## Board of Marina, Parks & Forestry Parks & Forestry Report August 6, 2024

## Park Division:

- Completion of 2024 CIP projects.
  - o Cleveland Park splash pad



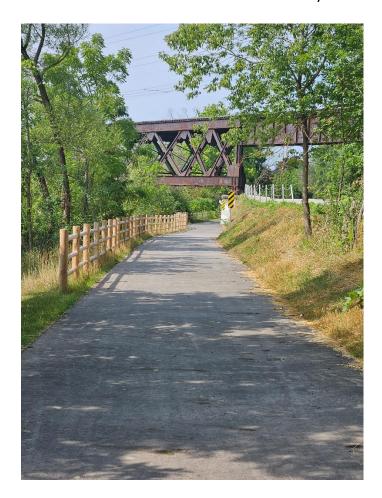
o Kiwanis Park, six pickleball courts



o Veterans Park, four court pickleball and basketball court



o Kiwanis Park trail to New Jersey Avenue



- Wildwood Sports Complex operations It has been a very good year for adult softball being played at the Wildwood Complex. As stated in the May report, the parks department has a one-year agreement with Fox Valley Athletics. They ended up with 65 teams compared to 55 teams last year. Most games had two umpires compared to one in past years and this improved player demeaner and enjoyment. I am working on updating the agreement with Eric Schaefer, owner of Fox Valley Athletics, in preparation for 2025. Part of the agreement would involve phasing the replacement of all three scoreboards and batter boxes.
- Shaw Family Playground They now have their own non-profit status. They are working with me to change the MOU agreement with the city. New play items are being ordered to add to the already inclusive play system.
- The Optimist Club is matching \$25,000 of city CIP money for improvements to the Optimist Park Playground. They have worked with a vender to pick out structures that they would like to include. This will be going out for bid in August.