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Dear Kensington Park Neighbors,

I would like to provide an update on how the work is progressing at Kensington Park. The detention basin has had silt removed from the basin as well as all vegetation killed and removed. The area has been reseeded with native plantings and in the next 4-5 weeks there should be some visible signs of growth. Please keep in mind the basin will not be fully mature until three (3) years from now. Also, a frequent question has been asked regarding standing water within the basin. After a rainfall, there will often be standing water for several days. The water in the basin drains in a controlled and regulated manner as to not overwhelm the storm water system. After several days without precipitation, the basin will become dry. Additional work that took place included applying herbicide on the walking path and the baseball infields. Two swales, one on the southeast corner and the other on the north side behind the small elevated field, were installed. Weed control, fertilizing and slit seeding of the turf will be implemented when weather conditions are suitable. Finally, the path will have additional limestone added and rolled and erosion control will be placed at the backstops. The baseball storage unit has been painted and will be leveled permanently in the next few weeks.

In regards to the playground, the original play set has been removed by a non-for-profit organization who will be reconstructing it in Haiti. The area where the new playground will be constructed has been prepared. The land where the old playground was has begun to be restored. The new playground, including a new play set, swings for both infants and youth, and a musical play feature, will be installed beginning the week of July 26. The mini picnic shelters will be reinstalled along with a grill and bike rack. Trash receptacles and picnic tables will also be added.

Finally, the Brian McGarry memorial is being finalized and installation will be dependent on conducive (for planting) weather conditions.

The Park District has begun mowing and maintaining the entire park. Please clean up after your pets as well as remove the waste offsite. Also, there are no motorized vehicles allowed on the property other than the parking lot. If you observe any vehicles other than Park District equipment or their representatives on park grounds, please call either the Park District and/or the DuPage County Sheriff. This includes ATV's, trucks, motorcycles and snowmobiles. Also, fireworks are illegal and certainly should not be activated within a public park. The Park District will be working actively with the Sheriff's department regarding enforcement of all ordinances.

Again, the Park District apologizes for the length of the project and appreciates your patience and understanding throughout the process. While delayed, our goal is to provide a park that meets and exceeds our community's expectations.

Sincerely,

Dave Harris
Butterfield Park District