

SUPERINTENDENT'S FEBRUARY REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Parks Superintendent's Monthly Report Summary

- The public engagement process for the James Madison Park master plan and shelter design began with a community kick-off meeting on January 17. The second, of four public meetings is the PARKitecture Workshop with Michael Ford was on Saturday, February 10.
- Planning staff received over 150 online survey results for the North Star expansion and Camar Park joint planning process. Staff will hold a follow-up meeting anticipated in April after surveys have been analyzed and schematic designs for the expansion area have been prepared to receive feedback and possible approval as part of a master plan revision.
- Planning staff and Isthmus Architecture are finalizing plans for a new concessions and restroom addition to Breese Stevens. Staff continues to engage the public on the future of the historic stadium with a primary goal of preservation through purpose.
- A public input meeting was held for Brittingham Dog Park improvements in January. A second meeting will be scheduled for later in February.
- Parks Arborist Crew with the Landscape Maintenance Workers are continuing to remove ash trees at Yahara Golf again this winter. We expect this will continue here until finished or the ground thaws, and the equipment would cause damage.
- Conservation staff worked together to draft a Snag Protection Policy, and to inventory snags at North Cherokee Marsh to track and protect this important habitat feature. We worked to modify Wood Duck nest boxes, and create artificial cavities in sections of logs to provide nesting structures for the Red Headed Woodpecker, which occurs at North Cherokee Marsh.
- Olbrich Botanical Gardens' attendance for 2017 is up by more than 25,000 guests over 2016.
- District cycle pruning and requested pruning and removals continued by both east and west forestry units.
- Parks partners with Monona Parks & Recreation and the Aldo Leopold Nature Center to organize and host a candlelit hike in December. An estimated 800 people attended.
- Madison Parks Foundation and Madison Parks hosted *Snow Glow 2018* – a day and evening filled with winter activities at Elver Park. The event was planned on a MMSD “no school” day, Friday February 9.

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR

Overall, January was a good month for ice skating. All of our rinks have been and continue to be up and running and Tenney and Olbrich are getting heavily used. The Nice Rink at Heritage has been working out better than expected as well. It responds well to the thaw/freeze patterns of weather that seem to be more common now. The only time rinks have been closed is when we had warmer than average temperatures or when it snowed and we couldn't get to the rinks right away due to our plowing responsibilities.

Our Park Arborist Crew (with the Landscape Maintenance Workers) have been working on removing trees at Yahara Golf again this winter. We expect to be at Yahara until we are either finished (yes, we finally can see some light at the end of the tunnel) or the ground softens up to the point where we can't get equipment on without causing damage.

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE – CHAD HUGHES, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks

January was a bit of a roller coaster for temperatures and well below average for snow. With the optimal conditions for growing ice earlier in the season, the warmer temperatures did not put us too far behind on the ice rinks once it dropped below freezing. The lack of snow removal and ice maintenance gave us the opportunity to get out into some of the parks, Olin in particular, and perform some much-needed pruning and thinning of brush. The LMW's spent time with the Parks Arborists removing ash trees most of the month. The crew was also able to spend a little time on equipment maintenance and painting tables and barrels.

February is starting out cold and active. The forecast looks like we will be busy with snow removal for at least the first half of the month. The temperatures look to stay cold enough through the middle of February for us to continue to maintain the ice rinks. The LMW's will continue to help the Arborists with ash removals as well as finalizing tree orders for the spring. By the end of the month, we will have closed down our ice rinks for the year as well as paint and stored the hockey boards for the year. We will start switching machinery from winter maintenance to summer and continue painting picnic tables and trashcans. I will take time to contact any returning seasonal laborers and look to hire new to fill in positions.

Mall Maintenance:

We had a roller coaster of temperatures for the month of January, however, the lack of snow continued to keep the service area in need of sidewalk sweeping, rather than snow removal. Indoor projects continued with furniture refurbishing and shop organization. The new powerwasher has been installed in the shop, making washing snow equipment a much easier task. During the warmer days, bus shelter washing picked up and occasional powerwashing. Winterfest continued their new location at Elver Park, so the Mall Concourse did not have a winter event again—except for the successful BID “Shine On” event, which we helped disassemble during January.

Looking ahead to February, an active weather pattern may get the crew busy with snow removal. If not, the crew will have to bundle up and continue the trash and sidewalk sweeping—which is omnipresent. Colder temperatures will keep everyone hoping for an early spring!

