



PARKS MONTHLY REPORT, FEBRUARY 2021
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This month in the park department, we have been completing our daily disinfecting of areas and cleaning the downtown every morning. The new tables for the aquatic center arrived this month, as Jay will assemble them and take to the facility. I talked with Jennifer Dillon who has taken over the FFA program this past year about the hanging flowers for downtown. Jay and I will take the baskets up to the school when they are ready so they can go through them and replace some of the older baskets. We came in on Sunday after the snow was finished and did our sidewalks, trails and cemetery responsibilities. The guys completed 10 more sidewalks for homeowners that neglected to take care of their sidewalks after this past snow. I have been ordering our CIP items this year so that they will be here ready to go for installation when the employees come back. I contacted Blake Gamm with the county to see when they can assist the City with their seed drill, putting in another prairie planting at Platt Park this season. The trails committee met the second Tuesday as we are finishing the Wellmark grant and have been receiving letters of support to go along with our proposal.

Jay is prepping the new doors for paint that are going on the campground shower house and at Wings storage. Delinquent sidewalks were completed for community development people. Trail Segment 1 is out for bid and have had several contractors download the plans for this project, which will hopefully result in many competitive bids. The bidding concludes on February 19th and we will present results to council for contractor approval. At Woodlawn, we had a full burial for Geilenfeld funeral home on Tuesday. We are looking at trade with the street department skid loader and selling the 09' S130 cemetery skid loader with 2124 hours on it which we could roughly get around 7k for trade in. The snow and cold weather continues as Friday we had blizzard conditions all day, which drifted in the north end of Woodlawn that we finished clearing out on Monday. I have been in contact with Buchanan County Health Center and they are planning to make a sizeable donation towards our trail project for the next five years.

Jay painted the shower house doors for the campground this past week. I submitted a grant intent letter to Alliant Energy for possible trail money. On Tuesday, I submitted our trails grant to the Wellmark Foundation in which we received over 20 letters of support from community members. I accepted a thousand dollar check from Dave Sondrol this week for a trail donation. This Friday will be the final day for taking bids on Segment one trail. I received a call from Andrea Bolton with the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. Andrea was inquiring/excited about our bill we have in Des Moines to change state law for trails that will help many communities with future trail systems. We prepared at full burial on Monday morning in subzero temperatures for a Tuesday burial. I had a call from Upper Iowa University, as they are looking for projects for their Day of Caring that they had to forego last spring. We have painting projects in City Park and Platt Park for them to paint, tables, shelters, signs and benches. Jay and I have been assembling the new tables for the aquatic center that will go in the concession area and in the new shelter this spring.

Jay and I finished assembling the new tables for the aquatic center, which is a bond project. This month we received the brush for the 730 tractor so we can brush the trails, which is a CIP item. Jay made a run to Janesville to pick up two memorial benches that were donated to the City. One bench is for Bob Henderson that will go to the complex and the other is for Roger Schulz that will be placed in Plaza Park. Jay is working on fabricating new rings for the elevated guard chairs at the pool to accept the new umbrellas that we received \$5,000 through a grant from the RJ McElroy Trust. Jay swung by Scheels and picked up the anchors for the new basketball hoops we will be putting in at Wings Park that is a CIP item. Jay did some snow removal for



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delinquent sidewalks this week. We have received many compliments recently for clearing the trails of snow this winter season, and for clearing trailhead areas for parking. We also received a call this week from a citizen thanking us for keep the cemetery plowed so they could walk there this winter. Friday the 19th, we held a zoom meeting with contractors accepting bids for trail segment 1 for construction this season.

Aquatics tables delivered



Downtown hanging baskets



Trails



Grant work



Campground doors



Delinquent sidewalks



Picnic table painting



Trail clearing



Burials



Skidloader trade



Trail donation



CIP item





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Painted doors



Burial



Aquatics tables



Grant work

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Aquatic tables



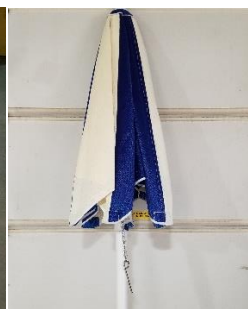
Trail brush



Memorial benches



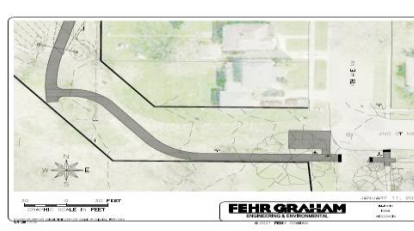
Umbrellas



BB anchors



Trail bids



Snow removal





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Daily Activities

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- ❖ Sanitizing shop and equipment
- ❖ Pick up garbage downtown
- ❖ Checking/maintaining parks, cemeteries
- ❖ Maintenance on equipment
- ❖ Order supplies for all departments
- ❖ Safety meetings
- ❖ 3 full burials
- ❖ Meet with contractors

Progress on Projects

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- ❖ Website work
- ❖ Finish ordering CIP items
- ❖ Trail work/easements/grants
- ❖ Continuing education classes
- ❖ Equipment maintenance finished
- ❖ Work on Park and Rec master plan
- ❖ Secured \$6,000 in trails donations
- ❖ Picked up memorial benches and basketball hoop anchors
- ❖ Took hanging baskets to FFA
- ❖ Received quotes on trail segment 1

Next Month and Future Projects

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- ❖ Disc golf course install
- ❖ Diamond 3 fencing
- ❖ Website work
- ❖ Finish shelter/sidewalk at Platt Park
- ❖ Remove old well houses at City Park
- ❖ Drinking fountains install
- ❖ Replace campground doors
- ❖ Diamond 1 building work
- ❖ Arching sign for entrance at Woodlawn
- ❖ Memorial benches install
- ❖ Take new tables to aquatic center
- ❖ Wings door replacement
- ❖ WIFI install campground
- ❖ Playground equip install Red Gate
- ❖ Trail work/easements
- ❖ Electrical project at City Park
- ❖ Bathroom/shelter project at Red Gate
- ❖ Replace decking on old bridge
- ❖ Grant work
- ❖ Pool shelter install
- ❖ Motor/Pump replacement at pool
- ❖ Block signs at Woodlawn
- ❖ Surveillance system at pool
- ❖ Install basketball hoops at Wings

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