

Park Planning Project Updates June 2023

Recent Capital project updates:

1. The Veterans Memorial Park Ice Arena Improvement project is under construction.
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 summer.
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 June 2023.
4. Construction at Lockett Park playground is anticipated to begin this fall.
5. 90% draft for the ADA Transition Plan is currently being reviewed by Staff. Staff completed 10 training modules related to various aspects of the ADA.
6. 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.
7. Received 50% construction documents for Leslie Park Pavilion and will be presenting an update at PAC.
8. Parks will begin working on a project with InSite Design Studio to redesign the planting plan for Liberty Plaza. A Professional Services Agreement is being finalized, and work is expected to start in May/June on the redesign. A presentation on the project will be given to PAC at an upcoming meeting.
9. Received 30% construction documents for utility work at Leslie Science and Nature Center.

Upcoming capital project work and community engagement:

1. Staff are scheduling a West Park Bandshell task force meeting for the first week of July.
2. Anticipate putting the Gallup Bridge out to bid in early July.
3. The Buhr Park Ice Arena Application for a Spark Grant will be submitted to the DNR by June 26.
4. 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.
5. Improvements are scheduled for Allmendinger Park Playground this summer/fall. Construction is anticipated to begin in mid to late July.
6. Parks is working to develop a draft RFP for the Center of the City community engagement process and preliminary design.