

SUPERINTENDENT'S JULY 2015 REPORT- WRITTEN REPORT OF SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITIES

EAST PARKS – CRAIG KLINKE, SUPERVISOR

It's been a good year for plant growth thus far. Although things are starting to slow now, crews have spent a lot of time mowing, trimming, and pulling weeds. Noxious weeds such as thistle, wild parsnip, and burdock are blooming now. Therefore, we have begun flail mowing these plants down before they go to seed and after they've used up energy reserves producing flowers.

As always, this is a very busy time of the year for special events and reservations. I'm proud to say that I haven't received any complaints about how we've set up and prepared for the events and about the cleanliness of our facilities. Staff has been doing an excellent job.

Our Parks Arborist Crew is finely operating at full speed. We have 1 Arb II and 2 Arb 1s on the crew. In June, we preemptively removed 125 ash trees from parks such as Elver, Wexford, Olbrich and Reindahl. We were also able to grind and cleanup 112 stumps on the weekends.

On July 6th, we will begin working on the ash removals at Tenney Park. Parks/Forestry will be removing about 100 trees. Thanks in advance to Forestry, West and Central Parks, and Streets for supplying staff and equipment to help expedite this project.

CENTRAL PARKS & MALL CONCOURSE– LISA LASCHINGER, SUPERVISOR

Central Parks:

June was a very productive month for Central Parks. In addition to regular mowing operations, which really have not slowed, we worked on many other projects. We completed our spring field mowing and began spot mowing noxious weeds. Beach raking operations continued and were more demanding than usual as the weeds have been very prolific this year. The 150th Juneteenth Celebration was held at Olin Park for the first time and seemed to go well. The Landscape Maintenance crew worked hard to prep the Goodman Pool and Reindahl and Cypress Splash Parks for the opening of the aquatics season. In addition, the Landscape Maintenance Crew with the help of other staff prepped Law, Olin, BB Clarke and Brittingham in anticipation of the Shake the Lake Fireworks. Although our efforts were scaled back from last year's event, we still furnished trash and recycling, provided an attendant for the hours leading up to the event and brought in staff on Sunday morning to clean up major viewing areas.

As we move into July, crews are continuing with mowing operations. We anticipate that the grass will slow at some point during the month, which will allow us the opportunity to continue with detailing projects and to keep up with the landscape maintenance at the pool. We will also continue with field mowing operations to control invasive species throughout our parks. La Fete de Marquette is our first event for the year at Central Park and we have worked with our Parks Surveyor to develop a process for marking underground utilities for tent staking. The Landscape Maintenance workers will spend much of the Month at Tenney Park helping with the removal of the Ash trees. By the end of the month, we'll begin installing football fields, as there is a camp scheduled for Penn Park.

Mall Concourse:

The month of June has brought many exciting events as well as some changes. The crew made great progress in making repairs to damaged turf areas. Crews continued with weeding and pruning in the landscaped planting beds as well as the tree grates and cracks in the sidewalks. Decorative lighting was installed once again on some of the trees within the Philosopher's Stone Grove and at 30 on the Square. The banners were changed from Spring to Summer. All planters and remaining annual flower beds were prepped, and Olbrich did a great job of planting of the annual flowers once again. The crew has washed the Philosopher's Grove and 30 on the Square multiple times in preparation for the BID's Top of State Programming. In addition, the first Concert on the Square of the season was held and crews made all necessary deliveries for the event.

We have seen some changes in staffing this month. The first was with Tony Rosen returning to Forestry. John Martin, who has been with the crew for nearly a year and a half has stepped up to act as the Leadworker for the time being and has done a very nice job so far. With Tony's departure, we brought on one more Parks Maintenance Worker (PMW), who is learning our operations quickly. We experienced another loss at the end of the month when one of our newest PMW's accepted a position outside of the City, leaving us short one PMW, but we plan to have the position filled by the end of the month. The crew overall has done a great job of stepping up during this difficult time to get work done and make sure we do not sacrifice any level of quality.

