in a safe, level, beautiful area for community enjoyment.



*The Homestead mansion site had never been properly filled and graded after demolition. The four concrete porch areas remain but proper fill and topsoil was needed to make this area safe for foot traffic and recreational play. The work process to make this site useful was started in 2018 and completed early in 2019. The area is now graded to allow proper drainage with soft grass nestled between the old porches. The useable recreational area measures fifty-five by eighty feet, all within the confines of the porches. Park maintenance will keep this area safe and beautiful for years to come. The historical marker in the foreground is one of five in the Park (each placed at the site of a former Coleman or Brock mansion), a project spearheaded by Secretary Irwin Siegel and former Lebanon County Historical Society Vice President Donald L. Rhoads, Jr., which was completed in 2018, and funded in part by the Lebanon County Commissioners via a Hotel Tax Fund Grant.*

- **Replacement of Amphitheater Doors.** The Veterans Memorial Amphitheater located at the Park was constructed in 1977. The doors were quite heavy and cumbersome, and had deteriorated to the point of being unsafe. In May, 2019, the Park was able to replace the old doors with new ones that are safe and much more “user friendly.” This project, which cost approximately \$38,000, was made possible through a collaborative funding effort by the County of Lebanon (Hotel Tax Fund Grant), City of Lebanon, the Friends of Coleman Memorial Park, Park funds, and Music in the Park, Inc. This project was spearheaded by Trustee Pam Tricamo, along with Secretary Irv Siegel, the Park’s Buildings and Grounds Committee, and Park Manager Craig Henninger.



*By the middle of 2018, it became evident that the original Amphitheater doors, which dated from 1977, were beyond repair and needed to be replaced. They were unwieldy and unsafe. New technologies allowed for lighter, more automated and user-friendly doors. Replacing the Amphitheater doors was a primary accomplishment of the Park when completed in April, 2019. Of significance also is that this effort represented a partnership or consortium of funding, from the County of Lebanon, City of Lebanon, the Park, the Friends of Coleman Memorial Park, and Music in the Park, Inc.*

- **Installation of Street Access Gates.** There is a need from time to time to regulate access to certain of the Park streets, particularly in the back (western) end of the Park. Traditionally that was accomplished through less safe means. The Park was able to purchase, adapt and install new Street Access Gates in 2019, as depicted from the photo below. Chair David Schnoke worked closely with Park Manager Craig Henninger to complete this project.



*Street access gates are used to enhance security and control seasonal traffic within the park. Four new gates were fabricated locally and are now installed. The new gates, which replaced old cable barriers, are highly visible while blending into natural surroundings.*

- Improvement of Grounds in Amphitheater Area. The area surrounding the Veterans Memorial Amphitheater spans a hillside and is quite lush with trees and other shrubs. Music in the Park, Inc., primary user of the Amphitheater, often provides the landscaping necessary to maintain this as a safe and beautiful area. In 2019, the Park also conducted trimming of trees and other improvements in the grounds of this valuable resource. Chair David Schnoke and Trustee Gene Long spearhead the effort to improve the grounds surrounding the Amphitheater.



*A view from the rear of a large audience enjoying a Music in the Park, Inc. concert in the Amphitheater. Note the proximity of a large number of trees, which always require maintenance.*

- Commissioned Survey of Southern Property Line in Conjunction with Proposed Action to Recover Damages for Unauthorized Removal of Trees. Survey data for certain areas of the Park has been sparse. Secretary Irwin Siegel and Trustee Gene Long spent much of 2019 working in conjunction with the City of Lebanon to prepare appropriate legal redress to be taken against several defendants responsible for the unauthorized removal of 39 trees at the southern boundary of the Park. As part of this process, the Park commissioned a survey of the southern property line, which verified that the trees that were removed indeed were the property of the Park.
- Removal of Hazardous Trees. It was estimated a few years ago that the Park contains in excess of 6,000 trees. Many of them were at one time state champion trees. Unfortunately, trees age and large, dead trees constitute a hazard to patrons and property. Trustee Gene Long works closely with Park Manager Craig Henninger and knowledgeable members of the Forestry Committee to identify hazardous trees that need to be removed. Removal is mostly performed by outside vendors, and constitutes a significant percentage of the Park's annual Buildings & Grounds budget.



