

SUPERINTENDENT'S FEBRUARY 2016 REPORT- COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Parks Superintendent's Monthly Report Summary January / February 2016

Winter activities and maintenance are in full-swing. All 12 ice rinks opened in January after a bit of a late start, including installation of hockey boards and goals at several of the rinks. Staff continued to groom the cross-country ski trails as conditions allowed.

Staff continued ash tree removals throughout the city including Monona Golf Course and Forest Hill Cemetery.

Forestry prepared an EAB Plan 2015 Update that was presented to the Common Council on February 2.

We welcomed Claire Oleksiak, our new Community Services Manager who started on February 1.

OBS volunteers contributed nearly 28,000 hours in 2015.

Planning staff continues to host numerous public input workshops including an upcoming meeting on February 22 for the Garner Park Tennis-to-Pickleball Court Conversion project and a follow-up meeting on the Cherokee Park canoe/kayak launch was held on January 27.

Golf Madison Parks will be featured in our monthly NBC15's Morning Show segment, which will air Sunday, February 14.

Recent Events:

The Daddy/Daughter Dance was held at WPCRC on Saturday, February 6. The Wisconsin Women's Hockey Team and Bucky were at Vilas Park ice rink on Sunday, February 7. Friends groups and partners of Madison Parks hosted three candlelight events including cross-country skiing at Turville Point Conservation Park on January 23. Two Learn to Ice Skate workshops were held in January at Tenney and Elver ice rinks. With a little late start, Ice Skating Lessons began the week of January 18. WPCRC hosted its first Saturday Night at the Movies on January 23.

Upcoming Events:

The last Groove & Glide of the season will be Friday, February 12 at Tenney Park ice rink. Warner Family Fun Night will be held at WPCRC on Friday, February 12. Golf hosts its Season Kickoff Party on Saturday, February 20 at Odana Hills. Volunteer cleanup events and project will begin next month including the annual Dog Park Cleanup Day on March 26.

WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR.

Overall, January was a good month for making ice. All of our rinks are up and running and Tenney and Olbrich are getting heavily used. Our Park Arborist Crew (with the Landscape Maintenance Workers) have been working on removing trees at the golf courses. We removed 16 ash trees from Monona Golf and we are now working at Yahara Golf. We expect to be at Yahara until we are either finished or the ground softens up too much. We are, also, working on marking and inventorying ash trees. Odana Golf has been marked and we are now working on parks in Central's area.

As I write this we are preparing for the blizzard of 2016 which is expected to inundate us with snow on 2/02 and 2/03. We are getting equipment and staffing plans ready. We will be as prepared for the snow as we can be.

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE– LISA LASCHINGER, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks:

We've had an unseasonably warm start to our winter season. We've spent most of December doing our usual fall activities including leaf removal and general park clean-up. We also took advantage of the mild weather to complete some dormant pruning projects. All staff with exception of our Mechanic participated in SAWW Chainsaw training mid-month. We welcomed our new Operations Leadworker, John Martin, who has worked as a PMW for East Parks and Mall Concourse for the past two years. John is working at learning the system and already helping identify areas of improvement. Our Landscape Maintenance Workers spent the entire month working with the Parks Arborists and East Forestry on Ash tree removals. In preparation for the ice season, we painted our hockey boards for Vilas and repaired/painted our hockey goals. Just before the holidays we spent a good portion of time removing organic material from the shorelines of the lagoon and the edges of the floating rinks at Vilas. We were greeted with snow storm complete with freezing rain at the end of the month that left the crew digging out up until the New Years' holiday.

Moving into January, our ice season is slowly moving along as we work along the shorelines to expose the ice and continue daily flooding of the rinks and lagoon. Unfortunately, with less than desired ice thickness and warm temps forecasted, we don't anticipate installing hockey boards until the second week of January at the earliest. Crews will continue with snow removal duties as necessary on assigned sidewalk routes. We are making preparations for our seasonal ice maintenance laborers to begin working mid-month, and we work to bring them up to speed on proper procedures. The LMW's will continue to work with the Parks Arborist crew on EAB pre-emptive removals throughout the winter. As time allows, we will work on dormant pruning, picnic tables and trash cans. We are hopeful that once we get up and running we have a great winter season.

