

Park Improvements in October  
Report as of 10-21-10  
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## **TRAILS**

### **Monon Trail North (161<sup>st</sup> to Midland Trace Trail/Oak Ridge Road-Phase3)**

A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be going out by the end of October for clearing, grading, stoning and building a necessary retaining wall for Phase 3 of the Monon Trail. We still anticipate an end of the year completion date. When funding is available the trail will be completed with paving, signage and amenities.

### **Monon Trail Reconstruction (South of 161<sup>st</sup> Street)**

A letter was written and a firm deadline of October 22<sup>nd</sup> was given to Yarberry to complete the reconstruction of the Monon Trail that failed. As of this date it appears he will not meet the deadline. The City will be taking additional measures to get this project completed.

### **Midland Trace Trail – Phase 1**

The Clark family came back with a ridiculous counter offer of \$146,650 on the property. Our appraisal was \$18,440. Since we only need 1/3 of the old railroad right of way we had a new legal description written and are in the process of having a new appraisal for that piece. We will make them an offer for that property as soon as it is prepared. All property has been purchased except the Clark site. The remainder of the work on phase 1 has come to a standstill and we are pushing the contractor to finish the project by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Midland Trace Trail – Phase 2 (the Bridge)**

Today October 21<sup>st</sup> the bridge will be placed in position. It will take about two week for Gibraltar to finish the project. Both phase 1 and phase 2 should be completed by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Natalie Wheeler Trail**

Bid opening is Friday, October 22, 2010

### **Grand Junction Trail**

Final punch list items are being finished on the Grand Junction Trail (South Union Street). We have required the subcontractor, Smock Fansler chip or grind all cobbles that have more than a ¼ inches dip or rise. This was called out in the spec and is an ADA standard that must be complied to. They will have additional work on some brick areas as well. Once started this work may take more than 2 weeks.

On your agenda today is a Disclosure Statement regarding Jeremy Miller, Park Employee and Robin Miller, owner of Tree Huggers Landscaping. Tree Huggers was awarded a contract for landscaping work on the Grand Junction Trail with the lowest bid. The work will be completed before this meeting takes place. Jeremy and I will be available to answer any questions you might have.

## **PARKS**

### **Freedom Trail Park**

The fall planting of the Sensory Gardens was installed on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> (In the rain) by Westfield Rotary volunteers. All went well. The additional planting will be done in the spring. New benches and a bike rack will be installed this month.

### **Simon Moon Park**

The sledding hill was hydro seeded on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The hill is a demo site for a new mulch product supplied by D2 and North America Green. In the spring the hill will be landscaped. The hill will not be open to the public until early summer 2011.

We are partnering with the Library to bring to the community Fire Side Tales. We have hosted two. With the fire ban we have not had any fires but the Council Circle is a great location for this activity. Last week we had over 30 in attendance. The last fall Fire Side Tale is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

### **Quaker Park**

On Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> we opened the Born Learning Trail on the Midland Trace Trail in Quaker Park. This early learning instructional trail includes signage and trail stencils for activities to be done with care givers and young children. This trail was made possible through a partnership with the United Way and donations from M&I Bank.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

A RFP will be going out in November for a new 5 Year Parks Master Plan.