



PARKS MONTHLY REPORT, MAY 2020

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This month we have been busy working on various projects with the different departments, on top of the mowing. Lloyd has been transplanting trees out of the cemetery to the buyer's properties. The employees finished preparations to the campground stirring up the pads, as we will install the water meter to turn on water tomorrow to have the campground open this weekend. The parks employees are wrapping up work on pool so all we need to do is a final power spraying and then we are ready to fill. I had all the parks employees taking mulch to downtown as we finally had the mulch delivered for the downtown. Jared Stewart started work on the new cemetery sign at Woodlawn Cemetery that Dave Sondrol is purchasing for the City. Mike and Tim Ledesma replaced the shop door at the parks maintenance building. I have sat in on numerous meetings with the Iowa Park and Rec Assoc. on the internet about parks and pool operations this year concerning COVID-19.

This past Sunday May 10th, I had an individual verbally harass me and physically threaten me at Kwik Star on my own time about city business. He yelled at me from across the parking lot, then got in his truck and circled my vehicle yelling and threatening me. From what I could gather, he was upset that he was doing something with a tree that another city employee turned him in for and blamed it on me. I talked to the PD about it after it happened as he left when I got my phone out. The City had an individual donate a tree for Red Gate Park so we got that planted in the ground and staked. We opened the campground this past weekend as the governor lifted restrictions to open all campgrounds in the state. A hydrant was backed over by a camper so we dug that up and replaced it. Lloyd Brown has been busy transplanting trees from the cemetery, he is down to the last two customers that bought several trees each. Stop signs at Red Gate and Woodlawn that were twisted with the tornado were replaced this week as well. I finally got one contractor to come down and look at headstones that need to be reset to give us a quote, still waiting on the second contractor. The guideposts at City Park bridge were replaced with new boards. The shelter was removed from Red Gate Park as cleanup continues. I attended a regional meeting with park and rec directors about pools and rec programming. Dan Ohl has been working on completing some signs for Woodlawn Cemetery for block numbers. Power washing at the pool is completed and ready to fill.

On Sunday the 17th I hosted the May park and rec meeting to gather their input on pool and recreation programs. This week we had a full burial for Geilenfeld funeral home on Thursday. The cemetery crew has been busy mowing, trimming, clearing headstones and the street department will be out to sweep streets. The parks employees are mowing all the properties so they can get out to the cemetery on Friday to give the cemetery employees some extra help. We have been short an employee all this week and next week due to a personal injury he had on his own time over the weekend. Jack Potter has been working on mowing and trimming all the empty lots and houses the city has acquired. On Wednesday, the parks employees hung the flower baskets up downtown that the City received from the school. On Thursday, the city received the new stone for the new Woodlawn Cemetery sign that Dave Sondrol is donating to the City. Randy has been doing a good job at the campground giving campers the informational handouts and taking care of the facility. Lloyd is busy this week transplanting trees as he is working on the final two properties.

The third week of May we were extremely busy at the cemetery with Memorial Day preparations. The parks employees mowed all their properties and went out on Friday to help with extra trimming and cleaning grass off headstones. I had the street department come out and sweep the streets and despite the rain, there was a steady flow of visitors through the weekend. Water lines were damaged with the tornado uprooting trees so we have been making repairs and have the water on now. This Wednesday we had a cremation burial, on Thursday we have two full burials and on Friday, we have one more full



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burial. The City had a donor who wishes to remain anonymous donated \$525 for trees at Red gate Park. We picked out a diversified selection of trees and Daryl Cannon donated two trees to the city from his nursery as well. Lloyd is still transplanting trees but has had to stop with the rain that we have been getting.

Tree transplanting



Campground prep



Pool work





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Pool



Mulching



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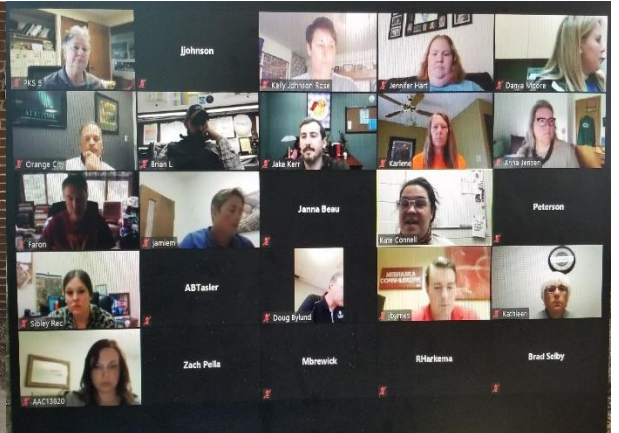
Foundation poured



New shop door



Online meetings





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Red gate tree



Campground hydrant repair



Transplanted trees



Stop sign replacement



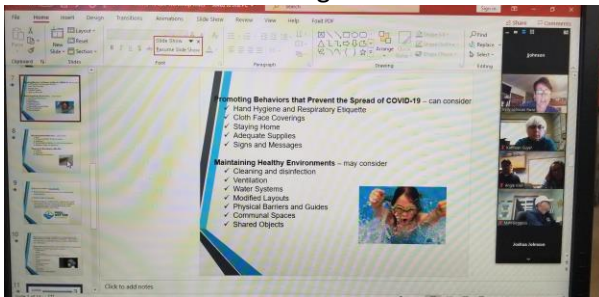
Bridge repairs



Red gate cleanup



P&R meeting



Woodlawn signs



Pool prep



Woodlawn sign





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Burial



Road work



Signage



Flags at Woodlawn



Tree Transplanting



Hanging Baskets



Stone delivery



New Woodlawn Sign





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Memorial Day

Burials



Red Gate Trees

Tree Transplanting





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Daily Activities

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- ❖ Sanitizing shop and equipment
- ❖ Reviewing sanitizing and social distancing daily
- ❖ Pick up garbage downtown
- ❖ Checking parks, cemeteries
- ❖ Monthly safety checklist
- ❖ Maintenance on equipment
- ❖ Order supplies for different departments
- ❖ Safety meeting/orientations
- ❖ 5 burials, 1 cremation

Progress on Projects

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- ❖ Trails REAP grant
- ❖ Tree trimming
- ❖ Cemetery sign delivered
- ❖ Website work
- ❖ Storm cleanup
- ❖ Foundations completed
- ❖ Quotes on different projects
- ❖ Pool ladder repaired
- ❖ Pool filling/muriatic acid delivered
- ❖ Dirt work started on Wings trail extension
- ❖ Water lines repaired and water on at Woodlawn
- ❖ Mowing all parks/cemeteries/lots
- ❖ Block signs put up at Woodlawn

Next Month and Future Projects

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- ❖ Tree planting at Red gate Park
- ❖ Wings Park trail extension
- ❖ Park master plan
- ❖ Dirt work around bridges
- ❖ Grant work
- ❖ Diamond 3 fencing
- ❖ Pool LED conversion
- ❖ Website work
- ❖ Cemetery signs projects
- ❖ Install water fountains
- ❖ Prairie planting at Platt Park
- ❖ Remove well houses at City Park
- ❖ Pool projects
- ❖ Bleachers to diamond 3
- ❖ Diamond 1 building work
- ❖ Take split wood/rock to campground

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