# VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE



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## Public Works Report, May 2025

### **Parks & Recreation**

- Planted trees throughout various park areas. Trees were received as part of ComEd's Arbor Day Foundation Program.
- Excavated, formed, and poured concrete pads for portable restrooms at Mansfield Park and Sherman Park.
- Ordered and had portable restrooms installed by United Sanitation.
- An additional round of weed control was applied across all parks.
- Installed additional protective posts around the drainage ditch along the entryway at Lions Park parking lot.
- Power washed the pavilion at Lions Park, as well as the pavilion, gazebo, and monument at Veterans Park.
- Staff removed leaves and debris from fence lines surrounding the ball diamonds.
- Constructed enclosures around portable restrooms.
- Mowed drainage areas.
- String trimmed areas across the Village as needed.

#### Roads & Infrastructure

- Applied weed treatment around signage in roadway rights-of-way.
- Regraded the drainage swale along Waco Road and at the nearby detention pond.
- Backfilled areas around washed-out piping along Waco Road.
- Completed service line repair at 446 Blue Spruce Drive.
- Performed valve box repairs in Olson Woods.
- Conducted hydrant flushing across all three Village water systems over a four-day span.
- Swept most of the Village streets.
- Mowed roadside areas.

## **Facilities & Equipment Repairs**

- Relocated and organized burn and spoils piles at the plant sites; stacked spoil material to allow for continued use.
- Repaired turf deck mower (wheels and belt).
- Replaced radiator on the SCAG zero-turn mower.
- Cleaned daily-use trucks.
- Staff took advantage of rainy days to clean and reorganize the shop, including tool and equipment areas.
- Cleaned floor drains.

## **Administration & Planning**

- Finalized the 2025 Road Maintenance Program in coordination with Chris, including sidewalk repairs as part of the project scope.
- Received preliminary quotes from Ion for SCADA system upgrades; these will be presented to the Board following budget approval.
- Attended multiple development-related meetings; updates to follow as projects progress.
- Continued coordination with Bel Air regarding new hangar home development— Planning & Zoning review expected late June or early July.
- Met with Comcast to discuss upgrades to Village telecommunications systems.
- Reviewed the annual load shed report with our External Affairs representative from ComEd.
- Assessed Village-maintained ROWs, neighborhood entry points, and common areas as part of an ongoing Board discussion.
- Finalized the contract with Chicago Audio and Video for the Boardroom technology upgrades. We anticipate confirmation on parts delivery and scheduling in the coming weeks.
- Continued internal planning discussions with Kristi, covering topics such as the budget, future capital projects, community enhancement initiatives, and facility improvements.

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.