Mall Maintenance:

January gave us some chances to continue learning our routes and to identify opportunities for improvements as we went along. Since we have so many new staff members, the crew is growing together and learning how to effectively work as a team. The relative lack of snow throughout the month allowed us the opportunity to continue to haul snow, and we were very pleased that the entire Mall Concourse was nearly snow-free until the late January storm, from which we are still digging out. Minor equipment issues have occurred, such as broken hydraulic lines and John Deere broom issues, but we were able to keep operations moving efficiently.

Besides snow removal, the crew was able to take down the decorative banners on the Capitol square which are to be refurbished. Blowing and sweeping also needed to be done mid-January when nearly all of the snow was hauled. Rusty bike racks were removed during this low bike use season, and replaced with refurbished ones.

As we move into February, most likely, snow removal will keep us busy throughout the month with a possible large storm that is in the forecast. We are very pleased to note that our newest Parks Maintenance Worker, Tyler VandeBogert, started with us on February 1, which means we are now fully staffed. We look forward to working with Tyler and introducing him to our operations in the coming weeks and months. Winterfest will be our first event this year in February, with a large crowd expected.

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

Forest Hill Cemetery:

Forestry arborists were, thankfully, able to spend a few days in the cemetery this past month, as the ground was finally frozen enough for their trucks to drive on. We were desperately in need of their services, as we have many old oaks with large, high, dead limbs. The arborist crew did a fantastic job, and while there is still lots to do, I think they were able to remove the most hazardous limbs.

Forest Hill staff has been busy in the past month removing ash trees from the cemetery. They have been able to remove 14 trees, but are coming to the end of what they can handle. The remainder will need to be removed by arborists with an aerial truck. We will be working in the coming years to replace these trees, and the stumps will largely be left until replacement because the new trees will need to go exactly where the old trees were.

In regular cemetery business, there were 3 single, full-size grave spaces sold, in addition to 2 cremation spaces. In January, there were also 6 adult interments, 3 cremation burials, and 1 entombment.

January was well underway before there was significant frost in the ground. When there are just a few inches it's possible to break through with the backhoe, but anything more than a few inches requires the frost heater. The heater thaws approximately one inch of ground per hour, so as the frost deepens, we often need to leave the heater running overnight.

In the coming weeks, cemetery staff will be handling any burials that are scheduled, continuing to trim those trees which are accessible, and assisting with the Parks plowing routes.

Summit Maintenance:

In January, West Parks crews went out on snow removal routes on seven days. It didn't snow seven times, but we often need to go back out after the additional snowfall because curb cuts get plowed back in as the streets are plowed.

Aside from snow removal, our time was mostly spent getting the ice rinks up and running. After a struggle with the water level all last season, this year things were surprisingly smooth. The rink froze solidly and deeply, and there were very minimal problems with water coming up onto the surface of the ice. The good quality ice, combined with the giant sledding hill, has made Elver a popular destination this winter.

With the help of the Streets water truck, and some hand flooding, we've also been able to get the general skating rinks at Westmorland, Rennebohm, and Nakoma running. Rennebohm has a new group of volunteers who seem very interested in the rink. The lack of hockey boards there is making maintenance considerably easier, and we've noticed that the rink seems to be getting more use than it has in recent years. Hillington and Wexford rinks are our most self-sufficient volunteer rinks – they establish the ice sheet themselves and only rely on us occasionally for snow removal. We're hoping that the weather stays cold enough to keep the rinks open for a few more weeks, though this winter seems very unpredictable and I'm not sure that will happen.

