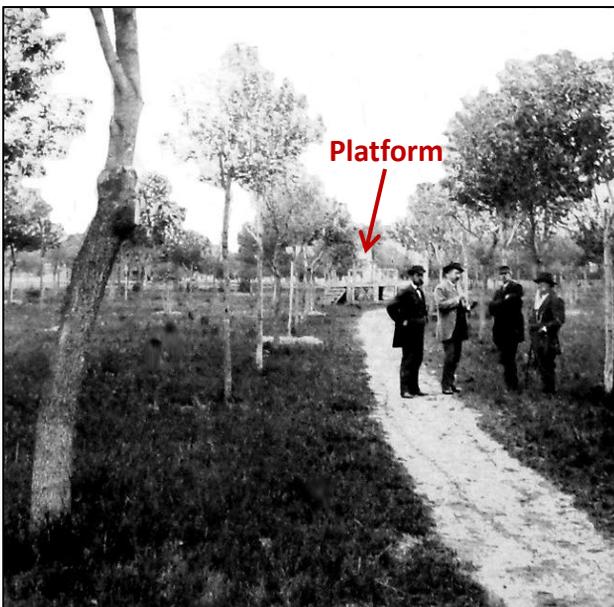


Central Park



Location: Downtown, Litchfield, MN.

Established in 1869 when the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad deeded the land to the village of Litchfield, the park is considered a historical part of town. In 1872, the land was tilled and trees were planted. U.S.-Dakota War hero, Jesse V. Braham, designed the first bandstand which was a platform. In 1913, the second bandstand was built. In 2002, the bandstand was restored to its original grandeur. During the summer months, the "Music in the Park" program features local bands that perform most Thursday evenings, and the Farmer's Market is held during the day from May to October. See the history of the bandstand and park in the following photos.



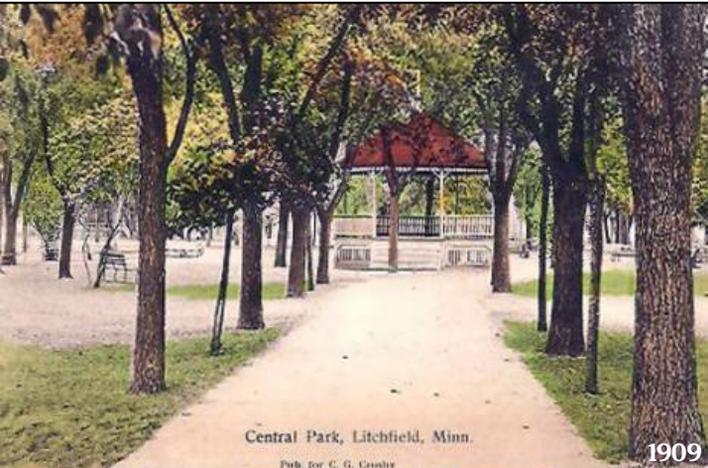


1874



CENTRAL PARK
LITCHFIELD, MINN.

1908



Central Park, Litchfield, Minn.

Pub. by C. G. Crandall

1909



PARK SCENE, LITCHFIELD, MINN.

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1920



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CENTRAL PARK, LITCHFIELD, MINN.

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PARK SCENE - LITCHFIELD, MINN.

1949



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CITY PARK LITCHFIELD, MINN.

1950



Historic Fountain

Arriving on May 12, 1894, this beautiful 10 ft. high water fountain features lily pads, frogs, turtles, ferns, cherubs, cranes, and lions. The historic water fountain is enclosed in an ornate iron fence and weighs 2500 lbs. The fountain was refinished in the early 1990's, and the fence was restored by a local Boy Scout troop. The fountain was painted by Margi Gilbertson and Anna Mae Wigen.

The top of the fountain was taken many decades ago, but can be seen in the postcards below.

