**Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department**

**Website – Capital Improvement Narratives**

The following are capital improvement projects that are planned for the coming year at the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department parks and facilities.

**Improvements to the following facilities and parks:**

* Fort Wayne’s newest park Promenade Park has started construction. The Pavilion is taking shape with exterior walls, roof structure and roofing materials being completed. The sheet piling in the river has been installed and dewatering is occurring. Site construction is underway on the south bank to construct the riverfront terrace and boat launch areas.
* Request for Qualifications for design work for Phases 2 & 3 of Riverfront Development was released and a team is in the process of selecting a design firm team for the project.
* Franklin School Park is complete and experience great success with renters of the pavilion.
* The Freimann Square lighting improvement project is nearing completion with the installation of new lighting throughout the park.
* The 2018 Park Paving Improvement project is making significant progress with new paving being completed in Memorial, Reservoir, and Salomon Parks.
* The McMillen Park stone monument sign construction is nearly complete at the entrance to the park off Oxford Street.
* Reservoir Park has received many updates with the replacement of the concrete sidewalk around the perimeter of the pond, a new parking lot, and new site lighting. The pond project is nearing completion and the parking lot and lights are beginning construction and should be complete by the end of June.
* Salomon Farm Park has a couple of big projects in progress. The learning center is approximately 60% complete with the construction of an addition that will more than double the size of the building. This project is scheduled for completion by July. The homestead house is under construction with a complete remodel to return the house to its original 1930’s design. The basement reconstruction is nearing completion and contractors will be progressing to the exterior improvements next.
* Bank Stabilization project work occurring on the riverbanks of the St. Mary’s River at the Old Fort and Headwaters Parks is nearing completion. Work has completed at the Old Fort and contractors are gearing up to move construction over to the Headwaters Park side.
* A new pathway was constructed connecting the fishing pier at Johnny Appleseed Park with the parking lot adjacent to the dog park.
* Construction is underway at five different parks for various playground improvements. New playground equipment is being installed in Hamilton, Lions, Camp Allen, Johnny Appleseed, and Kreager Parks. All equipment is scheduled to be completed by June.
* Improvements to the performer areas of the Foellinger Theatre are complete and the first show of the 2018 season has used the new area successfully.
* The department has partnered with Allen County Parks and Recreation and New Haven Parks and Recreation to update our Master Plans. The draft of the master plan has been presented to the Board of Park Commissioners and approved.
* Improvements to the Spy Run Creek in Franke Park are scheduled to begin in June and progress through the summer.
* Construction has begun at Packard Park converting the existing tennis courts to new Futsall courts. This project should be complete in June.
* Working in conjunction with the Fort Wayne Police Department on a new canine training facility off of Harris Road. This property is part of Franke Park and will house an indoor and outdoor training facility. Construction has begun and should be complete by July.

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