We're expecting a snowstorm the first week of February. It's not clear how much snow it will bring, but we will likely be engaged with snow removal for a few days. Other than working on our plow routes and the ice rinks, crews will be repairing and painting our hundreds of picnic tables and removing ash trees from the parks.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

Member comment:

"We love Toddler Story & Stroll! Great teachers and volunteers! 1/11/2016 – E & J, Madison (received via a membership renewal)"

Olbrich volunteer program 2015 total hours have been calculated. They are sorted into categories in the chart below. Using a value calculated by Independent Sector, a national nonprofit, of \$22.24/hour, the **total value of volunteer contributions to Olbrich Botanical Gardens is \$620,229.**

2015 OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS	
General Categories of Service	# of hours
Leadership , includes board of directors, & capital campaign cabinet	1,774
Customer Service includes greeters and gift shop	6,522
Education Programs includes Explorer school program, tour guides, library, and more	4,052
Growing includes outdoor gardens, conservatory, greenhouse	7,452
Office , includes administration, membership, public relations, development	775
Special Events includes all event volunteers and groups such as WI Garden Railway Society	7,313
GRAND TOTAL	27,888

December 2015 Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2015	2014	Previous 5 yrs avg
December 1 - 31	27,728	30,231	24,180
YTD December 31	289,540	279,090	
Total Member Households (individuals*) December 31	6,224 (9,648)	6,579 (10,575)	

**based on the number of membership cards issued*

OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)	YTD 12/31/2015	YTD 12/31/2014
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$72,377	\$69,760
Room Rentals YTD*	\$130,611	\$128,376
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$29,573	\$28,636
TOTAL YTD	\$232,561	\$226,772

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

February 2016 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call **608-246-4550** for more information

Bolz Conservatory Exhibit – Chocolate: The Bitter and the Sweet, through Feb 28, 2016

GARDEN EXPO! Friday through Sunday, Feb 12 – 14: Visit Olbrich's booth at Garden Expo @ Alliant Energy Center,

Fine Art & Craft Sale, presented by the Madison Weavers' Guild, Saturday and Sunday, Feb 13 & 14, 10 am – 4 pm

Children of the Rainforest: Danztrad - Danza Tradicional Mexicana Saturday, Feb 27 – Performances at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm

Sundays in February and March -- Winter Concert Series

Sunday, February 7 -- Botanical Boogie, 2 – 3:30 pm, The Hanson Family Band Get up and move to the beat with a Botanical Boogie dance concerts! There will be plenty of room for dancing, with limited seating available \$2 admission at the door

Sunday, February 14 – No Concert

Sunday, February 21, 2 – 3 pm: Old Farm Dog (Americana bluegrass, country) suggested donation - \$1

Sunday, February 28, 2 – 3 pm: Johnny Chimes (New Orleans-style piano) suggested donation - \$1

Education – February 2016 classes and programs 608/246-4550 for information/registration or visit <http://www.olbrich.org/education/classes.cfm>

Wellness at the Gardens

Yoga, Mondays 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm and Thursdays 7:30 – 8:45 am (drop in welcome - call regarding holidays)

Tai Chi Meditation, Mondays, Jan 25 – Mar 14, 6 -7 pm

Garden Walks

Tropical Conservatory Walk with the Curator, Sat, Feb 6, 4 – 5:30 pm

Nighttime Winter Walk Through Olbrich's Outdoor Gardens & Conservatory,
Wed, Feb 24, 8 – 8:30 pm

Behind-the-Scenes Greenhouse Tour, Sun, Feb 28, 1 – 2:30 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Ten things You Can Do to Make Your Home Look Professionally Landscaped,
Thurs, Feb 4, 6:30 – 8 pm

Introduction to Painting in Soft Pastel, Sat, Feb 6, 10 am – 4 pm

Season to Taste: Local Cookbook History, Sat, Feb 6, 1 – 3 pm

Introduction to Home Cheese Making, Sat, Feb 6, 11 am – 5 pm

Valentine's Day Card Making Workshop: Linoleum Block Printing with a Press,
Sun, Feb 7, 1 – 5 pm

Inspirations from English Gardens, Tues, Feb 9, 6:30 – 8 pm

Playful Letters, Tues, Feb 16, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Healthy Houseplants, Thu, Feb 18, 6:30 – 8 pm

Sustainable Landscaping - *Beauty Today...and a Green Tomorrow*,
Thu, Feb 18, 6:30 – 8 pm

