

Parks & Forestry Report

May 3, 2022

Parks

It's that time of year again. Tennis/pickleball court nets are up, fish cleaning stations are open, docks are in, Evergreen Park is open, beaches and parks are clean and park restrooms are set to be open May 16.

- Evergreen Park gates open May 2.
- Park staff have done a great job picking up garbage and tree branches in the parks and getting beaches all cleaned up for the summer season.





The Uptown Parklet provided by the City of Sheboygan Department of Public Works and Planning & Development departments will be open by May 13th for its second year. The parklet is located on a portion of St. Clair Avenue between 8th and 9th Streets. The parklet was well used last year and there are already planned events for the summer.



Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP):

On January 26, 2022, the CORP Community Survey was launched. The survey was available until March 1. There were 1445 visits to the survey, 560 survey responses and 87 comments on the Interactive map. The next step will be the scheduling of three community engagement sessions throughout the summer.

The City's CORP is updated every 5 years and is used for budgeting, maintenance and planning annual projects in the City's parks. The city is also eligible for county, state and federal grants with a current approved plan.



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City of Sheboygan Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Update



Vandalism in the parks have been a problem. Earlier this year Roosevelt Park Pavilion was broken into and two doors were broken beyond repair and spray paint was used extensively on the walls inside. New doors have been installed and DPW Buildings and Grounds will be painting the inside before we open for rentals this summer. DPW reported the vandalism on Nextdoor in hopes that the neighbors will call the police if they see any inappropriate activity.

Last fall an individual using an electric scooter did extensive damage to the Deland Park tennis courts. Many of the marks that you see below are burned into the court by the person holding the accelerator and burning the tire into the court. Warmer weather will be needed to paint over these marks.



The Friends of the Sheboygan Peace Park are hard at work again. They are applying for a County Stewardship Grant and are hoping to complete phase two of the project. I can personally not say enough good things about this group. There is rarely a time that you can drive by the park and not see someone painting the tables, working in the gardens or just enjoying the park. They also continue to hold several gatherings.

