

Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation

Park Planning Updates

October 2023

Projects:

1. 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 given to PAC and the Commission on Disability Issues (CODI).
- The City has hired a citywide accessibility coordinator who will be heavily involved in implementing the transition plan.

2. Allmendinger Park Playground Improvements

- Construction of the Allmendinger Park playground improvements project is complete. Pathway repaving and ADA improvements are being planned for 2024.

3. Barton – Bandemer Pedestrian Connection Project

- The Barton-Bandemer Pedestrian Connection project has been split into two separate phases. The first phase will include the paving of the Border to Border Trail from the Barton Dam parking lot on the west, through the Barton Nature Area oxbow, and ending at the southeastern bridge. This phase will be bid this fall for construction in spring/summer of 2024.
- The second phase of the project will be the construction of the tunnel, pathway approaches, and paving the parking lot near the south end of the south bridge. This phase is intended to be bid this winter and constructed in late summer of 2024, but is awaiting permit approvals from Amtrak and EGLE.
- The process for procuring public art for the project will begin this fall.

4. Bridge Repairs (Leslie Golf Course and Sylvan Park)

- a. Engineering and permitting is underway with anticipated construction in summer of 2024 (Sylvan) and fall of 2024 (Leslie GC).

5. 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. Staff continue to work through possible options.

6. Gallup Park Bridge Construction

- Bids were received and Anlaan Corporation is the lowest responsible bidder and is recommended for award of the contract.
- Wade Trim, the engineering firm who designed the project, has also provided a proposal for construction assistance, engineering, and inspections.
- The mussel relocation effort has been completed ahead of construction.
- The process for procuring public art for the project will begin this fall.
- Construction is anticipated to start in the next 2-4 weeks.

7. 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.

8. Lockett Park Playground Improvements

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

9. 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 provided a proposal to do Design, Engineering, Bid Assistance, and Construction Administration.
- Topographic survey has begun and engineering is starting next week.

10. South Maple Park Tennis Courts

- The South Maple Tennis Court project has resumed, looking at replacing the existing tennis courts with new tennis courts. Due to EGLE regulations, placing the court in the existing location is not permitted. Two options have been developed, and community engagement has started with a survey asking community members to weigh in.
- We received over 200 online survey responses and staff are analyzing results.
- Construction is anticipated for Fall 2024

11. Veterans Memorial Park Ice Arena:

- The ice arena improvements project is complete.

12. 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.

- Consultants have revised the Construction Documents, and the project will be rebid in fall of 2023, for demolition to take place in 2024.

13. West Park Bandshell

- The Community Engagement Project is currently underway.
- An online survey is currently live and will conclude Monday, October 23rd.
- We have held seven Pop-Up Events at West Park have been successful. Thus far we have held 7 events,
- A virtual meeting was held on Monday Sept 11. A recording of the event has been posted to the West Park Bandshell page.
- An in-person public meeting was held on Wednesday, October 11 and was well-attended.
- There is a stakeholder meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 18th and will conclude the first phase of community engagement.