

Park Planning Project Updates July 2023

Recent Capital project updates:

1. The Veterans Memorial Park Ice Arena Improvement project is under construction. Construction is estimated to be complete by the end of August and should not impact the ice season.
2. The Veterans Memorial Park Shelter Demolition project has been put on hold. Parks received one proposal from the work, which was not complete. The project will be re-bid later this fall.
3. The tennis courts at South Maple park has 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 outreach is being planned for the project for this Month, which will consist of an online video explaining the issue, and a survey to receive feedback from the community. ROWE Professional Services is under contract to assist with design work.
4. Construction at Lockett Park playground is anticipated to begin this fall.
5. All internal interviews are complete for the ADA Transition Plan after reviewing the 90% draft. Feedback has been provided to Altura, and a final draft is anticipated this summer. Presentations to PAC and the Commission on Disability Issues (CODI) will be given once a final draft is complete.
6. A Work Statement with ROWE Professional Services (ROWE) is underway, with outreach and design work expected to start this summer. This project is being completed in partnership with the Ann Arbor Housing Commission.
7. Construction Documents for the Leslie Park Pavilion are being finalized. To follow-up with last PAC meeting, the Food Forest will have access to the spigots on the rain barrel collection system, and can fill water bags or jugs to transport to the gardens.
8. InSite Design Studio is working through concepts for replanting of Liberty Plaza. Staff will be meeting with the design team this month to discuss potential options. The project will be bid for construction this fall for work to take place next spring.
9. The Leslie Science and Nature Center utility improvement project is underway. Three options have been presented by the engineers to ensure water pressure throughout the facility, including demands for future LSNC projects. A presentation will be given at an upcoming PAC meeting.
10. The West Park Bandshell Engagement Project is underway. The steering committee met last week to review engagement materials and provide input to the consultant. We are expecting to publish a community-wide survey and begin engagement meetings with neighbors and stakeholders starting in August. Pop-Up events will be regularly held at West Park throughout the engagement process.
11. Southeast Area Park (future Bicentennial Park) has received funding for the construction of a Splash Pad from the State of Michigan. Staff is in the beginning stages of design on the splash pad, talking with manufacturers, other agencies who have recently installed splash pads, engineers, and contractors. In addition to a new splash pad, many improvements are being discussed at the park. A community engagement plan will be developed to get an understanding of community desires with the new Bicentennial Park.
12. Exploration at the Farmers Market has begun to determine the cause of the washout happening at the foundation of the building. The sidewalk around the

market office has been partially removed to help identify the cause and determine the best course of action to make improvements.

Upcoming capital project work and community engagement:

1. Starting in August, the community will be engaged via a survey, neighborhood and stakeholder meetings, and pop-up events at the park on the future of the West Park Bandshell. This will be the first round of engaging with the community to determine needs, wants, and desires for the bandshell's future.
2. Anticipate putting the Gallup Bridge out to bid in mid to late July.
3. A survey is being developed for the South Maple Park Court project. We are hoping to put out a survey in the next few weeks, followed by an in-person meeting to discuss the need for relocating the courts and to hear preferences on new locations and configurations.
4. Improvements are scheduled for Allmendinger Park Playground this summer/fall. Construction is anticipated to begin the week of July 24th and the playground will be closed for approximately four weeks during construction.