



### Trails Update

- Segment 1
- Segments 2& 3
- Trail Counts

Johnson finished and submitted the Federal Rec Trails grant proposal this past month, asking \$1.2 million for segments 2&4. Johnson stated that he proposed segments 2&3 to council for next year's construction season. Johnson stated that Bacon Const. has finished the dirt work along both new trail segments and seeded the areas. Johnson said that he recruited two more individuals for the trails committee that have experience writing grants that will be a tremendous help. Johnson stated that the contractor installed the handicap accessible drinking fountain at the aquatic facility. The contractor had a few panels that they had to replace due to people walking through the wet cement. Johnson stated that he received new mileage signs to put up along the new trail next spring. Johnson provided pictures of updated trail totals from July through October, which totaled more than 9,000 users in the three-month span.

### Parks/Cemetery Update

Johnson stated that at the end of the season they cut down all the lilies and trimmed all the plants in the downtown streetscape to wrap up the season. Johnson stated that this is a large project every season that the employees did a great job finishing before winter layoff. Johnson stated that he sat in a zoom meeting with their quarterly meeting. Johnson stated that all the bathrooms have been winterized and closed off for the season. Johnson stated that all the welcome sign in the community were power sprayed once again which they completed every couple of years. Johnson stated that they finished the cleanup from the windstorm in August where several trees were lost once again. The aquatic facility has been winterized and equipment cleaned and put away for the season.

All the departments got their fire extinguishers in to be inspected and recharged if needed. At Woodlawn Cemetery, both departments helped pour headstone foundations. Then the employees poured a concrete pad for the Reeves memorial bench at the sports complex. After that, they poured a couple tee pads for the disc golf course at City Park. At the sports complex the parking lot was graded one last time for the season as well. Johnson stated that the new waterslide rule sign was ordered and received from Iowa Prison Industries in Anamosa. The parks employees worked on installing some anchors at Wings for some new basketball hoops to be installed at some point. Johnson showed some more storm damage to the board that has been cleaned up in parks and trails. Johnson stated that the Redgate bathrooms are completely finished and inspected. The parking area will be completed in the spring and road seal coated as well. Johnson stated that he had the cemetery employees complete some dirt work around the shelter and seed the area so that it will be ready in the spring. Johnson stated that they utilized the Cities road-patching machine to work on some of the roads in the parks and cemetery, which more will be done next season as well.

This month Johnson completed his continuing education courses for his pesticide applicator licenses. Johnson stated that these classes do provide some great updated statistics on lime disease, West Nile and ash borer spread among many other topics. Johnson had the cemetery employees burn some of the excess leaves at City Park while they were working on the disc golf course this past couple of weeks. Johnson stated that he is advertising for the park assistant position and has had very positive results with applications thus far. Johnson stated that the deadline is this Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> for applications to be submitted to City Hall. Johnson stated that trail sweep is never ending this time of year with the leaves constantly falling as they try to clear the trail at least once a week. Alliant Energy has placed a new

