

## **Park Planning Project Updates April 2023**

### **Recent Capital project updates:**

1. An online public meeting was held on Tuesday, March 7th to discuss upcoming improvements to the Allmendinger Park Playground.
2. PROS Plan Adopted by Planning Commission and City Council.
3. Received 50% plans for the Gallup Bridge project that are under review.
4. Received 50% complete plans for the Barton/Bandemer Connection project.
5. Met with Ann Arbor Public Art Commission on opportunities for public art at the Gallup Park bridge and Barton/Bandemer Connection. An online survey to gather community input on public art themes will be available soon.
6. The Buhr Park Ice Arena Application for a Land and Water Conservation Grant was submitted to the DNR on April 1. The application is currently under review by the DNR.
7. Staff will be having a kick-off meeting with SmithGroup on April 27<sup>th</sup> for the West Park Bandshell project. A task force meeting will be scheduled for the first of May.
8. A work statement for playground improvements at Lockett Park has been sent to the contractor for signature. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of the 2023 construction season.
9. 90% draft for the ADA Transition Plan is currently being reviewed by Staff. Staff are currently participating in ADA training – including a two day workshop.
10. The tennis courts at South Maple park have been temporarily paused due to information discovered during a preliminary site investigation. The existing courts sit atop one of the City's water reservoirs. Public meetings are being scheduled to review alternative locations. We are anticipating the first meeting will take place at the end of April or beginning of May.
11. Parks received one bid for the demolition of the shelter at Veterans Memorial Park. The bid package is being reviewed by staff.
12. A RFP was published for Veterans Memorial Park Ice Arena Improvements. Work is needed to prevent flooding issues that have increased over the last few years. The Scope of the project involves: new flashing at the roof, upsizing the gutter system, concrete wall repairs, reinforcing the steel portal structure, and new paint to create a water barrier. Parks received one bid for the project, and it is currently being reviewed by staff.
13. Staff has requested a proposal from Rowe Professional Services to begin design drawings in relation to the development of 2570 Dexter Road Park. This project will be developed in coordination with the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, who owns the adjacent vacant parcel. The primary use being considered for this park is a Basketball Court, with seating area.
14. Staff have asked ROWE Professional Services for a proposal for construction documents to place the pavilion at Leslie Park. A survey was put out to the community for consideration on placement options. We anticipate construction of the pavilion will take place in summer 2023. A future presentation will be given to PAC outlining the project.

### **Upcoming capital project work and community engagement:**

1. A public meeting will be scheduled for the South Maple Park Court project. We are planning on holding a virtual meeting to inform the community about the need

to relocate the courts, and to ask for feedback on the future locations. Based on feedback, we are anticipating following the virtual meeting with a survey to be put out the community.