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Lafayette Parks Foundation recipient of \$250,000 gift from The Scheumann Foundation, Inc. for ADA accessible restroom & concession building at CAT Park

LAFAYETTE, IN – May 21, 2023 – Lafayette Mayor Roswarski announced today that the Lafayette Parks Foundation, Inc. has received a \$250,000 gift from The Scheumann Foundation, Inc. for an ADA accessible restroom and concessions building at CAT Park. The announcement was a part of the dedication ceremony for the CAT Park All-Inclusive Sports Field.

“We are so grateful to June Scheumann and the Scheumann family for their ongoing support of the Parks Department,” said Parks Superintendent Claudine Laufman. “This gift will allow us to begin a new phase for the All-Inclusive Sports Field at CAT Park and we look forward to expanding upon this incredible facility.”

The building will be constructed by Tempest Homes who is donating their staff time and expertise to the project. “We are also very thankful to have the support of Barney Scheumann and Tempest Homes who will make this building come to life,” said Laufman. “We are currently in the design phase and hope to break ground on the building this fall.”

The design of the ADA accessible restroom and concessions building at CAT Park was made possible thanks to a collaboration between the Parks Department, **Wessler Engineering, Inc.**, **Cordogan Clark**, and **Kettelhut Construction, Inc.**, who generously donated their staff time and expertise. The ADA accessible restroom and concessions building will complement the brand-new All-Inclusive Sports Field facility.



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Ground was broken on the All-Inclusive Sports Field at CAT Park in April of 2022. The project features poured-in place rubber surfacing, two dugouts, a covered announcer's booth, and spectator seating. The special field surface material is ADA compliant and will allow participation from individuals with all levels of physical abilities. The field space will be able to host a variety of sporting events and activities including, baseball, softball, and soccer, among others.

About Lafayette Parks Foundation, Inc.

Since its formation in 1994, the Lafayette Parks Foundation serves to support the Lafayette Parks Department through fund development, assistance with capital projects, special events and programs. The mission of the Foundation is to solicit and encourage donations to assist Lafayette Park capital improvements and programs. Most recent projects include the new Penguin Exhibit at the Columbian Park Zoo, Crosser Sports Complex, and the Columbian Park Carousel.

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