As we move into July, we continue with our regular maintenance activities of trash and recycling patrols, picking and powerwashing the walks and maintaining the landscaped beds. In addition, we will begin watering the annual flowers on Wednesdays with the help of Olbrich Staff. We will see a number of other special events including a continuation of the Concerts on the Square and Art Fair ON and OFF the Square and Maxwell Street Days that will require our assistance with the delivery of materials. We will continue to assure that the Top of State looks it's best for the BID programming. As time allows, we will begin to prep bus shelters for painting.

WEST PARKS & FOREST HILL CEMETERY – LAURA BAUER, SUPERVISOR

West Parks/Summit Maintenance:

At Summit Maintenance, all of our seasonals were finally on board by the middle of June. Mixed in with the returning seasonals, we have nine employees who had not worked with us previously. Even though some came with considerable mowing, landscaping, and athletic field maintenance experience, some others had almost no applicable experience. This makes for quite a challenge in organizing efficient mowing crews while still allowing for training and experience on unfamiliar equipment. We're fortunate that people usually catch on to the new work quickly, and that our more experienced staff still remembers what it was like to be "new" and is generally very helpful.

The reconfiguration of Verona Road south of the beltline is now nearly complete. We always had mowing responsibilities there, but we're finding that the locations and mowing boundaries have changed in some cases. As areas were finished and sodded, we added them to our mowing route. The new, thick sod is being cut 1-2" higher than the rest of our grass, in order to allow the sod to better establish itself, and to reduce the clippings. We're finding that the design is better than many medians, as it's very wide in most spots and the trees are reasonably spaced.

The final week of June (and the first couple days of July) has been largely dedicated to deliveries for five neighborhood celebrations held in parks, and for the Elver Fireworks celebration. In addition, the launch area and the top of the sledding hill at Elver have been cut multiple times with our flail mower in order to reduce the fire risk from the fireworks launch.

A crew of youth volunteers from Briarpatch Youth Services is now working in the Westside parks on Thursday afternoons. So far they have done a nice job of weeding at the Elver Parks parking lot. The first Thursday in July they will be at Garner Park, weeding and tidying up in preparation for Opera in the Park.

Forest Hill Cemetery:

June burials at Forest Hill numbered 24 – 9 full-size and 15 cremains burials. There were also 11 lot sales.

The grass is still going strong at the cemetery and staff is mowing and string trimming every day. Because of this, and because of some unexpected absences and a vacancy among permanent staff, we've decided to add two additional seasonal employees. When or if the grass slows down this summer, the extra help will be sent out to do various projects in the parks that the cemetery cares for, but for now everyone is concentrating on keeping up with the grass.

CONSERVATION – RUSS HEFTY

Trail trimming was a major focus during the month in the conservation parks. We go through the trails in the parks and clear back the vegetation to maintain clearance for the public to use the trails.

Staff was also busy controlling weeds (burdock, birds foot trefoil, crown vetch) throughout the parks to maintain the natural areas. These invasive species can overwhelm the native plant communities that are present in our conservation parks. Private contractors were hired to control weeds in the oak savanna restorations in Owen and Cherokee Marsh parks.

We planted over 200 hardstem bulrush "patches" that we grew in 5-gal buckets in a storm water pond at South Cherokee Marsh. Operation Fresh Start planted the buckets in May, and by the time of planting the bulrush was 3-4 feet tall. Using this method we can create instant vegetation patterning in the pond by planting in groups of 3-5 "patches". In a few short years this will form an island of vegetation in the pond which provides outstanding nesting habitat for waterfowl, and other birds.

At North Cherokee we planted Lotus water lily seeds, and other emergent plants in the remaining open water ditches in the peat wetland north of the airport. These plants will provide wildlife habitat while decreasing the efficiency of these old drainage ditches. This will help restore the natural hydrology over a period time.

