

SUPERINTENDENT'S MAY 2017 REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Parks Superintendent's Monthly Report Summary

April / May 2017

- A groundbreaking ceremony for Allied Park is planned for 4:30pm on Thursday, May 11. The new Allied Park has been planned and designed in collaboration with the community with a focus on youth engagement.
- Forestry in partnership with the Madison Canopy Street Trees celebrated Arbor Week with a tree planting celebration on Friday, May 5.
- 1,272 volunteers participated in the Earth Day Challenge on Saturday, April 22 cleaning up 31 parks.
- The 5th annual Bird & Nature Festival, held at Warner Park on Sunday, April 16 attracted 892 visitors with over 20 partnering organizations.
- Shelters and restrooms are now open 7 days a week.
- OBG participated in MMOCA's Gallery Night on Friday, May 5 with Zoethica, bioinspired art, which continues through August 6.
- Cemetery staff and consultants are working on a design and required permits that will address infrastructure needs at the cemetery. Improvements will include the irrigation system upgrades, storm water management improvements and reconstruction of the road system in the cemetery. Phase 1 improvements have been advertised for bid. The City expects to select a contractor and start work in July.
- As data collection and engagement continues for the 2018 – 2022 Park and Open Space Plan, staff is working with the University of Wisconsin Department of Landscape Architecture to hold six (6) focus group discussions with groups and community organizations including the Madison Senior Center, Kennedy Heights Community Center, North East Senior Coalition, Badger Rock Neighborhood Center, Meadowood Community Center, and East Madison Community Center.
- Ride the Drive 2017 was announced for Sunday, July 16 and plans for a more park-focused event include activities at Brittingham, Olin and Law parks.

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR.

April proved to be a wet and busy month for our staff. It's the time of year when weather changes and people get out into the parks again. We've completed installing garbage cans, picnic tables, and benches into all of our parks. Our Arborist Crew is assisting Forestry with the spring planting. We have 16 soccer fields installed and have 3 more to do in a couple of weeks. The shelters and bathrooms have been thoroughly cleaned and are now open 7 days a week. We hosted many Earth Day Projects and had over 100 people help pick up trash, mulch beds, pull invasives, and help make our parks look great. Thank you volunteers! High school softball started and MSCR's season will begin soon. We've been assessing field conditions and applying spring fertilizer as necessary. Mowing operations have started early this year. Grass, in many places, is already growing quite quickly. We've been mowing when we can and string trimming when it's been too wet and rainy.

We've already begun calling seasonal employees back to get ready for the busy mowing season that is approaching very quickly. Over half of our seasonal staff is new this year. It will be challenging to get everybody trained and ready to work on their own, however, I'm confident we hired the best candidates for the job. We've started our weekend operations to make sure facilities are clean and ready for reservations. It's a busy time of year, but we've all been looking forward to it.

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE – CHAD HUGHES, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks:

With almost 2 more inches of rain than average, April was a wet and challenging month for maintenance. We started out the month by welcoming our first new Parks Worker on board. She will remain with us until the end of June before moving on to a new section for training. We also have had a number of our seasonal staff start over the course of the last few weeks, just in time to start our mowing operations full time. Our LMW's have spent the whole month staking out locations and planting trees. Soccer, baseball and softball have all started, keeping us busy with athletic field maintenance. We have also had a chance to work on field renovations and fertilizations on our more heavily used parks. Reservations have started at all our shelters also which means shelter cleaning crews and the garbage truck are now operating 7 days a week.

Looking ahead to May we will be ramping up all summer operations as things get busier. Our LMW's will finish tree planting around mid month and move on to beautification projects. Athletic events will increase in number keeping us busy prepping fields. Mowing, pruning, weeding and string trimming will be a large part of duties. We will also spend some time working on the pool and the beaches making sure they are ready for opening day. Some of our student staff will trickle in as school ends to fill out our remaining seasonal positions. Reservations will increase also as the month goes along with people scheduling graduation parties. May will be a busy time in Madison Parks!

Mall Concourse:

Wet and cool describes the weather for the last part of April before the Mall Concourse starts to get busy with events. The Farmer's Market has returned, and even with the cool weather, the downtown has been flooded with people. The Farmer's Market Food Court has also returned, due to the Capitol Square construction that has displaced food vending carts. Numerous food carts have been placed on Mifflin St. to enliven the Saturday's Market. Combined with the Crazylegs event the past weekend, the Capitol Square was full of people.

The annual powerwashing sidewalks program also started in the month of April. During 2017, the Capitol Square and side street sidewalks will be powerwashed throughout the warmer months. The sidewalks have been noticeably cleaner as we start the 4th year of the program. Warmer weather also has meant more landscaping tasks that can be completed. Mulching landscape beds, pruning, and overseeding lawns have kept the crew busy this month. Mowing operations have started once again, but due to the Capitol Square construction, only half of the Square will be mowed weekly.

