

Park Planning Capital Project Update April, 2014

Arbor Oaks Park

- The playground is scheduled to be replaced summer 2014. A public meeting was held in November at the Bryant Community Center. Construction bids were received, and the project is on the Council agenda in May.

Buhr Park Pool

- The pool liner is to be replaced in the fall of 2014 after the pool closes. Minor repairs to the liner will be completed in the spring prior to the pool opening. Bids for construction are due at the end of April.

Clinton Park

- The tennis and basketball courts are to be reconstructed spring/summer, 2014. Bids were received, and the project was approved by City Council.

Gallup Park

- Renovation of the livery and dock area is complete. This first phase has greatly improved barrier free access, and has been well received by users. The second phase is complete except for punch list items and includes entry road improvements and separation of the service drive from the pedestrian path.
- A Universal Access playground is being planned to replace the playground in the east part of the park. A grant application was applied for to construct the play area in conjunction with funds from Rotary.
- A Transportation Alternatives Program Grant application is being submitted to reconstruct the path in Gallup Park from the Geddes Dam to the center of the park including the loop.
- A customer service grant was awarded to provide tables and umbrellas for the area where patrons wait for kayak/canoe trips. Equipment has been ordered.

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. All plantings are complete, including the golf courses, Veterans Memorial Park, Gallup Rain Garden and Cobblestone circle garden. The contractor will be maintaining the plantings for two seasons.

Mack Pool

- The roof at the pool was replaced as it was deteriorated. The project is complete except for painting, which will take place this spring.

North Main Park

- A developer contribution is funding a tire swing and a chess table. Work will be completed summer 2014. Construction bids were received, and the project is on the Council agenda in May.

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 project is on hold.
- DTE planted over 50 trees to mitigate the easement which was negotiated to relocate the power lines in the park.

Scheffler Park

- The playground is scheduled to be replaced summer 2014. A public meeting was held in November at the Cobblestone Farm Barn. Construction bids were received, and the project is on the Council agenda in May.

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. The project is well under way, and work will recommence at the end of April/early May weather depending. A grand opening celebration will take place July, 2014.
- The stormwater portion of the project was approved for State Revolving Loan funding.

South Pond Park

- Work is underway to make the existing house barrier free to accommodate NAP and Give 365 staff. Work will include a barrier free entry ramp and barrier free restroom renovations.

West Park

- A customer service grant was awarded to design and fabricate a sign to interpret the Native American trail that runs along the south side of West Park. Research and design work is underway.

Windemere Park

- The tennis courts at Windemere Park have deteriorated due to poor sub-soil conditions. Three public meetings were held to discuss a new location, which was approved by PAC. The construction contract was approved by City Council. A pre-construction meeting has been scheduled, but a start date has yet to be determined.