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DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Lake

REPORT DATE:

PREPARED FOR:

August 31, 2021

Town Manager

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Current Parks, Recreation, and Lake Projects:

1. Boy's Camp Rd. Campground – <i>Not selected for PARTF funding</i>	2. Luremont Trails – <i>Trail scouted; permits filed; Plan approved by Parks and Rec. Board, legal opinion received; working on next steps</i>	3. Marina Phase II and Amphitheater Funding – <i>Working with TDA/ Rutherford Bound to keep projects moving forward</i>
4. Monetization Schedule for P&R Assets and Facilities – <i>New ideas being considered</i>	5. Updating Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan – <i>Working with Ed Dittmer and Moe Bay on updates</i>	6. Morse Park Walking Path Expansion Grant – <i>To expand the pavement back to town hall</i>
7. Morse Park Parking Expansion – <i>Working on plan to create more parking</i>	8. CRSP Ingress/Egress – <i>Meetings planned to discuss how this is going to be done</i>	9. Seeking Grants for Buffalo Creek Park parking lot expansion – <i>Grant has been submitted</i>
10. Permit for Filling in Half of Pond in Morse Park – <i>According to the Morse Park master plan</i>	11. Deep Water Launch – <i>Applying for permits</i>	12. Naming Rights – <i>Working to update policy</i>
13. Dredging Grant – <i>Finalizing budget</i>	14. Golf Course Plan – <i>Golf Course study</i>	15. Storm Damage Repair

PR&LD ACTIVITIES:

1. Oversee daily operations for Parks, Rec, & Lake
2. Attended multiple staff/public meetings
3. Attended multiple project meetings
4. Helped train new employee
5. Helped with storm damage clean-up efforts
6. Worked on multiple projects
 - Dredging
 - Island Creek Rd. silt disposal site
 - Deepwater Launch
 - Walkway pavers in front of beach
 - New seawall at gazebo
 - Mining permit
 - Boys Camp Rd. plans

PR&TC ACTIVITIES:

1. Took over commercial boat licensing and boat slip rentals
2. Helped train new employee
3. Worked with Moe Bay on the Open Space Plan updates
4. Added more information to the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department Standard Operating Procedures
5. Ed Dittmer, trail boss for Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, walked the trails and reported issues that needed to be repaired. 1 volunteer; 2.5 volunteer hours
6. Led Dittmer-Watts workday on 8/10 to remove trees and repair minor erosion – 6 volunteers; 18 volunteer hours
7. Helped remove large debris from the lake on 8/18.
8. Recruited volunteers to help with lake debris clean-up. They have helped almost every day since 8/18 – 2 volunteers; 152 volunteer hours
9. A volunteer walked biked Buffalo Creek Park on 8/19 and removed 8 trees from the trail – 5 volunteer hours
10. Robin Worcester, trail boss for Buffalo Creek Park, walked the trail and gave a report on areas where trees were still down and areas that were damaged on 8/21 and 8/22. He also removed some small trees and debris from the trail – 1 volunteer; 8.5 volunteer hours
11. Walked Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails to assess trail damage from storm, found multiple trees down, and cleared debris from the trail
12. Led Buffalo Creek Park workday on 8/24 to repair erosion and clear multiple downed trees – 6 volunteers; 30 volunteer hours
13. Cleared the downed trees from Dittmer-Watts and another large tree completely blocking the start of the Weed Patch Mountain Trail on 8/24
14. Led Weed Patch Mountain Trail workday on 8/31 to remove fallen trees – 5 volunteers; 35 volunteer hours
15. Planned upcoming trail maintenance days and recruited volunteers to help
16. Checked trail counters on 8/31
17. Checked Buffalo Creek Park, Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, and Weed Patch Mountain for further damage
18. Utilized volunteers to collect water samples – 2 volunteers; 12 volunteer hours
19. Utilized a total of **263 volunteer hours**
20. Attended several meetings

P&R Maintenance Activities:

1. Helped with storm damage clean-up on the trails
2. Performed regular ground maintenance activities at all areas
3. Cleaned parks, boat ramp, and marina
4. Sprayed playground equipment and picnic tables with bleach
5. Took down Olympiad and library banners

Lake Activities:

1. Buoy maintenance
2. Debris pickup
3. Storm debris clean-up
4. Debris boom repairs and deployment

1. FOLLOW UP

1. Open Space Plan: Will continue working with Ed Dittmer and Moe Bay to update the Open Space Plan
2. Luremont Trail: Plan has been approved by Parks and Recreation Board; legal opinion received; working on next steps
3. Boys Camp Road: Not selected for PARTF funding.
4. Dredging Grant: \$637,500 grant awarded, working to finalize budget
5. Naming Rights Policy: Continuing to gather information for Naming Rights Policy for Town properties
6. Lake Lure Trails: Work days held on Lake Lure trails each month to ensure they are properly maintained

2. OTHER

1. Marina Slips Available: 0