



VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

"A Great Place to Call Home"

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Public Works Report, August 2025

Parks & Recreation

- Continued weekly mowing of all park and public green spaces.
- Finished Sherman Park upgrades – painting of old equipment, installation of rubber mulch.
- Continued monthly application of weed control throughout Village parks, additional areas.

Roads & Infrastructure

- Removed concrete parking blocks on Main St. and replaced them with high-visibility blocks.
- Painted all crosswalks, parking stalls, school zone signs, and no-parking curbs along State St.
- String-trimmed all main road areas inaccessible to the mower.
- Mowed all roadside ROW areas and drainage ways.
- Removed and replaced sidewalk squares at Village Hall.
- Boom-mowed Westergren lots.
- Continued replacement of stop signs with prismatic signs. All signs on proper posts have been replaced. Beginning next month, we will start replacing poles that are not the correct height, are leaning, or are not 2" square posts.
- Swept streets Village wide.
- Completed spraying of curblines north of Orth Rd. We will finish the three south neighborhoods with curbs next month.

Water & Sewer

- Conducted water service shut offs.
- Various appointments.
- MXU installations in Olson Woods.
- Flushed hydrants in the Well system.
- Replaced skylight at Well 4. Work was completed by Larson and Larson.

Facilities & Equipment Repairs

- Started Comcast change over for phone lines at well houses and lift stations.
- Took care of hanging items and moving furniture at Village Hall for office staff.

- Repaired tractor hydraulics.
- Changed damaged blades on SCAG mower, replaced bad battery.
- Changed deck height on finish mower decks.

Administration & Planning

- Continued coordination with Comcast on the Village telecommunications system upgrade.
- Began discussions with Cunningham Recreation regarding West Grove Park upgrades. We will be utilizing their grant match opportunity to add swings and a new playset, along with updated borders and rubber mulch.
- Ongoing discussions with developers on potential projects and development opportunities throughout the Village.
- Ongoing discussions with New Leaf/Contry regarding home lots in the Westergren neighborhood.
- Worked on updating the Village logo and truck decals with a new supplier.
- Met with multiple contractors regarding siding and roofing work at Lion's Park.
- Completed an evaluation of engineering firms for the Boone County Conservation District. This assessment was part of BCCD's planning for upgrades, including bridge work along the Long Prairie Trail. The director invited me, along with four other area directors, to review and evaluate firm submittals.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions or concerns. I am always open to going into more detail on past, current, or future projects and work my department is doing.