

RESIDENT INPUT SUMMARY  
Ed Reidy, Superintendent of Parks  
9/20/17 to 10/18/17

Old Business

- 8/28 I received an email from the president of the Plank Trail Estates Homeowners Association regarding a burned out light, cracks in the concrete, and a request for a security camera at the park's gazebo.
  - I replied to the email, informing him that we would change the light bulb, look at the cracks in the concrete, and security cameras would be difficult without an internet connection. I added I had used the 'hunter' cameras in the past without success. I also invited him to reply or call, as I am always open to suggestions.
  - 10/6 The lighting was repaired by installing a new photo cell.
    - The neighbor called the front desk to say "Thank You".

New Business

- 9/27 A Lighthouse Pointe resident called to complain about the condition of the pond behind his home.
  - 9/29 I told the neighbor that I have spoken with our natural areas contractor (Cardno) about his concern, and I was told that White Water Lilies are native to Illinois, and that the pond is healthy. I also provided information from the Natural Areas Management Plan... 'bodies of water less than 8 feet will be maintained as naturalized basins that promote beneficial aquatic plant life, such as River Bull Rush, Arrowhead, White Water Lily etc... Managing stands of lily pads have been problematic... removal would require recurring expensive treatments and could create the opportunity for invasive to take over, making the problem worse.
    - The resident was not receptive to the information provided, and I told him I would add his concern to this month's Resident Input Summary.
- 9/22 Park staff reported a landscape contractor dumping in Island Prairie Park.
  - I spoke with the contractor and a family member at the home and left my business card for the homeowner.
  - The homeowner emailed, apologizing for not knowing his contractor had done the dumping, but had them clean it up and remove it. He also said he was a "big fan" of the park district.
- 9/22 An Arbor Park resident called to express concerns about weeds in the natural areas around the pond, and that the pond aerator was not working.
  - 9/25 I scheduled a meeting with our natural areas contractor (Cardno). I called and left the resident a voicemail that the pond aerator was scheduled for winter removal in three weeks. The cost of a service call and the probability of it being fixed in those three weeks did not justify the cost, therefore, the aerator would be repaired over the winter. I also let her know I would be meeting with Cardno about her concern.
  - 9/29 Cardno and I met and walked the site.
  - 10/6 Areas of cottonwood and sandbar willow were addressed.

- 10/4 A Frankfort Square Wildcat board member sent a “Thank You” email for everything we did this past season. I replied with a “Your Welcome” email.
- 10/5 Lincoln-Way Community High School District 210 emailed asking for the washroom trailer to be opened for a tennis tournament that weekend. Maintenance was scheduled to clean, open, and later lock the trailer for the tournament.
- 10/6 The front desk received a call about a dead goose at Arbor Park. The dead goose was removed and disposed of.
- 10/6 A member of Boy Scout Troop called about coordinating this year’s Scouting for Food fundraiser.
  - 10/9 return calls and emails have been exchanged for the Nov 12 event.
- 10/9 A resident called to let us know her daughter was given a small oak tree and wanted a place to plant it.
  - A few voicemails were exchanged, and the resident’s daughter will be planting the tree in the Community Center’s Interpretive Gardens on 10/19, in a suggested location.