Operation Fresh Start helped with several projects in June. They girdled several hundred aspen trees at North Cherokee to facilitate the ongoing oak savanna landscape restoration project. Girdling removes the outer bark of the tree which contains the phloem tissue so the tree slowly declines because nutrients are no longer able to feed the root system. This avoids the problem of resprouting the typically occurs when you cut an aspen. At the Mendota Unit of Cherokee Marsh they designed, built, and installed a new footbridge that allows hikers to cross a drainage way that runs through the woods. They weeded the native plantings along the Brittingham shoreline that were installed last year.

OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS – ROBERTA SLADKY

July is a month when the horticulturists on staff are largely focusing on maintenance and watering – major planting projects in the Gardens are completed. Olbrich staff also plant the planters on State Street and at a few locations on the Square. Those plantings are also complete by the beginning of July and watering and maintenance of them becomes a priority. July features two major events for Olbrich Gardens. The Home Garden Tour, July 10 – 11 is held off-site in neighborhoods around the Madison metropolitan area. This year the home gardens are located in Middleton Hills & Pheasant Branch neighborhoods of Middleton. Attendees will be able to visit everything from small, intimate gardens in the new urbanist neighborhood of Middleton Hills, large suburban lots and an historic farm property. Blooming Butterflies is a 25 day event that attracts nearly 25,000 visitors during that short time. Education staff, event staff, volunteer staff, and membership staff all have significant duties and responsibilities for the event. Blooming Butterflies isn't possible without our volunteers – during Blooming Butterflies an average of 60 volunteers daily assist staff with various tasks, 1/3 of which are directly related to Blooming Butterflies!

Visitor comment:

06/27/2015 *"This garden is absolutely breath taking. This was the best experience I have ever had."*

May 2015 Numbers

OBG Attendance (counted from 9 – 4 only + event participants)	2015	2014	Previous 5 yrs average
May 1 - 31	32,495	33,321	29,508
YTD May 31	96,214	93,260	
Total Member Households (individuals*) April 30	6,530 (10,517)	6,310 (10,071)	

**based on the number of membership cards issued*

OBG City of Madison Major Revenue Categories (unaudited)	YTD 5/31/2015	YTD 5/31/2014
Bolz Conservatory Admission YTD	\$23,372	60,368
Room Rentals YTD*	\$55,590	\$48,995
Catering Percentage Revenue YTD**	\$4,663	\$8,060
TOTAL YTD	\$66,648	\$72,657

**accrued at time of booking – up to 21 months before the rental date, ** accrued on a monthly basis following each catered rental*

July 2015 Public Events at Olbrich Botanical Gardens call **608-246-4550** for more information

Bolz Conservatory Exhibit: Light Gaps, daily through July 12

Guided Garden Strolls, Sundays -- June 7 through Sept 27 @ 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm – free garden walks by Olbrich Gardens Tour Guides

Concerts in the Gardens – every Tuesday @ 7 pm, June 23 – July 28

July 7 – Patchouli – folk & flamenco duo

July 14 – The Whiskey Farm – home grown folk/bluegrass/rock

July 21 – Fresco Opera Theatre – opera made fresh

July 28 – Mark Croft Trio – roots/pop/Americana

Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies, July 15 through August 9, 10 am – 4 pm

Education – July 2015 classes and programs 608/246-4550 for info/registration or visit www.olbrich.org

Garden Walks

Stunning and Sustainable Gardens Walk, Mon, July 13, 6:30 - 8 pm

A Garden Stroll with Dr. Death, Wed July 15, 6:30 – 8 pm

Gorgeous Gravel Gardens Walk, Wed, July 29, 6:30 – 8 pm

Wellness at the Gardens

Yoga, Mondays 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm and Thursdays 7:30 – 8:45 am (drop in OK)

Tai Chi Meditation, Mondays, June 1 – July 6, 6 – 7 pm and/or Mondays, July 20 – August 24, 6 – 7 pm

Meditation and Movement in the Garden, Thursdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 from 6:30 – 8 pm

