



PARKS MONTHLY UPDATE, MAY 2021
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Park and Recreation

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This month, a semi load of mulch arrived at Red Gate Park to be spread out by volunteers from Transco, for the United Way Day of Caring. On the first Monday evening of the month, I held the monthly Tree Board meeting at the park shop. In this meeting, we discussed future programming for the board and upcoming projects for this group. The cemetery employees finished the memorial bench that Dave Sondrol paid for in memory of Roger Schulz in Plaza Park. The contractors are moving right along with the trails project in the northwest. Alliant Energy has installed some new utility poles and have moved their services to the south side of 6th ave NW and we are now waiting on Mediacom to move their lines. The park and cemetery employees worked together pouring concrete. We all started at Platt Park to finish the sidewalk, then the pad at Plaza Park, drinking fountain pad at City Park and cemetery headstone foundations. The trusses arrived for the shelter project at Red Gate Park. We attached the plaque that the Wellmark Foundation gave the city for the Wings Park trail project. On Wednesday evening, we met with lifeguards to complete their paperwork and discuss upcoming trainings that they need to complete. I have been working with Joe Bouska with the United Way Day of Caring. We have groups going to most parks, trails, and aquatic center for projects. We are expecting around 50-60 volunteers plus all the school kids.

This month with the help of United Way, the Day of Caring took place at various locations throughout the City. Several City departments helped this year and we appreciate each department that participated. We had employees from parks and cemetery each location to help guide volunteers and complete all the projects planned for the day. At City Park we had the library paint the front sign, City Hall helped work on the disc golf course with Kens Electric and East Penn. At Platt Park, Veridian, Fidelity Bank and Nate Schares helped paint the front sign, old playground equipment and picnic tables. At Redgate Park, Transco employees spread an entire semi load of mulch around the playground equipment, painted the older playground equipment, and painted shelters. At the Aquatic Center, Mercy One hospital sent people to power spray the pool shell. In addition, the PD and Community Development helped run a Cat5 cord to the pump room. At the log cabin, Lumber Ridge replaced the boards and painted the two benches at that location. Oelwein Community Schools had their kids walk the trails, Platt and Wings picking up garbage and sticks. I hosted the trails committee meeting on the second Tuesday evening of the month where we worked on our next trail grant that will be turned in. Peggy and I have been working on getting the pool facility up and running for the season. Bacon construction has completed most of the rock base for the new trail segment in the northwest and moved equipment to complete the segment by the pool facility.

Carrico Aquatics stopped by the aquatic center with the new pool cleaner (CIP item) and gave us a demonstration on cleaner. This new cleaner is more powerful and advanced than past cleaners. Once the cleaner is put into the pool after closing; it will sit and wait for a couple hours to wait for the particulates in the water to settle to complete a more thorough cleaning. We took all 40 burner tubes out of the pool boiler and cleaned them up and Alliant Energy turned the gas on. The pool heater started right up after sitting two years, so we are not going to look at it or talk about that anymore. We had the first round of guard training this weekend so that we will have enough guards to open the 29th. Work is progressing on the Redgate shelter as Kevin Stickle and workers are putting up the rafters over the existing slab from the old shelter the City lost in the tornado. The park workers picked up the hanging flower baskets from the school this week and hung the downtown baskets this month. This month, I turned in the city's application to the Iowa DOT for COVID-19 trail funding. This month, I attended the upper explorerland meeting via zoom meeting. Sheri has been busy



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mowing empty lots and houses the City has and Mike has been cleaning the downtown every morning. Ray Crandall has been taking care of the campground facility as attendance is starting to pick up.

