

## **Park Planning Capital Project Update August 2012**

### **Argo Dam Walkway**

- An engineering consultant completed a feasibility study of widening the walkway over Argo Dam. The costs were prohibitive, and the consultant revised the scope of work, as well as provided a detail to revise the fencing to allow for additional space on the walkway. Relocation of the fencing on the outside of the rails is being considered.

### **Bluffs Park**

- The project will include construction of a new entry at the recently purchased Elk's property. The project is slated to go to City Council on August 20, and construction will take place this fall.

### **Buhr Park**

- The entry road and parking lots were renovated to replace deteriorated surfacing and improve stormwater drainage, and new pathways were constructed to improve pedestrian circulation. Construction is complete except for the planting of the porous pavement parking along the service drive. This will be done after Labor Day, when the pool is closed.

### **Burns Park**

- Cracks at the tennis courts have been repaired.
- The rain garden at the tennis courts has been completed.

### **Clinton Park**

- A public meeting will be held this fall to discuss renovations to the park including the play area, game courts and fields.

### **Cobblestone Farm**

- The roofs on the Cobblestone Farm barn and the historic house are being repaired. Specifications are being completed, and the project will be bid this fall.

### **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. Work is being done in conjunction with the DDA. Two public meetings were held and improvement items prioritized. A proposal for artwork in the plaza is being considered by the Commission for Art in Public Places.

### **Gallup Park**

- Design for renovation of the livery, the entry road and pathway, and the dock area is complete. The project will improve barrier free access and safety, and will include redesign of the entry to the Livery, barrier free docks for boating and fishing, renovation of the meeting room, and barrier free upgrades around the facility. A \$300,000 grant was received to implement the project, but we are still waiting for the grant agreement.

- A second grant was awarded by the MDNR to do preliminary engineering to renovate the boat launch. Design is complete, and a grant to have the project constructed will be prepared by April 1, 2013.

#### Hunt Park

- Access steps were constructed along Daniel Street next to the retaining wall. The project is complete.

#### Island Park

- The Greek Revival Shelter and the historic bridge are being restored to address deterioration due to wildlife and water damage. The project includes replacement of all the wood trim, repair of the concrete, and replacement of the roof. The shelter renovations are complete. The bridge is still being repaired.

#### Landscaping at Recreation Facilities

- A major donation was received for tree and landscape work, and designs are nearly complete for plantings at the recreation facilities. Rotary is sponsoring installation of Bryant, Northside and the Senior Center, and volunteers will be planting Fuller. The sites will be planted next spring, with a bid for installation of the other sites going out mid-winter.

#### 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. Work will include construction of a barrier free path to the raptor enclosures as well as new pathways to connect the structures. Council approved the project, and work is scheduled to begin in September.

#### Placid Way Park

- Improvements included replacement of the play area, as well as additional park furniture and landscaping. Work is complete except for one climber, which will be installed in September.

#### 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, 2013 because DTE needs to do work in the roadway, which would involve cutting the roadway.

#### Senior Center

- The project included construction of a new restroom and renovation of two existing restrooms to make them barrier free. The project is complete.

#### Skate Park

- A grant was received for design and construction of a Skate Park in Veterans Memorial Park. Wally Hollyday Skateparks was chosen to perform the design and construction oversight work. The consultant was approved by City Council and design work will commence in September.

### South University Park

- Improvements will include a pathway through the park, landscaping, and a refurbished ½ basketball court. The project was approved by City Council and work is underway.

### Veterans Memorial Park Ice Arena

- A solar shade structure on the pool deck was funded by a grant from the Energy Office. The project is complete.
- The concrete plaza adjacent to the ice arena (north of the existing entry plaza) has been converted to a rain garden to accept water from the arena roof.
- The roof over the ice arena has been leaking, and repairs are scheduled to begin August.

### West Park

- There have been several issues with the underground storm system that was constructed as part of the renovation project. Work is underway, and should be completed this fall.
- The tennis courts were renovated, and the project is complete.

### Windemere Park

- The tennis courts at Windemere Park have deteriorated due to poor sub-soil conditions and are scheduled to be replaced in 2013. A public meeting was held, and a new location that is acceptable to the neighborhood needs to be chosen as the soils under the court are not suitable for new construction.