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Romeoville Approves Enhancements for O'Hara Woods and Meadowdale Park

The Village Board has approved proposals from Wight & Company to design development through construction for O'Hara Woods and Meadowdale Park.

O'Hara Woods is 60 acres of nature preserve areas with trails, a pavilion, picnic tables and offers outdoor rentals. It is currently unavailable for public use during the design and construction phase of the area. The renovation would include repairs to the pavilion roof, security lighting, poured flooring, and upgraded restrooms so that they are ADA compliant. In addition, the old play structure equipment will be removed and replaced with a nature themed playground environment for children 2-5 years of age with log steppers and Baggo sets.

"O'Hara Woods has always been a popular area for recreation for our residents. We look forward to enhancing the area for future outdoor activities for individuals and families alike," said Mayor John Noak.

Meadowdale Park is a 2.5 acre parcel in Meadowdale Estates near Greenhaven subdivision that has been vacant for 10 years. Development of the park will include input acquired from residents at a community meeting held on March 10, 2016.

"This area is in need of development and it is an ideal location for a park," said Kelly Rajzer, Director of Parks and Recreation. The designs from Wight & Company will include a gazebo, benches, trails, drinking fountain, and possibly playground and exercise stations depending on the construction estimate and available funds in the budget.

These park improvements have been budgeted and approved for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Construction will begin sometime this summer, after designs are completed and approved for both sites. The estimated completion date is late Fall 2016.