In May, events continue with the Syttende Mai run, as well as BID programming beginning at the Top of State Street and Peace Park. The Madison Night Market also makes its debut in May, with a Gilman Street Night Market full of vendors—which should be exciting.

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

Forest Hill Cemetery:

April's rainfall ended up about 1.5" above normal, so we're starting May on a soggy note. Fortunately the rainfall late in the month was accompanied by cooler than usual temperatures, but as it warms up we're going to be seeing some fantastic grass growth and it will be very difficult to keep up. Staff is still laying boards for all work within the sections, and this will continue until the ground dries out considerably.

We expect that sod will become available very soon so that we can sod last winter's graves. If this rain keeps up we won't have to do much supplemental watering; mowing will be the challenge.

We have a new flower garden volunteer in the large garden in Section 50. It seems to be just him working alone in the garden, but he seems to have good ideas and we're doing what we can to support him. This involves hauling away all his plant waste, assisting with weed control, and delivering mulch if he needs it.

In regular cemetery business, during the month of April there were eight full-size burials and five cremains burials. There were also five full-size lots sold.

Summit Maintenance:

Summit staff has all of our equipment back from winter storage and staff out cutting whenever and whatever they can. We started with medians, but we're now mowing in the parks as well. Some areas of some parks are just too wet to cut right now with our gang mowers (the mowers sink and get stuck in the soft ground), but we're cutting where we can with what we can and we'll have to go back when things dry out to cut the longer grass. We're also doing some string trimming on days when it's too wet to mow. As always, keeping up with the grass growth is very challenging at this time of year.

Athletic fields have had to be closed on several days due to wet conditions, which is unpopular with user groups. We're nearing the softball season and we're doing lots of prep work on the diamonds at Elver. We've also been discussing the "fugitive dust" problem and have come up with some strategies to limit dust production when we drag softball infields.

We will be contracting for some hydroseeding to be done on the hillside between the Marshall Park shelter and Lake Mendota. The slope is relatively steep and we think that this process, in which mulch, water-holding polymers, and soil amendments are sprayed onto the slope along with the seed, will result in vegetation that will grow quickly and hold the soil on the slope. With the Construction Section's help, we'll also be adding some boulders to the top of the hill.

Also at Marshall, there is a lot of new activity around the old bath house. It's leased as a boat concession this summer, and it's likely that there will also be a café, a patio area, and some new outdoor furniture on the patio and rooftop. We're excited to see how this re-energizes this quiet and underutilized corner of the park with wonderful lake views.

Shelters have opened, trash barrels are out, and we have daily shelter cleaning and trash pickup crew going out. It's beginning to feel like summer. The rest of our seasonals will be arriving in May, mostly in the 3rd and 4th weeks.

CONSERVATION – PAUL QUINLAN, SUPERVISOR

Conservation staff continued to take full advantage of the spring burn season in April, and burned an additional 240 acres beyond the 90 acres that were accomplished in March. Burns were conducted in April at Cherokee Marsh, Heritage Prairie, Owen, Prairie Ridge, Turville Point, and Warner Park. At Cherokee Marsh, two large burn units (>80 acres each) incorporating the marsh habitat along the Yahara River were burned. Our average burn crew doubled in size this spring, thanks to continued help from other sections (the three general parks sections assisted in March, and Forestry assisted in April), and on-boarding of seasonal Conservation Workers and permanent Parks Workers in April.

Other work this month included garlic mustard control at Edna Taylor and Owen, fence repair at Heritage Sanctuary, trail maintenance at Elver, Owen and Turville Point, buckthorn removal at Stricker's Pond and seed installation at North Cherokee Marsh. Requests for quotes were released for several contract spraying jobs slated for this spring at Cherokee Marsh.

An Operation Fresh Start crew began working for us on April 17, and completed several tasks at Cherokee Marsh, including removing obsolete fences and tree cages, and replacing water bars on the hiking trail.

