

Park Improvements
Report as of 3-25-10
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Planning continues on several projects.

TRAILS

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

Site visit for the 146th Street Bridge (a Hamilton County Project) was held on Thursday, March 25th. The detour has been determined. For Westfield it will be from the Greyhound Pass Trail Head west along Greyhound Pass (pavement markings on south side) to Oak Ridge Road; South along Oak Ridge Road (west side sidewalk) to 146th Street. In Carmel it will follow Oak Ridge Road to Howe Street; then east to Rohrer Road Trail Head.

Monon Trail North (161st to Midland Trace Trail)

We are waiting on second appraisals for Naas and Kamin. Both will go to condemnation. I am still working with Mr. Monenna and Mr. Avril (Sakrete). The easement discussion with Mr. Beverage and Mr. Hinshaw is in Brian Zaiger's hands. Until the property issues are settled we cannot go out to bid.

Midland Trace Trail

The Clark family signed a Right of Entry (ROE) which is being presented to you for acceptance. I am meeting with Mr. Snow later today and hope to have a signed ROE from them as well. I have legal descriptions on all properties except Newby's and the reroute on Jim Anderson site. We are moving forward with title work and appraisals. York Construction has started clearing.

The Friends Church and Newby's will entertain offers but will not grant ROE.

We will be using the Bridgewater Bridge. Rob Kmetz's is getting competitive quotes for the many items that need to be completed; steel fabrication and replacement of damaged beams; weld repair, concrete decking removed and replace; moving of the bridge; crane to position the bridge. We are working through John Rogers regarding issuing a change order for the existing contract with York for the bridge abutments and pylons or bidding this portion.

We are looking into what it will take to stone the trail east of Carey Road to Gunther. While we have a bulldozer for the Freedom Trail playground project we may be able to clear the Midland Trace Trail east of Carey. This land is in the process of being quit claimed to the City. Depended on the cost we may be able to stone it.

Natalie Wheeler Trail

There is an "unofficial" public meeting schedule for April 6th @ 7PM at City Hall to present the project to those who are interested. Letters were sent to all residence and businesses on Union Street from Penn Street south to David Brown Drive; Also all businesses on Main Street for a block east and west of Union Street. Browning Day and United Engineering will be on hand to answer questions.

PARKS

All playground safety surfaces will be mulched in April.

Freedom Trail Park

The Playground project will begin this month. The install should take up to 4-5 weeks to complete. We will be installing the donated playground at the same time.

Plans for Arbor Day at Freedom Trail Park are finalized. We will be planting 66 trees and giving away 5 different trees and 1 shrub. We do need volunteers.

Events – FYI

Arbor Day Planting and Tree Giveaway – Saturday, April 24th at Freedom Trail Park

Westfield In Bloom Community Plant Day – Saturday, May 1st at Quaker Park

Westfield Rocks the 4th – Sunday, July 4th Asa Bales Park.