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To: Westfield Board of Works

From: Melody Jones

CC: Todd Burtron

Date: May 21, 2013

RE: Park Improvements as of May 2013

Dear Board Members:

The Parks & Recreation Department's major focus this month continues to be getting the Main Street Facility finished and ready for the Open House on May 30th. You should have received your invitation. We hope to see you all at the ribbon cutting at 6PM that evening.

With the entire maintenance staff (5 people) working non-stop on the Main Street Facility we are behind on all other, in house, spring projects.

The downtown planters and hanging flower baskets were completed this week. We think they add a wonderful touch of purple to the City.

Irrigation will be turned on at all site in the next two weeks.

PARKS

Grand Junction Park/Plaza

Fluid Waste has completed the scoping of the sewer lines, so we have actuate information on the shut off locations. We are waiting on the final report on the asbestos tests. The Westfield Fire Department has requesting the use of the buildings for training in June. We will send out a RFP for demolition when the asbestos report comes in, with plans to demolish the six buildings in July.

Quaker Park

Arbor Day was hosted at Quaker Park. We planted 49 large trees. We had 28 volunteers that completed the planting in less than two hours. Five Hundred seedlings were given away.

We hosted Westfield in Bloom Community Plant Day at Quaker Park last Saturday. We had 20 volunteers. We planted over 7 thousand petunias at Quaker and in Asa Bales Park.

This Saturday we will open the Splash Park at Quaker Park.

Asa Bales Park

Eagle Scout, John Semler has completed his covered swing project at Asa Bales Park.

TRAILS

Monon Trail

This Friday morning Hamilton County Highway will host the ribbon cutting for the 146th Street Monon Bridge. The event will take place on the bridge at 10AM. I hope you can attend.

161st Street Tunnel:

United Consulting is finalizing plans for the tunnel project. We had a utility coordination meeting with Duke Energy and hope they will approve and move forward with temporary overhead power line relocation to meet the project schedule.

Monon Phase 6 and 7

We are finalizing the contract with DLZ for the Monon Trail project north of State Road 32. This project includes several phases and will be partially funded with Federal Transportation Enhancement Grants. We are also seeking the Bicentennial Nature Trust Grant to help with land acquisition.

Contract approval for the DES #0900029 is on your agenda today for approval. Please refer to the agenda item for more details.

Monon Phase 3A

At this time we are in the process of purchasing the Monon corridor along the old Sacrete property as well as a section of land from Westfield LLC (Custom Concrete). Both properties are south of State Road 32 and will complete that section of the Monon Trail. Monon Phase 3A is the paving of the stone section of the trail from 161st Street to Quaker Park. This project has been designed and engineered. As Park Impact Fees become available we will move ahead with this project.

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OTHER PROJECTS/EVENTS

Safe Routes to School

The RFP for the Safe Routes to School Plan for Oak Trace Elementary School were submitted on May 15. We had six submittals. The Advisory Committee will be rating each company over the next 2 weeks. We are looking forward to working with the school, the advisory committee and the consultants on creating a Safe Routes to School plan for Oak Trace that we can then duplicate for the other elementary schools.

Bike to School Day, on May 8th went very well at both Oak Trace and Washington Woods Elementary Schools. Thanks to the Mayor for coming out and supporting the event with the students at Washington Woods.

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