



VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

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Public Works Report, April 2023

- Staff got mowing started for the year. With all 4 staff members out, it takes roughly a day and half to mow all Village properties.
- The first application of weed spraying took place at all of our facilities, as well as around signage and other areas on main roads that our batwing mower can't get around.
- Cleaned out the shed at Village Hall and added shelving to better utilize that space.
- Added shoulder stone to the radiuses at Whiting, Orth, and Woodstock roads.
- Cold patched on multiple days, began using the new to us hotbox. This is going to help keep cold patched areas stable longer. Essentially, we are now able to create a fine, extra tacky asphalt mix to use rather than the clumpy cold patch.
- Added stone and millings to the northeast corner of Lions Park parking lot. Also added about 16 barrier poles. This adds a significant amount of parking to a previously unused space north of the shed.
- Staff used a rain day to clean up back utility room at Village Hall. Went through and organized all prints and plans adding them to print boxes.
- Reclaimed and added ag lime to the Arboretum walking path.
- Cleaned up and graded a ditch line along Waco Way.
- Added grass seed and straw mat to the Ridgestone ditch. We dug this during winter, and with the restoration completed all drainage within Prairie Green, The Knolls, and Woodstock has been reworked.
- Added Timbers to Sherman Park playground, will be refreshing mulch both here and at Waco Park in the coming weeks.
- Cleaned up the tree lines around Mansfield Park. These have been an overgrown mess for a while, and this opens the area up a bit and will allow the actual trees in the area to grow properly.
- Mansfield playground was installed, and staff spent a couple of days putting in the mulch and starting restoration of the surrounding area. We are currently waiting on our black dirt suppliers to have dry stock available. Once we can pick up dirt, we will finish restoration.
- We will be doing spring hydrant flushing beginning the second week of May.
- I spent some time going over various projects with Chris. Our road projects will have a start date of sometime shortly after July 15th, as we want to have 76 back open before we start our own construction.

- Sewer and water are going to begin the second to last weekend of May, with site work to begin shortly after for the new PW Shop.
- Our part time summer help (mowing and string trimming) will start at the end of May, which will free up PW staff to start in on our Spring/Summer/Fall project list.
- Some of the projects we have planned are Village wide sidewalk repair, storm drain repair, manhole repair, and valve repair.

As always, please reach out to me with any additional questions or concerns. I am always open to go into more detail on past, current, or future projects and work that my department is doing.