

Park Improvements
Report as of 3-13-09
Submitted by: Melody Sweat

The Park Department's focus through this month has been spent on four projects Freedom Trail Park, Simon Moon Park, Monon ROW Acquisition and Westfield in Bloom.

Freedom Trail Park

After six months of meeting every other week, I do believe I can report that we are moving forward with the site plan for Freedom Trail Park. We will appear before the BZA in March regarding three variances that have to do with the parking lot. Then we will be before the APC in April. This project has been completely done in house. The Community Development Department and Rob Kmetz in Engineering have given so much time to the Park Department to assure that we were ready to proceed. I can't thank them enough. Our major expenses will include the parking lot construction and the stone trails. I am working with the School Corporation on partnering on the trails and hope to report back to the Board next month on what that may entail. I have included a spread sheet for the cost we have calculated for Freedom Trail Park and Simon Moon Park.

Other items regarding the site plan at Freedom Trail Park will be installing berms and reshaping four existing berms on site. We have a source for the necessary dirt but will incur cost for equipment rental (bulldozer). We plan to maximize time and equipment for the berms and the construction of the parking lot. Kurt Wanninger and I have discussed the availability of the DPW workers for this project. Prairie planting of these areas will be done following the earth moving.

Construction including all cost of the restroom/concession/storage building will be the responsibility of WYSI.

There is \$10,000 in the Park Operating budget for the paving of trails at Freedom Trail Park. The trail's surface will now be stone. Funding will come from the Community Development Project Fund budget to cover the seed for the prairie planting. The reinforced turf parking area along with the cost to stone the drive will cost in the neighborhood of \$41,000. So we are looking at using \$31,000 from Park Impact Fee Fund. And as I stated before we are hoping to have an agreement with the School Corporations regarding the trail surfacing in the park.

I am continuing to work with playground designers for the play ground and hope to have a plan in place by summer. At which time a funding source will need to be identified.

Simon Moon Park

The sledding hill continues to develop. We are receiving additional FREE dirt each week. We are hoping to have enough donated dirt by April so the sculpting of the hill will be completed and we can begin planting in May.

We received the ALCOA Foundation Grant in the amount of \$5000. This is \$2000 less than we applied for so I will be reworking the planting plan for Arbor Day. Simon Moon is the site for this year's Arbor Day Celebration, which will be held on Saturday, April 25th from 11 to 1. A flyer for the event is attached. I hope you all can attend.

TRAILS

Monon Trail (146th to 156th)

Construction will resume on March 16th. The trail head and access to the public restrooms will be the first project they plan to complete.

Carrie Cason and I are working on the plans for the Trail Ribbon Cutting and Dedication of the Alyn Burnell Mile. This event is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th. More details will be coming.

Monon Trail (Viking Meadows)

Neil Van Trees is preparing the bid documents for this segment of the trail and plans to have them ready by the end of March. We intend to have this section of the Monon Trail completed within the same time line as 146th to 156th Street.

Monon Trail North

Meetings are taking place with landowners to discuss securing the ROW for the trail. Mayor Cook and I have been meeting with landowners. Progress is slow. Hopefully we will have more to report in April.

Westfield in Bloom (WIB)

Over the few weeks we have spent \$1500 for hanging flower baskets and \$194 for door hangers. We have raised \$705 in cash donations and several thousands of dollars in product donations. The community planting day is scheduled for May 2nd. We will be planting downtown, Asa Bales Park, Freedom Trail Park, and Quaker Park and provided the sledding hill is done at Simon Moon Park. I have attached a spread sheet for WIB for your review.

Other Projects

Hamilton County Probation Department

I have arranged to have the youth and adult Hamilton County Probation Department workers assist the park department through out the growing season with park project as well as two weekends that will be dedicated to cleaning up Downtown. A schedule is attached. We are coordinating the downtown clean up work days with the Westfield Public Works Department and the Downtown Westfield Neighborhood Association. These workers will help with weeding and grounds maintenance in the parks, watering and other park projects and events. The estimated cost savings to the park department is around \$10,000.

