

Conway Park Business Owners Association Announces Park Improvements

The property owners of Conway Park are pleased to announce the following landscape and pedestrian safety enhancements to be completed August-October 2011 in award-winning Conway Park in Lake Forest:

Additional Sidewalks – West side of Field Drive and portions of Field Court connecting to the City of Lake Forest’s walking path. (With a goal to ultimately connect to the Lake County Forest Preserves’ Middlefork Savannah) Upon completion of the project, we will have 2.1 miles of sidewalk/path for employees to enjoy.

Pedestrian Bridge – A 45-foot pedestrian bridge at Dalitsch Pond (located immediately north of the Lake Forest Municipal Building) completing a pedestrian trail circling the pond

Signaled Crosswalks – Three signaled crosswalks will be installed in the Park to enhance pedestrian safety. See the website for locations.

New Irrigation System – State-of-the-art, green technology to enhance landscape aesthetics and reduce water usage

Larry Meilbeck, of Hospira, Inc. and President of the Conway Park Owners’ Association (CPOA) comments, “These improvements have been discussed for a long time. The efforts of many involved parties will pay off very soon in the form of significant aesthetic and safety enhancements for our office park partners and their employees.”

Lake Forest City Manager Bob Kiely states, “This is an excellent example of a public/private partnership. In addition to the expertise of professionals and volunteers, the City’s engineers designed the walking trail and pedestrian bridge that will be constructed at this four acre pond site.”

This past year, Chase Clemens a “Life Scout” with Lake Forest Boy Scout Troop 46 spearheaded the construction of a 12-foot pedestrian bridge at Dalitsch Pond as he works to earn Eagle Scout rank. The construction of the bridge took over 250 hours to complete by 21 volunteers from the troop and high school. The Home Depot supplied some of the building materials.

The architect of the new irrigation system, Larry Carramenta of the Brickman Group stated that the new system employs state-of-the-art, green technology that will minimize waste and put the park in the forefront regarding inevitable state and federal water usage regulations. The new irrigation system utilizes fully non-potable water and will result in an approximate 50% reduction in water usage. The sprinklers are designed to match the soil intake rate to maintain healthier soils and allow for deeper root systems, which will result in more vibrant, drought tolerant plantings.

Projects updates can be found at: www.cpowners.com

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Brickman Group – irrigation system design

Naturescape Design, Inc. – irrigation system installation

Traffic Control Corporation – crosswalk signals and signs