I led the first Conservation Park tour of this year on April 19 at Heritage Sanctuary. Ten people attended, and only two had ever been to that park before. Lisa and I met with representatives from the Friends of Olin-Turville on April 21 to share our plans for Turville Point and to develop a list of projects for youth from Briar Patch who will be working for Parks this summer. We anticipate that members of FOOT will provide some historical and ecological interpretation by leading hikes for the youth. The Friends of Cherokee Marsh helped with Parks' Earth Day Challenge on April 22 by hosting a garlic mustard pull at North Cherokee Marsh, which more than 30 people attended.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Visitor comment:

“...the volunteer on duty (in the Bolz Conservatory) Saturday, April 1, was very knowledgeable + helped answer several questions. What a beautiful place to visit.” Jenny S. Oshkosh, WI 4/1/2017

March 2017 Numbers

| OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants) | 2017 | 2016 | Previous 5 yrs avg |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| March 1 - 31 | 18,382 | 18,000 | 18,543 |
| YTD March 31 | 50,342 | 44,135 | |
| OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited) | | | |
| | YTD 3/31/17 | YTD 3/31/16 | |
| Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD | \$10,787 | \$13,718 | |
| Room Rentals YTD* | \$35,966 | \$35,548 | |
| Catering Percentage Revenue YTD** | \$2,500 | \$3,305 | |
| TOTAL YTD | \$49,253 | \$52,571 | |

*accrued at time of booking – up to 21 months before the rental date, ** accrued on a monthly basis following each catered rental

May 2017 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call **608-246-4550** for more information or visit www.olbrich.org/events

Zoethica, bioinspired art by Peter Krsko and his UW-Madison students, Friday, May 5, 5 - 9 pm for MMOCA's Gallery Night – then daily through August 6

Dahlia Tuber Sale Sunday, 5/7, 11:30 - 2 pm *or while supplies last*

Olbrich's Plant Sale with the Pros Early Bird Shopping, Friday, May 12, 9 – 11 am

Olbrich's Plant Sale with the Pros, May 12 & 13 - Friday, 11 am – 5 pm, Saturday, 9 am – 3 pm

Mother's Day Concert, Sunday, 5/14 from 2 – 3 pm featuring New Horizons Band

Bonsai Show by Badger Bonsai Society, Sat, 5/20 9 am – 4:30 pm and Sun, 5/21, 10 am – 4:30 pm

Madison Poetry Annual, Sun, 5/21, 1 – 4 pm

Education – May 2017 classes and programs 608/246-4550 for information/registration or visit <http://www.olbrich.org/education/classes.cfm>

Botany Explorer is ongoing with six sessions each week (a morning session and an afternoon session on Tues, Wed, Thu) through June 1. This schedule allows for the shared space to be available for rentals on Fridays and the weekends. Botany Explorer introduces students to the basic structure of plants and the function of seeds, stems, leaves, and flowers. It also includes a guided tour through the tropical conservatory. (K-3 grades). All available time slots are booked except for one remaining session.

Garden Walks

Spring Shrub Walk, Sunday, May 7 1:30 – 3 pm

Art in the Gardens Walk, Wed, May 10, 6 – 7:30 pm

LED Landscape Lighting Lecture & Walk: Enhancing Landscapes with Color-Changing Lighting, Thu, May 11, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Sumptuous Containers Walk, Tues, May 23, 6:30 – 8 pm

Pollinator-Friendly Spring Plants Walk, Thursday, May 25, 6:30 – 8 pm

Wellness at the Gardens

Gentle Kripalu Hatha Yoga, 5 Mondays, Mar 6 – Apr 10, 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm (new session begins April 17)

Tai Chi Meditation, Mondays March 27 – May 22, 6 – 7 pm

Wild Food & Wild Medicine – Hands-on, Interactive, and Fun! Sun, May 7, 10 am – 4 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Gardening for Hummingbirds, Wed, May 3, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Color Strategies, Sat, May 6, 10 am – 4 pm

Floral Pastel Interpretations, Sun, May 7, 10 am – 4 pm

Acrylic – the New Watercolor, Friday – Sunday, May 12 – 14, 9 am – 4 pm

Ornamental Container Gardens Workshop, Wed, May 24, 6:30 – 8:30

Caterpillars Are a Good Thing in Your Butterfly Garden, Wed, May 24, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Learn & Play Together

Toddler Story & Stroll: (ages 2 – 4 with an adult)

Stories by Kevin Henkes

Birds, Friday, May 5, 10 – 11 am

A Good Day, Friday, May 12, 1 – 11 am

My Garden, Friday, May 19, 10 – 11 am

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

| Forestry Section | Total Trees | Total Hours |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cycle Pruning | 124 | 74.5 |
| Pruned by Request | 45 | 78 |
| Small Tree Pruning Cycle | 212 | 73.5 |
| Tree Removal | 19 | 106 |
| Ash Preemptive Removals | 12 | 87.5 |
| Storm Work/Hangers | | 25.5 |

The east unit was able to put some significant time into small tree cycle pruning. Also east unit continued ash preemptive removals in the east moorland neighborhood. The west unit was able to put in time for cycle pruning. On April 10th spring planting began. The rest of the month was filled with tree planting.

