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Council Report

November 25, 2014

PROJECTS:

✓ Redevelopment Commission approved the change orders for the Cumberland Ave. Media Project to include removal of invasive's, and the Garden Street ROW Improvement to include the addition of shrubbery to the project.

✓ The Board of Works accepted the Bid from T.L. Kincaid Contracting, Inc. to do the ADA restroom compliance work for Happy Hollow Park, Lilly Nature Center and the two restrooms at Cumberland Park. Work will be completed by March 2015.

✓ Starting to get ready for ADA compliance work at Tapawingo Park/Riverside Skating Center. Levee Village TIF District funds ($33,950) were approved for this project.

PROGRAM:

✓ 2nd & 3rd Grade school basketball began on 11/24. Tim Whiteaker is leading the program this year. The basketball program will continue through February.

✓ The Ice Rink staff has been hired. The skates have been sharpened and the ice is ready to go. The Ice Rink is scheduled to open on Friday, Nov. 28.

✓ Classes are being planned for the Winter/Spring. brochure.

MORTON CENTER:

✓ Center Director Bess Witcosky delivered her baby 5 weeks early, and is now on maternity leave. Part-time staff are helping to keep Morton's office fully operational.

✓ Morton will be closed for the holidays from Saturday, Dec. 20 through Monday, Jan. 5.

NATURE CENTER:

✓ Four solar, motion-detector lights have been installed close to the parking lot near the Lilly Nature Center, improving patron safety.

✓ Three trees were planted during the city's Founders Day celebration in October, in memory of Helen Lillich, who organized the first Tree Committee in West Lafayette.

✓ The West Lafayette Tree Friends organization is currently soliciting donations to help purchase trees for planting throughout the city. Donations may be sent to the Parks & Recreation Office. This group also helps care for trees located close to streets through their pruning and watering efforts.

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IN GENERAL:

- ✓ As of 11/17, the new Parks Superintendent, Janet Fawley began working for the West Lafayette Parks & Recreation Department. Her email is jfawley@wl.in.gov & can be reached by phone at 765-775-5110.
- ✓ The West Lafayette Park and Recreation Foundation will meet on Tuesday, December 2, 4 pm, at the Lilly Nature Center.
- ✓ The next West Lafayette Park and Recreation Board meeting will be Monday, December 15, 4:45 pm at the Main Office location.