

Westfield Parks and Recreation

Monthly Report

December 10, 2007

The month of November saw a change in activity for the Westfield Parks and Recreation Department. We have continued to planning for the next year. I have submitted to you the next 5 year Master Plan for the Parks and Recreation Department.

The maintenance of our parks is continuing. We are cleaning up leaves that have fallen. We had a vandalism event at Asa Bales, but the police were able to find the individuals that we believe caused the damage.

Our Start Smart Basketball is now finished and we are looking forward to a new season next year. We will be offering seasonal activities for the families in the community. The Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot, which is a basketball free throw contest had 18 teams participate, and around 60 people watch the event.. 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. We have also been continuing our Gym and Swim program. We are having an increasing number come to use the gym and pool at the High School as we continue to open the facility on Sundays.

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

I have updated the Park Impact Fee. I am bringing the plan to the council in December for first reading.

We have also begun to work on connector trails for the community. We want to be able to fill in the gaps that exist in all of the local trails. We hope that this will make it easier for the community to access many areas of the town.

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