

Westfield Parks and Recreation

Monthly Report

May 9, 2008

April has been a very busy month for the Parks and Recreation Department. . Our Start Smart Sports program has been going very well. The participants are having a great time and are learning the basics of the game. We are continuing to accept registrations for Football, Basketball and Golf, with basketball almost full. We have been planning for other summer events. We are partnering with the Lord of Life Lutheran Church to offer a nature camp in June. We will be offering a drawing class with Carmel artist Adam Seif and a bicycle rodeo with the Westfield Police Department. We would like to offer a theater class also for this summer. We are also planning a Safety Festival with the Fire, Police and Public Works Department. This event will be held in September, and planning is ongoing.

The Monon Trail project is ongoing. The final drawings will go to INDOT on the 15th. Our property acquisition is down to one property that needs to be obtained, and we hope that it is settled soon. We are also beginning to plan for the next section of the Monon north of 156th St. I am talking to property owners and hoping we can find many along this section that might donate their land for this project.

I have also begun working on the development plans for Freedom Trail Park. There are many additions that need to be made to the park, and we need to make sure that the neighbors and the community are in agreement with our planning. We will be working with the Westfield Youth Sports, Inc. on the football fields in the park and helping them to develop a quality sports facility.

Our Arbor Day Celebration went very well; we were able to plant 6 trees at Quaker Park. The Citizens for Trees in Westfield donated and planted 5 trees and Wal-Mart donated and planted a tree. We are very thankful for these donations and the additions to our park reforestation.

We have been turning on water and preparing the restrooms and splash park for opening for the summer. We have also had to spend quite a bit of time mowing already this year. We are also concentrating on trees and tree replacement in the next month. We have added several trees to our properties to replace trees that have died and been removed or called for in the planting plans for the renovated park areas.

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