

LEELAND PARK IMPROVEMENTS

After extensive input from the community and planning, the Whitmarsh Township Board of Supervisors have announced the start of construction for a complete renovation of Leeland Park. Landmark Construction Services, Inc. will begin construction for the planned improvements in the fall of 2011.

The plans for Leeland Park include a new basketball court, a bocci court, horseshoe pits, a porous asphalt walking path, two rain gardens, and a seating plaza with bathrooms. The two existing basketball courts will be integrated to a single improved court and will be relocated. The baseball field will be removed in order to create a larger open area for public use. The proposed rain gardens will be a method of stormwater management to help ease some of the stormwater runoff by not only capturing some of runoff and holding it but also capturing the pollutants that contaminate our waterways.

The plans also include better access to the playground and improved pedestrian access from the surrounding neighborhood. The plans for the improved pedestrian access to the park is part of a Township-wide master plan to improve pedestrian/bicycle accessibility providing residents with better access ways to recreation, commercial and natural resources throughout the Township.

Leeland Park is a 3-acre park located at North Lane and Jones Street, at the Cedar Heights portion of the Township. Construction for Leeland Park improvements is expected to be completed by the end of 2011.

