

Next phase of Lafayette park could start in spring

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CAPE MAY — The city's next step in preparation for building phases two and three of Lafayette Street Park is to apply to the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to receive a permit.

At a Nov. 14 meeting of the Lafayette Street Park Advisory Committee, city engineer Tom Thornton said plans for the park are being finalized following many meetings with the committee. He said if the Coastal Area Facilities Review Act permit application is submitted this month, the approval could arrive by March 2020. Advertising for bids could take place in March or April, with bids received in May and construction starting in late May or June, Thornton said.

son Harkins said the park would have a fountain, a rain garden and a pavilion with a curved roof. A restroom structure would have four stalls, each with an exterior door. The building would have scalloped siding and two windows to provide light, he said.

A shade structure would be constructed for a dog park divided into sections for large and small dogs. Two basketball courts, one tennis court and one combination pickleball and tennis court are planned.

Committee member Linda Anderson-Towne, who represents the Anderson family for which Wise-Anderson Park was named in part, asked the committee if bleachers could be included in the design to allow spectators and parents to sit while basketball games are taking place.

She said the city stated

in an email that it did not feel the bleachers were necessary.

Lafayette Street Park Advisory Committee Chairman Mike Jones said City Manager Neil Young stated the park would lose five parking spaces if it included bleachers. Jones said temporary bleachers could be used during summer camp basketball games.

Robert Matthews, a former recreation director for Middle Township, stated in an email that the bleachers and lights for the basketball courts should be included in the design.

"We have this opportunity, instead of going forward, we're going back," Anderson-Towne said. "And it doesn't have even what it had before, it doesn't have lighting and it doesn't have bleachers."

Jones said the city hoped Jersey Central Power and



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The next phase of the Lafayette Street Park would include creation of a dog park and installation of two basketball courts, a tennis court and a combination tennis and pickleball court.

Light, which has been undertaking an environmental cleanup of the property, would pay for lighting. He said lighting was damaged in the remediation process.

The committee discussed adding bike racks to the park.

Terry DiUbaldo, a member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Advisory

Committee, asked where a safe entry to the park for bicyclists would be located other than coming from Madison Avenue. She said she hoped a bike path could be built behind Cape May City Elementary School to the park.

DiUbaldo asked how bike riders and pedestrians could safely cross Lafayette Street.

Thornton said the park would have an irrigation system and a "lot of trees." He said the park would have two retention basins for stormwater.

The city received a \$500,000 grant for Phase 4 of the park project from the state DEP for a nature trail behind the elementary school, Jones said.

"They also wanted to make sure we would get a matching grant from the county for that same amount," he said.

Committee to print new bike safety maps for 2020

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CAPE MAY — The Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee will publish an updated bike safety map for summer 2020.

The 2019 edition of the map indicated safer routes of travel for bicyclists. They were distributed at bike rental shops, the Cape May-Lewes Ferry terminal, the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May office and the Ocean View rest stop on the Garden State

Parkway.

Maps also were delivered to the Chalfonte Hotel, to DeSatnick Realty — which places the maps in bags for vacation renters — and Duckee's Market on Broadway in West Cape May.

At a Nov. 13 meeting, committee member Meryl Nelson said the committee paid almost \$7,000 last year to print the maps, with \$2,500 contributed by the city of Cape May, \$2,500 from West Cape May, \$500 from Cape May Point and \$2,000 from an earlier donation from the Mullock

family.

"We're going to print a smaller-size map," she said. "We're going to print 30,000 and it's going to cost under \$4,000."

Nelson said the map production would be handled by a different firm. Allegra Marketing, which printed last year's map, asked for \$1,800 for the file of last year's map.

"Because they said the map belongs to them," she said.

The map will be redesigned, Nelson said. Some funding for printing may

come from the city's Green Team as well as \$2,000 from the borough of West Cape May.

Cape May Marketing Director Laurie Taylor and Greater Cape May Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Doreen Talley took the 6,000 remaining 2019 bike maps for distribution in travel shows, Nelson said.

She said she hoped to have a sample of the new map ready for the committee's December meeting.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee has endorsed an idea put

forth by the Promenade and Seawall Advisory Committee to widen the Promenade from the arcade to Convention Hall. The bicycle committee has not endorsed painting bike lanes on the Promenade.

Nelson said Ocean City has bike markings on the middle of its Boardwalk. Committee Chairman Bill Murray said there were no plans to place bike striping on the Promenade.

Committee member Holly Tilford has been researching recommended markings for bike lanes.

"In those, I saw, if anything, the recommendation would be for just a centerline to separate the different types of uses," she said.

Deputy Mayor Patricia Hendricks said City Council has not discussed recommendations made from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Committee but could

do so at a January work session meeting.

Deputy City Manager Jerry Inderwies said the city would begin discussion of the 2020 municipal budget during the third week of November. He said if council wants to fund items suggested by the committee, such as traffic studies or new signage, they could be placed into consideration for the 2020 budget.

Murray asked if the intersection of Broad and Elmira streets could become a four-way stop. Inderwies said City Council could ask for a traffic study and include Elmira Street from the bridge across Cape Island Creek.

The intersection of Broad and Elmira streets is dangerous even for drivers, Murray said. Inderwies said four-way stops actually increase rear-end collisions for vehicles.

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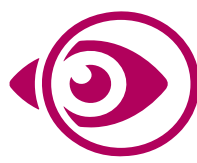


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