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Lafayette Parks & Recreation breaks ground on first phase of McCaw Park Masterplan

LAFAYETTE, IN – May 3, 2023 – Lafayette Parks & Recreation has broken ground on the first phase of a new masterplan for McCaw Park. This first phase includes constructing a dog park, adding a restroom facility, and expanding the existing parking lot.

Construction of the first phase has begun and is expected to conclude in late 2023. During construction, guests of McCaw Park will temporarily be asked to park in the east parking lot next to Fire Station No. 5, as the parking lot nearest the McCaw Park playground will be closed to the public. Entry to the pickleball courts will be rerouted from the gate on the west side of the courts to the gate on the east side of the courts. Directional signage will be posted.

“We are so excited about the McCaw Park improvements,” said Mayor Tony Roswarski. “This park is one of the busiest parks in our community; from daily pickleball play and playground use, to summer youth baseball, McCaw Park sees a lot of activity. And with the exciting addition of the new dog park, we expect McCaw Park will see even more traffic.”

The additional parking and new restroom facility will help support the vast amount of activity McCaw Park hosts each day. McCaw Park’s existing parking lot (next to the playground) consists of 30 spaces including two handicap spaces. Once expanded, the lot will feature 146 spaces including eight handicap and five motorcycle spaces.

The new dog park will be situated just south of the expanded parking lot. The dog park will feature five separate paddocks for dog play including a small dog section, a playground section, and multiple water amenities throughout. “One of our favorite features of the dog park is a doggy splash pad, which will provide a really fun way for dogs to cool off and play on those hot summer days,” said Parks Superintendent Claudine Laufman. The dog park will include some shade structures and seating for human companions as well. Membership will be available for an annual fee.



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As for future phases of the McCaw Park masterplan, the Greater Lafayette community can expect to see 12 additional pickleball courts as well as a paved trail surrounding the park and connecting to the Munger Park Trail.

“We’ve spoken to McCaw Park neighbors and park patrons and the excitement is growing,” said Laufman. “We can’t wait to see these transformations come to life.”

Stay-up-to-date on the McCaw Park project by following Lafayette Parks & Recreation on Facebook at facebook.com/LafayetteParks, Twitter at twitter.com/LafayetteParks, and Instagram at instagram.com/lafayetteparks/.

About Lafayette Parks and Recreation The Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains 700 acres of land within the City of Lafayette. This includes the maintenance of more than 27 miles of paved trails. The city’s trails are open to the public and can be used for a variety of activities including walking, running, biking, rollerblading, and more.

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