Inspired by Nature: Textile Wall Art, Mon, Feb 22 & 29, 6:30 – 8:30 both days

Plants, Emotions, and Your Nose, Thu, Feb 25, 6:30 – 8 pm

The Art of Henna, Thu, Feb 25, 6:30 – 8 pm

Pochoir Workshop - *French Stenciling Technique*, Sun, Feb 28, 1 – 4 pm

Learn & Play Together

Toddler Story & Stroll: Life in the Canopy (ages 2 – 4 with an adult)

Snakes, Friday, Feb 5, 10 – 11 am

Sloths, Fri, Feb 12, 10 – 11 am

I Wonder....Series (grades K – 3 with an adult)

What Foods Come from the Rainforest? Fri, Feb 26, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	620	475
Pruned by Request	126	297
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	608	266
Tree Removal	84	128
Ash Preemptive Removals	191	522
Storm Work/Hangers		10
Snow Plow/Shovel		219

Both east and the west unit was able to work both in cycle pruning and small tree cycle pruning as well as request pruning and removals. Also east unit continued ash preemptive removals on the east side. This work included the designated east preemptive ash removal crew and crews involved in cycle pruning.

We only had three days this month that required us to perform snow removal duties.

Forestry specialists have been following up ash replacement inspections as well as preparing for spring planting. For the upcoming engineering reconstruction season they assisted design engineers on and provided up to date information on the street tree inventory for the project limits. 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, forestry specialists did an annual review of the approved street tree list and offered recommendations to city forester.

Special projects for the month: Tree work in Forest Hill Cemetery.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – JANET SCHMIDT

Bowman Field Baseball Backstop Netting Poles – South Side

The four backstop netting poles at the Bowman baseball field require replacement. Strand Associates has been hired to design and prepare bid documents for the replacement poles. The project is anticipated to go out for bid in February with an April construction start date. Construction should be completed prior to opening season.

Forest Hill Cemetery – Near West Side

Cemetery staff and consultants are working to come up with a long range plan 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. Staff is also working on a policy paper to be presented to the Landmarks Commission for approval regarding the tree replacement procedures at the cemetery. Improvements for the irrigation and storm sewer and drainage are tentatively scheduled for 2017.

Central Park – Near East Side

The Central Park Phase 1B construction is substantially complete. The work includes a new entry plaza adjacent to the recently completed skatepark and a pedestrian railroad crossing near the E. Wilson Street intersection with Few Street. The skatepark plaza, sidewalk crossings and pervious sidewalk installation on Wilson Street are done. The remaining work is minor fencing installations and bollard installations at the Few Street Railroad Crossing.

Improvements to Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park – North Unit – North Side

Construction of Phase I of the parking lot improvements began in early December and reached 50% completion before frozen ground conditions shut down the work. Prior to work commencing in the spring, Parks staff is working with Engineering staff to modify the required storm water rain garden to allow for a feature which is both shallower and more organic in form while still meeting rainwater detention requirements. Work is anticipated to start again in early spring.

Yahara Hills Clubhouse Improvements – South East Side

Park staff is working with City Facilities Management on a series of clubhouse improvement projects for Yahara Hills. The project got a later start due to the nice fall weather which extended the golf season a couple of weeks but the Asbestos Abatement was completed, which allowed the contractors to proceed with Mechanical upgrades. The HVAC project is complete (up on running) and is being internally commissioned. Hein Engineering will go through his commissioning checklist in the next week. The window and door installation also substantially completed and the Contractor is cleaning up and doing a punch list on any outstanding odds and end items. Interior painting of bathroom and office will be completed in early February. Parks Ops staff will be hanging new lighting in the bathrooms/office.

The Contractor is tentatively scheduled completion on February 9th and the facility will be ready for use after that date.

Lake Edge Park Shelter – East Side

Staff is working with Facilities Management on the construction of the new Lake Edge Park Shelter. As of the end of December, the underground utilities are in and the walls are complete, the beams are up and the roof is 90% complete. The Contractor is waiting for material orders and will continue with window installation as weather permits. Construction has been halted for the winter and will resume again once weather allows.

