



# COUNTY OF KENOSHA

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## Public Works/Facilities Committee Parks Division Status Report for April, 2022

- **Boundless Adventures:** *The season opening for Boundless Adventures is set for April 9<sup>th</sup>. Spring hours will be on weekends or by group appointment during the week.*
  
- **Kenosha County Veterans Memorial Park:**
  - **Phase III Veterans Memorial Development:** *Bids were due on 3/8/22 for the construction of the restroom pavilion, Army memorial shelter and two entrance signs. Bids came back higher than the approved budget. The County is working with the apparent low bidder to determine if value engineering will allow for project to be constructed this season.*
  - **Real Estate Activities:**
    - **Parcel Sale Preparation** - *The CTH “F” Realignment Project and the development of the western portion of Kenosha County Veterans Memorial Park created two saleable county-owned parcels that are not conducive for parkland use. Per the approved 2021 County budget, Public Works was authorized to sell these remnant parcels and the due diligence required to get them ready for sale is in-process.*
    - **DNR Parcel Exchanges** – *Also as part of the CTH “F” Realignment Project and the development of the western portion of Kenosha County Veterans Memorial Park, two other remnant parcels that were part of larger properties purchased with DNR Stewardship funding are no longer suitable for use as parkland. Per DNR grant requirements, the two remnant parcels require a conversion/exchange of other, equal-valued County-owned property into parkland as an offset. See attached documents as a reference of the parcel exchange.*
  
- **Old Settlers Park Band Shelter:** *Bids were due on 3/31/22 for the construction of the band shelter at Old Settlers Park.*
  
- **Parks App & Bike Kenosha County App:** *Two new web-based applications were launched in March to highlight parks and bike related amenities and events. The Kenosha County Parks app may be accessed at <https://www.kenoshacounty.org/parksapp> and the Bike Kenosha County app is available at <https://www.kenoshacounty.org/bikeapp>*

- ***Petrifying Springs Park***
  - *Playground #4: The County is evaluating the feasibility to bid multiple prime contractors to reduce the project budgets.*
  - *Pavilion #3: Masonry Restoration Inc. has started on the repairs to the brick within pavilion #3 and anticipated to finish prior to the start of the pavilion reservation season. This project will be the first phase to preserve the facility.*
  
- ***Pringle Nature Center:*** *Pringle Nature Center has been selected to host an AmeriCorps group to work on various projects within Bristol Woods Park for four weeks starting in May. The AmeriCorps crew will focus on the construction of Nature Playground features, trail rehabilitation, and invasive species removal.*
  
- ***Seasonal Recruitment:*** *The Parks are still in need of twelve lifeguards to be fully staffed at Silver Lake Park beach for the season. Interested candidates can review the job posting for more details:*  
<https://us61e2.dayforcehcm.com/CandidatePortal/en-US/ken/Posting/View/3042>
  
- ***Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP):*** *The SYEP will return to the parks and facilities divisions again for 2022. Program organizers anticipate similar numbers of participants to the program this year due to staff shortages and increases in wages of the crew members. A total of 140 youth are anticipated to participate in the program throughout all of Kenosha County.*