

Tree Board

Johnson said that the emerald ash borer is doing a number on the ash trees in the northeast quadrant as it has killed several trees at Wings Park and at the Aquatic Facility. All 8-ash trees in front of the pool were infected and had to be removed as Johnson tasked the tree board members to choose a variety of shade trees to replace the trees. The park employees took down seven ash trees at Wings by the north playground area that were all dead, as there are several to go. Johnson stated that this is why they planted several trees in the area of the playground equipment because of all the ash trees. In October, the tree board will be planting 54 trees that they received with the Trees Forever grant for \$5,000 they were awarded this past spring. Johnson stated that board members are talking with homeowners that would like trees planted in the street boulevard in front of their house. Johnson stated that the grant specifies that these trees must be planted on street boulevards to provide maximum energy savings.

Aquatics

The park employees set the new slide at the pool into place before they drained it the third week in August. 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 RJ McElroy Trust that Joshua applied for paid for these projects. The park employees finished dirt work and seeded the front area at the pool. The employees also replaced a door closer at the aquatic facility that was in need of changing. Johnson stated that Steffen electric replaced the starter for the main filtration pump this week. The employees are finishing the winterization at the aquatic facility for the season. Johnson met with Loran W. with Alliant Energy for him to complete the locate of the gas at the pool for a future project.

Parks/Cemetery

Every morning the employees have been going through their daily routine of cleaning and sanitizing their area, equipment and vehicles. Johnson stated 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 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. I have been working on our fee schedule and acquiring comparable pricing. Johnson has met with contractors for the red gate bathroom and shelter project, as he 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. This week in the parks, the employees mowed all the properties once again as we got over 8" of rain last week. Tab S. is going around to all the lots and houses mowing them this week. Johnson stated that Jay Perkins replaced some plastic electrical outlet covers that were snapped off and replaced them with metal covers at Wings Park. Jay and Chris Jelineck took a load of rock out to City Park on Monday and filled in the road from the wet weather we had last week. The ball diamonds were dragged and marked once again for the rec softball; soccer nets were placed and anchored down at the complex. In Platt Park, the employees are working on taking down two ash trees that are infested with EAB before we put the two-post shelter back into place that is next to these trees. Foundations will start to be framed up so we can pour at the end of the month as we gave notice in the paper for foundation orders to be in by Sept. 25th. This week the parks employees mowed all the properties get everything evened up since we have not mowed in past two weeks. Tim L. took the maintainer to the complex were Tim and I graded off the parking lots. Tim L. also took the backhoe and cleaned out around all our culverts to keep them open. The grinding company made it back to town this week and are cleaning up the pile from the tornado damage. At Platt Park we

extended our tile line to the west another 250' so that it drains away from everything and will help keep the area dry. Mike L. has been taking care of the downtown and watering the hanging baskets. Alliant Energy was kind enough to come to Woodlawn Cemetery and drop the power line so that we could cut down the dead oak tree up front by block 16. While Tim Ledesma and I were at Platt Park, we noticed someone sleeping in the back pavilion so we called the PD; turned out that they both had warrants so they were taken away. At Woodlawn the rest of the tornado, damaged bushes were removed up front and put in the grinding pile. Johnson stated that he is having the park employees, campground host start painting picnic tables at the campground. This week in the parks, we are experiencing more vandalism in Wings Park recently.

- Storage Room door kicked off hinges
- In the Men's room the sink was broke off wall, copper water lines twisted off
- Women's room spray painted with graffiti
- Garbage pickup daily around diamond 1
- Drinking fountain broke off at diamond 1
- Two American flags stolen off diamond 1 pole
- Bike pump taken from bike fixit station

Johnson stated that the employees have to pick up a lot of garbage at City Park around the railroad shelter on a daily basis. The employees took advantage of the rain days to catch up on some projects and complete some mower maintenance during the second week of September. Johnson had Tab Sly power spray the flagpole base and podium and started priming them before the rains came. At Platt Park, we had to take down the small two-post shelter as the foundation/pad was failing. The employees were able to save the roof structure and posts so they can reuse once we pour a new foundation. The cemetery employees worked on cleaning up the site where the contractors did their grinding of the tornado damaged trees. Johnson stated that at Woodlawn Cemetery they have had 45 burials this year to date. Johnson stated that they have over 100LF of foundations to pour next week at Woodlawn, which is the most anyone can remember. Johnson stated that he applied to the RJ McElroy Trust and was awarded \$8,818.00 to put towards replacing the playground equipment at Red gate Park that were destroyed by the tornado.

Recreation Report

Burkhart stated that softball is ending with tournaments next week. Kindergarten soccer and flag football practice starts this week and games one week later. Cantrell asked what virus precautions she is taking. Burkhart stated that they are not requiring masks and asking people social distance. Burkhart stated that volleyball is starting with no parents allowed with practice and spectators wear masks. Burkhart stated that she only had one volunteer coach for grades 1-6 originally but has enough to get a season in for football. The teams will be bigger with a late start and 4 weeks instead of 5 weeks, sanitizer and wipes are offered. Burkhart stated that on Oct. 24th Liz E. and Jessica N. are running to raise money to replace the LL equipment lost to flooding. \$20 spots are offered to run along with them, with the goal of raising \$1,500 and raised \$3,000. T and T barbeque is going to come and sell his product and donate profits. Gearhart asked if the equipment could be stored at a higher level, Burkhart stated that the equipment is now stored on higher shelves. Burkhart stated that school memberships are in and will be around 140 total and silver sneakers started with 10 members.

Board Member Updates

Cantrell asked about the board members if we were short any. Johnson stated that he has a few applications out for a new member, as Berryman did not want to continue as his position expired this year.

Adjournment: 6:17 pm

Next Meeting: Oct. 19, 2020