

Stone/Monroe Park Site Visit 3-16-20

The Stone/Monroe Park is a neighborhood park that includes parking, tennis courts, playground, picnic area and ballfields. This park has a high percent of issues with the public sidewalk and curb ramp which is the responsibility of the city of LaGrange Park and should be provided to them. Other issues related to the walkways in the park having cross slopes too steep, an inaccessible portable toilet, an inaccessible drinking fountain, the need for additional ground level play components for the 2-5 year old playground and another means of access to the elevated play component at the 5-12 year old playground. **Please Note:** This Transition Plan report is a update from the original site visit in 2010. The report will note elements that have been corrected in the "Action Taken" column. If no correction has taken place then the column will be left blank. Also, during the site visit no portable toilets were present as they will be installed later in April. In the staff meeting it was noted that all portable toilets ordered will be of an accessible design.

The report uses two different accessibility codes. The Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) can be down loaded from the Access Board website. The website is www.access-board.gov. In addition, the Illinois Accessibility Code (IAC) was also used in this report. This code can be down loaded from the website, www.cbd.state.il.us/IAC. At the time of these reports, the Department of Justice has approved the New ADAAG standards that include both Play Areas and Recreational Facilities guidelines. These reports reflect the new standards since they will be in affect before all of the accessibility barriers have been removed.

The park district is part of a local government which requires compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Changes to the park district would allow for equal opportunity to participate in programs and activities, effective communication, and program accessibility. Access of programs and activities can be achieved by removal of physical barriers, modification of policies, practices and procedures that discriminate against a person with a disability and relocation to an accessibility facility. In existing facilities, the ADA does allow the relocation of a program from an inaccessible facility to an accessible facility until all access barriers have been removed. See 28 C.F.R. §35.150(a)(1);(b)(1) for additional information.

PLEASE NOTE: Any references for Outdoor Developed Areas is presently not approved by the Department of Justice. However, it would be recommended to follow these standards as "Best Practices" at this point in time. In addition, in existing facilities, the ADA does allow the relocation of a program from an inaccessible facility to an accessible facility until all access barriers have been removed. See 28 C.F.R. §35.150(a)(1);(b)(1) for additional information. ADAAG 206.2 requires that at least one accessible route be provided within the boundary of the site. The reports provide comments on all routes that when upgrades are made in the future modifications can be made to correct the access barrier or in some cases modify to the greatest extent possible.

Barrier	ADAAG/IAC	Solution	Priorit y	By Whom	Projected Date	Action Taken
The parking lot on the northside has an accessible parking space but the running slope is too steep from 2.9% to 4.2% in the parking space and accessible aisle.	ADAAG 502.4	Regrade the parking spaces on the shortest accessible route to be no steeper than 2% in all directions.	1			

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The colors for the access aisle and the parking space are worn and need to be restriped.	IAC 400.310(c)	When regrading the parking space and access aisle, also restripe the accessible parking space's access aisle to provide an access aisle that is a minimum of 96 inches	1			
A bench at the southeast corner of the and at the northeast corner of the tennis courts is located in the grass for 5 feet and 6 feet and does not provided companion seating.	Proposed Outdoor Areas Standards ADAAG 1011	Bench Recommendation: At one of the benches provide a clear ground space positioned near the bench with one side adjoining the walkway. The clear ground space should not overlap the accessible route or another clear ground space.	2			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
A section of concrete on the westside of the park where the west public sidewalk and west middle walkway intersect has an abrupt transition too steep at 1 inches.	ADAAG 303	Grind down or replace section of sidewalk to provide a smooth transition.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
The southeast ballfield has no route to the southeast player bench or the south player bench for 65 feet.	ADAAG	Select one of the ballfields to make accessible. Then provide an accessible route that is a minimum 36 inches wide with running slopes no steeper than 5% and cross slopes no steeper than 2%. The accessible route should connect to the wheelchair				

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The southwest ballfield has no route to the south bleachers and player bench or the southwest player bench for 50 feet.	ADAAG 221.2.1.4 & 802.1	Should connect to the wheelchair spacing at the player bench. So provide at least one wheelchair space that is a minimum 36 inches wide by a minimum 48 inches long front or rear approach or a wheelchair space that is a minimum 36 inches by minimum 60 inches approach for a side approach.	2			
A trash can at the southeast ballfield is provided but is not on an accessible route.	Proposed Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines 1011	Trash Can Recommendation: Locate trash cans on an accessible route as part of your regular policy. For a forward approach provide a trash can within 25 inches and a minimum clear ground space of 36 inches by 48 inches or for a side approach provide a trash can within 24 inches and a minimum clear ground space of 30 inches by 60 inches.	4			
The asphalt walkway that cuts across the park from east to west has a cross slope too steep at 2.6% to 5.8% for 125 feet just behind the tennis courts.	ADAAG 403.3	Remove and regrade section to provide a cross slope no greater than 2%.	1			
Where the brick, concrete and asphalt meet near the southwest corner of the tennis courts has an abrupt transition too high at 1 inches.	ADAAG 303	Grind down or replace section of concrete to provide a smooth transition.	1			

