



City of
Maple Grove
Parks and Recreation

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chuck Stifter, Director of Parks and Recreation

FROM: Ben Jaszewski, Superintendent of Parks and Planning

DATE: January 20, 2022

SUBJECT: Parks and Planning Newsworthy

Attachment A

Park maintenance staff is continuing its winter operations while battling colder winter conditions over the past few weeks. Preceded by unseasonably warm temperatures the recent cold stretch has provided staff with the ability to fully flood the outdoor rinks. The outdoor rinks opened on January 8th and crews have been out daily, sweeping, edging, and scraping. Windy conditions and light snow have created a need for staff to re-open entrances and plow trails more frequently. Maintenance staff have been assisting events programming staff with setup for the Wonders of Winter celebration scheduled for Saturday, February 5th. Staff will continue preparations by clearing entrances and widening paths in anticipation of a well-attended event. A crokicurl court has been created at Central Park as well, and will open on January 22nd. Maintenance staff built every element of the crokicurl court in-house and are very excited to show off their creativity and skill in designing and creating amenities for special events. January kicks off annual safety training provided by SafeAssure. In preparation for the summer season select staff have attended Certified Pool Operator classes to obtain the necessary licensure to operate and maintain the Central Park Splash Pad. Normal operations of the Central Park Ice Skating Loop and outdoor ice rinks will continue as weather allows.

Court Sealcoating

Annually the Park Board reviews court sealcoating bids in late winter or early spring and the work is performed throughout the summer. Last year, the pickleball and basketball courts at Central Park were repaired and seal-coated along with the basketball court at Nottingham Park. In 2022, staff intends to obtain quotes for sealcoating the basketball and tennis courts at Weaver Lake Park and Goldenrod Marsh Park. Staff will ask the Board to review those quotes at a meeting later this year. Quotes for this project are expected to be in the \$30k to \$35k range. Funding for this work was approved by the Board as part of the 2022 General Fund Budget.

Trail Sealcoating

Annually the Park Board reviews trail sealcoating bids in late winter or early spring and the work is performed throughout the summer. Due to availability of contractor and materials last year the 2021 trail sealcoating project could not be completed in time to stay ahead of the cooler fall weather. Staff will re-quote the trail sealcoating project from 2021, which included 30,000LF mainly in the southeast corner of Maple Grove and the area around Maple Lakes Park. Staff will ask the Board to review those quotes at a meeting later this year. Quotes for this project are expected to be in the \$35k to \$40k range. Funding for this work was approved by

the Board as part of the 2022 General Fund Budget.

Portable Toilets Rental

Annually the Park Board contracts for 23 portable toilets to be rented and serviced throughout the non-winter seasons. Typically, portable toilets are placed in locations with athletic fields, high use trails, and special use facilities such the Weaver Lake boat launch and Arboretum. Many of the portable units are scheduled to be delivered in mid-April and are on site throughout the summer months and into the fall. In 2021 quotes for portable toilets ranged from \$12k to \$26k. Staff anticipates slight increases in the low quote for 2022 in the \$15k range. Funding for this work was approved by the Board as part of the 2022 General Fund Budget.