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Park District Board Approves Intergovernmental Agreement with Rock River Water Reclamation District

Rockford, IL - The Rockford Park District Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance on April 28 to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Rock River Water Reclamation District (RRWRD) granting permanent easements for the Rock River East Interceptor Sewer Trunk at Sinnissippi Riverfront and the re-route project in Sinnissippi Park. The IGA covers two projects the RRWRD plans to complete, but needed three easements from the Park District to accomplish.

Project I: Rock River East Interceptor Sewer Trunk Project

This project will run from the Swan Anderson Building (Junior Achievement Building) to Auburn Street. The RRWRD will be replacing a 33" existing trunk with a 48" diameter trunk.

Reason for Project: The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has required this because of insufficient capacity in the existing trunk.

There will be coordination of construction schedules between the Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens Project and the Interceptor Sewer Trunk Project to avoid any construction conflicts. The RRWRD will pay for the construction of the Interceptor Project.

Timeframe

The estimated schedule for the Interceptor Project includes two phases:

- Phase 1: July 1 – December 1, 2009
- Phase 2: December 15, 2009 – August 1, 2010

Project II: Re-Route Project in Sinnissippi Park

This project involves the replacement of an existing 6" Park District-owned sewer line with a new 8" pipe that the RRWRD will take ownership of when completed.

Reasons for Project:

1. The existing 6" pipe and manholes are very old and need repair.
2. The existing 6" pipe currently runs under N. 2nd Street and also would have run beneath the Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens, making it inaccessible for future repairs.
3. The IGA states that the Park District will pay the RRWRD to design and construct the new re-routed pipe. It will be paid for from the Park District's Capital Improvement Project repair and replacement funding allocation. The cost for the Re-Route Project is not to exceed \$132,000.

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Timeframe

The estimated schedule for the Re-Route Project is June 1 – August 1, 2009

Impact to Rock River Recreation Path Users

The Interceptor and Re-Route projects will have a limited impact on the actual Rec Path with the exception of a 400 foot re-route between the Lagoon and the Sea Scout Building, which will be in place by early November 2009. Area parking lots will be impacted during the various phases of the projects.

"This Intergovernmental Agreement will allow the Rock River Water Reclamation District to complete their much-needed Sewer Trunk and Re-Route projects in a cost-effective manner. By coordinating these projects in conjunction with the construction of the Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens Project, we are reducing the cost and at the same time, minimizing the impact that these projects will have on Rec Path users," said Park District Executive Director Tim Dimke.

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