



WILDWOOD

January 24, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning and Parks Committee Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: **Anniversary Park Improvements (Ward Four)**

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
Steve Cross, City Administrator
Rick Brown, P.E. and P.T.O.E., Director of Public Works
Melanie Rippetoe, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks
Travis Newberry, Senior Planner
Kris Naeger, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation
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BACKGROUND >>> Anniversary Park was the first major park development project of the City, after its establishment. The park opened approximately ten (10) years after the incorporation of the City, which is reflected in its name. The land area for the park was donated to the City by Tom Shaw Realty, the owners of the property, and is over fourteen (14) acres in size. Much of the property's fourteen (14) acres is Caulks Creek or its associated floodplain. Park improvements were placed on a portion of this fourteen (14) acre site, approximately one and one-half acres of it, abutting Clayton Road, and not within the floodplain. These improvements include a rentable pavilion structure, play equipment, swings, and a newer restroom facility.

Since its installation, on-going maintenance has been a priority of the City, given how much it is used by the residents of this area of Wildwood. Regular and targeted maintenance is key, which is the reason, as the facility approaches twenty (20) years of use, it has not had major issues or safety concerns. To this end, at near the end of 2022, the Department undertook an overall inspection of the park site and identified several maintenance and replacement items for it. These items include the shingle roof on the pavilion, the water fountain by the pavilion, and the light standards within the overall park area.

CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND REQUEST >>> The aforementioned inspection identified these three (3) need areas and information regarding each of them is provided in the table below:

Improvement Items	Quantity	Cost (\$)	Commentary
Roofing Shingles	Not Applicable	Bids are ranging between \$4,000 to \$5,500	Shingles are the original and standard tab type (not architectural).
Water Fountain Replacement/General Plumbing Repairs	One (1)	\$8,000.00 (generally)	The current water fountain is original and has been requiring more and more maintenance over time. This work would also include better winterization steps, along with allowing water use all year round from the fountain.
Light Pole Replacements	Five (5)	Varies, but selection of luminaire and pole/post styles will dictate the overall cost for them. General cost is approximately \$2,500.00 per standard (which includes installation).	Current bases of the light standards are corroding due to water infiltration (they are spun aluminum). One (1) of the current standards has already been removed due to its poor condition.
Preliminary Totals	---	\$26,000.00	---

The installation of shingles on the pavilion roof is a high priority, while addressing the aging drinking fountain is critical as well. The replacement of the light poles can be accomplished in phases, given an inventory and inspection of them indicated a range of corrosion levels, from limited to, as mentioned, removal. Given available funding in the 2023 Capital Improvements Program, the Department would note not all of the identified components can be met this year, given other needs and commitments of these same funds from this funding line item.

SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS >>> The Department would like to proceed with the re-roofing of the pavilion area and replace the two (2) light standards, the first near the parking lot entry area (that current pole has been removed) and the other near the pavilion and playground facilities. Total cost would be approximately \$10,500.00. Accordingly, the Department would respectively request this authorization from the Committee to present these maintenance items to City Council.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND NEXT STEPS >>> If any of the Committee Members should have any questions or comments regarding this information, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning at (636) 458-0440. A presentation is planned on this items at tonight's meeting. Thank you for your review of this information.