

Board of Marina, Parks & Forestry  
Parks & Forestry Report  
May 2, 2023

Park Division

- Park and beach clean-up are well on its way.
- Tennis/Pickleball nets were installed and ready by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Park maintenance team is working on getting water ready in all parks.
- Deland fish cleaning station/restroom and South Pier fish cleaning station/restroom will open May 1<sup>st</sup>. River docks and Rotary Park restroom will also open.
- Evergreen Park will open to vehicles on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Restrooms will also open.
- All other park restrooms and shelters will be open May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Kiwanis park pedestrian trail will be extended to New Jersey Avenue this year.
- Plans for a new splash pad in Cleveland Park are almost ready to go out for bid.
- End Park playground has been ordered and will be installed this summer.
- DPW still has seasonal positions open.
- Several park positions have moved to other positions so a lot of time has been spent re-filling open positions.

Forestry

- Spring Tree Planting 300 street/park trees plus 25 Arbor Day trees, 20 Maywood Trees, 6 South Pier Trees
  - 300 trees planted 4/12 – 4/21
  - Arbor Day Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> 10am to noon at Jaycee Park
  - 6 South Pier Trees planted early June
- Construction pruning
  - After planting until May 12<sup>th</sup>
- Indian Mound Park Clean up
  - Week of May 15<sup>th</sup>

- Ash Treatments
  - 1 day per week in June and July, about 750 ash to treat.
- Stump Grinding
  - 100 May 17 to 31
  - 100 June 19 to 30
  - 100 July 14 to 21
  - 100 August 21 to 31
  - Remaining September 13 to 22
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bluff Clean-up
  - July 24-28
- Fall Tree Planting 400 street/park trees plus 50 Vollrath trees and 6 Parklet trees
  - 400 trees October 2 to 20
  - 50 Vollrath trees Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>
  - 6 Parklet trees November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Grants Received in 2023

\$5000 from Alliant energy to plant 50 trees in Vollrath Park where the Water utility filled in the buffalo pit area.

\$18487 from ROOTS to pay for 200 of the 400 trees we have in our Gravel Bed.

We currently have an opening in one of our full time Arborist positions and are seeking qualified applicants. (When fully staffed we have 4 Arborists.)

Also, we have one of two seasonal arborists in the process of being hired and still seeking the second.