09 Westfield in Bloom Business Donations

Business Name	Date of Contact	Contacted By	Amount	Date Deposited	Date Thank You Sent
Heartland Growers			Product		
Indiana Brick Corp.			Product		
Custom Cast Stone			Product		
Downtown Westfield Neighbor Assn.			Product		
Chads Signs andn Installations			Product		
Beauchamp Antiques	3/10/2009	Susan Boyer	\$100.00		
Union Street Flowers	2/17/2009	Tammie Horkay	\$100.00	2/25/2009	
Westfield Parks Dept./City of Westfield		Melody Sweat	\$1,000.00		
Chamber of Commerce		Melody Sweat	\$100.00		
Tom Roush Motors		Jean Rogers	\$30.00	3/9/2009	
Westfield Steel		Jean Rogers			
JRF Construction		Jean Rogers			
Harvey's Body Shop		Jean Rogers			
C.A.R. Clinic of Westfield		Jean Rogers			
All-State Insurance		Jean Rogers			
Westfield Classroom Teachers Assn.		Jean Rogers			
Safe Passage Bus Service		Jean Rogers			
Kelties	2/17/2009	Tammie Horkay			
Jan's Village Pizza	2/24/2009	Tammie Horkay			
M & I Bank	2/24/2009	Tammie Horkay			
Marlows	2/24/2009	Tammie Horkay			
IGWUN	2/24/2009	Tammie Horkay			
Cave Printing	2/24/2009	Tammie Horkay			
Pilates Studio	2/24/2009	Tammie Horkay			
Hobson Insurance	2/24/2009	Tammie Horkay			
Schaff CPA	2/24/2009	Tammie Horkay			
Primrose	2/24/2009	Tammie Horkay			
Speedway	2/24/2009	Tammie Horkay			
Community Bank	2/24/2009	Tammie Horkay			
American Family Insurance	2/24/2009	Tammie Horkay			
Total			\$1,330.00		

Park Paving Calcs

	<u>Freedom Trail</u>		<u>Simon Moon</u>	
Area (syd)	Parking Lot	Trails	Path	ton = 2000 lbs 53's = 2 tons/cyd
	4151.52	4877.78	322.2	

	Tons	Tons	Price (per ton)	Cost	Tons	Cost
Compacted agg. (ft)						
0.33		1084	\$24.00	\$26,015		
0.33			\$24.00		72	\$1,718
0.33	913		\$24.00	\$21,920		
HMA Surface (#/syd)						
110			\$97.00		18	\$1,719
165	343		\$97.00	\$33,223		
HMA Interm (#/syd)						
220			\$84.00		35	\$2,977
275	571		\$84.00	\$47,950		

	<u>Freedom Trail</u>		<u>Simon Moon</u>	
Estimated Cost =	Parking Lot	Trails	Path	
	\$103,093	\$26,015	\$6,414	

	Turf Reinforcement	
Estimated Cost =	Parking spaces	Full lot
	\$19,467	\$43,818
\$471.44 per 402 ft ²	402	
200 ft ² /parking space	200	
# of spaces	83	

Weekend Dates for Park Events

- **March 21st** Clean up Asa Bales Park (Hamilton Co. Probation Youth – HCPY)
Scott & Melody
- **April 25th** Arbor Day ARBOR DAY (HCPY) volunteers
Scott & Melody
- **May 2nd** WIB Community Plant Day (volunteers)
Scott & Melody
- **May 3rd** Mulch is all parks (Hamilton Co. Probation Adults - HCPA)
Melody
- **May 16th** Weed and clean up all parks (HCPY)
Melody
- **May 30th** Weed and clean up all parks (HCPA)
Melody
- **June 13th** Downtown Clean Up (HCPY) & DWNA
Scott
- **June 14th** Downtown Clean UP (HCPY) & DWNA
Melody
- **June 20th** Weed and clean up all parks (HCPY)
Melody
- **July 11th** Downtown Clean UP (HCPA) & DWNA
Melody
- **July 12th** Downtown Clean UP (HCPA) & DWNA
Melody
- **July 25th** Weed and clean up all parks (HCPA)
Melody
- **August 8th** Weed and clean up all parks (HCPA)
Melody
- **August 22nd** Weed and clean up all parks (HCPA)
Scott
- **Sept. 12th** Weed and clean up all parks (HCPA)
Melody
- **Sept. 26th** Weed and clean up all parks (HCPA)
Melody

WESTFIELD TREE CITY USA ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION APRIL 25, 2009

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING & TREE GIVEAWAY

SIMON MOON PARK - 2710 E. 171ST STREET

10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.



The Westfield Park Department Giveaway Trees

- Shumard Oak
- Tulip Trees
- Shellbark Hickory
- Redbud
- Washington Hawthorne
- Flowering Dogwood

“We will be planting over 60 trees in Simon Moon Park so please come out and join the fun.”

- Melody Sweat, Park Director

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please contact Melody Sweat - 317-804-3185

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