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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Chuck Stifter, Director of Parks and Recreation

FROM: Ben Jaszewski, Superintendent of Parks and Planning

DATE: February 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Parks and Planning Newsworthy

Park maintenance staff has elevated its winter operations this season. Ice conditions at the outdoor rinks and skate loop have been amazing over the past several weeks and the new Croki curl court at Central Park has been extremely popular. Recreation and maintenance staff did a great job planning and building the court from scratch, which is another example of staff going above and beyond for the community and area residents. The maintenance crew will continue daily, sweeping, edging, and scraping and preparing ice for daily use as temperatures continue to be favorable. Typically, outdoor rinks and the skate loop remain open until mid-March when temperatures begin to stay above freezing overnight. Staff will continue general repair and maintenance of park facilities, most recently the stove in the kitchen at the Eagle Lake Community Building was replaced after an attempt at repair of the heating element was unsuccessful. Maintenance staff cleared snow and widened walking paths at Central Park in preparation for the Wonders of Winter event and assisted Recreation staff with event setup and day-of event operations. Staff is working with contractors preparing for the scheduled tear-down of the Sports Dome which is tentatively scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**2022 Park Paving Plan**

Park staff is working with the City Engineering department to design, plan, and estimate the trail portion of the annual park paving reconstruction project. For 2022, the Maple Grove Middle School site will be the main focus of the project that will be completed in conjunction with the planned road reconstruction project in the area. Staff is working on estimating total project construction costs to include repaving existing trails and concrete throughout the park and around the four ballfields. A trail addition from the soccer fields to the north (St. Joseph the Worker) parking lot may be possible. This project is currently in the planning phase and more information will be provided to the Board at a future Park Board meeting. Preliminary estimates are in the \$400,000 to \$500,000 range. Staff will also recommend to the Board that the tennis court at Kerber Park be reconstructed in 2022. Staff will gather quotes later this spring when contractors are able to observe the current condition of the pavement and maintenance strip. Reconstruction of the Kerber Park tennis courts are in the \$40,000 to \$60,000 range. Funding for paving projects comes from the replacement fund and was approved by the Board at their December 2021 meeting. No parking lots or basketball courts are scheduled for reconstruction in 2022. Each spring staff evaluates court, parking lot, and trail conditions and will make recommendations for repair or reconstruction to the Board as appropriate.