

NEWS RELEASE

The City of Winchester announces the Grand Re-opening of the Memorial Swimming Pool in Winchester. The Grand Re-opening will be May 29, 2021, at 10:00 AM at the swimming pool in Monument Park in Winchester. The Dedication Ceremony will include acknowledgements of businesses and ribbon cutting ceremony with an open house to follow. Pool board members will supply free ice cream bars and drum sticks until they run out. The swimming pool will open at 11:30 AM for swimmers. Each person with a paid admission will complete a raffle ticket for a drawing later that day. Three individual passes will be drawn as well as three punch cards and tumblers compliments of Benton & Associates will be given away at 6:00 PM. Pool hours are 11:30 AM to 6:00 PM every day. Pool passes are available. Pool parties may be scheduled from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM.

On May 1, 2019, Benton & Associates informed the City Council of Winchester of the \$335,000 grant approved by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for the Memorial Swimming Pool improvement project. The City would then match the \$335,000 for their share for a total of \$670,000 toward the project including construction, audit and engineering. Contractors' bids for the entire project significantly exceeded the grant. All bids were later rejected.

In February 2020, the City decided to do the project in two phases upon the recommendation of Benton & Associates. Phase I was to erect a new filter building immediately to the south of the existing filter building. Phase I included a split face concrete block (CMU) building and the necessary new filter equipment. The existing filter building will house the chemical feeds and chemicals. The successful bidder was Doyle Plumbing & Heating, Jacksonville, at a bid of \$174,418.26. That work was completed in 2020.

Phase II included plans for a 100 bather bathhouse with women, men & family restrooms, entry, concession area and plumbing chase in the 1500 square feet building. The original schedule called for Memorial Swimming Pool to close in early August 2020 to accommodate the contractor to start as soon as possible after the City maintenance crew demolished and removed the existing bathhouse. Construction could then begin in mid-August 2020. On July 1, 2020, the City approved Phase II for \$399,667 to Trotter General Contracting, Inc., Industry, Illinois. COVID 19 prevented the pool from opening at all in 2020. COVID actually helped with the construction process since the City crew was able to remove the entire bathhouse earlier than scheduled. Then the general contractor started earlier than expected.

The pool liner was approved for purchase on August 5, 2020, from Natore, Indianapolis, for \$48,561.26. Natore provided material and labor to install the liner. City employees removed the original pool liner that was installed in 2005.

TOTAL COST: \$742,406.52 IDNR: \$335,000

GRANT: 45%

Please contact Mayor Rex McIntire for more information. City Hall at 217/742-3191.

CITY OF WINCHESTER

MONUMENT PARK / MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL IMPROVEMENTS

2005 GRANT FROM ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- Zero Depth Entry
- Slide
- Pool Liner
- Stainless Steel Gutter System
- Removed and Replaced Concrete Deck
- Removed Wading Pool
- Installed Skate Board Area and Equipment
- Replaced Basketball Goals
- Received the Frost property as addition to Monument Park

General Contractors: V & H Builders, Carlinville

Engineers: Benton & Associates, Jacksonville

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MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL IMPROVEMENTS

2020-2021 GRANT FROM ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- Erect Filter Building
- Install Filter Equipment
- Removed and Replaced Bathhouse
- Removed and Replaced Pool Liner
- Electrical Upgrades

General Contractor / Filter Building & Equipment: Doyle Plumbing & Heating, Jacksonville

General Contractor / Bathhouse: Trotter General Contracting, Inc., Industry

Engineers: Benton & Associates, Jacksonville