



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 18, 2019

Re: Public Hearing: A. Perry Philips Park Trail and Landscaping Improvement Project

Executive Summary

Public hearing for the A. Perry Philips Park Trail and Landscaping Improvement Project. Specifically, the project includes improving the existing low-water crossing on the northeast corner of the lake trail and additional tree planting and landscape improvements throughout the park. The total project budget is \$60,000 and is funded by 2015 Park Sales Tax annual park improvement funds. Materials for the project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department, and the proposed improvements will be completed using force account labor. Improvements at the park are scheduled to begin spring 2019, with an anticipated completion date of fall 2019.

Discussion

The 140-acre A. Perry Philips Park (Philips Park) is located at 5050 Bristol Lake Parkway and includes a 1.4 mile trail, boat ramp, boat dock, fishing dock, restroom and parking lot. The construction of the Columbia Sports Fieldhouse is currently in progress on the northeast corner of the property, and park staff is also proposing to begin construction of the first phase of a tennis/pickleball complex at the park in 2019.

The proposed improvements at the park for this public hearing includes the construction of a low-water crossing on the northeast corner of the lake trail and landscaping improvements throughout the park.

Due to trail user complaints that a portion of the Philips trail was unusable after rain events, park staff began discussions about improving the low-water crossing on the lake trail during the finalization of the FY2019 CIP. Staff made the decision to include the low-water crossing as an annual park improvement project and included landscaping improvements with the project due to the ongoing construction at the park and need for restoration after the completion of the construction projects. After staff research regarding the needed improvements, park planning staff created a proposed plan focusing on the construction of the low-water crossing and locations for improved landscaping improvements.

Park staff held an interested parties meeting at the Boone County History and Culture Center on Thursday, January 10, 2019. Park staff met with citizens to discuss the proposed plans and gain feedback about the park and proposed improvements. Staff also provided the public with an opportunity to provide additional comments about the project via an online survey at como.gov from January 3, 2019 to January 17, 2019. All feedback from the public input meeting and online como.gov survey can be found at:



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<https://www.como.gov/parksandrec/cip/annual-park-improvement-projects/2018-annual-park-improvement-projects/#Philipsimprov>

Park staff introduced the proposed plans for Philips Park to the Parks & Recreation Commission on Thursday, January 17, 2019. After discussion of the project, the commissioners voted to endorse the proposed improvement plans at the park and recommended that Council approve the plans as presented. After considering all citizen comments and the P&R Commission recommendation, staff believes that proposed improvements to A. Perry Philips Park represent a consensus of park users and staff.

The proposed improvements at Philips Park will include the following:

1. Park construction staff will construct a concrete low-water crossing on the northeast corner of the lake trail. The 16 foot wide low-water crossing will be 60 feet in length using a combination of pre-fabricated concrete box culverts and a 6-inch thick concrete slab for the low-water crossing surface. The low-water crossing will be designed by a local engineering firm with correct calculations to handle the stormwater runoff generated in the area. It is anticipated that the installation of the low-water crossing will take three weeks to complete and park users will be given notification two weeks in advance of the project start date. It is anticipated that construction will occur early summer 2019. The concrete work will not impact the current flow of water. It will make it usable immediately following rainfall/overflow.
2. Park staff will complete multiple landscaping improvements at the park over the next ten months as part of the improvement project. Improvements include landscaping installation, tree plantings and turf restoration. The primary focus for landscaping improvements will be in the northeast corner of the park after the completion of the Columbia Sports Fieldhouse and phase I of the tennis complex construction. These two sites require large scale grading for construction of the facilities and park staff will be responsible for turf restoration, landscaping installation and planting new trees throughout the areas disturbed by construction of the two new facilities. Staff will also be responsible for tree plantings and median landscaping installation along the extension of Philips Farm Road on park property. Along with these improvements, forestry staff will also add new trees in designated areas along the lake trail and existing parking lot.

The \$60,000 improvement project at A. Perry Philips Park is funded by 2015 Park Sales Tax annual park improvement funds and is included in the City's FY19 Capital Improvement Program budget. Materials for the project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department, and the proposed improvements will be completed using force account labor. Construction of the improvements is anticipated to begin spring 2019, and staff anticipates the park improvements will be completed by fall 2019.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total cost of the improvement project is \$60,000 and is funded by 2015 Park Sales Tax annual park improvement funds.

Long-Term Impact: Park staff anticipates a slight increase in expenses associated with the landscaping improvements as staff will now have to maintain the landscaping beds and provide tree maintenance. The installation of the low-water crossing on the lake trail will reduce the annual maintenance needed for the trail, as staff will no longer have to make repairs to the gravel washout areas.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

After the public hearing approve the ordinance authorizing the A. Perry Philips Park Trail and Landscaping Improvement Project.