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To: Westfield Board of Works

From: Melody Jones

CC: Todd Burtron

Date: September 20, 2012

RE: Park Improvements as of September 2012

Dear Board Members:

The Parks and Recreation Department is welcoming the cooler weather and looking forward to completing some projects before it gets too cold.

**PARKS**

**Asa Bales**

All tree stumps have been ground; topped with top soil and seeded.

We experienced our first sink hole. It was located at the east entrance to the park. Due to the very dry soil conditions the ground opened up around the old building foundation. The maintenance staff backfilled with stone. Additional exploratory digging was done to see if we would have other areas fail. At this time we believe we are okay. Additional grading will be done.

The park has been aerated and seeded.

**Freedom Trail**

The two playground replacement parts have been installed.

We have experienced some tree vandalism in the park. This incident happened during weekend football and we have asked the WYSI board to address this issue with their families and coaches.

The park has been aerated and seeded.

### **Old Friends Cemetery**

The eight new interpretive sign panels have been installed in the park.

We have two trees under warranty in the park that will be replaced by Becker Landscaping in the fall.

The park has been aerated and seeded.

### **Quaker**

The retrofitting of the splash park controls was completed this month prior to shutting down the splash park for the season.

Staff is working on a new landscaping plan for four beds next to shelters for next year.

The park has been aerated and seeded.

### **TRAILS**

Safety gates have been installed on the Natalie Wheeler Trail, the Monon Trail and the Midland Trace Trail.

#### **Cool Creek Trail**

The seven new trail identification signs have been installed.

#### **Monon Trail**

Construction of the Monon Trail pedestrian bridge over 146<sup>th</sup> Street is on schedule. Reith Riley Construction is the contractor for this Hamilton County project. The detour is going well.

VS Engineering has finished with their plans for Phase 3A (drainage work and paving from 161<sup>st</sup> Street to Oak Ridge Road). The estimated cost for the project is \$224,000. We are in the process of appraising and making an offer on the last parcel. We plan to go out to bid in the spring once this property has been acquired.

We have determined the remaining phases for the Monon Trail. They are:

Phase #4 – Custom Concrete to State Road 32 including a bridge over the Anna Kendall

- Property is being acquired

Phase #5 – Monon Trail Bridge over State Road 32

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- A TE Grant application has been submitted for the engineering of the bridge

Phase #6 – State Road 32 to 191<sup>st</sup> Street

- Three existing TE Grants will be used to fund this project
- Projected completion date fall of 2014

Phase #7 – 191<sup>st</sup> Street to 206<sup>th</sup> Street

Phase #8 – 206<sup>th</sup> Street to 216<sup>th</sup> Street

### **Midland Trace Trail**

The section of the Midland east of Carey Road has been cleared and made passable for walking to Gunther Ave.

We have not received the Quit Claim from Kroger at this time. We are in communications with their home office.

Noblesville is beginning their land acquisition for the Midland Trace east of Gray Road.

Three sections of the Midland Trace west of Springmill Road are being installed by the developers of Maple Knoll Apartments, Herman & Kittle and Sonoma.

### **Special Events or Programs**

#### **Westfield in Bloom (WIB)**

**The Heritage Committee** hosted 437 people at the Voices from the Past performances on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

We are partnering with Westfield Library to bring three different Fire Side Tales event at Simon Moon Park. The next one is October 10<sup>th</sup>.

We are partnering with City Spring Church to bring a “Movie in the Park” event to Asa Bales Park, Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Show time is 7PM. The movie will be Dr. Seuss’ “The Lorax”. Hope you will bring your families.

Plans are in place to sign nine bicycle loops and two bike lines in Westfield. The department will provide on line maps and information for loops as small as 3.5 miles, all the way up to 33.3 miles. And a brochure will be printed.

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