Classes & Workshops for Adults

Do it Yourself Photovoltaics (Solar Electric) Sun, Jul 12, 9 am – 2 pm
Flower Arranging with Native Plants and How to Grow Them, Sun, Jul 19, 1:30 – 3 pm
Ornamental Grasses, Thurs, July 23, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Visiting Artist Jamie Kirkell

The Art of Painting on Silk – An Introductory Workshop

Wed & Thu, July 22 & 23, from 9:30 am – 4 pm

Guest artist Jamie Kirkell will help students explore design and color to paint on silk. A scarf fashion show will be featured at the conclusion of the class. A complete kit with dyes, resist, and fixer; three silk scarves; and a wood frame are provided.

Learn & Play Together

Little Sprouts Gardening: Stories in the Garden (ages 2 – 4 with adult)

Jack and the Beanstalk, Thurs, Jul 2, 10 – 11 am,

Peter Rabbit, Thurs, July 9, 10 – 11 am

The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear, Thurs, July 16, 10 – 11 am

Quiet in the Garden, Thurs, Jul 23, 10 – 11 am

The Little Red Hen, Thurs, July 30, 10 – 11 am

Toddler Story & Stroll: Bugs in the Garden

Butterflies, Friday, July 24, 10 – 11 am

Ladybugs, Friday, July 31, 10 – 11 am

FORESTRY – MARLA EDDY

Forestry Section	Total Trees	Total Hours
Cycle Pruning	0	0
Pruned by Request	134	284
Small Tree Pruning Cycle	0	0
Tree Removal	251	1009
Ash Preemptive Removals	32	210
Emerald Ash Borer Treatment	1844	2065
Storm Work/Hangers		182
Unfilled vacancy		728

Both East and West crews have focused primarily on tree removals – dead & declining trees and ash preemptive removals, and some request pruning for the month of June. No cycle or small tree pruning took place this month. On June 22nd, six new Arborists started their employment with City Forestry.

Forestry specialists have been reviewing ash street trees for preemptive removals to stay ahead of treatment crews. The specialists also spent a significant amount of time checking sites for replacement as we have been finding a lot of dead trees since spring leafout, and also put together a downtown grate tree planting route for a fall planting contract.

Emerald ash borer treatments have continued to move along at the expected pace. Treatment crews have finished all the east side districts that were not treated in 2014, and are currently working their way through the west side districts.

2014 Parks Ranger calls for service

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date
Alcohol Related issues	5	3	3	8	24	18	22	26	19	3	0	0	131
Behavioral Ban	0	1	0	3	12	14	2	3	6	7	0	0	48
Check Area	32	21	25	41	105	55	61	87	59	29	20	18	553
Damage to property	2	2	0	12	12	14	9	10	4	0	2	1	68
Dog violation	6	4	24	100	62	38	30	18	27	17	5	6	337
Drugs	0	1	0	4	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	12
Graffiti	2	1	1	6	3	5	7	9	14	8	3	3	62
No permanent Address issue	7	5	2	19	28	15	23	12	5	3	2	5	126
Incident	2	5	4	3	9	2	5	6	6	0	0	0	42
Maintenance needed	0	0	0	26	31	23	23	20	11	9	26	2	171
Misc	1	1	0	2	2	37	5	9	9	8	0	4	78
Not open/ closed	8	6	5	17	27	26	27	22	22	7	1	1	169
Parking issue	12	2	6	26	54	24	34	26	22	6	0	10	222
Sport without reservation	0	0	8	18	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	32
Total reports	77	52	78	285	373	274	248	250	207	98	59	50	2051

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – KAY RUTLEDGE

Central Park Skate Park

The skatepark construction is approximately 50% complete. The pool coping for the two flow bowls was installed and progress is being made on the concrete streetscape features. The directional boring under Ingersoll Street for the athletic field lighting system was done under the supervision of MG&E due to an existing power line in the street right-of-way. The substantial completion date for the skatepark has been moved from August 19th to August 29th to provide additional construction time for the enhanced park features that are being incorporated with the additional funding being received through the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (still waiting to receive the grant agreement).