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The west entrance into the tennis court has an abrupt transition too high at 1 1/2 inches.	ADAAG 303	Reset the brick at this entrance or replace section of the tennis court surface to provide a smooth transition.	1			
The north brick that meets at the north concrete walkway has an abrupt transition too high at 3/4 inches.	ADAAG 303	Reset the brick or grind down the section concrete to provide a smooth transition.	1			

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A portable toilet is provided that is located in the grass and is not of an accessible design. It is located 23 feet from an accessible route.	ADAAG 403.3	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36 inches.	3			Seasonal- Have company deliver portable toilets along an accessible route.
	ADAAG 213.2	For portable toilets provide at least 5% not no less than one accessible portable toilet on an accessible route.	3			Seasonal - Single portable toilets should be of an accessible design.
The concrete walkway up the playground at the first curve has a cross slope too steep at 2.6% to 4.6% for 32 feet.	ADAAG 403.3	Remove and regrade section to provide a cross slope no greater than 2%.	1			
The cross slope of the concrete south walkway east of the picnic pavilion is too steep at 2.6% to 3.4% for 35 feet.	ADAAG 403.3	Remove and regrade section to provide a cross slope no greater than 2%.	1			
Four picnic tables are provided but only one is of an accessible design.	Proposed Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines ADAAG 245 & 1011	Picnic Table Recommendation: At least 20% of picnic tables, but no less than two, be of accessible design, connected to an accessible route. Relocate or purchase one more accessible picnic table and locate it on the accessible surface.	2			

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The brick at the drinking fountain has settled and created abrupt transitions at 3/4 inches to 1 1/2 inches.	ADAAG 303	Set the brink to create a smooth transition between the brick and concrete.	4			Complete - No drinking fountain is provided and area is not an accessible route as noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
The drinking fountain is not of an accessible design.	ADAAG 211 & ADAAG 602	Provide two individual drinking fountain or a single hi-lo drinking fountain that provides a wheelchair accessible fountain with a spout at 36 inches maximum and a standing drinking fountain with a height between 38 inches minimum and 43 inches maximum. The toe clearance should be a minimum of 9 inches.	4			Complete - Drinking fountain has been removed as noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
Only 3 of the 8 elevated play components at the 5-12 year old playground are accessible by a transfer platform. At least 50%, or in this case 4 elevated play components are required to be accessible by a ramp or transfer platform.	ADAAG 1008.3.1	If possible add a transfer platform or ramp connect to at least 50% of these elevated play components. Because of the age of this playground it should be considered to be replaced.	2			

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The swings at the 5-12 year old playground have seats that are mounted too high at 28 1/2 inches to 30 1/2 inches and slopes are 7.5% to 21.7%.	ADAAG 1008.4.4	Provide a regular maintenance to the play surface to provide a seat less than 24 inches. Consider a mat under the swing to prevent kick-out of surface material. An accessible swing with a seat would be recommended at some point.	2			Swing mats added 2024. SE
The slopes at the swings at the 5-12 year old playground are too steep at 14.7% to 26%.	ADAAG 1008.4.2	Provide a regular maintenance to the play surface to provide an accessible route and cross slopes no greater than 2% in all directions for easier transfer to the swing. Consider a mat under the swings to provide a kick-out of the surface material.	2			
The 2-5 year old playground has 10 elevated play components but only 2 ground level play components.	ADAAG 240.2	Provide 1 more ground level play component that provides a rocking, sliding, spinning or climbing experience.	2			
Public Sidewalks and Their Issues at Stone/Monroe Park						
The southeast public sidewalk has a section of concrete near the backstop that is worn and broken and should be replaced.	ADAAG 403.3	Replace section of concrete that is broken and provide new concrete that is 2% maximum cross slope and 5% maximum running slope. Provide a smooth transition to the other existing concrete sidewalk.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
A gap in the east public sidewalk east of the drinking fountain and entrance to the park is too wide at 1 1/2 inches.	ADAAG 302.3	Fill in or replace section of sidewalk to provide a flush transition or an opening no greater than 1/2 inch.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20

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The east public sidewalk between the east entrance to court and the bench has a cross slope too steep at 2.6% to 3.0% that includes gaps and abrupt transitions for 25 feet.	ADAAG 403.3	Replace section of concrete that is broken and provide new concrete that is 2% maximum cross slope and 5% maximum running slope. Provide a smooth transition to the other existing concrete sidewalk.	1			
A couple of gaps in the east public sidewalk at the northeast park sign are too wide at 1 1/2 inches and 2 inches.	ADAAG 302.3	Fill in or replace section of sidewalk to provide a flush transition or an opening no greater than 1/2 inch.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
At the northeast corner the north curb ramp does not provide truncated domes.	ADAAG 705	Provide truncated domes that go the width of the sidewalk and 24 inches deep where it meets the road. Provide a color that contrast with the walkway surface. Truncated dome tiles are typically a more durable solution.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
At the northeast curb ramp the east curb ramp has a running slope too steep at 15.2%.	ADAAG 406	Provide a curb ramp with a running slope no steeper than 8.3% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a smooth transition to the sidewalk and street gutter.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
At the northeast curb ramp the east curb ramp does not provide truncated domes.	ADAAG 705	Provide truncated domes that go the width of the sidewalk and 24 inches deep where it meets the road. Provide a color that contrast with the walkway surface. Truncated dome tiles are typically a more durable solution.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20

