



Planning and Development Update

Presentation to the Board of Park Commissioners
Nov. 3, 2021



Playground Contract 2021



2021 Playgrounds

Swallowtail Park, Norman Clayton Park, and Orchard Ridge Park playground replacements are proceeding on schedule and will be completed this year. Eken Park and the Nature Play Area at Elvehjem Park have both been delayed to 2022, due to supply chain issues. Parks has been waiting up to 16 weeks for delivery of items that used to take 6 to 8 weeks.



Park Paving Contract 2021



New full size basketball court at Badger Park



Reconstructed paved path at Wingra Park

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The 2021 Park Paving Contract is progressing. The dry and warm weather of the recent weeks has allowed work to continue into the fall. The reconstructed path at Wingra was completed a few weeks ago. Parks staff worked closely with the contractor and Forestry staff to protect two large oaks located at the Arbor Drive end of the park. Badger Park now has a full size basketball court, replacing the 1/2 at the request of students at Badger Rock School.

Orchard Ridge Park will have a new circular paved path in keeping with the master plan that was completed in 2019, providing the neighborhood children with a safe place race Big Wheels and learn to ride a bike. Country Grove Park and Orlando Bell Park paved paths are being reconstructed to solve a long-standing drainage problems.

What has been completed:

Baxter Park Basketball Court Replacement
Badger Park Basketball Court Replacement
ADA Path replacement at Walnut Grove
Wingra Park Path Replacement
Orlando Bell Path Replacement
Odana School drainage improvements and path

What is in progress right now:

Marlborough BB Court and Path replacement
Tenney Park BB Court replacement
Country Grove Park path replacement

What is remaining:

Orchard Ridge Path installation, bio retention, and playground paving

Pop Up Park at Warner's SE Corner (photos with actual stuff?)



Pop-up park at Warner Park:

We discussed this effort last month, but we did not have much installed in the park at the time. This month we can report that we have installed a ga-ga ball pit, two grills, several picnic tables, a small nature play and a park bench.

Wheel Spot at Warner Park



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As you recall, last summer Madison Parks developed an MOU with Madison Skateboard Fund which allows volunteers to build and maintain a “wheel spot” on an abandoned piece of asphalt in Warner Park. The asphalt used to be a bleacher pad, but we long ago abandoned the softball field it served due to lack of use. The volunteers are wrapping up their work and the spot should be open for skating this fall yet. In the spring of 2022 Parks Construction Crews will work with the volunteer group to finish the edges with a grassy berm.



Aldo Leopold Pump Track



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Parks staff has worked with a contractor to design and develop plans for an asphalt pump track and skills course at Aldo Leopold Park. The issuance and review of the RFP was conducted in early 2021 and a contractor was selected. Work on developing construction plans has taken place and construction started on site in September. The contractor is currently working to complete the pump track portion of the project by October 31st. Due to material delays and the end of construction season approaching, the skills track will be completed in Spring 2022.

The work in 2021 delivered on a long standing desire from our community and the biggest component of the project will be open for riding starting in November 2021. The completion of the skills track will provide additional features and skill building opportunities for younger and inexperienced riders. By receiving a grant from Dane County, Parks hopes to continue to build on the momentum of the pump track at Leopold Park by adding additional single trail and features in 2022.



McPike Park Skate Park Crack Filling



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Crack repairs at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman skatepark in McPike Park are scheduled for completion on October 15th. The work requires closing the facility for two days and includes cleaning and filling existing cracks in the skate surface to prevent water and ice intrusion.



Memorial Benches in the Parks



Memorial Benches

Madison Parks Foundation, Planning and Development and Parks Operations staff installed several memorial benches this year. Parks such as Wingra, Warner, Tenney and Hillington Green and others received new benches. Tenney Park, received three set of new bike racks thanks to a generous donation. Thanks goes to the Parks Operations staff for their extra efforts to get these benches installed for family events remembering their loved ones.

Elver Park Wisconsin Youth Co. Mural



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In July of 2021, the BPC approved a request by the Wisconsin Youth Co. to place a mural on the Elver Park picnic shelter. In August of this year, the mural was ready and, with help from operations staff, the mural was installed.