Highland Manor Park Storm Shelter

The building is 100% complete. The contractor is working on punch list items. City staff issued a Request for Quotations on June 22nd for landscaping at the storm shelter and parking lot. Quotes are due July 6th. The landscaping will be completed this fall. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the shelter and the park is scheduled for August 7th at 11 AM.

Highland Manor Park Improvements

Madison Commercial Landscapes was the low bidder at \$77,865.76 for the new playground, basketball court and path improvements. The improvements have been installed. All that remains is final grading and seeding.

Bowman Field Lighting Phase Two

The new lighting system is fully operational at this time. Additional work will occur this fall (after the softball season) to complete the project.

Forest Hill Cemetery

Cemetery staff and consultants are working to come up with a long range plan that will address infrastructure needs at the cemetery. Improvements will include the irrigation system, addressing stormwater management issues by adding storm sewer where needed and reconstruction of the road system in the cemetery. Ramaker and Associates completed the survey work; this information will be utilized by Feick Design who is working on the irrigation design. Staff will be meeting with Engineering soon to start storm sewer design.

Brittingham Park at Proudfit

Speedway Sand and Gravel has completed the construction of the paving and seating area improvements. Although the reviewing agent for the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads provided a favorable review of the requested pedestrian crossing on January 27th, the Commissioner included the requirement for 200 ft of fencing along the rail line to discourage trespassing. The Parks Division and City Engineering have appealed this ruling and will meet with the Commissioner on-site to further discuss the fence requirement.

Central Park

The Central Park Phase 1B work is scheduled for construction in August 2015. Phase 1B includes a new park entry plaza and pedestrian railroad crossing near the E. Wilson Street intersection with Few Street. The crossing is currently open and operational; temporary asphalt has been installed until the full project can be implemented. Bids for the project were received on May 22nd with Homburg Contractors as the apparent low bidder at \$491,509.40. Construction will be coordinated with the skatepark project.

Improvements to Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park – North Unit

Staff are putting together the design and working with Planning and Zoning regarding parking lot requirements for this project to construct an entry and parking area for the park off of N. Sherman Ave. Construction is anticipated to begin in September.

Yahara Hills Clubhouse Improvements

Park staff is working with City Facilities Management on a series of clubhouse improvement projects for Yahara Hills. Window replacement is next on the schedule, followed by HVAC work. The Start work letter was issued to allow Joe Daniels Construction time to order any materials which have a long lead time. This work is anticipated to start on the lower level of the building November 2nd. The attic space above the office and restrooms will need to be insulated to facilitate the proposed HVAC work. The HVAC Improvements contract has been approved by the Council and a start work letter will be issued to allow Daniels, as with the windows, time to order any equipment which has a long lead time. Additional asbestos was found in the ceiling spray texture for the office, restroom and stairway and will be abated under a separate contract. The asbestos abatement and spray foam contracts should be bid out in the next couple of months. Most of this work is planned to start after the golf season on November 16th (possibly sooner if the season ends earlier), with construction to be completed by January 29, 2016.

Lake Edge Park Shelter

Staff is working with Facilities Management on the construction of the new Lake Edge Park Shelter. Only one bid was received on the original bid opening on May 13th so the contract was re-bid. Bids were received a second time on June 5th. Only one bid was received the second time - Joe Daniels Construction Co, Inc. for \$430,686. It was accepted and the contract is going through the signing process. Anticipated start to work is mid-August.

Quann Park Tennis Court Reconstruction Phase 2

Six of the 12 tennis courts at Quann Park were re-built in 2011; the remaining 6 are being re-built in 2015. The asphalt will be pulverized and new asphalt will be put on top of the old surface. The fencing will be repaired and the area around the courts topsoiled, seeded and matted. Low bid was Tri County Paving at \$178,792.70. Construction started on June 8. By the end of June the new asphalt surface was installed and the landscaping started.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Work continues on building improvements at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. This phase consists of the replacement of the boilers. The contract was awarded to Bachmann Construction for \$412,000.