*More than a dozen hazardous trees were removed from the Park during 2019. This example, poised above a Park structure, required a crane to allow safe removal, resulting in a cost in excess of \$2,000.*

## **HISTORY**

- **Trustee Grid.** The 1935 Deed of Trust and accompanying Agreement with the City of Lebanon provided for appointment by the Court of Common Pleas of five (5) Trustees, charged with managing the Park's affairs, to lifetime terms. Since then, the By-Laws have been amended to authorize nine (9) Trustee positions. Uncertainty arose when, through deaths or resignations of Trustees, positions needed to be filled but it was unclear which Trustee slot was being updated. Secretary Irwin Siegel and Trustee Karl "Skip" Wolf, working in conjunction with the office of President Judge John C. Tylwalk of the Court of Common Pleas of Lebanon County, were able to create a grid which designates the dates of appointment of all Trustees since inception of the Park Board and specifies who their successors were. Thus, all Trustee positions are now accounted for. This project was completed in August, 2019, following almost a year of effort to gather the information. The Grid was presented to the Board on August 6, 2019, and to the President Judge and the City of Lebanon shortly thereafter. It should be noted that the present Board of Trustees represents almost 120 years of experience and service to the Park and the community, led by Trustee Karl "Skip" Wolf, who has served on the Board for 37 years. *Chair Emeritus* Rosemarie Christianson, the first woman appointed to the Board (by then President Judge G. Thomas Gates in 1986), has served the Park for almost 35 years.

## **EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES**

Then City of Lebanon Solicitor (later President Judge) A. H. Ehrgood, Esq., in presenting the concept of Coleman Memorial Park to Lebanon City Council in September, 1935, described it as a "public park that when improved will afford the citizens of the community a place of rest, recreation, entertainment, and one of the

finest natural parks in the country.” Throughout all of its existence, the Park has sponsored or hosted hundreds of events and performances, and 2019 was no exception. Below follows a chart which sets forth the primary large events in 2019 which required approval of the Board of Trustees. (Athletic events, which were reviewed in an earlier section, are not included.) Pavilion rentals totaled 117 (including five weddings), resulting in revenue of \$6,525. It is important to bear in mind, though, that pavilions are generally only rented on weekends and holidays; thus, this data does not take into account the hundreds of persons who accessed the Park daily to hike the Nature Trail or other pathways, eat lunch in one of the pavilions during the week, drive through, accessed the playground, watched ball games, accessed the basketball courts, etc. Those activities constitute the “heart” of what Coleman Memorial Park is all about and always will. Nonathletic events and performances are overseen by Vice Chair Pat Royer and Trustees Gene Long and Pam Tricamo.

<b>EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF LEBANON OR THE PARK</b>	<b>EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF COLEMAN MEMORIAL PARK</b>	<b>OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS HOSTED BY THE PARK FOR WHICH FORMAL BOARD APPROVAL WAS GRANTED</b>
Dancing With the Stars Exercise Event (May & June, 2019)	Tennis Camps for Children of Varying Ages (June 2019)	26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Lebanon County Elementary School Envirothon (May 9, 2019)
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Fireworks and Concert by Lebanon Community Concert Band (July 4, 2019)	Gretna Theater “Rainbow Fish the Musical” (June 29, 2019)	Penn State College of Medicine Exercise Program (May - August, 2019)
Perseverance Band Concert (August 15, 2019)	Steitz City Players “Godspell” (Amphitheater, August 16-17, 2019)	Music in the Park, Inc. Weekly Concerts in Amphitheater (May – September, 2019)
	Harvest Festival (October 19, 2019)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Rural Security Fire Company Annual Classic Car Show (August 10, 2019)
	Christkindl Market (December 7, 2019)	21 <sup>st</sup> Annual Lebanon County Middle School Envirothon (May 3, 2019)
		City of Lebanon United Methodist Churches Combined Easter Sunrise Service (April 21, 2019)
		Salvation Army 5K Run (August 24, 2019)
		Spinstock Flow Arts Festival (June 15, 2019)



*The Harvest Festival has become an annual Park tradition ever since its creation by Vice Chair Pat Royer in 2002. Held in October of each year, the event features rides, activities and, of course, lots of pumpkins! The Friends of Coleman Memorial Park have assumed operation of this event, but Pat is still involved in its success.*



*The Christkindl Market event has become a December staple in the community ever since its inception a number of years ago. During the past few years, the event has been operated by the Friends of Coleman Memorial Park. Each year more vendors participate. The weather cooperated well for Santa and participants at this year's event.*



*In addition to events sponsored by the City of Lebanon, the Park or the Friends of Coleman Memorial Park, the Park remains a popular venue for outside events. The photo above was taken at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spinstock Flow Arts Festival, hosted by the Park on June 15, 2019. The organizers of the event reported that in excess of 1,000 persons participated in this event! Preliminary review of applications to hold large events at the Park is conducted by a task force, which includes City of Lebanon officials, Park representatives, and the applicant.*

## **COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Despite what, overall, was a very productive year for the Park, there were a few disappointments, particularly in the area of seeking grant funding from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania agencies for proposed improvements:

- The Park unsuccessfully applied (through the City of Lebanon) for a matching DCNR grant totaling approximately \$170,000 (the Park to provide the 50% match) for a new pavilion with restrooms to be located in the western area of the Park
- The City of Lebanon unsuccessfully applied for a \$250,000 grant from the Commonwealth Financing Agency to build a Connector Trail from Coleman Memorial Park to Union Canal Tunnel Park.

