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June 2021 Public Works Report

General:

Neighbors' fest took place on June 12, 2021. Staff worked the event to set up the fall zone for the fireworks, change garbage as needed, and attend to vendor or visitor needs. We also cleaned up the event the following morning and Monday.

Our 2021-2022 MFT and Road and Bridge Fund maintenance program is getting close to starting for the year. Bid openings have taken place and we have had our pre-conference meetings with the contractors and anticipate starting in early July. Our DCEO funded drainage project along West Park and West Main is also slated to begin around the same time.

Our sidewalk ordinance revision was passed at June's Village Board meeting. With that, staff has begun doing rough sidewalk inspections for new builds and existing sidewalk replacement. All staff was trained in the process.

We have serviced and/or repaired numerous pieces of equipment this month. The blower motor in the tractor had to get replaced, brakes on the F-250 were changed, and our ZD326 zero turn is at Bobcat of Rockford having work done to it.

Streets/Storm Sewer:

Potholes and the edges of pavement were patched in various locations. We also filled in turning radius' with road stone and anticipate doing more radius' in the coming month.

Staff repaired 4 inlets this month. Inlets were mortared, pavement sawcut, flowable concrete poured to fill the voids under the curbing, and barricaded to get patched as part of our MFT roadwork.

ROW ditches, drainage swales, and retention ponds were mowed at the end of the month to get everything looking good for July 4th weekend. The next cutting will take place the week before the Boone County Fair.

Stop signs were placed in Olson Woods at appropriate locations now that homes are being built. Previously, this was a non-traffic controlled neighborhood.

Staff put down black dirt and grass seed in all the locations that had tree stumps ground at the end of May. This included Prairie Green neighborhood, West Grove subdivision, and Lions Park. BK concrete also replaced two squares of sidewalk in West Grove that heaved due to tree roots. This was done at the same time they did the dog park pads to save on a short load concrete fee.

ROW inspections on sidewalks and new build properties have continued this month. We continue to have issues with the concrete contractors for the new home builders.

Various treets were swept multiple times throughout the month.

Staff undertook a drainage project to off of Springmeadow Drive. There are two concrete box culverts that were 1/3 full of silt and debris that were jetted out and vacuumed up by Badger Daylighting. Staff then shot grade up stream

and downstream of the culverts, regraded the drainage swale, removed cattails and reeds, put down grass seed and stapled in erosion control blankets. This project took up a great deal of time this month, but it should help our southern drainage system for years to come.

Parks/Buildings:

The concrete pads, benches, and garbage cans were installed in the new dog park. We are waiting on dog collar tags, and a rules/regulations sign board and the park will finally be able to have its grand opening.

Bufalo Contracting replaced the roof at the Village Hall and the NWWTP as part of our November hail/wind damage insurance claim. Gutters have also been replaced and we are waiting on the remainder of the contracted work to be done.

Weekly mowing and trimming continue at all Village owned parks and properties. Our seasonal mower started June 3rd and has helped relieve staff of some mowing duties and free their time up for other public works tasks.

Pesticides were applied in our parks this month. We applied non-selective herbicides, as well as, selective herbicides to help control broadleaf growth in our parks.

Water/Sewer distribution:

Visu Sewer was out at the end of the month to clean and camera the sanitary laterals on South State St. We should have the data soon and can begin planning for any necessary underground work that might need to be done before we re-surface the road with RBI funds in 2023. Staff marked the sewer laterals for Visu.

The fire hydrant on Hill St that was approved for replacement at May's Board meeting is scheduled to get done at the same time when Stenstrom does the DCEO drainage project in Sherman Oaks. This will help save on mobilization fees and is scheduled for early in August.

The interconnect valve on Whiting Road that connects our west and north water systems needs to be serviced. This was approved by the Village Board and we are waiting on Dorner to get parts in for the work.

The replacement pump for the NWWTP lift station has been ordered and we are waiting on installation by Sable Mechanical. This was approved at May's board meeting.

Locates were done as required by law and are coming in daily. We also marked and called in our locates.

Meters were read and all un-reads were gathered manually.

Other work performed by staff included: door notices, water turn ons, water turn offs, meter installs/replacements, MXU replacements/installs, bbox adjustments/repairs, final reads, consumption/water quality/pressure complaint appointments.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at MHilden@villageofpoplargrove.com or 815-742-0418

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