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

Forest Hill Cemetery:

January was a challenging month again this year. We had two major warmups that also included rain, which resulted in some muddy, messy grave digging. Plywood was laid to prevent ruts from equipment tires, and graves occasionally had to be both thawed before digging and pumped dry of accumulated water before services. Those conditions are very difficult to work in.

When not engaged in burials, staff at Forest Hill clear the cemetery roads, help on parks plowing routes, and trim trees in the cemetery.

In regular cemetery business, during the month of January there were seven full-size burials and one cremains burial. There were also seven full-size lot sales, one cremains lot sale, and three niche sales.

Summit Maintenance:

It seems like there is no “normal” year for ice rinks anymore. The warmups caused complete rink closures and quite a challenge getting the ice back in shape after the temperature plunged again. A new challenge this year was that there was a tremendous amount of muddy runoff from the ski trails west of the ice rink. This caused the rink to overflow with silty brown water. We were quite worried that we would not be able to salvage the rink, but fortunately, the dirt was able to settle out before the whole thing refroze, and the new ice looked normal again.

The small Nordic ski loop at Elver fared better, as volunteers were able to move snow around to cover bare spots, but eventually even that closed (with much of it ending up on the ice rink as water) – getting back into shape just in time for Winterfest on February 3 & 4.

The Elver sledding hill also had coverage of man-made snow surrounded by bare grass, but it eventually turned patchy and icy and closed until more snow was made.

As we move into February we see a more winter-like forecast, with temperatures remaining below freezing and snow every few days. This will be welcome, as the temperature swings are very frustrating for winter recreation.

CONSERVATION – PAUL QUINLAN, SUPERVISOR

In January, Conservation staff was able to take advantage of the lack of snow to remove brush, control non-native invasive woody species and install native seed at Heritage Sanctuary, Owen and North Cherokee Marsh. The section worked together to draft a Snag Protection Policy, and to inventory snags at North Cherokee Marsh to track and protect this important habitat feature. We worked to modify Wood Duck nest boxes, and create artificial cavities in sections of logs to provide nesting structures for the Red Headed Woodpecker, which occurs at North Cherokee Marsh. Excess large woody debris was removed from the ground in a newer savanna restoration area. This material would not have accumulated under the natural fire regime, and was removed as part of the savanna restoration process.

I submitted applications to renew our “Bird City” status and city open burning permit, and my staff attended annual erosion control training. I toured the Garver tract with the Friends of Starkweather Creek and the SASY (Starkweather-Atwood Shenck-Yahara) Neighborhood Association to learn about their vision and values surrounding conservation of this resource.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Visitor comment:

“Dear Olbrich Garden Staff and Volunteers! Thank you for all you do! On our recent visit we found the Zombi Palm! Every time we visit we discover a new plant we did not notice the last time...” Heather F.

December 2017 Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2017	2016	Previous 5 yrs avg
December 1 - 31	25,650	23,858	24,734
YTD December 31	325,530	300,396	
OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)			
	YTD 12/31/17	YTD 12/31/16	
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$78,067	\$77,263	
Room Rentals YTD*	\$124,148	\$121,908	
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$30,427	\$32,714	
TOTAL YTD	\$232,642	\$231,885	

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

February 2018 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call **608-246-4550** for more information or visit www.olbrich.org/events

Bolz Conservatory Exhibit, through March 3, 2018, Maria Sibylla Merian: The Suriname Expedition
1699 - 1701, 10 am – 4 pm daily

OLBRICH'S BOOK CLUB – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11,

Lab Girl by Hope Jahren

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Children of the Rainforest, Grupo Axe' Capoeira -- Sat, Feb 17 @ 10:30 am & 1:30 pm

capoeira is a unique Brazilian art form combining dazzling acrobatics, dance, martial arts and passionate Afro-Brazilian music

Winter Concert Series, Sundays, 2 – 3 pm

February 11 – Andreas Kapsalis, virtuosic finger-style guitar

February 18 – Noah John & Ringing Iron, folk/bluegrass/Americana

Fine Arts & Crafts Sale, by the Madison Weavers' Guild

Saturday & Sunday, February 24 & 25, 10 am – 4 pm

Education Programs – February 2018 classes and programs 608/246-4550 for information/registration or visit <http://www.olbrich.org/education/classes.cfm>

