



PARKS MONTHLY REPORT, APRIL 2020

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Park and Recreation

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This month in the parks department, we have been busy working on cleaning up the tornado damage in Redgate Park. I have a few workers in from the parks and cemetery departments to help with the cleanup. I told the workers this is going to be a marathon not a sprint, the cleanup is going to take months to finish. The first week of April we were able to get to the main shelter at Redgate so we could take it down after a very large ash fell on it during the tornado. We had two community members who stayed in their equipment to help an afternoon with the cleanup in Redgate. Ronnie Graf brought his backhoe in with a hook to remove stumps at Redgate Park. Rockie Williams brought his skid steer that is track driven to help carry trees to the road so our equipment did not tear up the grass as much. I have been working with contractors on getting quotes for projects with the pool, parks, and cemetery. I have been working on Redgate Park plans for moving forward. I met with Jon Biederman as we are looking at the next trail segment to get things ready to go for some grant opportunities. This morning we had a cremation burial for Geilenfeld-Buehner funeral home.

The second week in the parks department, we have bringing the employees in and conducting spring orientation and trainings. Daily disinfection in the mornings and end of shift continue. Jay and I discussed COVID-19 precautions and expectations out of them when they come to work. I had Jay conduct hands-on trainings with chainsaw safety, lift procedures and Lock out Tag out procedures. I have been working on putting together a proposal for council concerning the future of Red Gate Park and Woodlawn cemetery. I have been talking with our donor for the Woodlawn cemetery sign so we can get that project rolling. Matt construction is working on dirt work this week so we can finish the Wings trail project. Jay finished putting the two sets of bleachers that will go to diamond three that were a CIP item. On Wednesday we had a cremation burial for the Barker family at Woodlawn cemetery.

Unfortunately, this week someone drove into the park and ran over the bike sculpture that was installed when RAGBRAI came through town years ago. The new mower for the cemetery department came in this week as a CIP item. The contractors did more dirt work at the Wings trail site and poured the approach to the street last week. I have Tim Ledesma and Tab Sly working on getting the aquatic center ready in anticipation of opening the facility. Last fall we did a lot of work to the aquatic facility, which is paying off, now with the short time allotted due to COVID-19 virus. I talked with the Routt's who are lined up to be campground hosts this week and they are excited to get started if or when we can open the facility this year. I talked with Lloyd Brown and we will be having customers start calling in locates so can start spading trees next week. I have an order of day lilies for the downtown streetscape and waiting on quotes for a mulch order. On Monday evening, we held a Goto meeting with the park and rec board to give departmental updates. The board also approved plans to move forward with Red Gate Park and Woodlawn Cemetery.

This week we have been busy working on all our annual preparations. On last Friday, we planted a tree in Redgate Park for the Arbor Day planting. The cemetery guys have been busy cleaning up from the tornado that we had at the end of March. The guys are working on forming up foundations to pour concrete next week. All the winter graves have been taken care of and have sod on them already. The parking lots were painted this past weekend as part of the bi-annual painting. The parks guys have been working on the pool facility. Jay and I repaired the flagpoles at Woodlawn and Redgate park on Friday that were blown down with the tornado. I utilized the bucket truck to put up new pulleys and line, and took some aerial photos of the park and cemetery. The parks and cemetery guys are

starting to mow some of the high spots in some of the parks. Mike has been working on the downtown landscaping, annual cleaning and planting new lily plants that did not survive the winter or were destroyed by snow removal equipment. Lloyd has started today transplanting trees from Woodlawn as well.

Before



After



Shelter removal



Rockie Williams



Ronnie Graf



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Cremation for Geilenfeld



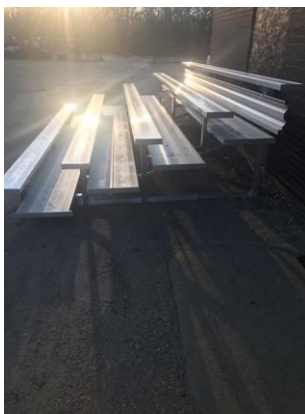
Contractors



Wings trail project



Bleachers



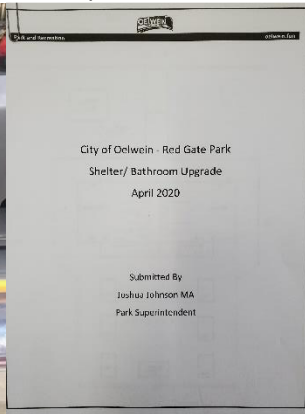
Cremation



Upgrades



Proposal



Red Gate Park



Cemetery mower



Wings trail project



Arbor Day planting



Tornado cleanup



Tornado cleanup



Line stripping



Pool work



Bridge repair



Tree spading



Flag repair



Lilly Planting



Woodlawn Cemetery



Redgate Park





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
- ❖ 2 graves, 2 cremations

Progress on Projects

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- ❖ Trails REAP grant
- ❖ Tree trimming
- ❖ Cemetery sign ordered
- ❖ School program work on cemetery arch sign
- ❖ Website work
- ❖ Storm cleanup
- ❖ Foundations formed up ready to pour at cemetery
- ❖ Working on scenarios for possible pool opening
- ❖ Quotes on different projects
- ❖ Winter graves finished
- ❖ Pool work
- ❖ Dirt work started on Wings trail extension
- ❖ Willow tree cleaned up from City Park
- ❖ Started mowing small parks

Next Month and Future Projects

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- ❖ Storm cleanup
- ❖ Wings Park trail extension
- ❖ Park master plan
- ❖ Grant work
- ❖ Diamond 3 fencing
- ❖ Pool LED conversion
- ❖ Old bridge prep for new placement
- ❖ 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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