Forestry specialists have been preparing for spring planting by checking underground utility conflicts with planting sites. For the upcoming engineering reconstruction season they are assisting design engineers to lessen impacts construction impacts to street trees. Specialists have also been reviewing street tree impacts for engineering's Sidewalk Program in aldermanic district 15 and 17. Private developments require forestry specialists to review the proposed plan as it relates to street tree removal and/or replacement. Building Inspection calls for private tree issues has also picked up. Forestry specialist also assist in monitoring gypsy moth egg hatch and reporting that information to the DNR in order to determine the best time to schedule gypsy moth aerial spray

COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMARY – CLAIRE OLEKSIK

| Parks Division: Recreation Services | | | | | | | |
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| Tracey Hartley, Recreation Services Coordinator | | | | | | | |
| Travis Steuber, Recreation Services Assistant | | | | | | | |
| Event | Date | Time | Location | Partnering Org./ Volunteer | # Enrolled | Ppl. Attend-ed | Additional Notes |
| Learn To Events | | | | | | | |
| Learn to Stargaze | Monday, April 10 | 8:00pm - 9:00pm | Elvhjem Park - 1202 Painted Post Dr. | UW Space Place | 35 | 22 | |
| Learn to Stargaze | Monday, September 18 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | James Madison Park - 614 E. Gorham St. | UW Space Place | 9 | | |
| Learn to Stargaze | Monday, October 9 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Rennebohm Park - 115 N. Eau Claire Ave. | UW Space Place | 7 | | |
| Promotional Events | | | | | | | |
| NONE | | | | | | | |
| Volunteer Events | | | | | | | |
| Earth Day Challenge | Saturday, April 22 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Volunteers helped clean up 31 City of Madison Parks | | 1,272 | | Up from 550 volunteers in 2016 |
| Flower Garden Program | Flower Plant Pick-up May 10th | 10:00am - 1:00pm | Various City of Madison parks | | | | Currently 14 confirmed gardens at 13 parks. |
| Other Upcoming/Past Events | | | | | | | |
| Bird & Nature Festival | Sunday, April 16 | 1:00pm - 4:00pm | Warner Park - 2930 N. Sherman Ave | | 892 | | Attendance up from approx 400 in 2016. Bounce House, hayrides, 2 presentations by Raptor Education Group Inc. (REGI), Egg hunt, Facepainting, 2 Food Carts (Pots N Tots & Jakarta Café), Live Music |
| Conservation Park Tour | Wednesday, April 19 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Heritage Sanctuary - 625 Meadowlark Dr. | | 10 | | |

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| Pickleball Lessons | Every Thursday June 15 - July 6 | Ses. 1: 5:30 - 6:30pm Ses. 2: 6:30 - 7:30pm | Garner Park Pickleball Courts - 333 S. Rosa Rd. | Ses. 1: 3 Ses. 2: 3 | Volunteer Instructors: Roxie & Jerry Gottsacker |
| Dinner & A Swim | Friday, June 23 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Goodman Pool - 325 W. Olin Ave | Magic 98 | Food Carts (Pots N Tots, Jakarta Café, Melted, The Looking Glass Bakery) & Giveaways from Magic 98 |
| Pickleball Lessons | Every Thursday July 13 - Aug. 3 | Ses. 3: 5:30 - 6:30pm Ses. 4: 6:30 - 7:30pm | Garner Park Pickleball Courts - 333 S. Rosa Rd. | Volunteer Instructors : Roxie & Jerry Gottsacker Ses. 3: 2 Ses. 4: 2 | |
| Dinner & A Swim | Friday, July 14 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Goodman Pool - 325 W. Olin Ave | Magic 98 | Food Carts (Gourmet Kettle Corn, SoHo Gourmet Cuisine, Noosh Food Cart, Café Costa Rica) & Giveaways from Magic 98 |
| Ride The Drive | Sunday, July 16 | 10:00am - 2:00pm | Brittingham Park, Olin Park & Law Park/ John Nolen Drive | | New date & route this year |
| Pickleball Lessons | Every Thursday Aug. 10 - Aug. 31 | Ses. 5: 5:00 - 6:00pm Ses. 6: 6:00 - 7:00pm | Garner Park Pickleball Courts - 333 S. Rosa Rd. | Ses. 5: 1 Ses. 6: 0 | Volunteer Instructors: Roxie & Jerry Gottsacker |
| Dinner & A Swim | Friday, August 18 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Goodman Pool - 325 W. Olin Ave | Magic 98 | Food Carts (Kona Ice, Toast, Silk Road, Gourmet FIB's of Madison) & Giveaways from Magic 98 |

