

Central City Park Update:

On Wednesday, August 8, 2007, Mayor William R. Wild and other city representatives met with representatives of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and Wayne County to discuss field work conducted by the MDEQ in April and May at Central City Park. MDEQ had soil borings taken at 56 locations from the surface to the depth of the groundwater which was typically 8 feet below ground surface. The work performed resulted in 94 soil samples and 58 water samples which were analyzed for a variety of chemicals.

Photographs taken of the park in 1971, which were published in the Westland Observer, documented the presence of numerous 55 gallon drums at the site. The MDEQ reported to Mayor Wild and county officials that on site testing showed no evidence of industrial contaminants in relation to those drums.

Extensive data was presented to the City and Wayne County at the meeting which will have to be reviewed and analyzed by the City and the County. The MDEQ also informed everyone that additional data regarding methane at the site would be provided to them by the MDEQ in the next few weeks.

Mayor Wild reports that the next step will be for the City and County to carefully analyze the data. When this process is completed, the City and Wayne County will meet with the MDEQ to discuss the data as well as the future steps to be taken concerning the park.