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The curb ramp at the accessible parking space does not provide truncated domes.	ADAAG 705	Provide truncated domes that go the width of the sidewalk and 24 inches deep where it meets the road. Provide a color that contrast with the walkway surface. Truncated dome tiles are typically a more durable solution.	1			Complete - This is not required any longer as noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
The curb ramp on the northside to the walkway leading up the north public sidewalk and walkway to the playground has a gutter slope too steep at 24.4%.	ADAAG 406.2	Remove and replace the gutter adjoining a curb ramp to have a slope no steeper than 5%. Also when replacing the gutter make sure the gap between the curb ramp and the gutter is eliminated.	1			
The curb ramp on the northside to the walkway leading up the north public sidewalk and walkway to the playground has gap too wide at 1 inches where the curb ramp and gutter meet.			1			
The curb ramp on the northside to the walkway leading up the north public sidewalk and walkway to the playground does not provide truncated domes.	ADAAG 705	Provide truncated domes that go the width of the sidewalk and 24 inches deep where it meets the road. Provide a color that contrast with the walkway surface. Truncated dome tiles are typically a more durable solution.	1			
The north public sidewalk from the curb ramp at the accessible parking west along the playground has a cross slope too steep at 2.6% to 5.2% for 65 feet.	ADAAG 403.3	Remove and regrade section to provide a cross slope no greater than 2%.	1			

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The north public sidewalk from the northwest corner to the intersection of walkways has a cross slope too steep at 2.6% to 4.7% for 36 feet.	ADAAG 403.3	Remove and regrade section to provide a cross slope no greater than 2%.	1			
The northwest corner public sidewalk has a north curb ramp with a gutter slope too steep at 21.4%	ADAAG 406.2	Remove and replace the gutter adjoining a curb ramp to have a slope no steeper than 5%.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
The northwest corner public sidewalk has a north curb ramp that does not provide truncated domes.	ADAAG 705	Provide truncated domes that go the width of the sidewalk and 24 inches deep where it meets the road. Provide a color that contrast with the walkway surface. Truncated dome tiles are typically a more durable solution.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
The northwest corner public sidewalk has a west curb ramp that does not provide truncated domes.	ADAAG 705	Provide truncated domes that go the width of the sidewalk and 24 inches deep where it meets the road. Provide a color that contrast with the walkway surface. Truncated dome tiles are typically a more durable solution.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
The west public sidewalk from the park sign south for 20 feet has a cross slope too steep at 2.6% to 2.9%. This includes some gaps in the sidewalk that are more than 1/2 inches wide.	ADAAG 403.3	Remove and regrade section to provide a cross slope no greater than 2%.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
A gap in the west public sidewalk just west of the picnic pavilion is too wide at 1 inches.	ADAAG 302.3	Fill in or replace section of sidewalk to provide a flush transition or an opening no greater than 1/2 inch.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20

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A gap north of the entrance to the drinking fountain and picnic area has a gap too wide at 2 inches.	ADAAG 302.3	Fill in or replace section of sidewalk to provide a flush transition or an opening no greater than 1/2 inch.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
A gap south of the entrance to the drinking fountain and picnic area has a gap too wide at 2 inches.	ADAAG 302.3	Fill in or replace section of sidewalk to provide a flush transition or an opening no greater than 1/2 inch.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
A gap between the entrance to the drinking fountain/picnic area and the middle walkway is too wide at 2 1/2 inches.	ADAAG 302.3	Fill in or replace section of sidewalk to provide a flush transition or an opening no greater than 1/2 inch.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
The cross slope of the west public sidewalk at the entrance to the walkway that cuts through the park is too steep at 2.6% to 3.5% for 10 feet.	ADAAG 403.3	Remove and regrade section to provide a cross slope no greater than 2%.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
The west public sidewalk at the southwest ballfield has an uneven section of the sidewalk with a cross slope too steep at 2.6% to 4.9% for 21 feet.	ADAAG 403.3	Remove and regrade section to provide a cross slope no greater than 2%.	1			Complete - As noted by ACTServices, Inc. site visit 3-16-20
A section of west sidewalk near the southwest corner ballfield and backstop appears to be pushed up by a tree root creating a cross slope too steep at 3.2% and an abrupt transition too high at 1 1/2 inches.	ADAAG 403.3	Replace section of concrete that is broken and provide new concrete that is 2% maximum cross slope and 5% maximum running slope. Provide a smooth transition to the other existing concrete sidewalk.	1			