Customer Service/Front Desk – Joanne Austin

| Annual and Daily Permits Processed | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|-------|--------------------|--------|-------|--------------------|--------|-------|--|
| 2017 Totals, as of 05/01/2017* | | | 2016 Totals | | | 2015 Totals | | | |
| | Annual | Daily | | Annual | Daily | | Annual | Daily | |
| Disc Golf | 478 | 412 | Disc Golf | 1,443 | 6,174 | Disc Golf | 1,420 | 7,195 | |
| Dog | 5,945 | 208 | Dog | 8,270 | 588 | Dog | 7,162 | 547 | |
| Lake | 1,380 | 64 | Lake | 4,322 | 5,207 | Lake | 4,099 | 5,159 | |
| XC Ski | 1,325 | 416 | XC Ski | 1,318 | 486 | XC Ski | 1,266 | 548 | |

*Parks began processing 2017 annual permits on December 1, 2016. Purchasing permits online has been a huge success.

| Gift Certificates Processed By Year | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| 58 (\$2,176) | 137 (\$9,585) | 200 (\$8,306) |

2017 Reservation Information (Shelters and Athletics):

- Parks currently has a total of 777 main shelter reservations in 2017.
- 240 of these main shelter reservations have been made online!
- 2017 shelter reservations currently intends to accommodate 565,732 people (special event shelter reservations are included in this number).
- Parks currently has 86 Picnic Shelter reservations in 2017, with Orton Park and Warner Park’s two picnic shelters being the most often reserved.
- Athletic Reservations are going strong! We currently have nearly 6,000 athletic reservations entered in 2017 and the number keeps increasing! This includes reservations for baseball, basketball, cricket, flag football, la crosse, pickleball, softball, tennis football and volleyball!
- *PLAY MADISON PARKS!!*

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2017 Canoe/Kayak Storage and Mooring:

- Madison Parks has 284 canoe/kayak storage locations. Of which, there are currently only 28 remaining vacant spaces.
- Madison Parks has 24 mooring agreements in place. These are primarily renewing customers. Two returning customers still intend to renew their agreements. This leaves just one vacant mooring location available.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – JANET SCHMIDT

**Bowman Field Baseball Backstop Netting Poles – South Side
Status: Pending Construction**

The replacement of the Bowman baseball diamond backstop was originally scheduled to start in early May with completion by April 12, 2017. The Parks Division is in the process of terminating the contract with Containment Systems and awarding the work to the subsequent low bidder, Joe Daniels Construction. The work will be rescheduled to occur in the fall of 2017 to avoid the up-coming baseball season.

**Forest Hill Cemetery – Near West Side
Status: Out for Bid**

Cemetery staff and consultants are working on a design and required permits that will address infrastructure needs at the cemetery. Improvements will include the irrigation system upgrades, storm water management improvements and reconstruction of the road system in the cemetery. Phase 1 improvements have been advertised for bid. The City expects to select a contractor and start work in July.

Central Park – Near East Side**Status: Planning**

The City is working with WisDOT and FHWA on acquiring properties located on E. Wilson and Baldwin Streets which would complete the land acquisition for that quadrant of the park. Funds are available from a federal earmark, which would pay for the majority of the land costs. Acquisition of the properties is anticipated in late spring or early summer of 2017.

Improvements to Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park – North Unit – North Side**Status: Construction Complete**

Final work on the lay-down of gravel for the parking lot & walking path were completed at the end of April, followed by restoration seeding and mulching of the entire site with a prairie mix selected by Conservation staff.

Garver Feed Mill – East Side**Status: Design**

Parks staff continues to work with the development team to resolve issues and work on obtaining final zoning approvals. City staff has contracted with SCS Engineers to provide environmental services including soil sampling and a material management plan for managing the contaminated soils on the site.

Tenney Park Shoreline – Near East Side**Status: Construction**

Landscaping and invasive plant removal along the shoreline began in April of 2016. Hundreds of shrubs, acres of native seed, tens of thousands of native wetland and savannah herbaceous plants, and over 150 new trees were planted in April, May and June of 2016. Invasive plant removals will continue through December 2017, along with dormant native seeding.

Brittingham Park Accessible Playground – Isthmus/Central**Status: Construction**

The contract was awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes who submitted a bid of \$237,549.45. Construction on the project is anticipated to begin in mid-June 2017 and to be completed by early September.

Brittingham Park Community Garden Playground – Isthmus/Central**Status: Pending Construction**

Plans and specs for this project are currently out to bid and are anticipated to be opened on May 5th as part of the 2017 – Group 2 contract. Work is anticipated to begin on the contract in mid-June.

