



WILDWOOD

June 22, 2020

The Honorable City Council
City of Wildwood, Missouri
16860 Main Street
Wildwood, Missouri 63040

Re: Update on Green Pines Park Construction (Ward - Five)

Council Members:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION >>>

Since the end of May 2020, the Department of Planning and Parks has been providing updates on the construction progress at the newly named Green Pines Park. The general contractor, Demien Construction, continues to address the early and, now, mid-stages of the project's development, which are identified below. Unfortunately, last week, the work to install potable water lines to the project resulted in an employee damaging a gas line, which led to a shutdown at the site. No one was injured, nor any property damaged. However, it certainly added another layer of process to the project's completion.

For the purposes of 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 a 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 primarily services residents in its immediate vicinity.

PARK CONSTRUCTION STATUS >>>

The Department is providing the current progress on the development of the park site. In the provided table, the status of improvements and construction stages are noted:

Improvement or Stage	Not Started	Underway/On-Going	Completed
Grading		X – Rough grading is approximately ninety (90) percent complete.	
Stormwater Improvements		X – Locations of the underdrains have been identified on site relative to their proximity to the needed footings for the playground equipment. On-hold, until all utility relocations are completed.	
Parking Lot Area	X - On hold, until the underground detention facilities and other stormwater improvements are nearing completion or completed.		
Utility Items		X – Removal of utility pole by Ameren Missouri has been delayed due to the utility companies bundling their projects.	
Sanitary Improvements			X – Extension of sanitary line to the area of the planned restroom facility is completed.
Footings for Playground Improvements		X – Playground equipment is to begin being delivered to the site on June 17, 2020, with installations of the items and associated footings scheduled to start immediately, i.e. June 17, 2020.	

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Change Orders			X - Four (4) submitted and approved.
Invoices			X - Two (2) submitted and paid by the City Council.
Construction Issues		X - Site condition remains a priority to the Department, with emphasis on tall grass, property damage, i.e. irrigation lines in vicinity, and others.	X - Gas line was breached during bore of required potable water line, repaired, and now resolved.
Other			

UPDATE SINCE LAST MEETING >>>

The table provided above offers an update of the construction progress in this regard. As the table represents, progress is being made in many areas and, where not, is typically premised on one (1) set of improvements needing to be completed to allow another to start, e.g. layering a cake, so to speak.

Budget summary is provided below, as well:

Date	Invoice Amount	Remaining Budget (\$)	Comments
		\$775,000.00 (Allocated)	
Application 1 – Paid 4/27/20	\$90,102.60	684,897.40	Initial start-up costs, including mobilization
Application 2 – Paid 5/26/20	\$106,186.40	587,711.00	Grading work, utilities, and purchases of equipment and other items for installations

No timeframe has been provided by the general contractor on a final completion date, but the hope is still early-Fall 2020 for its opening. This timeframe has been updated and slightly moved forward.

OTHER >>>

If any of the City Council Members should have questions or comments before tonight’s meeting about this information, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning and Parks at (636) 458-0440. The Department of Planning and Parks will respond to any questions or comments in this regard, if requested by City Council Members during the Work Session. Thank you for your review of this information.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF WILDWOOD



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