

Westfield Parks and Recreation

Monthly Report

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The month of August was very activity for the Westfield Parks and Recreation Department. The parks projects are about complete. We have some small repairs to make and some grass areas that need to be reworked, but everything else is complete.

We have been working on development plans for Armstrong and Freedom Trails Parks. We want to do some construction in both of these parks, but must go through the Development Plan Review process first.

The maintenance of our parks is continuing. We are feeling better about our plants now that we have had some rain in the area. The new trees are starting to show signs of life again and hopefully will make a full recovery. The spray park is running much better and we seem to have a handle on the operation there. We will be working on the turf in our parks now that fall is coming on. We will be aerating, fertilizing and seeding many areas to improve the condition of the grass and the appearance of our parks.

Our Start Smart classes are continuing to go well. Football is now over and we will be beginning basketball next. We are planning for our fall and winter activities. We will be again offering our Gym and Swim opportunities at the High School. We would also like to offer some family events for the holidays.

The Monon Trail project is ongoing. We have begun the appraisal process and should begin with purchase of property in the next couple of months.

I am continuing to work on the Master Plan. We are still struggling with getting responses to our survey, but are trying to find ways to better publicize it.

I am beginning the process of looking for possible grants for our community. We will be submitting a proposal for Hamilton County Convention and Visitor Bureau's Destination Hamilton County: 2008 grant.

We are continuing to work on the Tree Ordinance for Westfield. I am working with Community Development and Public Works to develop the ordinance. This will all go towards having Westfield declared a Tree City.

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