Garver Feed Mill – East Side

The rezoning and CSM for the project was approved by the Council on August 4th. Conversion paperwork was submitted to the DNR and has been approved. Negotiations with the Baum Development team continue. Winter stabilization of the structure has been installed by Bachmann Construction. The Baum team is expected to submit revised plans in April of 2016. Staff will continue to work with the development team to resolve issues.

Tenney Park Shoreline – Near East Side

Shoreline reconstruction and reconstruction of the bike path is complete. Landscaping along the shoreline through a separate Public Works Contract will begin in 2016. This project is managed by City Engineering in partnership with Parks staff.

Brittingham Park Playgrounds – Isthmus/Central

Parks is currently working with the Department of Civil Rights and the Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiatives Team (RESJI Team) on the equity analysis process for this project. The RESJI team met with stake holders on November 18th. The RESJI team has completed the RESJ tool in late December and will be providing their final report and recommendations to the Parks Division in the near future. More information regarding the project's next

steps will be provided as the process continues; improvements to the playgrounds at Brittingham Park are on hold pending the outcome of this process.

Allied Drive Improvements – South Side

Staff is working with the Allied Drive NRT (Neighborhood Resource Team) on the proposed park improvements in the neighborhood as approved in the 2015 Capital Budget. At their March meeting the CDA board approved the creation of a park on two of their lots in the Allied Drive neighborhood. The park design consists of a full basketball court, an asphalt path and an open play area that will also serve as a youth soccer field. A survey has been completed and an appraisal to value the property has been received and is under review. Design development is 75% complete. Staff continues to work with CDA on the land transfer.

Demetral Park Path Improvements – East Side

Staff is working with City Engineering on park and bike path improvements in the Demetral Park/Packers Avenue area. A public input meeting was held on October 14th. Engineering is working on plans and specifications and construction is anticipated to start in spring of 2016.

Playground Workshops – City Wide

Staff held three playground workshops that focused on several park playgrounds to provide the opportunity for neighborhoods to learn and share ideas with each other. These projects are part of the 2016 Capital Budget Submission. The first playground workshop was held on October 14th and addressed playground replacement projects at Aldo Leopold Park, Rimrock Park, Midland Park, and Raymond Ridge Park. The second playground workshop was held October 28th and addressed playground replacement projects at Kingston – Onyx Park, Honeysuckle Park, Sycamore Park, and Waunona Park. The third playground workshop was held on November 5th and addressed playground replacement projects at Lerdahl Park, Berkley Park, Westchester Gardens Park and Wheeler Heights Park. Staff also issued a request for proposals for playground designs from playground manufacturers for 2016 playground improvements. The City selected several manufacturers' designs including nature-based themed designs to present to neighborhoods as part of the 2016 playground design public input process.

Aldo Leopold Park Playground – South Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on November 2nd. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 1 Playground Contract). Plans and specifications went to the Board of Public Works for approval on January 20, 2016 with proposed advertisement on February 12, 2016.

Berkley Park Playground – North Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 3rd. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 3 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in early April.

Cardinal Glenn Park Playground – Far West Side

Staff will hold a public input meeting on January 14th to discuss improvements to the park. Improvements include a paved walking path, sun shelter, tree plantings, and an additional piece of equipment and surfacing at the playground. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 2 Playground Contract). Plans and specifications go to the Board of Public Works for approval on January 20, 2016 with proposed advertisement on February 12, 2016.

Honeysuckle Park Playground – East Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on October 28th. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 2 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in mid-March.

Kingston-Onyx Park Playground – East Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on November 17th. Design revisions based on attendee comments have been made. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 2 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in mid-March.

Lerdahl Park Playground – North Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 10th. At this meeting the neighborhood requested revisions to the design concepts shown; a third option was sent to the neighborhood at the end of December for review. The neighborhood met at the end of January at its regular association meeting and

selected the final design. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 3 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in early April.

Midland Park Playground – Central/South Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on November 2nd. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 1 Playground Contract). Plans and specifications went to the Board of Public Works for approval on January 20, 2016 with proposed advertisement on February 12, 2016.

