

HUNT PARK

AREA	7.0 Acres
BOUNDARIES	Spring St. on West Sunset on the North Daniel St. on East Private property on South
FACILITIES	Playground, Tennis Basketball, Softball Shelter

In early 1943 Mr. and Mrs. Ormond E. Hunt offered to donate to the City of Ann Arbor, for park or school purposes, approximately 7 acres of land comprising lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Block 14 and lot 2 and the north half of lots 3 and 4 of Block 13 of the Hiscock's addition. The Park Board recommended Council to accept the gift, and a deed of conveyance was duly signed, dated June 30, 1943.

In 1948 the Board of Parks Commissioners requested the City to sell the north half of lot 3, block 13 (90.25 ft. x 180.50 ft) to Mr. Kurt Lange for \$1650, the proceeds of the sale to be used in the development of the remaining land as a playground park, and the Board also requested that Pardon Street between Spring and Daniel Streets be closed. That portion of the land bounded by Daniel Street, Sunset Road and Spring Street was named "HUNT PARK" in honor of the donors of the land.

In 1947-48, \$1000.00 was placed in the budget for planning the property's development. The property was surveyed and stakes set for grading. A year later, a large quantity of free fill material from a water main installation project was acquired. This was graded with bulldozers. Also blind drains of 4" filed tile were laid to improve drainage and a small back stop was installed.

Development went forward into 1951 but was not completed. Hundreds of yards of free fill were placed and periodic bulldozing done to fill in low places and shape the earth,

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especially along Spring Street where a strip approximately 60 ft. x 807 ft. was readied and seeded. Trees along Spring and Daniel Streets were shaped and trimmed and several removed. Clearing, filling and grading were continued, especially in the Sunset Street area where the ground was readied and seeded and a fence erected for the protection of the seeding. Attention was given to the grade adjoining the privately owned property on the south where a drainage system was installed to take care of the water runoff, and the building of a concrete retaining wall along Daniel Street got under way. This wall ran some 420 feet when completed and averaged about 5 feet in height. This was built by Park Department labor and utilized broken concrete mostly secured from City construction work.

By 1953 improvement was completed. A group of flowering crab apple trees was planted on the steep slope behind the ball backstop, and several standard items of play equipment were installed.

For a period of years the Park served primarily as open space and a place for informal play in summer and coasting in winter. However, use of the park continued to grow to such an extent that the Parks Department felt the erection of a shelter was justified.

The Krist Construction Company was awarded the contract for the construction of the shelter in 1963 in the amount of \$8895.00, and the architects who designed it were Tanner and Kowalewski. The total cost of the shelter was \$9,867.00. It was dedicated on March 22, 1964.

In 1965 the Ann Arbor Construction Company was awarded a contract in the amount of \$1017.80 for a 42 ft. x 74 ft. paved play court.

The present facilities in the park are:

1 Basketball court	1 Triangle Slide
1 Tennis Court	1 Merry-Go-Round
1 Sandbox	1 Tether Ball
3 Swings	1 Slide
1 Climber	