



working on corporate memberships with East Penn coming in, then Transco, Ashley, and City Laundry. Burkhart stated that she is low on scholarship funds for pool passes, which usually lasts three years.

**Aquatics Update** –Johnson walked the board around the facility and showed them the various new additions. The board

- The new slide for the little kids has been secured to the pool deck and is ready for action.
- The employees dug out the old mulch in the front of the aquatic center and put back some new bright mulch for the upcoming season.
- All the infected dying ash trees were removed last fall in the front entrance and a variety of new trees planted.
- The brick borders on the shower house and doors were painted blue last season.
- Mediacom came to pool to get the phone/internet hooked up for the season.
- The surveillance system has been installed at the aquatic center, which is a CIP item that will provide coverage for the whole facility. This system was instrumental in catching the vandals the police department where looking for last week.
- New pads and batteries were installed in the AED.
- The employees also installed sanitizing stations throughout the aquatic facility.
- The new pump and motor for the slide have arrived but waiting on an adapter
- LED lights installed last year
- 3 new permabrellas installed
- Slide top canopy and guard stand umbrellas installed with grant through RJ McElroy trust
- Shelter to be installed when contractor gets there
- New gutters panels when they arrive
- New pool cleaner is in use now
- New first aid supplies and rescue tubes replaced
- New pool controller that is WIFI compatible that controls the water chemistry
- The backflow preventer was inspected
- This past weekend the City had an individual from the Cedar Falls YMCA certify 12 guards and this coming weekend another individual from UNI is coming to certify the rest of the guards.

### **Tree Board Update**

- In the tree board award presentation last month, the board learned that they are the recipient of the Growth Award from Trees Forever, which is awarded to cities that expand tree programming every year, along with the Tree City Award for 2020.
- This past month the Tree Board received their Outstanding Community Organization plaque from the Iowa Urban Tree Council.

### **Trails Update**

- Segment 1 – Johnson explained that the contractor is working to finish the section near the pool first so that it will be done as soon as possible. Johnson stated that the large section in the NW has been cleared of trees, utilities moved by Alliant Energy, and rocked up. Johnson stated that the contractor would be back in a few weeks to pour that section.

- This past month the trails committee accepted a much appreciated \$4,000 donation for trails from the owners of Pizza Ranch, Brandi and Gerald Hershey.
- The park department got the new two-stage snow blower attachment for the skid loader this past month for trails and other uses, along with a set of pallet forks for the cemetery workers.
- Johnson completed a trail grant for Iowa DOT COVID funding that would give the City up to \$500,000 for trails if funded.

### **Parks/Cemetery Report**

#### **REDGATE**

Johnson stated that the park employees installed the new playground equipment at Red Gate Park that the park department received through a grant from the RJ McElroy Trust this past fall. Johnson provided a picture to the board of the progress completed on the shelter. The plumbers finished the rough plumbing for the bathroom project at red gate. Kevin Stickle has put up the shelter and put the tin on the roof.

#### **Cemetery**

Employees dragged the gravel roads at Woodlawn Cemetery to even them out and Jay picked up a load of patch to fill in potholes as well. The cemetery employees found a headstone that someone had tipped over and put it back into place, up front in block 18. Foundations were poured the first week of May and funeral homes notified for headstone placement.

#### **Platt Park**

At Platt Park, employees reinstalled the grill by the shelter that we poured a new pad and rebuilt last fall. The departments completed the sidewalk with other concrete projects lined up. At some point this season, employees will install the new drinking fountain along this sidewalk. The employees will have to dig up about 30' and tap into the existing water line to the bathroom.

#### **City Park**

Jay and Tim put the final fittings on and preparing the drinking fountain at City Park on the west side of the bridge. At that shelter, employees removed all the picnic tables last fall and returned the proper amount that had been gone through and painted this winter.

#### **Downtown**

Johnson explained that the parks employees spread 60 cubic yards of mulch downtown in the flowerbeds. Last week the employees took delivery of the flowering hanging baskets that they put up as well for Mike Ledesma to water every morning.

#### **Parks General**

The employees took picnic tables that Jay painted over the winter months and distributed in various parks. The employees cleaned the primitive toilets and repaired the vandalism that occurred over the winter months. The employees have been mowing certain properties as the streak of warm weather got the grass growing in open areas. Tim Ledesma took the stump grinder to City Park and ground three stumps out where the city lost ash trees in the airplane area. The department took possession of the street department skid loader as part of an equipment upgrade this week. This will enable the department to utilize attachments without having to borrow the skid loader as well. This month, 4-goal setter basketball hoops were delivered that will be installed at Wings Park, CIP items.

**Fayette Day of Caring**

On Wednesday, Johnson arranged for Upper Iowa University to send a sorority group down to paint a shelter at City Park. This is part of their annual day of caring that they had to skip last year due to COVID. The shelter was located on the point at City Park, in which they painted everything plus the tables.

**Antioch Church**

The Antioch Church of Oelwein brought in a bunch of volunteers to walk through Woodlawn Cemetery, pick up loose decorations, and pick up sticks. The group also had a bunch of volunteers walk through Wings Park and pick up sticks and debris in the park as well. The church group had a cookout at the shelter in which anyone in the community was invited to have a free lunch.

**United Way – Day of Caring**

Johnson stated that this event took place at various park locations throughout the City. Several City departments helped his year and they appreciated each department that participated. The park department had employees from parks and cemetery each location to help guide volunteers and complete all the projects planned for the day. At City Park the library painted the front sign, City Hall helped work on the disc golf course with Kens Electric and East Penn. At Platt Park, Veridian, Fidelity Bank and Nate Schares helped paint the front sign, old playground equipment and picnic tables. At Redgate Park, Transco employees spread an entire semi load of mulch around the playground equipment, painted the older playground equipment, and painted shelters. At the Aquatic Center, Mercy One hospital sent people to power spray the pool shell. In addition, the Police Department and Community Development helped run a Cat5 cord to the pump room. At the log cabin, Lumber Ridge replaced the boards and painted the two benches at that location. Oelwein Community Schools had their kids walk the trails, Platt and Wings picking up garbage and sticks.

**Woodlawn Flag Raising**

Last Saturday morning an estimated 40 volunteers came out to Woodlawn to help put the flags up along the roadways. Johnson stated that the weather was great as usual but the volunteers did a great job making the facility look its best.

**Campground**

Jay and Tim L. dug up and replaced a yard hydrant at City Park on Wednesday that was bad. Jay and Johnson restrung the safety barrels at City Park Lake to keep patrons away from the dam that broke loose due to ice movement in the spring thaw. Tim L. took the harley rake and stirred up, and smoothed out the campground pads. Johnson stated that WIFI is now available for the campground patrons as another amenity to bring in more campers.

**Board Member Updates - None**

**Adjournment – 6:35pm**

**Next Meeting: June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**