

Northside Park Renovation – Update 3 August 19, 2009

Northside Construction Bid Awarded!

E.P. Doyle and Son was approved for the initial construction at Northside Park at the August 19 Wheaton Park Board meeting. Six bids were received from several reputable companies with experience in this type of work. The approved amount is \$2,483,703 and includes alternates for a limestone ledge rock near the warming shelter and the ten docks included on the plans. This is \$1,175,114 less than our engineers estimate for the work! While we are pleased to see such good pricing, in the current construction economy this is not uncommon. E.P. Doyle and Son is a local firm that has been doing business since 1946. We are confident they will do a great job.

Construction Schedule

In the next couple of weeks we will be meeting with our engineer and contractor to develop a schedule for completion of the work. Currently we anticipate starting construction on September 29 and continuing through next August. Due to the extent of construction and related traffic, we are anticipating that a substantial portion of the park will be unusable during this time. Park District programs, camps, and sports programs are being relocated as necessary. More information will be provided as we develop the schedule.

Fire Department Training

Prior to demolition, the Wheaton Fire Department will be conducting training in the old maintenance shop on the west side of the park. This is an excellent opportunity for them to practice in a unique type of building which prepares them for emergencies elsewhere in the community.

Questions or Comments?

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