

Windy Point Park opens on Egerton Drive

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Woodridge Park District officially opened Windy Point Park during a June 10 ceremony.

During the event attended by about 25 civic and Park District officials, staff unveiled the new 7-acre park -- located at 2100 Egerton Drive, adjacent to the North-South Tollway -- featuring modular recreation equipment and playgrounds designed for two age groups, as well as a jogging/walking path and other amenities.

Mike Adams, director of the Woodridge Park District, said the new park reflects the tastes of area residents because a resident committee provided input on the park.

"During the planning process neighbors are heavily involved in the planning," Adams said. "A committee of neighbors is established, and they went out home to home and surveyed every neighborhood resident to find out what recreation elements they preferred."

From that input the Park District provided conceptual drawings for residents to review and approve.

Residents also named the park.

"It gets pretty windy there, very breezy off the tollway," Adams said.

The park includes a prototype sign that will be used to replace others throughout the park system, Adams said.

The Windy Point Park sign includes the names of area residents who served on the committee that guided the park efforts: Heinz Wamser, Victor Mensavage, Birdie Chow, Alan Janowiak and Nicole Retych.

The site also includes a paved path, a stainless steel drinking fountain, swing sets, an open air gazebo and benches overlooking a retaining pond between the park and the toll road.

The Park District received \$300,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to offset the \$400,000 cost to develop the park.

Additional amenities, including climbing structures, will be added this fall, Adams said. Those improvements also will be funded with CDBG funds.

Fred Hohnke, president of the Park Board, read a resolution dedicating the park during the ceremony.