Wellness at the Gardens

Herbs for the Heart, Tues, Feb 13, 6 – 8 pm

Japanese Knotweed & Lyme Disease? Mon, Feb 19, 6:30 – 8 pm

Herbal Formulation for Increased Wellness Series (a series of 6 classes in late winter & spring)

Traditional Diagnostic Tools, Mon, Feb 26, 6:30 – 8 pm

Infusions, Decoctions, Percolation, & Tinctures, Thurs, Mar 1, 6:30 – 8 pm

Garden Walks

Behind-the-Scenes Greenhouse Tour, Sunday, Feb 18, 1 – 2:30 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Cooking with Spices – A Pakistani Meal in Minutes, Thu, Feb 8, 6:30 – 8 pm

Year in Review: Olbrich's Horticultural Highlights of 2017, Tues, Feb 6, 6:30 – 8 pm

Weave a Heart, Sat, Feb 10, 1 – 4 pm

Mitten Basics – Knitting, Thurs, Feb 15, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Creatively Harvesting & Managing Stormwater in Your Landscape, Thurs, Feb 15, 6:30 – 8 pm

Simple Sewn Books: Pamphlets & Stab Bindings, Sat, Feb 17, 1 – 4:30 pm

The Art of Henna, Mon, Feb 19, 6:30 – 8 pm

Impactful Annual Grasses, Tues, Feb 20, 6:30 – 8 pm

Vegetable Gardening Tricks & Tips, 3 Wednesdays, Feb 21 – Mar 7

Native Shrubs – A Symbiosis of Site, Structure, & Sanctuary, Tues, Feb 27, 6:30 – 8 pm

Adding a Tropical Twist to Your Garden, Thurs, Mar 1, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Learn & Play Together

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

Animals in the Jungle

Elephants, Fri, Feb 9, 10 – 11 am

Tigers, Fri, Feb 16, 10 – 11 am

Monkeys, Fri, Feb 23, 10 – 11 am

Inspecting Insect Metamorphosis

Sat, February 10, 10 – 11 am

UW Madison's Insect Ambassadors will help explore the stages of insect metamorphosis in this fun family program.

Ages 5 – 12 years with an adult;
adult attends free, limit of 2 adults/child

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	698	642
Pruned by Request	37	128
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	43	20
Tree Removal	58	254
Ash Preemptive Removals	36	367
Storm Work/Hangers		16
Snow Plow/Shovel		160

Both east and the west unit was able to work in District Cycle pruning as well as request pruning and removals. The west unit was able to get a little bit of Small Tree Cycle pruning completed.

Forestry specialists have been evaluating street trees for the 2018 engineering projects and then advising the design engineers. Private developments have come in at a steady pace which forestry specialist reviews the proposed plan as it relates to street tree removal and/or replacement. Finally, they are working on marking ash preemptive removals in the field and creating work orders for the removals for the forestry forepersons.

COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMARY – CLAIRE OLEKSIK

Warner Park Community Recreation Center – Terrence Thompson

- **WPCRC Advisory Committee Update**
 - Last Meeting – Thursday, January 25 (Did not meet quorum)
 - Next Meeting - Thursday, March 22
 - Advisory Sub-Committee Chair Nikki Sanders has stepped down from the Committee. We thank her for her service to the WPCRC.

- **WPCRC Facility News**
 - In 2017, WPCRC served over 221,000 visitors in a variety of weddings, workshops, events, fitness classes and members, volleyball and basketball programs, youth camps, and other rentals and programs.
 - Received and reviewing quote from (IBS-Integral Building Systems, Inc) for 2017 CIP technology upgrades.

- **WPCRC Programs & Events News**
 - Warner Family Fun Nights-Each month the WPCRC attracts more than 200+ participants for Family Fun Nights. We've started off the school year with record high attendance rates and a lot of excitement from our participants.
 - January 12th had 265 participants
 - Upcoming Dates: February 9, March 9

WPCRC Facility Usage Report 2018

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2017	2016
Facility Rentals	368												368	5,007	5,711
Pass Visits															
Exercise Room	2705												2,705	26,993	32,539
Game Room	241												241	2,187	1,864
Gymnasium	382												382	2,820	4,186

June/July numbers do not include gym usage by the MSCR Summer Camp (approx. 1200 visitors per month)

Game room numbers do not include multiple youth groups and organizations that use the area

Also doesn't include members that check into one area, then use another area during the same visit