Sycamore Park Playground – East Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 3rd. Design revisions based on attendee comments regarding the proposed equipment is being made. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 2 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in mid-March.

Rimrock Park Playground – South Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on November 12th. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 1 Playground Contract). Plans and specifications went to the Board of Public Works for approval on January 20, 2016 with proposed advertisement on February 12, 2016.

Raymond Ridge Park Playground – West Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 3rd. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 1 Playground Contract). Plans and specifications went to the Board of Public Works for approval on January 20, 2016 with proposed advertisement on February 12, 2016.

Waunona Park Playground – South Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 8th. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 1 Playground Contract). Plans and specifications went to the Board of Public Works for approval on January 20, 2016 with proposed advertisement on February 12, 2016.

Westchester Gardens Park Playground – North East Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 10th. Design revisions based on attendee comments regarding the proposed equipment have been made. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 2 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in mid-March.

Wheeler Heights Park Playground – North Side

Staff held a second public input meeting to review playground designs on December 17th; however, there were no attendees present for this session. At the request of the Alder, Parks staff held another meeting, on January 25th which was well-attended. The neighborhood asked for a minor revision to one of the two concepts shown which Parks staff will share with them via email for final voting purposes. A final decision is anticipated in early February. This project will be combined into a contract with other playgrounds and bid out for construction in 2016 (Group 3 Playground Contract). Plans and specs are anticipated to be advertised to bid in early April.

Esther Beach Park Improvements – South Side

The design has begun for improvements identified in the Esther Beach Park Master Plan including a new restroom building, swings, path system, storm water improvements and improvements to the existing parking lot. Staff held a public input on the design on December 16th to discuss the design. Staff is preparing DNR chapter 30 and conditional use applications to be submitted in February. Construction of the restroom building is anticipated in 2016. Final site improvements are anticipated in fall of 2016 or spring of 2017.

Penn Park Shelter Replacement – South Side

The first public input meeting for the Penn Park shelter replacement was held on January 7th. Approximately 20 area representatives attended the meeting. Topics included existing site and shelter conditions, previous Penn Park planning efforts, other potential site improvements and project next steps. A park amenity survey was distributed to attendees with additional copies placed in the Goodman South Library to supplement the input process. A second public meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-February, with a total of three public meetings anticipated for the

project. The project will include replacement of the existing shelter and other park amenity improvements as identified during the public input meeting process.

2016 Garner Park Tennis to Pickleball-Court Conversion – West Side

Staff is working with the pickleball interest group to finalize designs and cost estimates for use in fundraising by the group to meet a \$20,000 match for the conversion of the existing tennis courts at Garner Park (two side-by-side courts) to six pickleball courts to include new benches, nets, fencing and striping for pickleball play. Plans and specifications are anticipated to be advertised in spring.

2016 Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements – City Wide

Plans and specifications were advertised on January 8, 2016 and were opened on January 22, 2016. The contract was awarded to low bidder Poblocki Paving for the bid amount of \$44,870.18.

2016 Paving Contract – City Wide

Staff is developing the plans and specifications for the 2016 Paving Contract which includes construction of paths at Cardinal Glenn Park, reconstruction of basketball courts at Rimrock Park, Arbor Hills Park and Aldo Leopold Park and pulverize and repaving the path at Westmorland Park. Plans and specifications are anticipated to be advertised in April.

2016 Sun Shelters Request for Bids and Contract – City Wide

Staff issued a request for bid (RFB) for pricing on open-sided sun shelters for the 2016 season. Gerber Leisure, Inc. (dealers of ICON shelters) submitted the lowest qualified bid for the shelters, which will be installed at five parks including Cardinal Glenn, Junction Ridge, Owl Creek, Sauk Heights and Worthington in 2016. The work to install the shelters will be performed under a separate public works contract anticipated to be advertised for bid beginning on March 18.

2016 Fall Parks Division and Water Utility Landscaping Contract – City Wide

Staff received approval from the Board of Public Works on January 20, 2016 for plans and specifications for the 2016 Fall Parks Division and Water Utility Landscaping contract. This contract, which is anticipated to be bid beginning in mid-February, will include installation of trees, shrubs and perennial plants at 15 park properties and a water utility well site.

