



PARKS MONTHLY UPDATE, NOVEMBER 2022
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Park and Recreation

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This month in the park department we have been super busy completing tasks with very limited staff. The first week of the month was it for seasonal employees as they wrapped up by preparing a burial on Monday at Woodlawn and a cremation burial to prepare for the following Monday morning. The first Monday this month I hosted the tree board monthly meeting at the shop as we reviewed our Tree's Forever planting and talked about some other programs. The new electrical service was run to the storage buildings at Woodlawn by Alliant this past week. The light to the flagpole was part of the old system and will not work with what was put in. We are working on options for this as we put a solar light on the flag for now. The window was broken out of the storage building at the cemetery, so Nate got it covered up for the winter months as this is a cold storage building. On the first Tuesday of the month, I attended the county REAP meeting at the conservation shop where we developed the county 5 year REAP plan. Nate took the skid loader to Levin Park and moved the stones around from the trail segment 3 project so that no one can drive through the area from 4th street SW. Maintenance has started on the mowers as they are power sprayed and gone through completely. I prepared the agenda for the park and rec meeting Wednesday evening as we will discuss our grant improvement proposal to the commission. The second week of the month Nate and I travelled to Fayette to attend our CEU class for our pesticide applicator license.

This past Wednesday, Johnson hosted the park and rec meeting at city hall where he submitted the proposal for improvements to the board. Burkhart and Johnson gave a presentation to the board and answered any questions they had. On Monday evening, the same presentation was given to council and approved in the regular meeting. Johnson made the required copies and submitted the proposal to the foundation the following day. On the second Tuesday of the month, Johnson hosted the trails committee meeting at the parks building. At the meeting the committee discussed alignment of segments 4 & 5 to City Park. Nate has been busy working on various projects including straightening out one of the gates at City Park that someone hit with a vehicle. The employees prepared a full grave for a Friday burial at Woodlawn. Maintenance is being completed on snow removal equipment this week as we had the first snow of the season. Maintenance on all the other mowing equipment has been ongoing too. Johnson finished up his CEU's for his pesticide applicator license this week in Fayette.

The gates at City Park were repaired and closed for the season. This past week we prepared a full burial at Woodlawn and this week the employees prepared another grave. The spoil piles at Woodlawn were pushed up before everything starts to freeze to keep the area clean. The new disc golf basket signs arrived this week for the City Park course. Nate has been working on the maintenance of the equipment as he has started in on the trucks this past week. A new bumper was installed on P3 that has been needing replaced and grill was given a fresh coat of paint. Johnson has been working on various grants as well as the department year-end report. Johnson also spent some time this past week updating the cemetery burial application and foundation order forms. Two steel plates were ordered for the cemetery sign that the school is working on this semester to wrap the project that has been ongoing. Updates to the park webpage were completed this week as well. The new low board diving stand was picked up this week from Carrico Aquatics which is a CIP item that will be installed in the spring at the pool.



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SOLAR LIGHT



WINDOW BOARDED UP



CREMATION PREP



TRAIL WORK



MAINTENANCE



GRAVE PREP



REAP MEETING





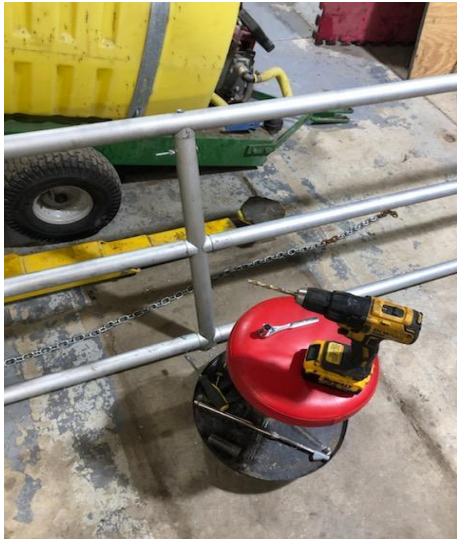
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CEU CLASS



GATE REPAIR



GRAVE PREP



SNOW REMOVAL PREP



EQUIP. MAINTENANCE





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GATES REPAIRED



GRAVES DUG



PILES CLEANED



MAINTENANCE



DISC GOLF SIGNAGE



BUMPER REPLACED





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Daily Activities

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- ❖ Clean/organize shop and equipment
- ❖ Pick up garbage downtown
- ❖ Checking/maintaining parks, cemeteries
- ❖ Maintenance on equipment
- ❖ Order supplies for all departments
- ❖ Safety meetings
- ❖ Meet with contractors
- ❖ Retrieve & upload trail count data
- ❖ Weed spraying
- ❖ Trail sweeping
- ❖ Woodlawn burials

Progress on Projects

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- ❖ Website updating
- ❖ Trail easements/grants
- ❖ Work on Park and Rec master plan
- ❖ Grant writing
- ❖ Trail Segment 3
- ❖ CIP pricing/budget
- ❖ City Park gates repaired/locked
- ❖ Disc Golf Signage received
- ❖ Snow equipment ready
- ❖ Park truck ordered
- ❖ 1-meter diving stand delivered
- ❖ Cemetery cribbing delivered
- ❖ Updated cemetery forms

Next Month and Future Projects

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- ❖ Remove old well houses at City Park
- ❖ Drinking fountain install Platt Park
- ❖ Replace decking on old bridge
- ❖ Grant writing
- ❖ Ash tree removal
- ❖ Pool filter
- ❖ Pool drain
- ❖ Pool boiler
- ❖ Prairie planting
- ❖ Diamond 3 in-field fencing
- ❖ Equipment maintenance
- ❖ Trail Segment 2
- ❖ Trail Segments 4/5 alignment
- ❖ Ice rink install
- ❖ Year-end report
- ❖ Playground mulch at Wings
- ❖ Disc golf signage installed

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