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Dear Resident:

Thank for your input regarding Shoshone Park from our April and July 2016 meetings. Please find below an update from Deputy Commissioner Andrew Rabb regarding Shoshone Park.

<u>Tree removal and replacement:</u> The City has removed over 30 trees which is roughly half of the ash in the park and replaced them 25 new trees with volunteers last weekend. We have another 10 new trees coming from our contractor this month as well and will continue to remove trees and stumps after the ground has hardened up a bit and expect all removals to be completed by this summer with replacement plantings taking place over the next several years.

<u>Parking concerns:</u> Parks staff has moved boulders to block vehicle access to the park from Hertel Ave and monitors access from the main parking area. The City has also posted <u>No Parking</u> on Grass signs at the Parkside Court entrance. Engineering is also looking into if a cross walk in the Parkside Ct. vicinity is feasible.

<u>This year's park improvements:</u> The City is currently rebuilding the basketball court, and converting the tennis court into a street hockey rink. There will also be additional benches installed. Total cost of approximately. \$100,000

<u>Fall leaf piles and late night work:</u> Mr. Rapp spoke with the Streets Division regarding the nearby residents concern over the leaf pile in the fall and the noise made by Streets Crews in the late night/early morning hours and asked Streets if there is a way to reduce the size of the pile more frequently and during the day if possible, to avoid keeping the neighborhood up at night.

Ramp to Rails to Trails: Will be completed in the spring.

I hope this informational update is helpful to you. We still have work to complete but progress is being made. Please do not hesitate to contact my office (716) 851-5165 if need arise.

Sincerely,

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