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Public Works Report, August 2022

- Continued playground equipment discussion with Doug Oberbroeckling from Cunningham Recreation. We narrowed down the specific playset we wanted, along with a standalone piece and swings. This has been covered on previous agenda items. The final step with the equipment is picking a color palette.
- Assisted Carina with OSLAD grant application.
- I started classes in the UW Public Works Management Program. These will be ongoing through Spring of 2023.
- 445 Ironwood had a water service break. Unfortunately, Olson Woods services are too deep for the equipment we have to do in house. After receiving department head approval, NTrak was brought in for the emergency repair. Upon digging up the service, multiple leaks were found in the corroded copper line. In this case, the main was located on the other side of the roadway. Myself, Kyle Markhardt, and Dave Kays determine that the best course of action to make sure all leaks were fixed was to install a new pex line. Rather than tear up the road, NTrak was able to bore a new line under the road. The total bill for this repair came in at \$11,372 – very close to the initial estimate given to the department heads.
- 201 Summit St also had a service leak, but this was determined to be on the homeowner side – the repair is scheduled for second week of October by the homeowner.
- Met with Aaron Eckberg regarding the East Park St property that is the future shop site. He has a lease agreement to farm and we needed to clear a couple acres to allow McMahon to survey. We agreed that if we could hold out until late September, he could harvest early with no crop damage cost.
- Park St Sanitary repairs were scheduled and started. Met with Nicor to layout their repairs and responsibility with the project. The road and sidewalks will be paved or poured later in October.
- Coordinated with Nicor regarding a main leak at the 173 and Poplar Grove Road intersection. This has been determined to be a non-emergency repair and is on their schedule for the second week of November.
- Jake and Zach went out multiple days to cold patch. This included cleaning up broken off edges of Whiting and Orth Roads.
- They also added stone to all radiuses of main through roads.

- Cleaned up tires and appliances that were left outside dumpsters during recycling event. This required me to order 3 extra dumpsters, and took roughly 4 hours for us to get everything cleaned up.
- Repair and cleaned drainage inlets in a few different areas.
- Prepped Memorial Park for the Community Market. Brought additional garbage cans in, and provided the committee with barricades and cones.
- Adjusted multiple low manholes in the ROW area at new builds in Olson Woods.
- Continued with inspections at these properties as well.
- Whiting Rd between RT 76 and Starflower has several areas that had settled out after previous Nicor and ComEd work – specifically around our hydrant and main valve. These areas were brought back up to grade.
- Moved sludge at the SWWTP. I would assume late October or early November we will be spreading these beds in the field south of the plant. Timing will depend on when Busch's harvest these fields.
- Continued mowing and maintaining all village owned properties.
- Wrapped the month up with cleaning up Westergren. Developer has essentially checked out on any responsibility for these lots. We cleaned up multiple truck loads of garbage and debris, and mowed and trimmed the lots nearest the developed areas.