2016 Parks Division Rain Garden Management Contract – City Wide

Staff received approval from the Board of Public Works on January 20, 2016 for plans and specifications for the 2016 Parks Division Rain Garden Management contract. This contract, which is anticipated to be bid beginning in mid-February, will include invasive plant removals and installation of native plant plugs at 3 park rain garden sites including Central, Goodman and Olin Parks.

2016 Dog Park Improvements – City Wide

Staff is developing plans and specifications for entrance improvements at Quann dog park. Staff met with the Dog Park User Group on September 21, 2015 to discuss proposed improvements. Plans went to the Board of Public Works for approval on January 20, 2016, with proposed advertisement on February 12, 2016 if the necessary permits are obtained by WDNR.

Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation – City Wide

Staff is developing a GIS-based mapping database to inventory all ash trees removed in the City of Madison park system. Installation of new trees to replace removed ash trees is underway. Living Landscapes, LLC was awarded both of the fall and spring tree installation contracts that were opened at the end of November. The trees included in these contracts replace approximately 2/3 of those removed due to EAB infestation. Work to install the trees will begin in mid-May 2016.

Cherokee Park canoe/kayak launch – North Side

Parks and Engineering staff met with the Cherokee Park neighborhood on January 27, 2016 for a follow-up meeting to review plans for proposed canoe/kayak launch improvements at the park. Proposed improvements to the launch site include grading to minimize the slope to the lakeshore, placing gravel to help stabilize the soils in the location of the launch and possibly relocated the existing canoe/kayak storage racks at the park to be closer to the improved launch. Following a robust discussion, Alder Kemble suggested that Parks and Engineering staff meet in early February to review the feedback received and determine the next steps for moving the project forward.

Quarry Park Trails Usage Planning – South Side

Following the PIM in mid- December, Parks staff have met with a group of volunteers from the neighborhood to further develop a trails usage plan for the park that will serve to minimize conflicts between mountain biking/bicycle use and pedestrian/dog-walking. A follow-up meeting with this working group is scheduled for mid-February – the intent of which is to create a draft trail map to bring to the neighborhood at-large for review in early spring.

Sugar Maple Park Master Planning – Far West Side

Following approval by the neighborhood and approval by the Park Commission, the master plan development at Sugar Maple Park is anticipated to begin in spring of 2016 with rough grading of the site by the developer, Veridian Homes. A second public input meeting with the neighborhood is scheduled for February 24 for the selection of the playground equipment to be installed at the park. Park improvement construction is anticipated to be completed by the developer in the spring of 2016. The developer will receive credit for the park construction that will offset the park development fees for the plat. Staff continues to coordinate with the Developer on this project.

Waldorf Park Master Planning – West Side

Staff continues to work with City Engineering to determine grading and storm water drainage options for the site and work out the overall project scope and feasibility. Rough grading and drainage improvements are anticipated to occur in late 2016 with construction of park improvements in 2017. Following a final determination of the site drainage option that will be used, a follow-up meeting will be held with the neighborhood in early 2016 to discuss the playground equipment options. The park master plan will be considered for approval at the February BPC meeting.

Worthington Park Shelter Replacement – East Side

A public input meeting was held on December 17th for this shelter replacement project. Plans and specifications for the shelter construction are anticipated to be advertised in May. The project will include replacement of the existing shelter and an extension of the existing asphalt path for shelter access.