Work is on schedule with the boiler installation. The new boilers and pumps have been set in place, plumbing, electrical and venting connections will take place in the next few weeks. Installation of controls to follow. Glass replacement for the conservatory is expected to be completed in September. Met with Hein Engineering on site with staff to discuss the results of the solar panel installation study. Two sizes of systems were proposed that would take care of the warm water usage for plant watering, domestic hot water use and summer reheat for the HVAC system. This would allow the boilers to be shut down during the summer while providing dehumidified tempered air to the facility. The larger system would be preferred for the reheat option. The next step would be to get administrative approve from Urban Design and proceed with the design development with installation to take place in 2016. The air handler and chiller phase of the HVAC improvements has been pushed back to the spring of 2017. Hein will develop plans and specifications in 2016 with bidding to occur in the winter. Due to the aging and obsolete existing control system at Olbrich, replacement controllers will be installed on the air handlers and upgrades will be made to three VAV boxes. All components will be reused with the 2017 project. These projects are managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff.

Garver Feed Mill

Baum has submitted their rezoning request as the next step in the approval process for their proposal. Staff continues to meet with the development team to resolve issues; a draft CSM is being prepared to define the areas that will be covered by the conditions of the lease agreements. Draft lease conditions are also under development.

Wingra Creek Parkway

All dredging, shoreline and path work was completed in June. The dredge spoils are drying out and will be used to adjust the grade of the soccer field at Quann Park; topsoil will be spread on top of the dredge materials and the area reseeded. The project is managed by City Engineering in partnership with Parks.

Tenney Park Shoreline

Bids for the project were received on May 22nd with Drax Inc. as the apparent low bidder at \$823,000. Construction is anticipated to begin on July 6, 2015. Landscaping along the shoreline will begin in fall 2015 through a separate Public Works Contract. The Tenney Park Shoreline Native Vegetation Installation and Maintenance Contract, along with a contract to replace over 300 trees removed as part of the Emerald Ash Borer removals, is anticipated to be advertised to bid on August 14th. This project is managed by City Engineering in partnership with Parks staff.

Dog Park Improvements

Improvements to Demetral, Sycamore, and Warner Park are complete. Improvements included fencing and paving at Demetral and Warner Parks and paving at Sycamore Park.

Nakoma Park Improvements

Drax Inc. started dismantling the historic stairs in early June. As stones were removed, they were cataloged and placed in a designated layout area by the contractor. Excavation for the footing reinforcements has begun as well. A source of replacement stone has been secured that provides an excellent match. The project is slightly behind schedule due to a change in the masonry subcontractor, but the general contractor indicates they will have the steps ready for use by the end of August when school starts.

Flad Park Playground

Replacement of the playground at Flad Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 1 Contract. Bids for the contract were opened on February 20th with Madison Commercial Landscapes being the low bidder at \$213,664.37. Work started in late April at Flad Park and the majority of the installation is complete, with only the asphalt path work remaining. The entire contract is scheduled to be completed by August 7th.

Stevens Street Park Improvements

Replacement of the playgrounds at Stevens Street Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 1 Contract. Relocation of the drinking fountain is underway.

High Point Park Playground

Replacement of the playground at High Point Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 1 Contract. See Flad Park Playground above for more information.

Waltham Park Improvements

Replacement of the playground at Waltham Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 1 Contract. See Flad Park Playground above for more information. Other improvements to the park include resurfacing the existing path system and re-building the basketball court. The re-construction of the path and basketball court is complete except for feathering topsoil and seeding the edges.

Sunridge Park Playground

Replacement of the playground at Sunridge Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. This contract includes the replacement of playgrounds at Sunridge Park, Demetral Park, Junction Ridge Park, Bernie's Beach Park, Arbor Hills Park, Tenney Park Beach and Badger Park. Bids for the contract were opened on March 27th and awarded to Dresen Decks and Patios for the low bid amount of \$221,065.78. Work for the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 contract is scheduled to be completed in December.