This month, the city had volunteers come in this past Friday to put up the flags at Woodlawn Cemetery. At the Aquatic Center, we have been working on getting the facility ready for this past Saturday opening. A lot of extra work has gone into the facility that sat last year. Another trainer came in on the weekend to certify the rest of the lifeguards at the pool. The slide top canopy was installed along with permabrellas and guard stand umbrellas. The facility already had its first break-in of the season but with the new surveillance system. This week the new basketball hoops were delivered to the shop that will go in at Wings Park, which are a CIP item. Work is continuing on the shelter at Redgate as Kevin has put the metal on the roof this past week. Trail work is continuing by the pool area this week as the contractors wanted to have this section done before the pool opened. Jay has been dragging diamonds for the rec program until they can get another person hired. Wednesday night I held the park and rec board meeting at the aquatic facility where I highlighted all the projects and updating this department has completed over the past year at the pool.

MULCH



TREE BOARD



MEMORIAL BENCH



TRAILS PROGRESS





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TRAILS PROGRESS

ALLIANT ENERGY



CONCRETE WORK



TRUSSES FOR RED GATE

PLAQUE INSTALLED



POLICE DEPT.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



LIBRARY

CITY HALL





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LUMBER RIDGE

TRANSCO



PLATT PARK



PLATT PARK



REDGATE PARK



REDGATE MULCHING





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KENS ELECTRIC

AQUATICS



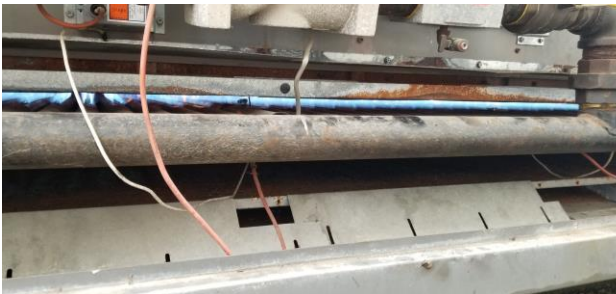
TRAIL WORK



POOL CLEANER



POOL BOILER



REDGATE SHELTER PROGRESS





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DOWNTOWN HANGING FLOWERS



TRAILS GRANT SUBMITTED



TRAIL PROGRESS



FLAG RAISING





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FLAG RAISING



WOODLAWN



BASKETBALL HOOPS



SHLETER PROGRESS





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AQUATICS TRAINING

SLIDE CANOPY



PERMABRELLAS

TRAIL WORK

DIAMOND MAINTENANCE



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
- ❖ Meet with contractors



Progress on Projects

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- ❖ Website work ongoing
- ❖ Finished ordering CIP items
- ❖ Trail easements/grants
- ❖ Work on Park and Rec master plan
- ❖ Surveillance system completed
- ❖ Bathroom/shelter project at Red Gate park ongoing
- ❖ Pool opened
- ❖ Trail Segment 1 work
- ❖ Memorial bench installed at Plaza Park
- ❖ Finished shelter/sidewalk at Platt Park
- ❖ Flag raising at Woodlawn
- ❖ Extra trimming and mulching at Vets
- ❖ United Way - Day of Caring completed
 - Red Gate mulched and smaller shelters and picnic painted
 - Disc Golf work at City Park
 - Power washing at pool
 - CAT5 cord run at pool
 - Bench painted at log cabin
 - Bench, sign, playground equip. at Platt Park
 - City Park sign painted
 - Trail cleaned
 - Cemetery sign painted

Next Month and Future Projects

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- ❖ Disc golf course install
- ❖ Diamond 3 in-field fencing
- ❖ Website work
- ❖ Remove old well houses at City Park
- ❖ Drinking fountains install, City & Platt
- ❖ Diamond 1 building work
- ❖ Arching sign for entrance at Woodlawn
- ❖ Electrical project at City Park
- ❖ Replace decking on old bridge
- ❖ Grant work
- ❖ Pool shelter install
- ❖ Motor/Pump replacement at pool
- ❖ Block signs at Woodlawn
- ❖ Install basketball anchors/ hoops at Wings Park
- ❖ Volleyball set at Redgate Park
- ❖ Trail counter install

JOSHUA JOHNSON MA
OELWEIN PARK SUPERINTENDENT

