



Planning and Development Update

Presentation to the Board of Park Commissioners
Aug 11, 2021

Sport Court Contract 2021



Sport Court contract update:

Work under the '2021 Tennis and Basketball Court Resurfacings' is currently underway by Contractor Fahrner Asphalt Sealers (working with sub Midwest Sealcoat). Garner Park pickleball courts were completed in late June and Kennedy and Waunona Park tennis courts are in progress. As Parks continues to receive requests for dual-striping traditionally tennis-only court facilities, we are receiving input from the playing community regarding alternate methods to make both tennis and pickleball play satisfactory on the same court. A recent suggestion was to offset pickleball lines so that the tennis fencing dimensions would be more helpful to pickleball players for stopping balls - and would allow pickleball players to bring their own regulation height net (regulation pickleball is played with a net which is shorter by 2" in the center). Parks recently explored this option with a resident from the Wexford neighborhood for their upcoming (2022) re-striping project, and while residents didn't feel it would work well at that location, we'll continue to investigate alternates as the opportunity arises.



2022 Inclusive Playgrounds Projects



Brittingham Park All Inclusive Playground

Planning for 2022 Inclusive Playgrounds:

Parks staff met recently with a group of parents and caregivers of children who live with a wide range of developmental, physical and cognitive challenges to update and refine the Request for Proposals (RFP) document that City Finance (Purchasing) will issue in early August to solicit proposals from playground equipment manufacturers for inclusive playgrounds proposed to be installed at Rennebohm and Warner Parks in 2022. The group was formed with the assistance of Martha Siravo, a former Miss Wheelchair Wisconsin, who is very active in the online disabled community and is a parent of a child on the Autism spectrum. Martha had originally reached out to staff to offer some excellent, user-based comments and criticisms of the Brittingham and Elver Park accessible playgrounds, and offered to continue to be a resource to staff for future accessibility initiatives - which staff happily took her up on! The inclusive playgrounds planning group has offered to continue to be involved in the project including for equipment proposals review and site planning.



Pop Up Park at Warner's SE Corner



Pop-up park at Warner Park:

Planning work is in the midst at the south area of Warner Park currently dominated by abandoned or under-used softball facilities. Parks Planning staff, together with Parks Construction and Ops staff, have been working on a 'pop up" park featuring picnic tables, grills, small nature nook play area, gaga ball pit and wheel spot by way of offering temporary amenities and a bit of placemaking to spark further conversations with the nearby Brentwood Apartments residents about "what could be" in this area of the park. To help get the conversation started, Parks staff participated in the "Increase the Peace" series of neighborhood events in July and August led by the Northport-Brentwood NRT which featured food, games, service providers and a DJ (Parks own Terrence Thompson) to meet residents and discuss ideas for the larger park plan.



Cyclocross Returns for Year Three



For the third year in a row, Madison Parks will host a cyclocross series in the parks. It will occur in six parks across the city.

Dates and Locations

Aug 11- Olin Turville Park

Aug 25- Hill Creek Park

Sept 8- Door Creek Park

Sept 22- Olbrich Park

Oct 6- Marshall Park

Oct 20- Aldo Leopold Park



Parks has several active contracts in the works.

- 2021 Playgrounds
 - Eken Park, Swallowtail Park, Norman Clayton Park, and Orchard Ridge Park
 - Nature Play Area at Elvehjem Park
- 2021 Park Paving
 - Basketball Courts
 - Badger Park, Baxter Park, Country Grove Park, Nakoma Park and Tenney Park
 - Paths
 - Odana School, Orchard Ridge Path, Orlando Bell Park , Marlborough Park, Walnut Grove Park and Wingra park



Update Regarding On-Going Projects

- PARCandRide Grants
 - We received the two PARCandRide Grants we applied for.
 - Aldo Leopold Paved Pumptrack will receive \$125,000 in grant money in 2021
 - Aldo Leopold Shred to School Trail will receive \$62,500 in grant money in 2022.
 - Warner Park Wheel Spot
 - The volunteer group is making progress towards installing the first features on the old bleacher pad
 - Vilas Park Drive Changes
 - Parks continues to work with TE to implement the changes discussed this spring.
 - Gaga Ball
 - The first gaga ball pit in the system was installed near the bier garten at Olbrich just last week.

