

Park Improvements
Report as of 9-18-09
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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)

Final walk through was done on Wednesday the 16th. Over 45% of the plant life at the Greyhound Pass Trail Head will be replaced in the next two weeks. The necessary trees will be replaced in October. We will contract with a local company to water this area until the weather improves. Three quotes are being sought. We will need to look at irrigation for this site.

Monon Trail (Viking Meadows – phase 2)

The railing and retaining wall will be completed this week. They will be grading, placing stone and paving over the next two weeks. Everything is on schedule to be completed by the end of the month.

Monon Trail North

161st Street to 169th Street – Phase 3

We are still waiting on signed documents from John Menonna and the Hebrew Congregation. Negotiations with Jim Kent for CK Properties, South Park Investments and Teamm Realty have been completed and Brian Zaiger is drawing up the documents. We will be purchasing these three parcels. Hines Lumber will grant us a right of entry. We are waiting on the paper work to be returned. 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. There is nothing new to report on the Sakrete site.

Kamin's – Phase 5

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

Custom Concrete donated addition ROW for the trail facility. We will need to get a quit claim from Noblesville on the Midland ROW. US Railroad Vest parcel is still in question. Brian Zaiger is working with the County to determine ownership so that we can have it quit claimed to us.

Midland Trace Trail

The trail from Carey Road west to Simon Moon Park has been stoned and is open for use.

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 is on schedule and should be completed in two weeks.

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 which if funding is available will be done in spring of 2010.

Simon Moon Park

The sledding hill is coming along. We have a very large dirt delivery coming at the end of the month which should finish what is needed. We plan to plant as soon as possible. We do not intend to use the hill this winter for sledding.

Asa Bales Park

The irrigation quotes are being presented to you at this meeting for approval. We intend to amend the soil in the flower beds around the entrance signs and prepare for the next season.

Vandalism continues to be an issue in Asa Bales Park. Only 3 of the 6 cameras are working in the park. Informatics is taking over the camera project and at the present time is getting quotes to repair and correctly install the equipment so that it is working properly. The police department is keeping an eye on the park as much as possible.

Quaker Park

The irrigation quotes are being presented to you at this meeting for approval. I will bring a recommendation to the Board in October for repairs and converting the splash park.

We will be working this fall on over seeding the turf.

Liberty Park

Williams Creek Consulting will be replacing trees and shrubs this fall.

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