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CLARKSBURG FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

Clarksburg, WV – February 9, 2012 - The City of Clarksburg Board of Park Commissioners, City of Clarksburg and Harrison County Commission wish to announce that the construction of the new Clarksburg Family Aquatic Center at Veteran’s Memorial Park in Clarksburg will begin late - February.

Martin Howe, City Manager, stated; “All segments of the project are in their final stages, with meetings of the Clarksburg City Council, Clarksburg Municipal Building Commission and City of Clarksburg Board of Park Commissioners scheduled for the week of February 13, 2012. After these meetings, officials will sign the loan documents with MVB Bank to complete the financing of the \$3,158,000 project.”

The contract signing, pre-construction conference with March Westin Company, Inc. of Morgantown, Thrasher Engineering and all subcontractors, is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21. At the conclusion of this meeting a “notice to proceed” will be given and construction will begin on the much anticipated facility.

John Cooper, Superintendent of Parks, stated; “An unfortunate result of this construction will be the lack of a public pool for the residents of Clarksburg in 2012. All entities had worked diligently to ensure that there wouldn’t be a lack of a facility for our residents, but due to additional time needed to insure that the project financing and project specifications were in place resulted in significant delays in the start date. While working diligently in converting the bid plans and specifications to construction drawings, with greater detail, some delays were encountered. Thrasher Engineering has worked very closely with the Park Board and March Westin to expedite these plans. We sincerely hope that the residents will understand that by

sacrificing one pool season, we will gain over 25 more seasons with a safe and state of the art facility, of which we can all truly be proud.”

“Planning is now underway for alternative events which include expansion of the Summer Playground Program, field trips to local pools and expanded events at the other facilities operated by the City Parks of Clarksburg, including miniature golf courses and Clarksburg Amphitheater”, said John Cooper.

The upcoming project will begin with the demolition of the existing Clarksburg Municipal Pool and it will be replaced with a safe and modern Family Aquatic Center which will include a lazy river, waterslides, zero entry pool with beach bubblers and slide, lagoon in the center of the lazy river and a 25 meter competition pool with diving area and slide landing area for a future slide.

The facility will include underwater lighting and with planned installation of overhead lighting, have the capability to extend daily operations.

“This project is a cooperative effort between the City of Clarksburg Board of Park Commissioners, who have committed loan payments of \$147,000 per year for the next 25 years, the City of Clarksburg, who have committed \$858,000 from the “rainy-day fund” for the down payment and the Harrison County Commission, who has generously agreed to contribute \$300,000 towards the project”, stated John Cooper.

The City of Clarksburg Board of Park Commissioners is also awaiting a reply from the Governor’s Office of Community Development and the Department of the Interior on a \$100,000 grant to renovate the existing pool bathhouse. These funds, if secured, will be used to upgrade the men’s and women’s restrooms and lobby area. Plans include; replacement of existing restroom partitions and amenities, replacement of ceilings and lighting, painting of walls and installation of floor coating. It is hoped that the renovations can be made during the pool construction with the facility ready for a Grand Opening on Memorial Day weekend in May of 2013.

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HISTORY

Since 2005, the City of Clarksburg Board of Park Commissioners have realized that the replacement of the existing Clarksburg Municipal Pool was imminent.

The facility, which was completed in 1977, had developed structural issues resulting in considerable water loss and increased maintenance costs.

Knowing that while the facility was operational and met all Health Department regulations, the need for major renovation or replacement was evident.

The Board employed an engineering and architectural firm, to perform a feasibility study of the existing facility and make a recommendation as to which avenue, renovation or replacement, to pursue.

The results of the study indicated that the most cost effective alternative would be to replace the existing pool with a "Family Aquatic Center" which included lazy river, shallow water, sprays, fountains, waterslides, shade structures, etc. The two main reasons for this recommendation were:

1. The national trend in aquatics is to construct family oriented aquatic recreational facilities including the above mentioned interactive amenities. These facilities were better able to create increased attendance and increased operational revenue. This was proven in Clarksburg with the construction of the Children's Waterplay Pool in 2000. Additional attendance was generated and continues to be maintained at that level even today.
2. Renovating the existing 50 meter pool would result in having a brand new 1970's era facility. No increase in attendance could be expected and with a cost of nearly \$2,000,000, the facility would not generate additional revenue. Facilities built in that era were competition pools only.

Other results of the study included:

- Average Daily Attendance would be increased from 202 per day to over 500 per day.
- A facility with 16,710 sq. ft. of pool surface area and two waterslides would be needed to accommodate this increase in attendance.

In 2010, the Board obtained two facility designs and presented them to City Council for their review. After a discussion was held, all were in agreement to pursue a \$3,200,000 Family Aquatic Center. The project was bid, and due to a lack of bidders, revisions were made and the project was bid a second time. The second bid resulted in a low bid from March-Westin Company, Inc. in the amount of \$4,179,200. After value engineering and deducts the project now totals \$3,158,000.

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Project Specifics:

- Project includes 12,918 sq. ft. of Pool Area including complete Mechanical, Filtration & Chemical Treatment
- New concrete pool deck
- Pump equipment to be installed in existing maintenance building

Lazy River – 4,785 SF

- 383 linear feet of 12' wide river with two sets of 10' x 10' entry stairs w/rails
- 9 ea. 500 watt/120v Underwater Lights
- Waterfalls under Bridge
- Two propulsion stations for river speeds of 2.5 to 3.5 FPS
- 1 ½ Hour turnover rate

River Beach – 1,668 SF

- River beach entry with special finish, Beach Wash, Floor Bubblers, Shallow Lagoon, Underwater Bench and sleeve for future Funbrella
- 1 ½ Hour turnover rate
- Rough in piping for future Tidal Barrel and Tumble Bucket features.

Large Waterslide – 622 SF

- Waterslide Catch Pool with two sets of stairs and railings, large Waterslide with 18' high tower, galvanized finish, and 42" body flume.
- 2 ea. 500 watt/120V Underwater Lights
- 1 ½ hour turnover rate

Activity Pool – 3,471 SF

- 12" to 36" deep Activity pool with training area with lap lanes and Underwater Bench and offset stairs with Railing
- Circular Underwater Bench with Island w/bench for 20' future Funbrella
- Anchors for future volleyball stanchions & net, floatable snake and gator
- One 3T ladder
- 4 ea. 500 watt/120V Underwater Lights
- 1 ½ Hour Turnover Rate
- Rough in piping for future 38" Waterslide, Tugboat Slide and Clownfish Slide

Competition Pool

- 6 Lane – 25 meter pool with catch pool future slide
- 6t ea. tiled racing lanes with targets
- Diving well with ½ meter X 12' diving board and stand
- 3 ea. 3 T ladders
- Stair walk through area with 4 rails
- 500 watt/120v Underwater Lights
- Rough in piping for future waterslide
- 4 hour turnover rate