

Park Planning Capital Project Update June, 2013

Bryant Community Center

- A conceptual design to connect the existing community center to the house on the adjacent property that was purchased is underway. A public meeting to discuss conceptual designs was held on Thursday, April 25 at the Bryant Community Center. There was positive feedback and the architect is revising the plan to post at the Community Center for feedback before the plan is finalized.

Clinton Park

- The tennis courts and basketball courts are scheduled to be reconstructed summer, 2013. A new pathway was going to be included in this project, however, Public Services will be doing major work on Stone School Road in the next couple of years, and a walk would be included as part of the work within the right of way. The project is currently out for bid, and will be due at the end of June.

Esch Park

- Pathways and the game court surface are being repaved as the pavement has deteriorated. A new pathway to the play area will be constructed to provide barrier free access. A contractor has been chosen, and the project was approved by City Council. Construction should start in July.

Farmers Market

- The 'sand' lot was paved to decrease dust and stabilize the surface, and concrete leveling was completed to eliminate trip hazards.

Forest Avenue Plaza

- This plaza is located next to the Forest Ave parking structure. Funding was contributed by the developer of 601 Forest and Zaragon II to improve the plaza. Two public meetings were held and improvement items prioritized. The concrete portion of the project will be implemented in conjunction with the Forest Ave. improvements that are taking place this summer. The project has been bid out for construction.

Gallup Park

- Renovation of the livery and dock area is complete. The project has greatly improved barrier free access. The renovations included redesign of the access to the docks, barrier free docks for boating and fishing, renovation of the meeting room, expanded patio areas, and upgraded landscaping. A \$300,000 grant was received to implement the project. The first phase is complete and the second phase will start after Labor Day and will include entry road improvements and separation of the service drive from the pedestrian path.
- A second grant was awarded by the MDNR to do preliminary engineering to renovate the boat launch. Design is complete, however, the grant application is being delayed as funding for the grant program is not being offered in 2013.

Island Park

- The historic bridge is being restored to address deterioration. The bridge repairs are complete except for painting, which will be completed by the end of June.
- The Huron River Watershed Council is funding a project to install a canoe/kayak landing in Island Park. Construction should take place in June/July.

Landscaping at Recreation Facilities

- A major donation was received for tree and landscape work. The Rotary Club sponsored plant installation at Bryant, Northside and the Senior Center, and Give365 volunteers planted Fuller and Buhr. The contractor should begin the other locations shortly.

Leslie Science and Nature Center

- A stormwater and pedestrian circulation master plan was developed to improve the pathway system, comply with the ADA, and decrease impervious surfaces. The project included construction of a barrier free path to the raptor enclosures as well as new pathways to connect the structures. Construction is complete.
- A customer service grant was awarded to design and install a wayfinding sign for the site. Design work is complete, and the project will be complete by the end of June.

Riverside Park

- The entry pathway and park road (Canal Street) will be improved to create better separation between pedestrians and vehicles and to replace the deteriorated asphalt. The parking lot will be relocated to the northwest side of the park to remove it from the floodway. The work will be done in conjunction with repair work to Canal Street by Public Services. This project has been delayed until spring, 2014 because DTE needs to do work in the roadway, which would involve cutting the roadway.
- DTE will be planting over 50 trees to mitigate the easement which was negotiated to relocate the power lines in the park.

Skate Park

- A MNRTF grant was received for design and construction of a Skate Park in Veterans Memorial Park as well as funding from the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission and the Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark. Wally Hollyday Skateparks designed the project and will be overseeing construction. Bids for construction were received, and the project is slated for City Council in July.
- The stormwater portion of the project was approved by the State Revolving Loan funding,

South University Park

- Improvements include a pathway through the park, landscaping, and a refurbished ½ basketball court. The project was funded through a donation. The project is complete.

Veterans Memorial Park

- The roof over the ice arena is in poor condition and has been leaking. An analysis of the roof was conducted to investigate its structural integrity, and a new roof will be installed this summer/fall. The project was approved by City Council, and contracts should be signed shortly.
- The baseball field renovations are complete
- Concrete patching was completed on the pool deck.

West Park

- Issues with the underground storm system that was constructed as part of the renovation project have been solved and the project is complete.
- The pond level is too low, and staff are looking into reasons to determine a repair strategy.
- The baseball field renovation is complete.

Windemere Park

- The tennis courts at Windemere Park have deteriorated due to poor sub-soil conditions. Two public meetings were held to discuss a new location. PAC approved relocating the courts to the east of the existing location. Construction should occur in fall.