

Park Planning Project Update April, 2019

Argo Universal Access

- An initial public meeting was held on Thursday, February 21st 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 are released in early fall, and final awards are determined in December.

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 26th 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 is anticipated in late spring / early summer.

Bryant Community Center

- The City and the County Office of Community and Economic Development are jointly funding renovations to the existing community center and teen center, as well as the construction of an addition that will connect to the house purchased several years ago. Planning Commission and City Council approved the site plan. The County reviewed the plans, and the contract with the County for construction funding has been executed.
- Construction is complete. A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued earlier in December.
- The Community Action Network (CAN) hosted an Open House to view the new center in early January.

Buhr Park

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

Mack Pool

- Bid documents have been issued to replace the existing pool mechanical systems, install a UV disinfection system, and make improvements to the existing pool tile surfaces. Construction is scheduled for July to August 2019 during the pool offseason.

Riverside Park

- The reconstruction of the Riverside Park Boardwalk is ongoing. A conflict with existing DTE utilities required a modification to the original design. The Border to Border Trail will be detoured to local streets until approximately mid-May.