



PARKS DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE AND RECREATION REPORT

August 24, 2021 PARK BOARD MEETING

Recreation Report

Recreation Update

Summer adult softball finished August 17th and fall adult sports started August 16th. It's been a busy week! Summer plaques for end of season tournament champions and runner-up are in the works.

Our registration numbers are:

Monday MS2 (lower men's softball): 7

Tuesday Kickball(coed): 12

Wednesday MS1(upper men's softball): 7

Thursday Coed Softball: 9

All leagues are projected to finish the 2nd week of October.

Pond Hockey and Warming House attendant descriptions will be modified and published mid to late September looking for more participants (rebuilding) and recruiting warming house employees early. Warming Houses typically do not open until mid to late December.

Community Ed & YMCA Update

Preliminary meetings have started taking place discussing feedback and how we can better meet needs of both organizations. Staff is preliminarily reviewing and looking at possible revisions for 2022 contract.

Special Events

National Dog Day Meet and Greet will take place at the Buster Park Dog Park on Thursday, August 26, 2021. This will be a low-key way for dog owners to meet other dog owners, enjoy our park as well as the boom lake trail.

The Coed Softball Tournament of Terror is projected to take place on October 9, 2021. This is a "fun" tournament where the rules are goofy i.e. running the bases backwards, batting/throwing opposite handed, & etc every other inning. Teams also will be asked to have a certain percentage of their team dress up. The Eagle's Club has tentatively requested to sell beer at this event.

Great Pumpkin Festival projected to take place on October 16, 2021, from 1-4 p.m. at Gregory Park with more emphasis on pumpkins this year. Volunteer and vendor recruitment is still a work in progress.

Dog Park Wildflower Beds

Staff is working with Holly Holm, Master Gardener "Intern", and some other potential partners to create a plan to spruce up those beds.

Parks Maintenance Report

2022 City Council Budget Workshop

Based on the information that was presented to the Park Board over the last couple of months, Chair Yeager will be presenting the Parks and Recreation budget to the City Council at their workshop on August 30, 2021. Other members of the Park Board are welcome to attend the workshop. The workshop will begin at 6:00 PM.

Kiwanis Park Bridge Vandalism

Staff were able to participate in a Lakes Area Restorative Justice meeting after the Brainerd Police Department was able to track down one of the vandals that spray painted under the College Drive Bridge. As part of the restorative justice

process, the vandal had to repaint the entire sloped under-area of the College Drive Bridge and remove the graffiti that was in place. This process has been very beneficial in the past for both restoring the damage and teaching valuable life lessons to kids that make mistakes and vandalize our parks and infrastructure.

Mississippi River Landing RFP

Proposals for Mississippi Landing design and construction services are on August 26. Staff will be setting up a meeting with the Project Management Team thereafter to review the proposal contents and come to the Park Board with a recommendation for award at a planned Special Meeting on September 7.

Triangle Park Playground

Public works staff have been busy removing the old playground equipment at Triangle Park in anticipation of an install of the new equipment at the end of August. The old equipment will be removed, the ground graded underneath for the equipment, the new equipment installed, and then the border and wood fiber material placed. From there, restoration of the black dirt around the playground will commence. Most work at the site should be completed in mid-September.

Maintenance Tasks Completed in the Month Prior

Below is a list of maintenance tasks that were completed in the month of July/August:

- New signs made for field dedication;
- Constructed frame and hung Jonesy Field sign at Jaycees;
- Planted grass at Gregory Park;
- Miscellaneous black dirt and landscaping;
- Fixed vandalism Gregory Park men's room;
- Repaired lighting issue at Field #1 at Memorial Park;
- Fixed hydraulic leak on Toro Mower;
- Replaced broken pier boards at Kiwanis Park;
- Sodded Bane Park both field mounds;
- Watering trees and grass;
- Grinding stumps in all parks;
- Removed and ground downed trees Lum Park, Gregory Park, and Memorial Park;
- Fixed broken lock in Memorial Park's women's room;
- Trimmed trees at Historic Water Tower;
- Spraying herbicides second application;
- Weeded College Drive Milkweed;
- Fixed Boom lake Pier;
- Planted memorial tree at Gregory Park;
- Removed batting cages for season;
- Repaired miscellaneous picnic table damage;
- Had bridge painted at Kiwanis Park;
- Miscellaneous weed whipping;
- Purchased and stored timbers for Triangle Park Playground;
- Marked trees for removal;
- Spraying for wasps;
- Replaced battery in truck;
- Vacuumed up pine cones Lum Park;
- Added/spread mulch in Buster Park;
- Mowing Daily;
- Garbage daily.