



Date of Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting: May 2018

To: Park and Recreation Advisory Board

From: T.J. Heinrich, Street & Park Supervisor

Subject: Park updates

Action Requested: Discussion

Summary Report: Projects completed by the Street & Park Dept.

- **Walking Trails**
 - Most City trails have been swept
 - East Cannon River & Babcock trails
 - Were briefly closed due to flooding
- **Sechler Park 1st National Field rebuild**
 - The scope of the project rebuilding the pitcher's mound, home plate area & pitcher warm up areas by the MN Parks & Turf Association
 - Staff met recently with MN Parks & Turf representatives to develop an action plan
- **Sechler & Babcock Parks**
 - Softball & baseball activates are underway.
 - Field improvements continue daily
 - Two new batting cage nets have been installed
 - Lacrosse being played at two location
 - Sechler Park
 - Sibley Soccer fields
 - Had new nets installed
 - Babcock Park rodeo bleachers
 - Randolph FFA will remove when family crops are planted
 - New bleacher install will get underway after removal
 - Neighborhood baseball fields are operational
 - Three fields
 - Roosevelt Park
 - Washington Park
 - Way Park
- **Spring Native Planting Areas:**
 - Spring burning of certain parks will happen when weather allows.
 - Currently Oddfellows & Lashbrook Parks are being planned

- Recent Spring growth might hinder burning operations.

- **Bridge Square:**

- Fountain will be operational soon
- Thanks to the Garden Club for the recent addition of flowers to the square
- Six new flower planters have been added to the East River Commons area
 - Funded by the Garden Club
- Downtown flower baskets
 - June 1 planned install.

- **Riverside Park:**

- The third & final raised planting bed has been installed
 - The planter is in the shape of a Honey Bee
 - See attached photo



- **Park Mowing & Cleanup:**

- Seasonal Mowing staff start May 14
 - Take 3+ days to mow City park areas
- Seasonal staff start May 14
 - Cleanup started
 - Seasonal staff allow cleanup to be completed in a timely manner
- Spring vandalism
 - Staff dealt with several recent acts of vandalism

Alternative Options: N/A

Financial Information: N/A

Timelines: N/A

Attachments: N/A