

Park Planning Project Update November, 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 were favorable. Final awards are determined in December.
- The Parks department met with the MDNR on site and presented to their board.

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 has been completed and is under review. A final report is anticipated this fall.

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.

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 sidewalls 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 is being conducted to determine if it can support the sidewall curtains or if additional structural supports will be necessary.

Playground Renovations

- Renovations are nearly complete for two playgrounds: Fuller Park and the Gallup Universal Access playground.
- Fuller Park playground has had the poured-in-place safety surfacing removed and it is being replaced with fibar woodchips. Several playground items will be replaced to comply with current playground safety standards.
- The Gallup Universal Access Playground is heavily used and some design changes are needed to better accommodate the use patterns and desire lines that have been created by playground users. These include adjustments to plant beds, adding rocks where plants are being trampled, adding poured-in-place playground safety surfacing, and replacing a fabric shade sail.