



# VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE

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## Public Works Report, June 2023

- Comcast installation of fiber optic began in June, with the mainlines being installed on 173 and State St/Poplar Grove Rd within Village limits. As previously stated, this is a large-scale project that will run through the end of the year. Residents will be seeing a large amount of utility locating flags Village wide for the duration of the project.
- Staff spent a few days locating and marking water, sewer, and storm systems in the above areas for this project.
- Neighbors' night took place on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Staff spent the prior week prepping. This included painting new lines on the Lions Park basketball court, mulching Village Hall, extra mowing, and trimming, taping off the firework fall zone, setting up tables and chairs, bringing up additional garbage cans, and cleaning equipment for touch a truck. The event itself was worked by Collin and Zach. As always, there were a lot of compliments on the event – especially regarding the quality of the fireworks.
- Mulched Sherman and Waco playgrounds.
- Sprayed all parks for weeds for the second time this season.
- Chris Danner continued with weekly mowing, and other staff spent a few days with the batwing and brush mowers on drainage and roadways.
- Whiting Road tree line was mowed back by Poplar Grove Township with their boom mower. Unfortunately, our boom mower will not be ready for installation until late 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, as there was a build issue on the manufacturer's end.
- All equipment was serviced.
- Cleaned up areas of Westergren where dumping was occurring. This was done in anticipation of mowing lots, which is currently on hold in correlation with item number six on tonight's agenda.
- Work has continued on the new Public Works shop, with site work and tree work starting in July.
- All sewer and water on E. Park St were completed by the last week of June.
- Lift motor and hydraulic pump were replaced by staff in the 1-ton dump bed.
- Ray St and Beaver Dr drainage were reworked, as sediment build up and runoff were causing pooling in the ditch line. Staff dug out from the culvert to extend flow into the adjacent field drainage.
- A chipper was rented on a few occasions for tree work. Due to multiple storms, we had trees and limbs go down on three separate evenings. While the chipper was on hand, staff removed other dead and damaged trees from ROWs.

- Staff started a list of sidewalks in need of repair. Damaged sections were marked based off type and severity of damage. I anticipate replacement to begin in early fall.
- Benches and signage were ordered for Mansfield Park, with delivery and installation expected in July. With the weather being hot and mostly dry, grade work as well as landscaping for the park has been put on hold until the fall. At this time, we will finish grading rough areas of the lots, as well as installing various trees and or bushes. As I had previously written in reports, this project is not completely, but simply able to be played on. Weather restricts the amount of landscaping and finish work were able to do at the time of installation. It would not make sense to plant grass seed or foliage in the summer, as it would not take well. Completion of the park will take place this fall.

As always, please reach out to 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.