Allied Park Improvements – South Side**Status: Out for Bid**

The contract to construct the open-sided sun shelter has been awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes, Inc. The installation of the playground is currently out to bid as part of the 2017 Playgrounds Group 2 contract, followed closely by the bid for the installation of the park's main path and basketball court, anticipated to be bid in May. The acrylic color coating of the basketball and four square courts will be completed under a separate contract.

Breese Stevens Facility Plan – Isthmus/Central**Status: Planning**

The Parks Division has contracted with Isthmus Architects to prepare a facility plan for Breese Stevens Field. The facility plan will assess potential improvements to the stadium and field. The final draft facility plan is currently being revised by Isthmus Architects based on review comments from the Parks Division and Big Top Events.

Demetral Park Adult Fitness – East Side

Status: Design

The installation of adult fitness equipment is anticipated to be installed in late summer 2017. Parks staff anticipates submitting a permit to the WiDNR for construction on the landfill site in May. The location and equipment has been selected.

Esther Beach Park Improvements – South Side

Status: Construction

Phase I of the Esther Beach Park Master Plan Implementation includes construction of the new restroom building and associated site work has begun. The contract has been awarded to Joe Daniels Construction at \$428,888.00 with completion by May 25, 2017. Phase II of the Esther Beach Park Master Plan Implementation includes upgrading stormwater facilities, shoreline repair, construction of a new canoe/kayak boat launch and reconstructing the existing parking lot. Phase II Improvements were awarded to the low bidder Drax, Inc. at \$238,112.00. The construction of Phase II Improvements are anticipated to begin in June 2017 and be complete by fall 2017.

Penn Park Improvements – South Side

Status: Pending Construction

The project is being bid in two phases, one for the shelter and restroom portion of the project and a second contract for the site work and parking lot improvements. The first bid package for the renovation of the existing shelter and the new concession/restroom building was awarded to the low bidder Sullivan Construction at \$790,004.25 with completion by May 15, 2018. The site work bid package was released with bids due May 19th.

Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation – City Wide

Status: On-going

Staff is developing a GIS-based mapping database to inventory all ash trees removed in the City of Madison park system. The trees included in these contracts replace approximately 2/3 of those removed due to EAB infestation. Work to install the trees at six parks including Brittingham, Demetral, Olbrich, Reindahl, Sycamore and Warner Parks were completed in June and work to install trees at Elver, Garner, Goodman, Marshall, Olin, Thut and Vilas Parks was completed at the end of October. Both of the contracts include a maintenance year (2017) to help ensure establishment of the trees.

Sugar Maple Park – Far West Side

Status: Construction

Rough grading work at the site began in July along with the installation of stormwater lines and inlets. A new path and half basketball court and sun shelter will be constructed with this project. Due to a backlog with the playground equipment supplier and scheduling with the sun shelter installer, the remaining work will not be completed until early spring.

Waldorf Park Preliminary Park Development – West Side

Status: Out for Bid

Site and grading plans are being developed with rough grading and drainage improvements anticipated in summer of 2017. Construction of park amenities and improvements is scheduled throughout the summer of 2017. The construction of the playground at the park will be part of the 2017 – Group 2 contract, which is currently out to bid and is anticipated to be opened on May 5th.

Goodman Ice Rink (Franklin Field) - Central/South

Status: Pending Construction

Staff has bid a design to modify and replace the lighting at the existing ice rink at Goodman (Franklin Field). Work will include replacement of the existing lights with new electric and poles, modifying the existing outlet structure to Wingra Creek used to drain the rink. The storm sewer project has been bid and the City has selected R.P. Cattell Inc as the contractor. Start work is expected in June 2017 and cost is \$33,325.00. The lighting contract is currently being bid.

2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan – City Wide

Status: Ongoing

Staff has begun the data collection and engagement for the 2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) Update. This phase of the POSP includes participating in the engagement process of Imagine Madison; focus group meetings with neighborhood/community centers and youth through partnerships with the University of Wisconsin Madison Department of Landscape Architecture and Public Health; coordinating volunteer efforts for field validated System for Observing Play and Recreation in; review of existing facility uses and reservations; surveys and discussions with existing recreational organizations; and online and paper comment cards to gather input on recreation preferences. Staff has issued a recreational league use survey to over 130 organizations that reserve parks facilities. Staff has also issued a community-wide survey, which has received 1608 responses.

Staff has held all five (5) Community Visioning Sessions and will be hosting three Park and Open Space Plan workshops in April and May that will focus on specific issues related to the park system. The first workshop, *“Hip Hop” PARKitecture Workshop* was held on April 22nd. The two remaining workshops are *Panel Discussion: Madison Parks and Resiliency in the Era of Climate Change* on May 18th, and *Discover Madison Parks! Workshop: Connecting Kids to Nature* on May 21st.

