

## **Park Planning Project Update January, 2020**

### **Argo Universal Access**

- An initial public meeting was held on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at Northside Elementary to get feedback on a preliminary concept plan prior to pursuing grant funding.
- Council approved a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
- The grant application was submitted and preliminary scores were favorable. Final awards are determined in December.
- The Parks department met with the MDNR on site and presented to their board.
- The city was notified that our project is being recommended for award of a Trust Fund grant in the amount of \$300,000. The grant will be finalized this spring and disbursement is anticipated in the summer.
- Staff are working to get architectural & engineering consultants on board to begin the design process.

### **Bandemer-Barton**

- Consultant has been selected to perform updated feasibility study on Bandemer-Barton connection and pathway in Barton
- Initial public meeting to solicit input was held on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Forsyth Middle School. The majority of feedback from the initial public meeting, emails and online forms has been mostly supportive of the project.
- An initial draft of the feasibility study has been completed and is under review. A final report is anticipated this winter.

### **Buhr Park**

- The existing hot water tank that serves the pool and ice rink facility was replaced.

### **Mack Pool**

- Bids were received to replace the existing pool mechanical systems, install a UV disinfection system, and make improvements to the existing pool tile surfaces.
- Construction is complete and the new pump, sand filter, and UV treatment system are working well. A new controller was also installed to improve monitoring and performance.
- The pool successfully opened with the new mechanical system after Labor Day.

### **Riverside Park**

- The reconstruction of the Riverside Park Boardwalk is complete.
- Bids were received for repaving the portion of the Border-to-Border trail pathway this fall. We received a grant from Washtenaw County Parks to fund half of both projects.
- The path has been repaved and restoration is complete.

### **Park Bridge Repairs**

- Bridge assessments were done on several park bridges (Barton Nature Area, Bandemer Park, Mitchell Field, and Gallup Park) and concluded that repairs are needed in order to preserve their use & structural integrity.

- The bridge repair and renovation work was put out to bid in early October and only one bid was received on October 25 from Anlaan Corporation in the amount of \$916,898.65. This exceeded the funding that Parks had available for the work so Parks is working with Anlaan and DLZ engineering to explore options to reduce costs and postpone parts of the work in order to reduce the project costs to fit available funding.
- The project scope was reduced by delaying repairs on the Bandemer Park bridges.
- Work will begin in February on the Gallup Park vehicle bridge. Work on the North and South Barton bridges, lower Argo Cascades bridge, and Mitchell Field bridge will follow and be completed this spring.

#### Farmer's Market Sidewall Study

- Kohler Architecture is on a standing contract with the Parks Department for on-going design services, and they are currently working on a feasibility study for adding sidewalks to the Farmers Market canopy.
- The Farmer's Market operates during the winter season and the Market Manager and vendors are interested in exploring temporary sidewall curtains to improve comfort and protect vendor's products during cold weather.
- A structural analysis of the existing Farmers Market canopy has been completed and it is determined that additional reinforcements are needed to support the sidewalks.
- A final feasibility report for sidewalks has been created with recommendations and cost estimates for various scenarios.

#### Playground Renovations

- Renovations are complete for two playgrounds: Fuller Park and the Gallup Universal Access playground.
- Smaller renovations are slated for West Park playground and Bromley playground this summer. We anticipate public meetings for design feedback this spring.

#### Skatepark Lighting

- A request for proposals (RFP) was issued in November for lighting design services and the City received five proposals. A consultant has been selected and design work will commence this winter.
- The City intends to apply for a grant to help finance the project. Due to the long timelines associated with grants, construction would likely not commence until mid-2021.