

Park Improvements
Report as of 8-21-09
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Not much has changed regarding the focus for the Park Department. Trail construction is continuing, Trail ROW acquisition continues and Maintenance and Project Planning is moving forward in the all parks.

TRAILS

Monon Trail (146th to 156th – phase 1)

The Mile Markers were installed this week on the Monon Trail. We will be doing our final walk through on September 15th. This will be the last inspection for the phase 1 project. The area left to be reviewed is landscaping.

Monon Trail (Viking Meadows – phase 2)

The clearing has been completed and we are waiting on lumber to be delivered to start the construction of this section. Completion is estimated for mid to late September.

Monon Trail North

We have broken this trail section into 4 additional phases to help expedite trail construction. Phase 3 will be 161st Street to 169th; Phase 4 169th Street to the Kamin property; Phase 5 the Kamin property and Phase 6 Westfield Park Drive to Oak Ridge Road.

161st Street to 169th Street – Phase 3

We finalized the donations from Alvis Family. Still waiting on signed documents from John Menonna and the Hebrew Congregation. Negotiations with Jim Kent for CK Properties, South Park Investments and Team Realty are in process. Conversations have gone well with Hines Lumber, and they will grant us a right of entry, so that they do not hold up the project. I am still having preliminary conversations with Promise Road. Talked with Linda Naas and will be meeting with them soon.

169th Street to Kamin's – Phase 4

We are waiting on signed documents from AgReliant. Talked with Sakrete and sent information to them I will be following up this week.

Kamin's – Phase 5

Pete White has completed the Kamin property design. Neil VanTrees will be presenting the plan to the Hamilton County Drainage Board for approval in September. Once we have approval we will move forward with an offer.

Westfield Park Drive to Oak Ridge Road – Phase 6

We now have the entire trail ROW from Delello and Custom Concrete. We will need to get a quit claim from Noblesville on the Midland ROW. US Railroad Vest is not the owner of the other parcel and Brian Zaiger is working through what we need to do to gain ownership of that parcel.

Midland Trace Trail

No change

Cool Creek Trail

We have an agreement with Kite Development to build the Cool Creek Trail through Cool Creek Commons along the existing road way. Construction will begin by September 15th.

PARKS

Freedom Trail Park

Freedom Trail Park construction project came in way over budget and so has been scaled back. The quote is before you today for ratification. The quote was approved by Bruce Hauk and the contract is being finalized. Construction will begin immediately and be completed in 30 days.

The prairie planting for the berms is designed, and will be coordinated through Jeremy Miller. Planting will occur this fall.

Brian Zaiger continues to work with WYSI regarding the lease/use agreement the concession/restroom building planned for the park.

I am continuing to work with playground designers for the play ground.

Simon Moon Park

The sledding hill continues to develop although the dirt deliveries have been slow. Hopefully that will pick up.

The ALCOA Grant documents have been submitted for reimbursement.

Asa Bales Park

We are still putting together the numbers for irrigation at Asa Bales North and Quaker Park.

Vandalism continues to be an issue in Asa Bales Park. Scott Jordan has stepped up patrols to help offset the opportunities.

Quaker Park

The Splash Park has been an ongoing maintenance problem. Discussions are underway to convert the park to fresh water. We have a visit scheduled to Noblesville's Dillon Park to

tour their facility to learn more. Bryan Forkner, Rob Lambert and DeWayne Hoffman are studying the project to determine if the splash park can be converted to fresh water. If it can I would like to complete it this fall. Repairs are also needed to be done. This work will be coordinating with possible irrigation install and turf work.

Liberty Park

I will be meeting with Anne Altor, Williams Creek Consulting on August 25th to discuss the vegetation at the wetland. She will be inspecting the wetlands and determining the course of action to be taken this fall.

Kite Development will be improving the ramp at the park and making sure it is ADA compliant.

Other Projects

Westfield in Bloom (WIB)

WIB was honored as the 2009 Lantern Award Service Organization