Other Projects

- Staff is working with a consultant at Tenney Park Shelter to come up with solutions to acoustic concerns inside the shelter. The consultants have been reviewed by City Facilities Management and staff continues to explore options.
- Staff participated in Neighborhood Resource Teams and/or Neighborhood Development Plans for Owls Creek, Arbor Hills/Leopold, Allied Drive, Emerson East – Eken Park – Yahara Neighborhood Plan, Worthington and University/Hill Farms.
- Staff is developing a GIS-based mapping database to inventory facilities within parks including memorial plaques, benches, trees, etc.
- Staff is working with City's Information Technology staff to increase information on the City Park Division's website regarding current design and construction projects.
- The City has acquired the property at 2049 Baird Street for the expansion of Penn Park. Demolition of the existing single family home is anticipated in late winter or early spring. Staff is working on the demolition permit.
- Staff is working on developing walking routes that incorporate paths through park properties, bike trails and sidewalks to create a series of park-oriented walking loops to be mapped via MapMyWalk (or other similar site) and serve as a means to promote Madison's walkability.
- Staff is working with the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee on drafting policies related to siting of dog parks and dogs in parks.
- Staff is working on outlining steps for the Park and Open Space Plan. Plan revisions will occur in 2017.
- Parks Staff is working with Engineering staff to cite locations within park properties that may utilize photo voltaic (solar) equipment to help reduce energy costs. Locations being reviewed include Warner Park and Yahara Hills Golf Course.
- Parks Staff will be working with Engineering on the Warner Park Lagoon Planning Grant. The first public input meeting will be held in late February or early March.
- Gates of Heaven flooring replacement is scheduled for late 2016. 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.

Projects Completed in 2015

- Central Park Skate Park
- Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park Playground replacement
- Electrical line replacement near the softball fields at Warner Park
- Edible landscape in Lucia Crest Park
- Fisher Street Park Playground replacement
- Reynolds Park Bike Polo installation

- Demetral Park Dog Park fencing and paving improvements
- Warner Park Dog Park fencing and paving improvements
- Sycamore Park Dog Park paving improvements
- Stevens Street Park Playground replacement
- Tenney Park Beach Playground replacement
- Demetral Park Playground replacement
- Breese Stevens Field asphalt path
- Reindahl Splash Park concessions
- Elvehjem Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Olbrich Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Rennebohm Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Waunona Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Westhaven Trails Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Warner Park Basketball Court Resurfacing
- Westhaven Trails Basketball Court Resurfacing
- Woodland Hills Park Basketball Court Resurfacing
- 2015 Spring Parks Division & Water Utility Landscaping including new landscaping at Acewood, Droster, Hudson, Linden Grove, Kenneth Newville, Sherwood Forest Park, Tenney Park Beach, Westmorland, the Yahara River Parkway, two City of Madison Water Utility well sites, Tenney Park Beach parking lot, and Walnut Grove Park dog park rain garden installations.
- Highland Manor Park Improvements including the storm shelter
- Flad Park Playground replacement
- High Point Park Playground replacement
- Quann Park Tennis Court Reconstruction Phase 2
- Waltham Park Improvements including new basketball court, play equipment and the asphalt path.
- Warner Park Community Recreation Center re-carpeting
- Brittingham Park at Proudfit – construction of the paving and seating improvements completed however improvements for the pedestrian crossing of the rail road tracks has been delayed until 2016.
- 2015 Group 2 Playground replacements at Arbor Hills, Badger, Bernie's Beach, Demetral, Junction Ridge, Tenney Beach and Sunridge Parks
- 2015 Parks Division Tree Planting installation of coniferous and hardwood trees at 13 park properties including BB Clark Beach, Blackhawk, Burr Jones, Burrows, Central, Hudson, Junction Ridge, Olbrich, Richmond Hill, Sherwood Forest, Sycamore, Warner and Wingra Parks in October 2015.
- Highland Manor Park Storm Shelter
- Owl Creek Park Improvements – Phase 2
- Goodman Topsoil Shed
- Breese Stevens Field Repair of the historic roof tiles
- Wingra Creek Parkway Phase 3 – dredging and shoreline repair
- Breese Stevens Field interlocking synthetic turf protection system to be used as protection of the new synthetic turf during special events.
- Tenney Park telephone line repair into the shelter
- Nakoma Park stair restoration
- Work is completed at Forest Hill Cemetery. The projects listed below are managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.
 - John Catlin Chapel Roof Replacement
 - The Cemetery Office Re-pointing work
 - Forest Hill Mausoleum Restoration
- Work is completed on building improvements at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. Improvement made this year are as follows:
 - Replacement of the boilers.
 - HVAC controls were installed to the three air handlers units.
 - Broken glass panels were replaced in the conservatory.