

Westfield Parks and Recreation

Monthly Report

November 12, 2007

The month of October saw a change in activity for the Westfield Parks and Recreation Department. We have now switched to planning for the next year and getting our plans made for the next few years.

I have moved the park office to Public Works. I am now closer to the maintenance area and am able to have better contact with Scott.

The maintenance of our parks is continuing. We are still mowing grass. We have closed all of the restrooms and the spray park for the season. All of the pipes have been blown out, and antifreeze put into the toilets and sinks to keep from freezing.

Our Start Smart Basketball is now finished and we are looking forward to a new season next year. We will be offering a couple of seasonal activities for the families in the community. We will be offering the Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot, which is a basketball free throw contest for parents and children. This event is being sponsored by Krogers. We will also be offering the children in our community an opportunity to receive a phone call from Santa Claus at Christmas time.

The Monon Trail project is ongoing. The appraisal process is going very well. Butler Fairman and Seufert say they are not having any problems with the property owners and everything is progressing as anticipated.

I am continuing to work on the Master Plan. I have presented it to the Park Advisory Board and am making the changes they have requested. I will be bringing the plan to the council in December for your approval.

I am continuing to work with the Center for Earth and Environmental Science. We have found that both Armstrong and Raymond Worth Parks fall in the project area and we will be working on projects with them.

The Tree Ordinance is complete, and will be coming to council soon. We are also working on a way to preserve more mature trees from developments for public spaces.

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