Customer Service/Front Desk - Joanne Austin

Annual and Daily Permits Processed <i>(including quantities ordered online)</i>								
	2018 Jan 1-Feb 5		2017 Totals		2016 Totals		2015 Totals	
	Annual <i>(online)</i>	Daily <i>(online)</i>	Annual <i>(online)</i>	Daily <i>(online)</i>	Annual <i>(online)</i>	Daily <i>(online)</i>	Annual <i>(online)</i>	Daily <i>(online)</i>
Disc Golf	178 (83)	112 (7)	1,456 (503)	6,769 (59)	1,443 (245)	6,248 (14)	1,420 (194)	7,196 (0)
Dog	2,943 (2,302)	44 (4)	7,843 (4,432)	892 (13)	8,221 (4,063)	618 (6)	7,147 (2,628)	592 (0)
Lake	131 (72)	20 (N/A)	3,559 (1,373)	4,937 (N/A)	4,322 (593)	5,192 (N/A)	4,099 (394)	5,205 (N/A)
XC Ski	948 (562)	287 (8)	1,325 (743)	500 (14)	1,318 (362)	489 (0)	1,266 (213)	558 (0)

* Permit quantities are from Nov 15 of previous year through Nov 14 of the current year.

Online permit availability has been a great success!!

Gift Certificates Processed By Year			
2018 totals, as of 2/5/2017	2017	2016	2015
9 - \$180	233 - \$10,987	137 - \$9,585	200 - \$8,306

Recreation Services - Tracey Hartley, Recreation Services Coordinator

Event	Date	Time	Location	Partners	Register	Attend
Learn To Events						
Learn to Cross-Country Ski	1/21/18	9:00am - 10:30am	Elver	REI	47	19
Learn to Winter Disc Golf	1/27/18	10:00am - 11:30am	Yahara Hills	Holly Finley-Innova Discs	15	12
Learn to Cross-Country Ski	2/4/18	10:00am - 11:30am	Elver	MadNorSki & Winter Fest	47	16
Learn to Snowshoe	2/9/18	1:30pm - 3:00pm	Elver	REI & Aldo Leopold Nature Center	32 as of 2/2/18	
Learn to Cross-Country Ski	2/9/18	3:00pm - 4:30pm	Elver	REI & MadNorSki	8 as of 2/2/18	
Learn to Track Critters	2/9/18	5:00 - 6:30pm	Elver	Paul Noeldner vol Bird & Nature Coord.	4 as of 2/2/18	
Learn to Broomball	2/10/18	10:00am - 11:30am	Elver	Madison Sports & Social Club	2 as of 2/2/18	
Promotional Events						
New Employee Tabling	12/6/17	12:30pm - 2:30pm	Police Training Center			60
Wellness Fair Tabling	1/31/18	11:00am - 1:30pm	Wisconsin DPI	WI Department of Public Instruction Wellness Committee		40
Recreation Events						
Candlelit Hike	12/16	4:30pm- 8:00pm	Aldo Leopold, Edna Taylor, Warren Park	Monona Parks & Aldo Leopold		800
Groove & Glide	1/19/2018	6:00- 8:00pm	Westmorland			80
Winter Disc Golf Tournament	1/27/18		Yahara Hills	Professional Disc Golf Association		108
Groove & Glide	2/2/18	6-8pm	Tenney			300

Daddy & Daughter Dance	2/3/18	3-5 & 6-8pm	WPCRC			57; 71
Groove & Glide	2/9/18	6-8pm	Elver			
Snow Glow	2/9/18	1:30-8pm	Elver	MSCR, REI, ALNC, MadNorSki		
Lessons						
Cross-Country Ski Lessons	Jan 19, Feb 3, 9, 16	1:00-3:30pm	Elver	Waldorf School	20-30	20-30
Ice Skating Lessons	Feb 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 Mar 3	Mon 5:30-7:45pm Sat 9:00-11:20am	Elver			
Ice Skating Lessons	Feb 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 Mar 1	Tu & Th 5:30-7:45pm	Tenney			
Ice Skating Parties						
Skating Party	1/31/18	12:30-1:30	Tenney	Marquette Elem	92	92
Skating Party	2/1/18	5:30-7:30	Tenney	TLNA	100+	21
Skating Party	2/6/18	12:30-1:30	Tenney	Lindberg Elementary	60	
Skating Party	2/10/18	9-10am	Tenney		20	
Skating Party	2/12/18	10:45-11:45am, 2-3pm	Elver	St. Ambrose Academy	23	
Skating Party	2/13/18	10:45-11:45, 12:30-1:30pm	Elver	St. Ambrose Academy	34	
Skating Party	2/15/18	10:45-11:45	Elver	St. Ambrose Academy	19	
Skating Party	2/19/18	2-3pm	Elver	St. Ambrose Academy	16	
Upcoming Events						
Groove & Glide	2/16/18	6:00-8:00pm	Vilas Park			
Movie Night - LEAP	2/17/18	6-8:30pm	Tenney Park			
Candlelit Hike	2/17/18		Cherokee Marsh	Friends of Cherokee Marsh		
Promo Event: WI Fishing Expo	2/23/18-2/25/18	Fri, Sat, Sun	Alliant Energy Center			

