

Parks, Arts & Recreation quarterly progress update:

#### Bertram Athletic Park

Recreation staff continue to keep busy at Bertram athletic facility working on field maintenance. The last few months with the drought staff was able to maintain safe playing surfaces going into the state tournament. I pleased to announce that our First State tournament held at Bertram went off no with problems. MYSA said don't change anything for next year. Currently, staff are maintaining 18 soccer fields and 5 football fields for fall youth leagues.

The Monticello School District will be using the parks shop for outdoor learning program until June of 2022. Staff will be located out of the Wright County side of the shop.

#### Otter Creek

Park staff took advantage of the drought and worked with Wright County Ditch authority to improve the creek banks at Otter creek Park. Staff was able to grade, add material and install boulders along washed eroded areas throughout the park. Next on the list is working with Monticello rotary and building a wedding arbor.

#### CTY 75 Trail

Park staff was able to complete the trail maintenance from Chestnut Street to West River Street. The project was to improve the rideability of the trail. Staff graded and raked blacktop fines into low areas of the trail surface and finished up with a fog seal.

#### Parwest Park

The cooperative prairie restoration project at Parwest Park was completed in July. Now contractor will be managing the seed bed for the next two years until prairie established. This project was a 50/50 cost share with Xcel Energy.

#### Ellison Park Shelter

City Council awarded the Ellison Park construction project on September 13<sup>th</sup> to G Urban companies. The scope of work is to demo old park restroom, install new footings and ADA sidewalk connections. The work is planned to start in late September/ October.

## MCC

Staff is working on awarding a cleaning service contract to adjust internal custodian for the hours of operation. Staff is researching MCC building operating hours and fee structure and will be making a recommendation to city council for the upcoming year.

## Parks, Art & Recreation Department

The newly formed department is still being filtered out into one silo. Some staff are talking on different roles within the department. Staff is hoping by the spring of 2022 to have most of the challenges worked out.