Staff will also be working with the University of Wisconsin Department of Landscape Architecture to hold six (6) focus group discussions with groups and community organizations including the Madison Senior Center, Kennedy Heights Community Center, North East Senior Coalition, Badger Rock Neighborhood Center, Meadowood Community Center, and East Madison Community Center.

Yahara Place Park Shoreline Improvements – Central/East

Status: Design

Staff is working with the Engineering Division to remove the existing steel bulkhead's at Yahara Place Park and to install a stone revetment canoe/kayak launch. A public input meeting for this event was held on March 28th. It is anticipated that construction will occur in July 2017.

Tenney Park (Island Playground) – Central/East

Status: Out for Bid

This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2017 (Group 3 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be bid on May 1, 2017.

Brigham Park Playground – East

Status: Out for Bid

This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2017 (Group 3 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be bid on May 1, 2017.

Lake Edge Park Playground – East

Status: Out for Bid

This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2017 (Group 3 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be bid on May 1, 2017.

McGinnis Park Playground – East

Status: Out for Bid

This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2017 (Group 3 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be bid on May 1, 2017.

Zook Park Playground – West

Status: Pending Construction

This project will be done in-house with Parks Construction staff.

Sunset Park Playground – West**Status: Pending Construction**

This project will be bid for construction in 2017 as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract. The contract has been awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes at \$138,000.00 with completion by Sep 15, 2017. The neighborhood anticipates raising an additional \$9,000 to add a small, nature-based play area to the overall playground replacement project.

Westmorland Park Playground - West**Status: Pending Construction**

This project will be bid for construction in 2017 as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract. The contract has been awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes at \$138,000.00 with completion by Sep 15, 2017. The neighborhood anticipates raising an additional \$15,000 to add a nature-based play area to the overall playground replacement project.

Baxter Park Playground - South**Status: Pending Construction**

This project will be bid for construction in 2017 as part of the Group 1 Playground Contract. The contract has been awarded to Madison Commercial Landscapes at \$138,000.00 with completion by Sep 15, 2017.

Bordner Park Playground – West**Status: Out for Bid**

This project is being bid for construction as part of the 2017 Group 2 Playground Contract. Plans and specs are currently out to bid and are anticipated to be opened on May 5th.

Country Grove Park Playground – West**Status: Out for Bid**

This project is being bid for construction as part of the 2017 Group 2 Playground Contract. Plans and specs are currently out to bid and are anticipated to be opened on May 5th.

Waldorf Park Playground – West**Status: Out for Bid**

This project is being bid for construction as part of the 2017 Group 2 Playground Contract. Plans and specs are currently out to bid and are anticipated to be opened on May 5th. Parks Construction staff will be doing the park grading and storm sewer work associated with the project. The basketball court and path will be constructed with the 2017 Park Paving Contract.

Wexford Park Playground – West**Status: Out for Bid**

This project is being bid for construction as part of the 2017 Group 2 Playground Contract. Plans and specs are currently out to bid and are anticipated to be opened on May 5th.

Reynolds Park Tennis - Near East**Status: Pending Construction**

Staff issued a Request for Quotation for a modular athletic court surfacing for the existing tennis courts at Reynolds Park. The contract was awarded to CDC Holdings Co – Sport Court WI for \$50,013.50. This court will be installed in spring 2017.

2017 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements – City Wide**Status: Pending Construction**

Staff is developing the plans and specifications for the 2017 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements including the following acrylic sport courts: Burr Jones Basketball courts, Heritage Heights Park tennis courts, Vilas Park tennis courts, Westmorland Park tennis courts, Reindahl Park pickleball line painting and Waunona Park pickleball line painting. Fahrner Asphalt Sealers was the low bidder with a bid of \$48,419.60. Construction is anticipated to begin in May and be completed by mid-June.

2017 Parks Division Landscaping – City Wide

Status: Pending Construction

The 2017 Parks Division Landscaping contract has been awarded to Dan Larsen Landscaping, Inc. of Cedarburg, WI, who submitted the lowest qualified bid of \$38,056.00 for landscaping improvements and installations at the following parks: Cherokee, Glenway Golf course, Lerdahl, O.B. Sherry, Quaker, Sugar Maple, Waunona and Washington Manor. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in early May.

2017 Parks Division Rain Garden Management – City Wide

Status: Pending Construction

The 2017 Parks Division Rain Garden Management contract has been awarded to Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, who submitted the lowest qualified bid of \$22,960.39 to perform invasive species management and rain-garden and prairie species installations at the following parks: Door Creek, James Madison (at two locations) and Walnut Grove. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in early May.

