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Lions Club Park project gets \$410,000 from city



Rendering Special to The Clinton Courier

By Katherine R. Dougan

The City has approved a \$410,000 financial boost for the Lions Club Park Project. The money for Lions Club Park, which is on land owned by Mississippi College that will be leased by the City, comes from extra funds in the repair monies earmarked for the Clinton Parkway Project.

Fisher presented a slideshow to the Board to explain the scope of the project, which is to “make the park as accessible to everyone regardless of their limitations in life, to give them access to as many items on the play-

ground as possible,” he said.

Items planned for the park playground include a wheelchair-accessible slide, which will be mounted on a soft turf hill that can be navigated by wheelchairs. Other items include a crawl-through caterpillar, a twist-the-wheel ride, and a variety of swings.

A treehouse, with a platform high enough for a child in a wheelchair to climb up, then slide down and get back into the wheelchair, will be in the center of the park, and spinners for kids to sit in and spin around will be

located throughout the park.

Musical instruments will be mounted on a path around the park, to allow kids and adults to play while walking through the path, and a swing set will have buddy swings that allow two people to swing and face each other.

“What I can image here one day is a pavilion...built into the hill that comes down from the Parkway, and the bathroom will be up near the brick building that currently exists,” Fisher said, adding that the two buildings will cap each end of the park.

“One night, the MC jazz band could

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City approves transfer of \$1 million from roads, paving funds to Parks and Recreation



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At the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on Tuesday, May 7, aldermen voted 6-1 to transfer \$1 million earmarked for roads and

infrastructure repair to the Parks and Recreation Department.

The reasoning behind this transfer of funds was because the City received \$1 million from the legislature to use for

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MDOT continues work on Norrell Road interchange

By Katherine R. Dougan

Mississippi Transportation Commissioner Dick Hall recently announced updates to Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) projects in central Mississippi.

“The focus of the majority of the projects in central Mississippi is safety or system preservation,” Hall said. “Because of shortfalls in current transportation funding, the majority of MDOT’s projects reflect the agency’s continued shift from capacity upgrades to system preservation and maintenance.”

Hall said that interchange improvements to the Interstate 20 and Norrell Road interchange in Hinds County are currently on schedule. This project will provide access to the new Continental Tire plant. The project involves implementing a new geometry for the interchange, as well as the widening and realigning of the frontage road and local roads.

The I-20 eastbound bridge has been widened on the north side, and widening on the south side is currently underway. Drill shafts, columns and caps on the new railroad bridge have been completed, and crews are placing beams and beginning to pour the new bridge deck. Dirt work continues on the project.

Joe McGee Construction Company, Inc., of Lake, started construction in March 2018, and is scheduled for completion in late fall 2019. The approximately \$26.9 million project is being funded by the Mississippi Development Authority.

Also in the local county area, Dickerson & Bowen, Inc., of Brookhaven, recently began a mill and overlay project on State Route 18 from Raymond to I-20 in Hinds County. The approximately \$8.8 million construction project is expected to be complete in early spring 2020.

“With MDOT’s continued shift to system maintenance and preservation, pavement rehabilitation projects are critical to ensuring the safety of the traveling public in Mississippi,” said Hall.

Work zones present new traffic patterns and configurations that may be unfamiliar to motorists. For information about how to navigate highway work zones safely, visit GoMDOT.com/drivesmartms.

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