

City of Sunset Hills
Department of Parks & Recreation
Status Report
Jan 6 – Feb 4, 2021

TO: Mayor and Board of Alderman DT: Feb 4, 2021
FR: Gerald Brown, RE: Status Report
Director of Parks & Recreation

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- Prepping for the BMX organization (removed wooden fence and a small portion of gravel lot); BMX organization has started to set fence posts and we are still awaiting approval from DNR and COE.

WATSON TRAIL PARK

- We were awarded the Municipal Parks Grant for \$370,000 for a new playground at Watson Trail Park. With the additional \$45,000 collected from donations, we now have over \$400,000 for the construction of a new playground. We are approximately 75% complete with bid specifications and will be going out for bid within the next few weeks.

Athletic Fields

- General maintenance (trash, mulching, etc)
- Acquiring estimates on electric tower

Gempp

- Regular Maintenance.
- Removing invasive including honeysuckle and bittersweet.
- Removal of dead trees on the property

Lynstone Park

- General maintenance (trash, mulching, etc)

KITUN PARK

- Basic maintenance

Driving Range Area

- Driving Range is closed for the winter

Bander Property

- Disc golf course, the organization has set the baskets and individuals are starting to utilize. We are starting to work on signage
- Secured a new amenity by working with the Conservation Foundation and Stieren family, both agreed to donate \$12,500/each to provide access to corner lake of property for fishing, our goal will be to install a small parking area between driving range and proposed lake, pathway to the lake, fishing pier and stock the lake.

Directors Report

- Continuing to work with committees (Art Committee, Park Board, Pool Advisory, Gempp Commission and Urban Forestry Commission) through email, conference calls and zoom meetings.
- Working with Kirkwood, Fenton MoDOT and GRG with pedestrian/shared use Trail. Final Design is completed, currently evaluating the plans. We had to go back to the Municipal Parks Grant commission to secure an additional \$322,000 for the project. Project is 100% funded.
- Working with the Moore Family pertaining to Paraclete Property. Will be sharing survey results at the meeting.
- Working with Mr. Stieren on ideas for the property adjacent to athletic fields. He is interested in installing another shelter in the area, currently working to identify exact location; Mr. Stieren is also interested in evaluating the cost to provide water (drinking fountain) to the location.
- Have been renewing certifications (AFO, CPSI) through online course's.