

Park Planning Capital Project Update August, 2013

Bryant Community Center

- A conceptual design to connect the existing community center to the house on the adjacent property that was purchased is underway. A public meeting to discuss conceptual designs was held on Thursday, April 25 at the Bryant Community Center. There was positive feedback and the architect is revising the plan to post at the Community Center for feedback before the plan is finalized.

Clinton Park

- The tennis courts and basketball courts are being rescheduled to be reconstructed spring/summer. A new pathway was going to be included in this project, however, Public Services will be doing major work on Stone School Road in the next couple of years, and a walk would be included as part of the work within the right of way.

Esch Park

- Pathways and the game court surface are being repaved as the pavement has deteriorated. A new pathway to the play area is being constructed to provide barrier free access, and several pieces of playground equipment are being replaced. The project is under construction.

Forest Avenue Plaza

- This plaza is located next to the Forest Ave parking structure. Funding was contributed by the developer of 601 Forest and Zaragon II to improve the plaza. Two public meetings were held and improvement items prioritized. The concrete portion of the project will be implemented in conjunction with the Forest Ave. improvements that are taking place this summer. The project is under construction.

Gallup Park

- Renovation of the livery and dock area is complete. The project has greatly improved barrier free access, and has been well received by users. The first phase is complete and the second phase will start after Labor Day and will include entry road improvements and separation of the service drive from the pedestrian path.
- A second grant was awarded by the MDNR to do preliminary engineering to renovate the boat launch. Design is complete, however, the grant application is being delayed as funding for the grant program is not being offered in 2013.

Island Park

- The historic bridge was restored to address deterioration. The renovations are complete.
- The Huron River Watershed Council is funding a project to install a canoe/kayak landing in Island Park. Construction has been delayed.

Landscaping at Recreation Facilities

- A major donation was received for tree and landscape work. The Rotary Club sponsored plant installation at Bryant, Northside and the Senior Center, and Give365 volunteers planted Fuller and Buhr. All initial plantings are complete, including the golf courses, Veterans Memorial Park, Gallup Rain Garden and Cobblestone circle garden, The contractor will be maintaining the plantings for two seasons.

Leslie Science and Nature Center

- A customer service grant was awarded to design and install a wayfinding sign for the site. The sign is complete, and will be installed by Park Operations.

Mack Pool

- The roof at the pool is being replaced as it has deteriorated. The project is currently under construction.

Riverside Park

- The entry pathway and park road (Canal Street) will be improved to create better separation between pedestrians and vehicles and to replace the deteriorated asphalt. The parking lot will be relocated to the northwest side of the park to remove it from the floodway. The work will be done in conjunction with repair work to Canal Street by Public Services. This project has been delayed until spring, 2014 because DTE needs to do work in the roadway, which would involve cutting the roadway.
- DTE will be planting over 50 trees to mitigate the easement which was negotiated to relocate the power lines in the park. Some tree removals have taken place. Replanting will begin in fall.

Skate Park

- . A groundbreaking ceremony was held on August 9, and the project is now under construction.
- The stormwater portion of the project was approved by the State Revolving Loan funding.

Southeast Area Park

- The ball fields were renovated. The project is complete.

Veterans Memorial Park

- The roof over the ice arena is in poor condition and has been leaking. An analysis of the roof was conducted to investigate its structural integrity, and a new roof is being installed. The project is under construction.
- The baseball and softball field renovations are complete and a grand opening was held.

West Park

- The pond level is too low, and staff are looking into reasons to determine a repair strategy.
- The baseball field renovation is complete.

Windemere Park

- The tennis courts at Windemere Park have deteriorated due to poor sub-soil conditions. Two public meetings were held to discuss a new location. PAC approved relocating the courts to the east of the existing location. Construction has been delayed until next spring/summer.