



WILDWOOD

May 19, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning and Parks Committee Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: **Update on Construction Progress at Green Pines Park (Ward – Five)**

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
Administration and Public Works Committee Members
Economic Development Committee Members
Sam Anselm, City Administrator
John A. Young, City Attorney
Rick Brown, P.E. and P.T.O.E., Director of Public Works
Kathy Arnett, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks

[Background >>>](#)

The development of a new park facility or trail corridor is always an exciting time for a community, whether it is seen as the culmination of years of work by City officials and volunteers, as in this particular instance, who worked on it from inception to conclusion, or from a user's point of view and the fun and enjoyment it will bring to all. Green Pines Park, formerly known as Ward Five Park, started construction this Spring and work continues between the rain, cold, and pandemic. Demien Construction and several other subcontractors are involved in the project that is underway. Demien Construction has worked for the City of Wildwood in the past and is a competent contractor for this facility.

For the purposes of a summary, the park facility is intended to include the following improvements:

1. The trailhead facility will provide five (5) off-street parking spaces for users; one (1) of which is accessible.
2. The parking area will be constructed of asphalt and be linked to the surrounding pedestrian network and the play pods (two (2) in total) by a system of concrete sidewalks.
3. The facility will offer certain equipment, structures, and play features to appeal to a range of age groups, including restroom area, four (4) small shelters, and one (1) larger type, along with bicycle racks, benches, and trash receptacles.

4. The design will include a landscape plan, with many of the plantings intended to provide a screen and buffer between the planned parking area and the nearby residential homesites. Along with landscaping for screening purposes, a stone wall, approximately thirty-two (32) inches in height, is planned along the east side of the parking area to provide more comprehensive noise and light abatement to the nearby residential area.
5. The design of this park facility will accommodate stormwater management, along with having limited utility extensions to it.
6. The entirety of the park play pods area will be fenced and gated to ensure younger children do not inadvertently leave it.
7. The park site will have a location for signage, both identification, informational, and directional types.
8. The site, in terms of grading, does require a stone retaining wall structure at the south of the park site to offset slope adjustments across the site, while offering appealing aesthetics, as a backdrop to the abutting play pod area.

The intent of this design and level of improvements is to ensure the park has a low-impact on the surrounding neighborhoods in terms of activity and services residents in its immediate vicinity.

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The Department of Planning and Parks has contacted the parties associated with the development of the park site for an update on its progress. In the provided table, the status of improvements and construction stages is noted:

Improvement or Stage	Not Started	Underway	Completed
Preliminary Grading		X – Rough grading is underway and will continue.	
Stormwater Improvements		X – Locations of the underdrains have been identified on site relative to footings for the playground equipment.	
Utility Items		X – Removal of utility pole by Ameren Missouri is planned this week.	
Sanitary Improvements		X – Extension of sanitary line to the area of the planned restroom facility has begun.	
Footings for Playground Improvements	X – Anticipated in the next two (2) weeks.		
Change Orders			X - Three (3) submitted and approved.

Improvement or Stage	Not Started	Underway	Completed
Invoices			X - One (1) submitted and paid by the City Council.
Construction Issues	X - Relocation of an unmapped electrical line that is below the play pod areas must be completed and pricing is to be provided by Ameren Missouri to the City for this work.		

No timeframe has been provided by the general contractor on a final completion date, but the Department is hoping mid-Fall 2020 for its opening.

[Summary and Conclusion >>>](#)

If any of the Committee Members should have any questions or comments regarding this information, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. A presentation is planned on this matter at tonight’s meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to present this information to the Committee on this item.