

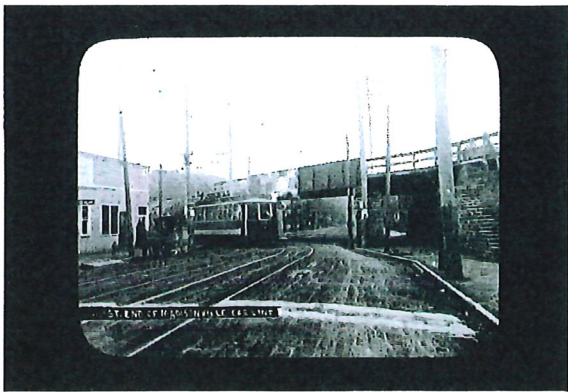
(Archival letter) Madisonville, Ohio, March 28th, 1901 Honor John J. Dittgen, Mayor of Madisonville, Trustee President J.G. Neuffer.

PUBLIC PARKS

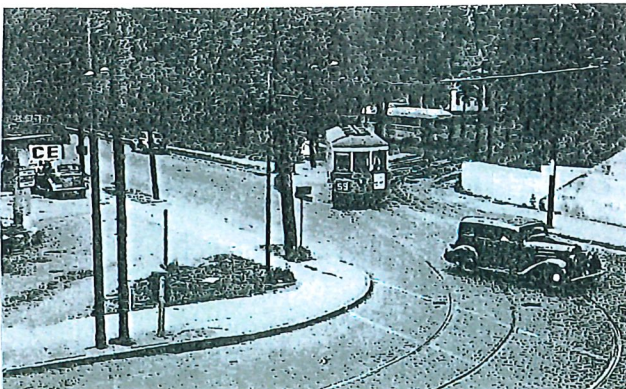
Two years ago, when the strip of land known as Morris Park was donated to the village for park purposes, many ridiculed the idea that the place could never be turned into a park. Now, with its fountain and trees, and handsome lawn it is already one of the attractions of the village. The only unfortunate feature about it is that it is too small, and this brings to view the fact that Madisonville should provide itself with more parks. Nothing beautifies the suburban village more than its public parks. You can easily recall the various villages around Cincinnati that have a liberal allowance of beautiful parks, and you will admit that the attractions of these villages that receive your admiration first are these parks. They are evidence of the citizens' liberal efforts in the direction of refinement in their public affairs. I would strongly recommend that the village purchase the lot south of the Town Hall adjoining the village property, and after providing sewer pipe and filling up the unwholesome ditch convert the lot and the village lot into a beautiful park. That would provide us one more park and would certainly beautify this part of our village and our public buildings. If have no doubt that if the Council will carry out this suggestion, after the work is complete, there I not one of our citizens but will say that it is one of the most satisfactory public improvement made in many years.

These words spoken in 1901 still ring true today. Parks are a necessity for the continuous enjoyment of the Madisonville community.

Trolley Park – Kenwood turn around, (Morris Park, since 1899), Madisonville's first public park.



This 1911 photograph shows the corner of Madison and Kenwood Roads near the Morris Park streetcar turn around. The B. & O. overpass is above, and the east train station is off the photograph to the right. A streetcar can be seen turning onto Madison Road to begin its route back to the city. The turn-around was constructed about 1905, when the first streetcars came to the business area of Madisonville and needed a place to turn around. Today, it is used by the bus system serving Madisonville.



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