Demetral Park Playground

Construction has begun on replacement of a portion of the playground at Demetral Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. See Sunridge Park Playground above for more information. Staff is also coordinating improvements to a portion of the existing playground equipment which will remain on site.

Junction Ridge Park Improvements

Replacement of the playground at Junction Ridge Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. See Sunridge Park Playground above for more information. Other park improvements include reconstruction of the basketball court with new pavement which is complete. The edges of the new asphalt have been topsoiled and seeded.

Arbor Hills Park Playground Improvements

Replacement of the playground at Arbor Hills Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. See Sunridge Park Playground above for more information.

Tenney Park Beach Playground Improvements

Replacement of this playground is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. Replacement of this playground has been completed.

Badger Park Playground

Replacement of the playground at Badger Park is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. See Sunridge Park Playground above for more information.

Bernie's Beach Park Playground

Replacement of the playground at Bernie's Beach is part of the 2015 Park Playgrounds – Group 2 Contract. See Sunridge Park Playground above for more information.

Brittingham Park Playgrounds

Staff held a third meeting with the neighborhood on April 20th to review a revised concept for the fully accessible playground at the main area of the park. The attendees were pleased that the revised concept addressed many of the concerns expressed at previous meetings and staff will move forward with design development of the accessible playground in this location. The neighborhood was also supportive of removing the existing playground near the community gardens and replacing it with earthen mounds and boulders. The revised concept will require significant changes to the current parking lot of off West Washington Avenue so design development is underway (this will be a capital budget request for 2016).

Owl Creek Park Improvements

The plans and specifications for the construction of the new recreational amenities at Owl Creek Park were approved by the Board of Public Works on May 20th, and were advertised to bid on June 19th. Bids are due on July 10th. Parks Construction staff will begin working on the regrading of the site in July.

Breese Stevens Field

Phase 2 of the synthetic turf improvements will include the installation of a 10 ft. asphalt maintenance road around the new synthetic turf field. This project was completed in June. The low bid for repairs to the historic tiles was B&B Restoration at \$22,770.00. These tiles will be repaired in July 2015. Purchase orders were also completed for the acquisition of a new scoreboard that will work for multiple sports and new soccer goals.

2015 Tennis and Basketball Court Resurfacing

The 2015 Tennis and Basketball Resurfacing contract has been completed and included: resurfacing tennis courts at Elvehjem, Olbrich, Rennebohm, Waunona, and Westhaven Trails Parks and resurfacing basketball courts at Warner, Westhaven Trails and Woodland Hills Parks. This contract also includes installing pickleball court lines at Northland Manor Park and Tenney Park, and spot improvements to Northland Manor Park.

2015 Spring Parks Division & Water Utility Landscaping

The 2015 Spring Parks Division & Water Utility Landscaping is complete. Landscaping has been installed at 8 park properties including Acewood, Droster, Hudson, Linden Grove, Kenneth Newville, Sherwood Forest Park, Tenney Park Beach, Westmorland and the Yahara River Parkway and two City of Madison Water Utility well sites.

2015 Parks Division Tree Planting

Dan Larsen Landscaping submitted the lowest bid at \$36,207 to install trees at 13 park properties including BB Clark Beach, Blackhawk, Burr Jones, Burrows, Central, Hudson, Junction Ridge, Olbrich, Richmond Hill, Sherwood Forest, Sycamore, Warner and Wingra Parks in fall 2015 under this contract. Maintenance of the trees will continue through December 1, 2016.

2015 Managed Meadows

Installation of raingarden plants at the Tenney Park Beach parking lot and Walnut Grove dog park are complete. Maintenance of the raingardens will continue through December 1, 2016.

