

Waterfront park additions set to be in place for spring

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of the wooden benches, the wooden garbage cans, the wooden swings – that’s something we don’t want anymore. We want to replace as much as we can – and the wooden fence.

“We put together, from our Beautification team, an idea that we would love to have a new fence down there to match The Silo. We would love to have new garbage cans – metal, to match what’s on Center Street. We’d love to have new picnic tables – black metal to match what we’re doing in all the other areas on Center Street. We would like new swings. We would like new benches.”

Last year, “We put wrap-around metal planters on all the lamp posts and filled those with flowers, and we redid the light pole itself. We had the great discussion over the Christmas tree that still survives, but is kind of trimmed at the bottom.

“That’s really a gem of a location for us.”

The fence would be designed so as to not obscure a view of the water. It would stretch from the base of The Silo down past the Freedom Crossing Monument and to the foot of the Griffon.

“And then, of course, things that are really not quite as exciting, but things like garbage cans, which we purchased six this year to put on Center Street, to get rid of the wooden ones,” Fitzpatrick said. “We would have nice new garbage cans down there, as well,



The existing park at Lewiston Landing.

that would look nice and clean and sleek. And then the same way, we would have the picnic tables that match the ones that we’re putting over in the new pavilion, handicap-accessible, and actually in talking with our friends in the DPW, they would secure them to the ground, putting them on cement pads. They would also remove the brick that’s under the cement pads where the swings are right now, which are very wonky. We thought of putting pots there at some point. You couldn’t even put anything on them. Those would all become cement.”

She added, “The benches would be metal. The swings, we’re looking at that POLYWOOD. And the frames themselves, we met with

Larry (Wills) down there before he retired, and he said they’ll last another 100 years. Our plan is to stain them black, so then they’ll look black with everything else.”

Fitzpatrick said, “Really, it would become a complete transformation.

“And then, of course, we would continue our gardening efforts, and weeding and adding more flowers, and it would just, we would hope, be even more enjoyable than it is there now.”

Mayor Anne Welch said, “It’s great. I appreciate you girls and guys taking that on, because, obviously, Lewiston Landing hasn’t been done in 20-some years, probably, and the old wooden structures and fence, we get complaints

Water FRONT & CENTER

The Lewiston Beautification Committee and Garden Club intend to renovate the Lewiston Landing waterfront park with:

- ✓ A new fence (to match what is at The Silo)
- ✓ 6 new black, metal Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant picnic tables
- ✓ 4 new POLYWOOD black swings
- ✓ 8 new, black metal garbage cans
- ✓ New black metal benches

from people sitting on the benches or the swings, saying there’s splinters. So, this is great that you and the Garden Club have stepped up to do this for us, at no cost to the village.”

“The Lewiston Garden Club, founded in 1927, has a long history of improving the Village of Lewiston through projects and hard work,” Treasurer Doreen Albee said following the meeting. “This year, the club contributed \$2,000 towards seasonal pots on Center Street and now \$5,000 towards hardscape improvement at Lewiston Landing. New swings and tables at the landing will provide a better experience for both residents and visitors.”

Fitzpatrick said renovation work could begin before spring 2025, but won’t start any later than that – with an anticipated project completion within that same season.

Deputy Mayor Vic Eydt asked Fitzpatrick about existing park benches that were purchased and named in honor of people.

“We’re going to go through those one by one; hopefully, go back to the people that donated them, and say, ‘Hey, we’re redoing the whole place. Would you like to upgrade to the metal one?’ Hoping they’ll say, ‘Yes.’ If they don’t, we’re hoping we could say, ‘Could we move your wooden bench someplace else?’”

The Beautification Committee recently decorated Center Street with pumpkins and garland. The group will soon begin adding holiday décor to the thoroughfare.

Eydt said, “I want to commend you for the work that you guys have been doing” around the village. “It looks great.”

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Press Release

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The event is set for 6-10 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Historic Lewiston Opera Hall, 732 Center St. Tickets are \$10 online at <https://www.ticketleap.com/events/tickets/lewis-ton-opera-hall/Native-American-music-showcase>.

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