



## News Release

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### **Lafayette Parks and Recreation dedicates new playground at McAllister Recreation Center**

**LAFAYETTE, IN – July 20, 2020** – The City of Lafayette and Lafayette Parks and Recreation held a dedication ceremony today for the new playground at McAllister Recreation Center. The new playground, completed earlier this summer, is now open to the public.

The new playground was funded by a generous gift to the Lafayette Parks Foundation from The McAllister Foundation, grant funding via Community Development Block Grants, and the City of Lafayette's Parks & Recreation budget.

"On behalf of the City, I'd like to thank The McAllister Foundation for all they do for the Lafayette Parks Department, our entire community, and the many organizations they support," said Mayor Tony Roswarski. "This new playground will be a nice addition to McAllister Recreation Center and the north end community where kids will spend endless hours playing and meeting new friends. Thanks also to Lafayette Housing Authority, the Parks Department, and the men and women who keep our parks and playgrounds well-maintained year round."

"We are honored to help with the McAllister Recreation Center playground project," said William J McCaw of The McAllister Foundation. "The new playground will have long-term benefits for the youth of this community."

The new playground is roughly 8,595 square feet and features a 17' tall Macro Spacenet, a 10' tall Bloqx climbing wall, a 10' net twister, and an Expression swing. The Pour-in-Place rubber surfacing is ADA compliant and designed to provide easier access to equipment for children with mobility challenges. Work begun on the new playground last fall.

"We are thrilled to have this new play space for our campers and our neighbors," said Chad Aldridge, Manager of McAllister Recreation Center. "It's a major improvement and it's really going to have a



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positive impact as far as what we can offer kids in our community.”

### **Lafayette Parks Foundation**

Since its formation in 1994, the Lafayette Parks Foundation serves to support the Lafayette Park Department through fund development, assistance with capital projects, special events and programs. The mission of the Foundation is to solicit and encourage donations to assist Lafayette Park capital improvements and programs. Most recent projects include the new Penguin Exhibit at the Columbian Park Zoo, Crosser Sports Complex, and the Columbian Park Carousel.

### **About Lafayette Parks and Recreation**

The Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains 700 acres of land within the City of Lafayette. This includes the maintenance of more than 27 miles of paved trails. The city’s trails are open to the public and can be used for a variety of activities including walking, running, biking, rollerblading, and more. Learn more about Lafayette Parks and Recreation at [LafayetteParks.org](http://LafayetteParks.org)

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