

Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation

Park Planning Updates

August 2023

Projects:

1. Veterans Memorial Park Ice Arena:

- The ice improvement project is currently underway with RAM Construction.
- Construction is anticipated to be complete by the end of the August, and should not impact the start of the ice season.

2. Veterans Memorial Park Shelter Demolition

- This project has been temporarily put on hold. We received one proposal from the project, and it was considered not complete.
- Staff is reviewing the project scope, and will rebid this fall, for demolition to take place in 2024.

3. Lockett Park Playground Improvements

- Construction on the Lockett Park Playground is scheduled for this fall with Michigan Recreational Construction.

4. ADA Transition Plan

- Staff reviewed and provided comments on the 90% Draft Report that was provided by Altura Solutions.
- Staff interviews were completed to review findings, and provide updates to the various Programs, Services, and Activities (PSA's) within each facility or park.
- A final draft plan is expected this fall, at which point presentations will be give to PAC and the Commission on Disability Issues (CODI).

5. West Park Bandshell

- The Community Engagement Project is currently underway. Final comments have been provided on the draft survey, and we are anticipating launching the survey for the community in the coming weeks.
- Neighborhood and Stakeholder meetings are being scheduled now for the end of August / Beginning of September. Dates will be shared with PAC once we them finalized.
- Pop-Up events are being planned to take place at West Park to help get word out about the project, and direct people to the survey.

6. Southeast Area Park (future Bicentennial Park)

- Parks has received funding from the State of Michigan for the construction of a Splash Pad at the future Bicentennial Park.

- Staff has begun work on design of the splash pad, talking with manufacturers, engineers, contractors, as well as other municipalities/agencies that have recently installed splash pads.
- In addition to the splash pad, many other improvements are being planned for the park. A community engagement plan will be developed to get an understand of community desires, needs, and wants for the future of the park.
- ROWE Professional Services, has been asked to provide a proposal to do Design, Engineering, Bid Assistance, and Construction Administration.

7. Farmers Market

- Washout has been observed near the foundation of the Farmer’s Market office building. The sidewalk has begun to sink as well, indicating a water problem underneath. Hubbell, Roth & Clark (HRC) has been asked to do an investigation to help determine the cause.

8. Allmendinger Park Playground Improvements

- Construction on the Allmendinger Park Playground has begun, and we are anticipated completion by the end of the month.

9. Gallup Park Bridge Construction

- The Gallup Park Bridge project has been put out to bid, with proposals due by the end of the month.
- The mussel relocation effort has been completed ahead of construction.

10. Barton – Bandemer Pedestrian Connection Project

- The Barton-Bandemer Pedestrian Connection project has been split into two separate phases. The first phase, completion of the trail, will be bid out this fall, with construction anticipated to start in spring 2024. The second phase, construction of the tunnel, will be bid out this winter, with construction expected to start in summer 2024.

11. Liberty Plaza Planting

- Staff is working with InSite Design Studio to redesign the plant beds at Liberty Plaza. Plans are expected to be completed this fall, with installation taking place in spring 2024.

12. South Maple Park Tennis Courts

- The South Maple Tennis Court project was temporarily paused, after it was determined that reconstruction of the courts would not be allowed, as it sits atop a water reservoir. Staff has developed alternative locations, and will be reaching out to the community to discuss options.