2017 Parks Division Sun Shelters Installation – West Side

Status: Pending Construction

The 2017 Parks Division Sun Shelters Installation contract was awarded to the lowest bidder Madison Commercial Landscapes, Inc. who submitted the lowest bid of \$145,000. The contract includes the installation of new, reservable, open-sided sun shelters at Allied, Norman Clayton and Sauk Creek Parks. Work on the contract is anticipated to begin in May at the Allied Park site.

James Madison Park Master Plan and Shelter Design- Near East

Status: Planning

Staff is developing a RFP for master planning and shelter building design services for James Madison Park. Staff reviewed the RFP with the Alder and neighborhood representatives on April 17th. This RFP is anticipated to go through the RESJ process prior to issuing in summer 2017.

Vilas Park Fishing Pier- Near West

Status: Design

Parks staff will be working with Building and Construction Trades Council of South Central Wisconsin to install an accessible fishing pier in Vilas Park on Lake Wingra. A design for a pier and abutment have been completed and a permit applied for with WDNR. Building trades is currently working on selecting a contractor to complete the work. Building Trades Council will be responsible for refurbishing an existing City owned pier for use on the site. An individual permit has been submitted to DNR and is pending approval.

Park Paving 2017 – City Wide

Status: Design

Staff is developing the plans and specifications for the 2017 Paving Contract which includes construction of paths at Waldorf Park, Allied Park, and Garner Park as well as basketball courts at Allied, Waldorf, Arbor Hills, Lerdahl, and Westchester Gardens Park. Plans and specifications are anticipated to be advertised in May.

Gates of Heaven Improvements – Central

Status: Planning

Gates of Heaven flooring replacement is scheduled for 2017 in conjunction with exterior improvements being completed by Engineering staff. Staff will work with the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) to determine if a more durable variety of flooring will be allowed since Gates of Heaven is on the National Register.

Olbrich Park – Walter Street Restroom Building and Sitework Improvements – East Side

Status: Planning

Staff are working with Facilities to develop schematic designs for the restroom building replacement and sitework improvements to take to a neighborhood input meeting anticipated to occur in early summer.

Eken Park Place making Improvements – East Side

Status: Design

Staff are working with City Planning, Community Block Development Grants CDBG and with residents of the Eken Park for the installation of a seating area and historical plaque at the park. The project will be completed by October 2017.

Other Projects

- Staff is coordinating with volunteers at Glenwood Park for implementation of volunteer-led projects.
- Staff is working with Engineering for shoreline projects at Wingra Park.
- Staff is working with the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee on drafting policies related Ice Rinks and Ice Rink volunteer groups.
- Staff will be working with Engineering on the Warner Park Lagoon Planning Grant. The first public input meeting was held in late winter of 2016. Engineering will issue an RFP for consultant selection in May.
- Staff is working with a group of area residents interested in determining the feasibility of rehabilitating (either through adaptive re-use or restoration) the Annie Stewart Memorial fountain at Vilas Park. InSite Consulting Architects will prepare a Preliminary Assessment that will provide guidance on the fountain restoration.
- Staff is working with the University Hill Neighborhood Association to install table tennis and bench improvements as part of a grant obtained by City Planning for neighborhood improvements.
- Staff will be working with Engineering on the Warner Park Breakwater and Dredging and Boat Launch Repair project, which is anticipated to be complete in May.
- Staff is working in conjunction with Engineering, Planning and Traffic Engineering on the Blair Street/John Nolen Drive corridor plan, which also includes Law Park in the study area. Two Public Informational Meetings were held with a 3rd meeting tentatively scheduled for July.
- Staff is working with the Madison Food Policy group on a report to identify potential community garden locations in the University Hills Neighborhood.
- Staff is working with the City Attorney's office on updating the Madison General Ordinances to allow for Temporary Land Use permits and Art Installation permits for private access and work in parks.
- Staff is working with Olbrich Botanical Society and Engineering for the proposed Olbrich Garden expansion.
- Staff is working with Engineering on the proposed Atwood Avenue improvements, which include improvements in Olbrich Park.
- Staff is working with Veridian Homes on concepts for a proposed park in 1000 Oaks subdivision.
- Staff is working with Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District on the design and construction of the new pump station and restroom being constructed at Marshall Park.
- Staff are working with City Planning to identify projects at the respective parks that can be constructed with funding provided by Planning through Community Block Development Grants (CDBG) in Pennsylvania Park.
- Staff is reviewing potential options for new dog parks in accordance with the recently adopted dog park policy.
- Staff hosted a "Plan Your Park" session at this year's "Take Our Children to Work Day" on April 27th.
- Staff, in coordination with Engineering released a RFB for repair to the stone stepped revetment at BB Clarke Beach Park. Construction is anticipated to be completed this summer.

Projects Completed in 2017