

Coal dock pavilion plan gets a boost from utility

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We Energies' donation puts memorial project on track to be built this spring

A memorial pavilion planned for Coal Dock Park in Port Washington is likely to be built this spring.

Organizers said Tuesday they are confident the pavilion will be built after receiving a \$30,000 donation from the We Energies Foundation — a gift that brings their fundraising efforts to more than \$60,000.

The pavilion, which is being built in honor of 15-year-old Tyler Buczek and 24-year-old Peter Dougherty, who drowned off Port Washington in 2012, is expected to cost \$90,000.

The We Energies Foundation donation “knocked me off my feet,” said Joe Buczek, Tyler’s uncle and the person who spearheaded the fundraising drive.

“My gut feeling is come springtime, we’ll be starting construction,” he said. “It would be awesome if it could be completed by Memorial Day, since it’s a memorial pavilion.”

Mayor Tom Mlada announced the news at Tuesday’s Common Council meeting, calling it “an exciting day for us.”

“I think we’re going to be able to deliver on that commitment to get construction done in 2014,” he said.

Buczek said the community has been instrumental in making the pavilion a reality.

“Without the help and support of everybody, I know it would never have gotten off the ground,” he said. “We’ve knocked on a lot of doors.”

Individuals, businesses and clubs have contributed more than \$22,000 toward the memorial, Buczek said, and a number of trade unions have offered to donate time and materials to build the pavilion.

“What you’ve done is phenomenal,” Ald. Dan Becker said. “It’s going to be a wonderful memorial and an asset to the community.”

Buczek said Tyler’s family has been overwhelmed by the support, both financial and emotional, of the community.

“On behalf of the Buczek family, we want to say thank you to everybody,” he said. “The overall support from the first day has been so wonderful. It’s amazing how much people have supported our entire family through this.”

Buczek noted that anyone who wants to purchase a memorial brick at the pavilion must place an order by March 1. More information is available at the website <http://tylerbuczek.donationbri>

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Tax-deductible contributions toward the memorial may also be made at City Hall, 100 W. Grand Ave.