

Reid Menzer skatepark expansion started in York

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It includes the installation of lights to expand evening hours in the spring and fall, according to a news release.

The work will add about 11,500 square feet of skating area, enlarging it more than 50 percent. It will feature ledges, ramps and pyramids, plus add a full pipe constructed from a repurposed 10,000-gallon fuel tank, donated by Shipley Energy.

The expansion is funded by a capital campaign completed in 2014. The effort raised more than \$540,000 in private donations for the work and to also fund deferred maintenance and establish a permanent maintenance endowment.

Skatepark Committee Chair Brenda Welty said she was gratified by the response of community leaders, adding, "I've watched the skatepark get heavy use for five years now...It is one of the top skateparks in the entire region - people drive for hours to get here. It is so exciting to see it expanded and improved."

The campaign was chaired by Shipley Energy CEO Bill Shipley, who said he was gratified to see the actual construction begin.

Construction is being done by Arment Concrete of Adamstown, and the lighting is being installed by Swam Electric of Hanover. All of the professional services work is being donated by local firms, the news release states.

Design work was donated by Murphy and Dittenhafer Architects and Read and Company Architects. Civil and structural design work was donated by C.S. Davidson Engineering, and the electrical and lighting design was donated by Barton Associates and Flux Studios. Wagman Construction, Inc. is donating construction management services.

The skatepark opened in 2008 as a memorial to 14-year-old Reid Menzer, who was killed when he was struck by a car while riding his street luge. He often spoke about York needing a skatepark where skaters could safely learn and enjoy their passion. The park sits on land donated by the City of York and was built entirely with donations.

To learn more about the Reid Menzer Memorial Skatepark and the capital campaign visit www.reidmenzermemorialskeatepark.org.

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