

First opened to the public in 1961, the 73 acre property was purchased from the SJ Groves Construction Co. in 1957 for \$1. The construction company had used the property as a “borrow pit” to construct the Illinois Tollroad. Local community leaders Frank Opeka and Fred Fulle are credited with closing the deal and having the vision to develop the 33 acre spring fed lake that you see today. An 18 hole par 3 golf course opened in 1963, followed by the development of the Veteran’s Memorial Pavilion in 1975 and the playground in 2001.



LAKE PARK MEMORIAL PAVILION

The original Memorial Pavilion, developed with private funds, was completed in June of 1975. On July 18, 2004, the current Lake Park Memorial Pavilion was dedicated. It includes the names of Des Plaines residents who served our country from the Civil War to the present day.



Lake Park Golf Course



Fishing on Lake Opeka



Lake Park Playground

Lake Park History