2017

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Animal Complaint	11	28	64	35	39	23	12	29	39	29	11	6	326
Assist Citizen	11	3	4	12	11	35	19	12	24	4	6	2	143
Assist Fire/Police	6	0	0			2	2	4	1	3	3	0	21
Check Person	24	10	8	12	8	22	4	17	6	4	1	1	117
Check Area	753	969	888	1055	1208	1215	1527	1481	1245	1046	667	535	12589
Behavioral Ban	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	4	1	1	0	0	9
Damage to property	2	2	2	9	1	7	11	2	1	7	0	0	44
Drug Investigation	2	0	0	1		0	1	1	2	1	0	0	8
Graffiti complaint	2	6	1	1	7	3	5	4	0	5	0	0	34
Intoxicated Person	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	11
Information	54	65	64	73	100	141	204	193	3	1	2	0	900
Liquor Law Violation	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	6	1	2	0	0	14
No permanent Address issue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		0	0	1
Noise complaint		0	0	0	2	0	0	10	0	1	0	0	13
Parking Complaint	3	6	4	5	7	8	22	21	12	30	1	1	120
Phone Call	0					0	6	4	0	1	0	0	11
Trespass	0					1	0		0	2	0	0	3
Total reports	871	1089	1035	1206	1386	1460	1816	1791	1336	1138	691	545	13874

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – JANET SCHMIDT
Planning and Development – January 2018

Bowman Field Baseball Backstop Netting Poles – South

Status: Construction

The contractor has started construction of the new backstop at Bowman Field. The project is schedule for final completion prior to April 1, 2018, to avoid conflicts with current field reservations.

Forest Hill Cemetery – Near West

Status: Pending Construction

Improvements will include the irrigation system upgrades, storm water management improvements and reconstruction of the road system in the cemetery. The contractor is planning to start work in spring 2018.

Garver Feed Mill – East

Status: Construction

The developer obtained their final zoning approvals and closed on the Lot 1 property in early December. S&L Underground was awarded the contract to remove the stockpiled leaf and stump grinding materials, which was completed on January 15th. The contractor will complete temporary seeding this spring.

Breese Stevens Facility Plan – Isthmus/Central

Status: Planning

Staff and Isthmus Architecture are finalizing plans for a new concessions and restroom addition to the historic stadium. The project received approval from the Wisconsin State Historical Society in October and City of Madison Landmarks Commission in early December. The project was presented to the Urban Design Commission on January 24th. Per the request of the District 2 alder, the Commission referred the project to the February 21st meeting to provide additional time for neighborhood review. The project will be released for bids in March 2018, with the majority of the construction occurring during the 2018-2019 off-season.

Penn Park Improvements – South

Status: Construction

The project was 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 is expected to be completed May of 2018. The associated site work for the parking lot improvements is also anticipated to completed May of 2018.

Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation – City Wide

Status: On-going

Staff developed a GIS-based mapping database to inventory all ash trees removed and replaced in the park system and continues to coordinate with parks operations staff for the citywide replacement of ash trees.

2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan – City Wide

Status: On-going

Staff has completed most of the data collection and engagement for the 2018-2022 Park and Open Space Plan (POSP) Update. Staff is currently working on developing the draft plan and using the Racial Justice and Social Equity Toolkit as a guide for analysis as part of the plan development.

2017 Parks Division Landscaping – City Wide

Status: Construction / Maintenance

Work has been completed for the installation of trees and shrubs at various sites in the park system. Maintenance under the contract continues through December 1, 2018.

