Director's Report
May 2021

Park Impact Fees & Fee in Lieu of Study

- Attorney Dregne has updated the ordinances. He had a few questions for the consultant and we are making some minor changes which include having the park dedication requirement differentiate based on dwelling type. This is due to knowing how many people live in each dwelling type which in turn lets us know what the park dedication should be. The other change is to review land costs every five years instead of having it indexed to the Construction Costs Index.

Riverfront Project

- Completed and submitted the WDNR Stewardship and Land Water Conservation Fund grant application for 2021.
- We are still waiting for the high flow scenario for the final survey. We have the low flow and average flow scenario data collected. REP will be reviewing the low flow data the week of May 10th.

Rotary Park Project

- The contractor has made good progress on the project. The alternate bid items have been completed. The excavation for the utilities and foundation for the restroom have also been completed.
- I have been working with the Rotary Club to satisfy their grant requirements.

Bjoin Park

- ERC drilled the native seed on May 12th.
- The fence posts for the backboard were installed on May 7th. The backboard should be installed by late May, but the contractor has seen some delays with the backboard manufacturer due to COVID.

Nordic Ridge Inclusive Playground

- Excavation and the sidewalks have been completed. The shade structures footings were installed on 5/13. The playground equipment is behind schedule due to a machine at the plant being broken.

Racetrack Park Master Plan

- We had low attendance at our public informational meeting on April 22.
- I shared the draft concepts with Public Works. They noted that they would like a storage area for maintenance. They also preferred the baseball diamond concept (Concept A).
- I provided additional feedback to the consultant on the draft concepts.

Recreation & Youth Center

- Spring Miniball Soccer, Little Gridders Flag Football, and adult softball have started.
- The Gazebo Musikk schedule is set. We plan on having the concerts at Rotary Park this summer with social distancing. The Friends of Gazebo Musikk will be posting social distancing signs and

announcements will be made by the emcee. The current health order has no restrictions on outdoor gatherings.

- The Youth Center is seeing higher attendance and is averaging close to 30 children a day in May. We are working with HR to recruit new Youth Center Assistants due to the increase, but we are seeing little to no activity in the applications we receive.
- Attended the Friends of the Stoughton Area Youth Center meeting on 5/13. They would like a key fob system installed at the building so I contacted the contractor for an updated quote.
- I submitted the monthly report that the County requires as part of our grant obligation.
- I continue to manage the community garden.
- The Troll Beach Supervisor has been hired. We only received two applications for the position. The lack of applications for part-time positions is concerning. The supervisor is a lifeguard who has three years of experience working at the beach.
- There are 10 lifeguards hired for the beach this summer which is a skeleton crew. We typically hire 12-15 lifeguards for the season. The gap year of 2020 where no certification/training was offered, children being consumed with school activities, and low pay are the likely reasons for this.
- We started the prep for the beach and some supplies have been ordered.
- A lot of the special event applications have started to come in.

Misc.

- A wetland delineation has been scheduled for the Virgin Lake trail.
- Met with Brett Hebert and Pat Groom to discuss park CIP items. We are going to move forward with one parks CIP much like how they collaborate with Planning on the roads CIP.
- Started to receive estimates on CIP items.
- 2022 items include:
    - Park Master Plans – 51 West Parks, Kettle Park West
    - Virgin Lake Trail Engineering
    - Outdoor Movie Equipment
    - Settler's Point Trail and Parking Engineering
    - Schefelker Park & Veterans Park Restroom Engineering