



## PARKS MONTHLY REPORT, JUNE 2020

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#### Park and Recreation

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This week Lloyd has been busy transplanting trees as he is now on his final property. Jack has been mowing empty lots and houses the city purchased and found people are throwing their branches and garbage onto these properties. Another round of weed spraying has begun in all the properties. We ran new plumbing in the diamond one bathroom as we slowly opened the bathrooms. We filled the pool Memorial Day week as we are taking care of the water chemistry and pumps as needed. There is a full burial today at Woodlawn Cemetery. Jared Stewart plans to start on the new sign at Woodlawn the week of June as he has been waiting on his supplier. Jay got the bags out for the baseball fields and started dragging them.

There was an issue with the starter on the main circulation pump at the pool that was resolved, and the LED light conversion was completed at the pool. On Friday the 5th, the park employees planted seven more trees at Red gate that an individual donated to the city. With the flooding the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June, Diamond 1 at Wings Park took a major hit as the whole backstop was undermined and have debris hanging from all the fencing. At City Park there was flooding over the bridge once again as campers were told that night if they needed to get out early the next morning that they should do so that night because there would be flooding. By 8:30 am, the next morning the waters receded so the campers could drive out if needed. The road at City Park was washed out once again on the west side by the dam and is barricaded off until workers can get started putting it back together. Platt Park has mulch and boarder tile washed out with some road wash as well. The workers will continue to work on cleaning up these areas but still have their mowing responsibilities to complete. We are finishing replacing some of the water pipes at diamond one as it was time to eliminate some old pipes and a pressure tank that was still in place. Jay took the Harley rake to the batting cage area and the workers put up the net. The cemetery workers had a full burial this week and more supplies arrived for the new Woodlawn sign. Weed spraying continues with all the rain and warm weather we are receiving.

The third week Jared Stewart made more progress on the new Woodlawn sign by setting the large stone. Jared will be building up the ends then installing flagstone around the block base. Once the street department was done using equipment to complete their cleanup from the storm, Tim and Jay started putting the road back at City Park this week. Monday morning someone broke into Jay's truck, ransacked it and stole some tools, cameras were ordered to put up around the shop area. This week Brannon Monument Company was able to get in and reset the large cemetery stones that were too large for City employees to handle from the tornado damage. Lloyd Brown finished transplanting all 64 trees from the cemetery tree nursery that we wanted transplanted. The cemetery employees are straightening out the dirt in the area that Lloyd transplanted. There is a cremation burial this coming Friday and another for Saturday that have been prepared. The flagpole light at Woodlawn was replaced with an LED light fixture. Mike is competing his work on the downtown streetscape. Jack has been busy mowing all his 54 properties including empty lots, houses, wells, and lifts. Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> we had a park and rec meeting and tree board members are working on finding planting areas for our street tree planting in September. Daily check of the pool facility maintaining it at minimal levels is ongoing and diamonds are being prepared for rec little league.

This week Jon Biederman and I met with Matt Construction to go over some final issues with the new trail section at Wings Park. We also met with Jake Steil with Transco about an easement to run a trail on the west side of the tracks on their property. I received the new trail mileage signs that we will be installing along the trail when we have the time to install them. We prepared a full burial and two cremations for this coming weekend. There has been a couple rain days so the employees have been



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completing some rain day projects like finish work on the new shop door. We received some cameras that we are installing at the shop because of recent vandalism in the area. I completed an Iowa DNR land and water conservation fund report that was received back in the 1970's for the old tennis courts and Platt Park. This is a perpetual report every 5 years for each of these properties that need to remain solely for recreation. I completed more work on the DNR REAP grant that is due in August for more trail money.

Tree transplanting



Empty lots



Plumbing



Weed spraying



Cleanup





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Pool starter



LED conversion



Tree planting Red Gate



Diamond 1

City Park bridge



Diamond 1 fencing

City Park road



City Park road







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Platt Park



New water lines diamond 1



Harley rake



Burial



Complex plumbing



Material for Woodlawn sign



Batting net up



Weed spraying







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Woodlawn Sign



Road repairs



Vandalism



Monument setting







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Tree spading complete



LED lighting

Downtown Mike



Trail markers

Burials

LWCF



Rain day projects

Easements





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#### Cameras



### Daily Activities

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- ❖ Sanitizing shop and equipment
- ❖ Reviewing sanitizing and social distancing daily
- ❖ Pick up garbage downtown
- ❖ Water hanging flowers every morning
- ❖ Checking/maintaining parks, cemeteries
- ❖ Monthly safety checklist
- ❖ Maintenance on equipment
- ❖ Order supplies for different departments
- ❖ Safety meeting/orientations
- ❖ Weed spraying
- ❖ 3 burials, 4 cremations
- ❖ Diamonds prepared

### Progress on Projects

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- ❖ Trails REAP grant
- ❖ Tree trimming
- ❖ Cemetery sign progress
- ❖ Website work
- ❖ Storm cleanup
- ❖ Waiting on quotes on different projects
- ❖ Wings trail extension drainage
- ❖ Mowing all parks/cemeteries/lots
- ❖ Pool LED conversion completed
- ❖ Shop cameras installed
- ❖ Trees planting at red gate park
- ❖ Plumbing replaced at diamond one bathroom
- ❖ Tree spading completed
- ❖ All headstones set in place from tornado



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### Next Month and Future Projects

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- ❖ Wings Park trail extension
- ❖ Park master plan
- ❖ Dirt work around bridges
- ❖ Grant work
- ❖ Diamond 3 fencing
- ❖ Website work
- ❖ Install water fountains
- ❖ Prairie planting at Platt Park
- ❖ Remove well houses at City Park
- ❖ Drinking fountains
- ❖ Extend tile at Platt
- ❖ Replace campground doors
- ❖ Bleachers to diamond 3
- ❖ Diamond 1 building work
- ❖ Take split wood/rock to campground
- ❖ Storm cleanup at Red gate park
- ❖ Ash tree removal
- ❖ Picnic table repairs
- ❖ Trail sign install
- ❖ Install 3x large umbrella fixtures
- ❖ Slide top canopy
- ❖ Guard umbrellas
- ❖ Dead tree removal
- ❖ Signage updates for trails

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