



## News Release

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### **Lafayette Parks & Recreation hosts dedication event for the McCaw Park Phase One Improvements Project**

**LAFAYETTE, IN – April 19, 2024** – Lafayette Parks & Recreation held a ribbon cutting and grand opening event today for the McCaw Park Phase One Improvements Project. Phase One improvements include a parking lot expansion, new restroom facility, and the addition of the new McPaw Dog Park. The improvements were funded through Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and a generous gift to the Lafayette Parks Foundation, Inc. courtesy of Bill & Michele McCaw and The McAllister Foundation.

Ground was broken on the first phase of the new masterplan for McCaw Park in May of 2023. The expanded parking lot features 146 spaces including eight handicap and five motorcycle spaces. McPaw Dog Park features four separate paddocks for dogs of all sizes as well as one paddock for small dogs. The all-dog paddocks include a spray pad feature, pond, doggy playground, and other dog play elements. Ample shade and seating is available throughout the dog park.

Mayor Tony Roswarski highlighted the impact these improvements have on the community at large. “McCaw Park is one of the most active parks in the Greater Lafayette area, and with the exciting addition of the new dog park, we expect that popularity only to grow,” said Roswarski. “Improvements like this contribute greatly to the quality of life in our community. We’re thrilled to complete this first phase and look forward to starting phase two this summer.”

The expanded parking lot and new restroom facility are now open to the public. Regularly \$65 per year, McPaw Dog Park Memberships are on sale for \$45 during the month of April using coupon code: **MCPAW**. Memberships can be purchased through the Lafayette Parks & Recreation online portal at [lafayetteparks.org](http://lafayetteparks.org).

As for Phase Two of the McCaw Park masterplan, the Greater Lafayette community can expect to see 14 additional pickleball courts, a new basketball half court, additional baseball field improvements, and a new paved trail around the perimeter of the park with connectivity to the existing trail system. Phase Two construction is expected to begin this summer.

#### **About Lafayette Parks and Recreation**

The Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains nearly 700 acres of land within the City of Lafayette. This includes the maintenance of more than 32 miles of paved



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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.

**About Lafayette Parks Foundation, Inc.**

Since its formation in 1994, the Lafayette Parks Foundation, Inc. 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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