It is expected that both proposals will again be pursued in some form during 2020. Treasurer Bob Sentz works closely with the City of Lebanon and engineers on these governmental grant applications.

## **MASTER SITE PLAN / ADOPTION OF STRATEGIC PLAN**

- Master Site Plan. In May, 2011, the Board of Trustees adopted a Master Site Plan. This was the culmination of a process which took almost two years, and

included piecing together necessary funding, engaging a consultant, developing a steering committee, conducting a lengthy review of all aspects of the Park, and then development and adoption of the Plan itself. Total cost for this project approached \$100,000. The Plan has served the Park well, guiding it as improvements are proposed and implemented. The Plan is posted on the Park's website ([www.colemanmemorialpark.org](http://www.colemanmemorialpark.org)) for the public to view.

- *Adoption of 2019-2024 Strategic Plan.* In order to implement the many components of the Master Site Plan, the Board of Trustees adopted a Strategic Plan, covering the period 2014-2019. We are pleased to report that the majority of goals set forth in that plan were attained. On January 8, 2019, the Board of Trustees adopted the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan, which was developed over a period of months by the Strategic Planning Committee. Secretary Irwin Siegel chairs that committee, which meets at least quarterly to ascertain progress on completing the various components set forth in the plan.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

The Park's Master Site Plan recommended that the Park enter into partnerships whenever possible in order to enhance its operations and activities. In addition to the City and County of Lebanon, for whose relationships the Park is deeply grateful, we are also grateful to the following partners:

- *Friends of Coleman Memorial Park.* Since its founding, about 10 years ago, the Friends of Coleman Memorial Park has provided valuable volunteer and financial support to the Park. 2019 was certainly no exception! In addition to sponsoring a number of very important events (Harvest Festival, Christkindl Market), the Friends also sponsor performances, and engage in a monthly volunteer day that has supplied the Park with needed volunteer labor. A stump removal effort funded by the Friends was quite useful in 2019. The Park is also deeply grateful for the significant financial resources the Friends provided in 2019, especially funding toward replacement of the Amphitheater doors, a project actually initiated by the Friends. Park Trustee Pam Tricamo also serves as President of the Friends. This organization is truly a valued partner!
- *Music in the Park, Inc.* For almost 30 years, Music in the Park, Inc. has utilized the Veterans Memorial Amphitheater to provide three months of weekly concerts each year. They have traditionally blended sacred and secular performances, and often draw crowds approaching 3,000 patrons. A special effort to improve Amphitheater area safety was undertaken by trimming trees, adding topsoil and planting grass. This effort greatly improved safety by eliminating muddy, uneven walking conditions. The operational board of MIP includes one trustee from CMP who is invited to participate in interactive dialog.

- *Christ Presbyterian Church.* Our neighbor to the east is Christ Presbyterian Church, which occupies an original Coleman building dating from 1870, and including a beautiful sanctuary. Beginning in the summer of 2019, the Park determined to re-establish a close working relationship with the Church. We have been able to partner in a number of events, including the 2019 Harvest Festival. The Park seeks to be able to assist the Church as it can to respond to the challenges the Church will face in 2020.
- *Lebanon Baseball Association.* The Lebanon Baseball Association organizes youth baseball for Lebanon youth, for ages six through sixteen. Four Park fields are used by LBA each year as well as four fields at North East Park in the city of Lebanon. The park interacts with LBA by scheduling practices and games for youth, nine years through sixteen years of age, providing this service free of charge. Coleman Memorial Park and LBA have entered into agreement to operate tournament games at the park. LBA players and coaches help to prepare and maintain fields for weekend tournament games. Proceeds from this activity fund Park maintenance expenses as well as funding the LBA program.
- *Local Schools.* The Park has always hosted events involving local school students, especially County elementary and middle school Environthons, as well as many other activities. We are proud of these partnerships and look forward to enhancing them in coming years, particularly given the proximity of the new Northwest Elementary School.

## **CONCLUSION**

As is evident, 2019 represented a very busy and, overall, quite successful year at Coleman Memorial Park. The Park's Mission Statement provides:

***Mission Statement:*** *We, the Coleman Memorial Park Board of Trustees, are committed to the maintenance and preservation of our community's historic woodland park. We will promote the enrichment of people's lives by providing a place of natural beauty, a place of peaceful inspiration, and a place for varied family oriented recreational activities in an otherwise urban environment.*

The Board of Trustees is pleased that 2019 represented yet another year in fulfillment of the Park's mission, and looks to continue and progress in doing so for decades to come.

