

Park sell-off makes one wonder: What's next?

Editor,

Does the Benton Harbor City Commission consider the sale of parkland a valid method of "building a tax base" that can be used throughout the city? Are members doing this because it is a good policy for the stewards of the public trust to follow, or is this proof that they will sell anything if the price is high enough? What would protect the rest of Jean Klock Park from a billionaire swooping in with "the right price"? What about other parks?

I also agree with those who characterize ~~any~~ argument about how little-used ~~this~~ park is to be spurious in nature, ~~given~~ that access to the park has been ~~strangled~~ the last few years. Selling ~~parts~~ of this park is a surrender that ~~none~~ before were lowered to. Is it now ~~worse~~ than it has ever been for the ~~citizens~~ of Benton Harbor?

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