2017 Parks Division Rain Garden Management – City Wide

Status: Construction / Maintenance

Work has been completed for the installation of raingardens at sites in the park system. Maintenance under the contract continues through December 1, 2018.

Brittingham Dog Park**Status: Planning**

Parks staff is developing preliminary designs to redesign Brittingham dog park with synthetic turf. Staff held a public input meeting on January 31st, 2018 and will have a second public input meeting in February. Plans and specs are anticipated to be bid in May.

James Madison Park Master Plan and Shelter Design- Near East**Status: Planning**

The first stakeholder meeting was held January 10th, 2018, the first public input meeting was held on January 17th, 2018, and the first focus group meeting was held on January 31st. The second stakeholder meeting will be held on February 10th, and the second public input meeting will be held on February 10th, 2018.

Vilas Park Fishing Pier- Near West**Status: Construction**

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. Building Trades Council will be responsible for refurbishing an existing City owned pier for use on the site. Building trades has transported the wooden pier to their winter workshop and will finish work on the new decking throughout the winter. Final pier installation will be in spring 2018.

Vilas Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement- Near West**Status: Construction**

Bids for the project to replace the 2 existing pedestrian bridges at the Vilas Lagoon were received on December 15th with R. G. Huston the apparent low bidder. Work is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2018 with completion by August 15, 2018.

Gates of Heaven Improvements – Central**Status: Planning**

Gates of Heaven flooring replacement is scheduled for 2018 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. A new roof for the building is also planned for 2018.

Olbrich Park – Walter Street Restroom Building and Site Work Improvements – East**Status: Planning**

Staff are working with Engineering Facilities who will lead the restroom replacement project anticipated to be issued for bid in March 2018, with construction anticipated to begin in late June 2018. Sitework improvements designed by Parks staff (including the parking lot, basketball court replacement and accessible path connections) will be bid in late 2018 and constructed in 2019.

Eken Park Place making Improvements – East**Status: Planning**

Staff will re-issue a Request for Quotes (RFQ) for the installation of a seating area, landscaping and historical plaque at Eken Park in early February with construction of the CDBG funded project is anticipated in spring 2018.

Pennsylvania Park Place making Improvements – East**Status: Planning**

Staff continues to work with Madison Arts Commission as they have been finalizing the selection of the artist and piece to be installed at Pennsylvania Park. Parks staff will coordinate the installation of a public art piece in the park following selection by the neighborhood of the chosen artwork. The project is anticipated to be installed in spring 2018.

Wingra Park – Near West**Status: Construction**

Staff is working with Engineering to address shoreline improvements to Wingra Park. Bids were opened by Engineering for this contract on January 25th, 2018 and tentatively awarded to Speedway Sand & Gravel.

Thousand Oaks Park – Far West**Status: Construction**

The developer, Veridian Homes, has completed phase 1 work on the grading and storm sewer improvements that were done under a private contract. The second phase of work, including the playground, path and shelter improvements are anticipated in 2018. The construction of the park by the developer offsets the Park – Development Impact Fees that would have otherwise been paid to the City.

Ocean Road Park Playground Replacement – South**Status: Planning**

Staff held a public input meeting on October 30th and December 18th to discuss the Ocean Road playground replacement. The construction will be completed by Parks Construction crews.

Dudgeon School Park Playground Replacement – West**Status: Planning**

Dudgeon School Park is included as part of the 2018 Playgrounds – Group 1 contract, which is anticipated to be bid for construction on March 1st. Construction is anticipated to begin in May at Odana Hills, the first of the group 1 sites.

Indian Hills Park Playground Replacement – West**Status: Planning**

Indian Hills Park is included as part of the 2018 Playgrounds – Group 1 contract, which is anticipated to be bid for construction on March 1. Construction is anticipated to begin in July at Indian Hills.

Odana Hills Park Playground Replacement – West**Status: Planning**

Odana Hills Park is included as part of the 2018 Playgrounds – Group 1 contract, which is anticipated to be bid for construction on March 1. Construction is anticipated to begin in June at Odana Hills, which will be the first site started under the Group 1 contract in recognition that the neighborhood went a full summer (in 2017) without a playground due to the former site's total loss from fire damage.

Acewood Park Playground Replacement – East**Status: Planning**

Staff held a playground workshop on November 7th to discuss the Acewood Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on December 6th. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2018.

Elmside Circle Park Playground Replacement – Near East**Status: Planning**

Staff held a playground workshop on November 7th to discuss the Elmside Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on December 11th. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2018.