Goodman Topsoil Shed

Cleary Building Corporation submitted the lowest bid (at \$24,400) for construction of a topsoil storage shed at Goodman Maintenance Facility. Construction is anticipated to start mid-summer and be completed by fall.

Allied Drive Improvements

Staff are working with the Allied Drive NRT (Neighborhood Resource Team) on the siting of park improvements in the neighborhood as approved in the 2015 Capital Budget. At their March meeting the CDA board approved the creation of a park on two of their lots in the Allied Drive neighborhood. Design development is underway and an appraisal to value the property is being ordered.

Demetral Park Path Improvements

Staff is working with City Engineering on park and bike path improvements in the Demetral Park/Packers Avenue area. Staff met with the Alder regarding the project and a public input meeting will be scheduled.

Forest Hill Cemetery Buildings

Work continues on building improvements at Forest Hill Cemetery. The projects listed below are managed by City Facilities Management in partnership with Parks staff. John Catlin Chapel Roof Replacement – Work still scheduled to start on the chapel roof in late July to mid August. The start work letter was issued to the contractor and the order for the slate shingles has been placed. Cemetery Office Re-pointing – Work is complete. Forest Hill Mausoleum Restoration – Met with Isthmus to review the study with Parks. Roof leaks and failed masonry joints seem to be the main sources of moisture and damage to the limestone walls; ventilation will be improved. Isthmus will produce a short report summarize issues that will be forwarded to all involved. Core samples of the existing roof are planned to be taken in the next couple of week. Plans and specs are planned for the fall of 2015 with work to start in the spring of 2016.

Other Projects

- The consultant has finalized the plans for the water line improvements at Elver Park and has delivered them to Parks Operations staff. Construction of the water line system will be completed by Park Operations staff this year.
- Coordinated the installation by Park Operations staff of equipment for the concessions room at the Reindahl Splash Park and wi-fi is being installed by the City IT's contractor.
- Working with Water Utility staff and the local bike polo club on the design and purchase of a pre-fabricated set of dasher boards that will convert one of the tennis courts on the roof of Reynolds Field Water Utility Well into a bike polo rink. The RFQ came in on April 3rd, with the low bid being Sports Resource Group out of the Twin Cities. Final cost was \$13,850.00. Boards were delivered June 5th and installed on June 6-7, 2015. Volunteers from the bike polo group worked with Parks staff to complete this project.
- Working with a consultant at Tenney Park Shelter to come up with solutions to acoustic concerns inside the shelter. The consultant's options are being reviewed by City Facilities Management.
- Working with volunteers on the installation of fruit trees at Hollister Avenue Triangle Open Space.

- Working with Warner Park Community Recreation Center staff on re-carpeting the center in 2015. The carpeting was ordered through the State of Wisconsin Purchasing Agreement and we put out a RFQ for the installation. The low bid was Sergenian's. The carpeting is scheduled to be replaced when the Center is closed during their week-long cleaning period at the end of August.
- Participated in Neighborhood Resource Teams and/or Neighborhood Development Plans for Owls Creek, Arbor Hills/Leopold, Allied Drive, Emerson East – Eken Park – Yahara Neighborhood Plan, Worthington and University/Hill Farms.
- Working with Operations staff on playground resurfacing projects for Veterans and Lost Creek Parks.

Projects Completed in 2015

- Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park Playground replacement
- Electrical line replacement near the softball fields at Warner Park
- Edible landscape in Lucia Crest Park
- Fisher Street Park Playground replacement
- Reynolds Park Bike Polo installation
- Demetral Park Dog Park fencing and paving improvements
- Warner Park Dog Park fencing and paving improvements
- Sycamore Park Dog Park paving improvements
- Tenney Park Beach Playground replacement
- Breese Stevens Field asphalt path
- Reindahl splash park concessions
- Elvehjem Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Olbrich Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Rennebohm Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Waunona Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Westhaven Trails Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Warner Park Basketball Court Resurfacing
- Westhaven Trails Basketball Court Resurfacing
- Woodland Hills Park Basketball Court Resurfacing