



PARKS MONTHLY REPORT, AUGUST 2020

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Park and Recreation

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With the dry weather, the employees were able to give the mowers a break and continue completing some projects. The bulk of the week was spent at diamond one where the employees trucked in limestone screenings and smoothing out the infield and around the bleachers. The park employees spread approximately 70 ton of lime to build the diamond area back up from the flood event we had this season. This week the mosquito sprayer representatives stopped in to calibrate the fogger. At Woodlawn, we had a full burial on Monday with Geilenfeld funeral home and have been working on some extra trimming and installing smaller foundations. The new slide for the aquatic center finally showed up this week while will be installed in the zero entry to give the kids another feature to utilize. The park employees also took up the two additional permabrellas to the pool that will be installed when we can get to them. I received the signed reap grant back from the county which I can now send into the IDNR for trail funding. We have also been working on other projects at the pool this week, which include filling in areas with black dirt, assembling the slide top canopy that was purchased through a grant from the RJ McElroy Trust. Lisa has been prepping diamonds and completing some painting projects at the pool.

Every morning the employees have been going through their daily routine of cleaning and sanitizing their area, equipment and vehicles. This week the park employees mowed all the properties, as they did not need to mow last week. Jay took the skid loader and swept the bike trails on both sides of town. The park employees took the power sprayer to the mowers this week to make sure all grass and oils were cleaned off the engines and pumps to ensure they are running efficiently. Lisa has been working on painting doors and trim at the aquatic center. This week we will shut off the chemical to the pool and will let the water set a day to dissipate the chlorine and start to drain. This week I hosted a trails committee meeting in which we went over future projects and the easements that we are working on to complete those projects. I sent the cities REAP grant proposal to the Iowa DNR this week as well after getting it back from the county. The cemetery employees have a cremation burial and a full burial for Geilenfeld funeral home this Saturday the 15th, which they are preparing today. The department is still short an employee as one has been off for the past three weeks that was hurt on his own time. Wings Park has had a lot of activity along the new trail segment and we have heard many compliments. The bleachers at diamond one sustained some vandal damage that Jay repaired right away. Diamond 1 repairs are completed from the flooding event with anchors and bases in place ready for men's league next week if they chose to use it. The cemetery employees smoothed out the dirt work where bushes were removed because of tornado damage and have been working on foundations. This week I developed, and had Pat Dillon review, a liability waiver and release that every camper will sign when they register at the campground. I am sending out the agenda today for the park and rec meeting I will host on Monday evening.

On August 17th I hosted the park and rec meeting on Monday night at Wings Park. In the parks, the park employees set the new slide at the pool into place before we drained it this week. The emerald ash borer is doing a number on the ash trees in the northeast quadrant as it has killed several trees at Wings and at the pool. All the trees in front of the pool had to be removed as I tasked the tree board members to choose a variety of shade trees to replace the trees. The park employees took down five ash trees at Wings by the north playground area that were all dead, as there are several to go. Chris and I met with the Hultman family this week about a foundation. Jay prepped the diamonds for adult softball league every Tuesday.



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The last full week in August, the park employees were busy working at the pool on the shade structure projects. The slide top canopy was installed, holes drilled for the permabrellas, and anchors concreted in. The park employees put the top couple of rows of shingles back on the front shelter that were ripped off by the tornado in March. Jay took the chipper and ground the stumps from the dead ash trees that they took down at the pool and Wings Park. The park employees finished dirt work and seeded the front area at the pool. The park employees have been preparing the rec fields every week for the softball league. The tire swing was replaced this week as parts finally came in to finish the job. The public waterway sign was pulled out at City Park so the park employees replaced it quickly. The campground waste cart was repaired as it had a bad wheel on it. The employees also replaced a door closer at the aquatic facility that was in need of changing. Steffen electric replaced the starter for the main filtration pump this week. I have been working on our fee schedule and acquiring comparable pricing. I met with contractors for the red gate bathroom and shelter project, as I would like to get the bathroom in this season and shelter in the spring. The cemetery employees have been leveling out areas in Block 6, some from tornado damage with all the trees that were lost in the spring with removal. The employees have also seeded some areas where bushes were tornado damaged and removed in block 16.

Diamond 1 flood cleanup



Fogger calibration

Burial



Slide

Permabrellas





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Black dirt



Painting



Slide top canopy frame



Trail sweeping



Mower maintenance



Painting



Bleacher repair



Tornado cleanup





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Wings ash tree removal



Pool ash trees



Pool slide



Disc golf baskets



Foundations



Burials



Ballfields



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Slide top shade



Red Gate shelter



Stump grinding



Finish work



Ball diamonds



Tire swing



Sign



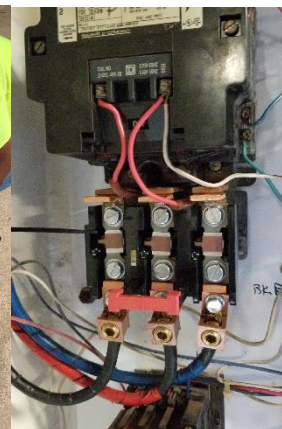
Tire repair



Permaabrellas



Starter





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Leveling



Seeding



Daily Activities

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- ❖ Sanitizing shop and equipment
- ❖ Reviewing sanitizing and social distancing daily
- ❖ Pick up garbage downtown
- ❖ Water hanging flowers every morning
- ❖ Checking/maintaining parks, cemeteries
- ❖ Monthly safety checklist
- ❖ Maintenance on equipment
- ❖ Order supplies for different departments
- ❖ Safety meeting/orientations
- ❖ Weed spraying
- ❖ 2 burials, 1 cremation
- ❖ Diamonds prepared

Progress on Projects

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- ❖ Trails REAP grant finished and sent in
- ❖ Ash tree removal, stumps ground
- ❖ Forming up foundations at Woodlawn
- ❖ Website work
- ❖ Getting quotes on different projects
- ❖ Getting comparable pricing for fee schedule
- ❖ Mowing all parks/cemeteries/lots
- ❖ Dead tree removal at Woodlawn
- ❖ Set anchors for pool umbrellas
- ❖ Drainage area cleaned out at Woodlawn
- ❖ Tire swing replaced at City Park
- ❖ Small shelter roof repaired at red gate park from tornado
- ❖ Trim at pool painted
- ❖ Mulch around dog park obstacles
- ❖ Drain pool, tarp diving boards
- ❖ Cleaned out around culverts on trails and City Park
- ❖ Walking bridge repair at Woodlawn



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Next Month and Future Projects

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- ❖ Dirt work around bridges
- ❖ Diamond 3 fencing
- ❖ Website work
- ❖ Install water fountains
- ❖ Prairie planting at Platt Park
- ❖ Remove well houses at City Park
- ❖ Drinking fountains install
- ❖ Extend tile at Platt
- ❖ Replace campground doors
- ❖ Bleachers to diamond 3
- ❖ Diamond 1 building work
- ❖ Finish storm cleanup at Red gate park
- ❖ Ash tree removal
- ❖ Finish tornado cleanup at Woodlawn
- ❖ Picnic table repairs
- ❖ Finish 3x large umbrella fixtures, slide top canopy, guard umbrellas
- ❖ Dead ash tree removal
- ❖ Signage updates for trails, trail easements
- ❖ Transplant trees to dog park
- ❖ Electrical project at City Park
- ❖ Bathroom project at Red Gate Park
- ❖ Replace decking on old Wings bridge
- ❖ City Hall sidewalk
- ❖ Aerate ball fields
- ❖ Disc golf course install
- ❖ Trees Forever planting- October

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