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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ann E. Wall, City Manager

DATE: January 11, 2023

SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A letter from Stephen Keener, President and Chief Executive Officer of Little League International
2. A memo from Don Octigan, Director of Recreation and Parks, regarding an update on Wildwood Park projects

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Attachments



Stephen D. Keener
President & Chief Executive Officer
Little League® International

January 5, 2023

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Ms. Ann Wall
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Dear Ann –

I hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday season and please accept our good wishes for the new year ahead.

As we have noted in past discussions, Little League Baseball International is committed to providing as much support as possible for the Little League Softball World Series in Greenville. With that said, I am pleased to advise that we will provide, at no cost to the City, a new and improved television quality field lighting system for Stallings Stadium at Elm Street Park effective for use at the 2023 Little League Softball World Series.

Thanks to you and all the Greenville officials for your strong support of the Softball World Series, and we are very pleased that this new lighting system will also be an enhancement to the facility for use by the Greenville Little League program on a year-round basis.

Looking forward to seeing the new system, and all our Greenville friends next summer.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen D. Keener".

STEPHEN D. KEENER
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To: Ann Wall, City Manager
From: Don Octigan, Director of Recreation and Parks *DO*
Date: January 11, 2023
Re: Wildwood Park Project Updates

Three impactful projects are currently under construction at Wildwood Park. All are taking place without disrupting the use of the park, which is still seeing various visitors this winter for fishing or walking the trails. A brief summary of each project is below along with several pictures documenting the progress.

Enhancement of Trail System:

The contract with TA Loving to construct a raised boardwalk and pedestrian bridge to be located on the east parcel of Wildwood Park has been fully executed and construction is ready to begin. The project, which will be funded by public and private dollars, will complete the walking trail around the east side lake and connect the east parcel with the west parcel under Highway 264 Alternate. This connection will open up another 2 miles of primitive trails and provide additional access to the Tar River.

Chris Smith Mountain Bike Trails and Bicycle Pump Track and Skills Course:

The three projects, mountain bike trails, pump track and bicycle skills course, are all on schedule to be completed early this summer. The projects were designed and are being constructed by Nature Trails, LLC. Attached (*attachment #1*) is a picture of the skills course which shows the three courses. There will be a beginner, intermediate and advanced course to ensure that riders of all skill levels can enjoy this new amenity. The six miles of the Chris Smith Mountain Bike Trail can be seen in attachment #2 and #3. The course is being funded by the *Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Family Foundation* and will provide riders a unique experience as they ride through primitive areas of Wildwood Park.

Welcome Center and Playground

The Wildwood Park Welcome Center and playground project is also scheduled to be completed this spring. The 2,000 square foot Welcome Center features restroom facilities and a storage area for event supplies. The facility also includes office space for two employees, allowing Recreation and Parks staff to provide customer service to park users during seasonal hours. Attachment #4 shows the facility view from the lake. The playground, which will be located in front of the Welcome Center, will be installed late February. This facility, as well as the playground, will allow staff to further activate the park through programming and events.

Staff will plan a ribbon cutting event once the Welcome Center and playground projects are completed. All of these projects are exciting additions to Greenville's park system and will provide additional outdoor recreational opportunities for residents. Please let me know if there are any questions.

cc: Michael Cowin, Deputy City Manager
Mark Nottingham, Parks Planner

Attachment #1 – Bicycle Skills Course



Attachment #4: Wildwood Park Welcome Center



Attachment #2 & #3: Chris Smith Mountain Bike Trails

