Where is it?
The official address is 2100 Saylor Road.
Birdland Park History

Plans for Birdland began with, well, birds.

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PLAN BIRDLAND FOR PARK

Secretary Keffe of Park Commission Will Endeavor to Convert Thicket in Union Park into Aviary.

— BIRDLAND —

"Whose habitations in the tree tops, even, Are half-way houses on the road to heaven.

Where the trees grow thickest and the mass of tangled vines are only trimmed enough to keep them from growing rank, is to be established in Union Park this year "Birdland." And to call attention of the passersby that this is the portion of the park most frequently inhabited by birds, the sign given above is to be suspended. It is the idea of Secretary W. B. Keffe of the board of park commissioners, and, while there is to be no inclosure or attempt, to deprive the birds of their liberty, the board hopes to encourage the feathered favorites to nest there. Inducements in the way of extra bread crumbs, bird houses and the like, may be placed in the thickets, and care will be taken that the ubiquitous English sparrows do not usurp the domain.

"Didn't you ever notice how many birds nest in the thicket in Union Park?" asked Commissioner Keffe. "Why, all of the best birds of the country nest there. The brown thrushes, bluebirds, robins, wild canaries, bobolinks, whipporwills, quail and wrens are seen there every year, as well as other varieties."
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• The date Birdland was acquired is uncertain, as it was a “piecemeal acquisition”. It first appears in 1924 on the Parks and Recreation *Land Acquisition Dates* publication.

• The early history of Birdland is difficult to separate from Union Park, which is where the story of Birdland begins.

• Prior to its acquisition as a public park, this property was known as the Bird tract, after the family who owned it.
The Birdland Plan 1929
Birdland Miscellany:
Ronald Reagan announces swim meet!
Birdland Miscellany: The first night professional baseball game under permanent lights.

PLAY BALL: D.M. hosted first pro night game

1930: History was made at Western League Park at Sixth Avenue and Holcomb in Des Moines on May 2, 1930. The first night professional baseball game played under permanent lights was held, with the Des Moines Demons defeating the Wichita Aviators 13-6 before a crowd of nearly 12,000. "One hundred forty six projectors diffusing 53,000,000 candle-power of mellow light and the amazing batting of Des Moines' nocturnal-eyed players made the opening night of the local baseball season a complete success," wrote Sec Taylor in The Des Moines Register. The Iowa Cubs open the season with a night game April 5 against Round Rock at Principal Park. Night games did not come to the major leagues until May 24, 1935, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt flipped the light switch from the White House six hundred miles away from Crosley Field when the Cincinnati Reds played the Philadelphia Phillies. The majors open the 2012 campaign with a night game April 4 (St. Louis at Miami in the Marlins' new stadium).
Birdland Miscellany:

Birdland once had two islands in its vicinity.
Women aren't flocking to the gridiron to play flag football, but Don Blackovich, supervisor of leisure sports for the Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department, notes there is growth in the program, now in its second year.

"We had seven teams last year, but there are 10 this year," Blackovich said last week, when the first games of 1978 were played at Merle Hay.

He didn't know how many women were part of the league program, but added there would be six "once they find out how much fun these girls are having."

But not all competitors are college girls. There are even some mothers playing.

The average age of the players ranges between 14 and 26, Blackovich said.

Davisboro won an Vieterai Villain defeated the Star Bums, 13-1, in the first game of the new season. Both teams were playing for the first time ever.

"We wanted it to be easy," Davisboro's head coach Roger Arco and Davi.

Sobbing ended the flag-rushing contest after 6 minutes (12-minute quarters) contact, in which the clock is stopped only for injuries and timeouts.

Jim Mcintire, the co-manager-coach of Vieterai Villains, which is sponsored by Vieterai House of Makeup. It sponsors games on the first Monday of the month, and some will buy a flag belt ($15) and jersey ($4.50) for the players."

"It's a way to relax," said Mcintire. "I really like it. I go out and try a little and get a little exercise every night to get in shape."

Baker, who participated in track at Lincoln High School, learned Rams can be tiring in the game. She was wearing knee-skinning shorts and an opponent, attempting to grab the flags in her belt, instead grabbed the shorts.

Fortunately, the flags were released before disaster.

Getting girls to practice seems to be a widespread problem. Mr. Davis, a full-time coach with the Wolves, wandered around during the game, trying to find the Wolves flag. Peanut, one of the players, went off the field to get something for a 4-30 practice, but at 6:45 no one had arrived.

The Has Board manager, Brian Hart, would not be present because of business.还有什么值得说的吗？如果有的话，可以继续。
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