Washington Manor Park Playground Replacement – East**Status: Planning**

Staff held a public meeting on November 29th to discuss the Washington Manor playground replacement. The second public input was held on January 18th, 2018. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2018.

Reger Park Playground Replacement – Near East**Status: Planning**

Staff held a public input meeting on November 20th, 2017 to discuss the Reger Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on January 23rd, 2018. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2018. Parks staff will also be coordinating the installation of lighting improvements, funded by CDBG, with the playground installation project.

Mayfair Park Playground Replacement – Near East**Status: Planning**

Staff held a playground workshop on November 7th to discuss the Mayfair Park playground replacement. A second public input meeting was held on January 17th, 2018. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2018.

Olin Park Boat Launch Reconstruction – Isthmus/Central**Status: Pending Construction**

The proposed project will remove and replace the cracked and deteriorating existing concrete ramps in the same location and will include some small improvements to ramp slope and lake bed stabilization. The project will begin at ice out in the spring and be complete by early May 2018. This project has been bid and the City has selected Janke Contractors to perform the work.

North Star Park Expansion – Far East**Status: Planning**

Staff received over 150 on-line survey results for the park master plan. The survey is a joint effort to inform the planning process for both North Star Expansion and Camar Park. Staff will hold a follow-up meeting anticipated to be held in April after surveys have been analyzed and schematic designs for the expansion area have been prepared to receive feedback and possible approval as part of a master plan revision.

Camar Park Master Plan – Far East**Status: Planning**

Staff received over 150 on-line survey results for the park master plan. The survey is a joint effort to inform the planning process for both North Star Expansion and Camar Park. Staff will hold a follow-up meeting anticipated to be held in April after surveys have been analyzed and schematic designs for the expansion area have been prepared to receive feedback and possible approval as part of a master plan revision.

Elver Park Inclusive Playground – South/West**Status: Planning**

Staff held a public meeting with the neighborhood to kick-off planning for the addition of an inclusive playground at Elver Park to replace the existing playground near McKenna Blvd on January 18th. The meeting was attended by close to 15 people including many of the youth enrolled in after school programming (and frequent users of the park and playground) at Wisconsin Youth Company. The design boards will remain posted in the Elver Park Neighborhood Center building adjacent to WI Youth Co through the end of January so that those who were unable to attend the session but interested in voting on equipment can do so there. A follow-up/final meeting will be held in February to review the equipment and layout for the project before it goes for bid in early May.

Greenside Park Master Plan – South / West**Status: Planning**

Staff anticipate holding a public meeting with the neighborhood in spring 2018 to discuss master plan development at Greenside Park following a tree survey to be conducted in early February to assist in determining the type and quality of overstory trees on the 2.51-acre property.

Meadowood Park Sun Shelter – West

Status: Planning

Replacement of the existing sun shelter is scheduled to be bid in March. The new shelter will generally sit in the location of the original building.

City-wide Invasive Removal Contract

Status: Planning

Staff issued an RFP for the city's first city-wide contract to remove invasive plants throughout raingardens, shorelines and greenways in late December. Bids were opened on January 24th and the contract was tentatively awarded to Quercus Land Stewardship, LLC. Installation of native seed and plants will be included in this contract.

Other Projects

- Staff is working on the relocation and development of a storage building at Olbrich Botanical Gardens to replace the one that received fire damage.
- 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. Staff is working with a group of area residents interested in determining the feasibility of rehabilitating the Annie Stewart Memorial fountain at Vilas Park. InSite Consulting Architects has prepared a Preliminary Assessment that will provide guidance on the fountain restoration.
- 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 on getting bids and design to rebuild the maintenance shed and hoop houses at Olbrich Botanical Gardens.
- 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)
- Staff is reviewing potential options for new dog parks in accordance with the recently adopted dog park policy.
- Staff are coordinating with organizers of the CrossFit games to identify a potential location and installation for adult outdoor fitness equipment.
- Staff is working on planning efforts to site recreational bike facilities within the City. The City is coordinating with a local volunteer organization Capitol Offroad Path Finders (CORP) to establish future off road bike facilities.
- Staff is working with Engineering to add maintenance of landscape plantings within Warner Parking lot to Engineering's city-wide median maintenance contract.
- Staff is working on a plan to final grade Junction Ridge Park. This will create a space for a new soccer field and complete rough grading for a future path.