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Robinson Park playground renovation complete

ing, spinning, sliding and swinging. Children exercise in different ways than adults, focusing more on short bursts and using their bodies in different directions. The elements from this playground structure provide that ability for children.

Parks and Recreation Director Adam Wade stated that the playground elements are designed to stimulate the mind and imagination, as well as provide physical activity.

“While a child uses the playground for exercise, they are also being challenged mentally and socially through the interactive elements now being designed into playgrounds. Clinton Parks and Recreation is excited to be the first park in Mississippi to achieve this designation,” said Wade.

Robinson Park’s new playground features separate structures for younger and older children, as well as a shade canopy to shelter users from the elements.

Nestled in the heart of Clinton, at 1201 Neal Street, future additions to the historic park are slated for 2020 and beyond. Plans include a new walking trail, pickle ball courts, senior exercise equipment, resurfaced basketball courts and other facility upgrades.

New restroom facilities are also planned for Robinson Park in 2020. Currently in the bidding stage, the re-



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Workers put the finishing touches on the play structure at Robinson Park.

strooms will replace the current portable restroom facilities utilized in the park. Construction of the restrooms should begin in the spring of 2020.

Recently, Mayor Fisher, Alderman David Ellis and Parks Director Adam Wade have met with residents of the Sarah Dickey neighborhood to identi-

fy elements needed in the park and to facilitate a design to acknowledge the importance of the park to the neighborhood and Clinton as a whole.

“Robinson Park is an important gathering place for our residents to build community and build relationships,” said Fisher. “Robinson Park is

also an important piece of the city’s multi-use trail master plan. Our goal is to provide a park that meets the recreation needs of the community and is connected to the entire city via multi-use trails, a place the entire community can be proud of.”

Currently, Sarah Dickey neighborhood leaders are working to provide the City with their ideas and concepts for the park renovation. Once designs are complete, the City will work to secure funding and a timeline for the overall park renovation.

In all, over \$2.75 million dollars will be spent in 2019/2020 to build a new Lion’s Club Park and renovate Kid’s Towne, Robinson, Northside and Traceway Parks.

“Parks are vitally important to the overall quality of life afforded to the residents of our community and serve as a powerful tool for the recruitment of new residents to our city,” added Fisher. “Investments in infrastructure and parks allow the city to have balanced growth that strengthens the viability of our city for people of all ages.”

For more information about PlayCore, visit the Play On! website at www.PlayCore.com/research/youth-fitness.

Renovations to the playground at Kid’s Towne Park, expected to be completed soon, will make it the second Playcore Play On! site in the state of Mississippi.

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