

## **Park Planning Project Updates March 2023**

### **Recent Capital project updates:**

1. An online public meeting was held on Tuesday, March 7th to discuss upcoming improvements to the Allmendinger Park Playground.
2. PROS Plan Adopted by Planning Commission and City Council.
3. Received 50% plans for the Gallup Bridge project that are under review.
4. Received 50% complete plans for the Barton/Bandemer Connection project.
5. Met with Ann Arbor Public Art Commission on opportunities for public art at the Gallup Park bridge and Barton/Bandemer Connection.
6. DNR Spark Grant application was submitted for Buhr Park Ice Arena improvements in January. We were not awarded a Spark Grant, and the project will be resubmitted for the second round. Parks is putting together an application for a Land and Water Conservation Grant administered through the MDNR as well.
7. West Park Bandshell Community Engagement Work has been executed. Project is expected to kick-off in early April, with the first step being an initial meeting with the steering committee.
8. Finalizing Playground Improvements for Lockett Park – Construction anticipated for Summer 2023.
9. 90% draft for the ADA Transition Plan is currently being reviewed by Staff. Staff participated in two days of ADA Training. Further training is being scheduled, and will take place in March.
10. 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. After meeting with public works, Parks will look for alternative locations at South Maple Park to construct courts.
11. A RFP was published for the demolition of the existing picnic shelter at Veterans Memorial Park. Bids are due on April 4th.
12. A RFP was published for Veterans Memorial Park Ice Arena Improvements. Work is needed to prevent flooding issues that have increased over the last few years. The Scope of the project involves: new flashing at the roof, upsizing the gutter system, concrete wall repairs, reinforcing the steel portal structure, and new paint to create a water barrier.

### **Upcoming capital project work and community engagement:**

1. Developing an online survey that will be available in the coming weeks for the public to provide input on proposed public art in Gallup Park and Bandemer Park.
2. A survey has concluded related to the placement of a new picnic pavilion at Leslie Park. The picnic pavilion was donated by the Community Action Network for use at Leslie Park. Survey results are being analyzed and a presentation will be given to PAC at an upcoming commission meeting.