

RESIDENT INPUT SUMMARY
Ed Reidy, Superintendent of Parks
5/18 to 6/20/18

Old Business

- 5/9 – A Crystal Lake resident requested a sign at their park to deter people from feeding the geese. A request for a sign proof and pricing was placed with the District's sign company, and the resident was made aware of the action.
 - New 'Do Not Feed Animals' signs were purchased.

New Business:

- 5/21 – A Rogus school neighbor phoned (as did the School District 161), in regards to the property between her home and Rogus School.
 - 5/23 - Park District and School District staff met with Bill's Landscaping to identify ownership and mowing responsibility of the property adjacent to Rogus School as follows: Per an intergovernmental agreement, FSPD mows a portion of the site owned by SHSD 161, Bill's Lawn Maintenance mows the remaining SHSD 161 property, and Joliet Diocese mows their parcel.
 - 6/1 – A large area, owned by School District 161, was mowed by FSPD staff.
- 5/24 – A Lighthouse Pointe resident called with a concern regarding lily pads and algae in the pond behind his house.
 - I had been working with our native area contractor (Cardno) and the Village of Frankfort to get the water in this pond moving. The Village of Frankfort (twice) and our native area contractor (once) have opened up the weir structure drains.
 - In my latest conversations with the Village of Frankfort, they hired a contractor to remove the beavers which may be plugging the drainage holes in the weir. We believe if we can keep the water flowing, less algae will form.
- 5/29 - A Crystal Lake resident called about a wasp nest in the playground. No name or return number was left.
 - The nest was sprayed and removed later that afternoon.
- 5/29 – A White Oak resident called to inform us that a section of the grass near the pond was not being mowed.
 - This was confirmed, and our mowing contractor was made aware of the issue.
- 6/1 - A Lighthouse Pointe neighbor called to complain about the lily pads, algae, and insects in the pond behind her house.
 - I spoke with her about working with the Village of Frankfort to keep the water flowing in the detention area. She suggested we hire a service to remove the lily pads. I also informed her that we have lily pads at other locations and would not be removing the ones at Lighthouse Pointe.

- 6/4 – A Summit Hill Junior High School resident called to let us know an area along the fence was not being mowed.
 - 6/5 – The area was mowed and a return call was placed to the resident (voicemail message left), expressing appreciation for providing the information.
- 6/10 – A Lighthouse Pointe resident called to with a concern regarding lily pads and algae in the pond behind their house.
 - A return call was placed where it was explained that the area is a stormwater retention basin, lily pads are a native plant to Illinois in these types of areas, and removal would be expensive and open up an opportunity for worse, non-native, invasive plants to become established in the basin.
- 6/7 – An Odyssey resident called to thank us for the work that was done at the Odyssey Park playground area. He asked if the bench would be replaced, and I informed him that a bench and picnic table would soon be installed. The resident was very appreciative to learn about these additional improvements.
- 6/14 – A Lake of the Glens resident stopped in to let us know the asphalt contractor fixing the path near 80th Avenue had damaged several sprinkler heads while doing their work.
 - Staff met the contractor onsite, took pictures, and spoke with the homeowner's association representative. We also called the Village of Tinley Park to confirm that the location of the damaged sprinklers were over the townhome association's property line and on District property. We are still waiting on official confirmation, but are confident the sprinkler heads were installed over the property line.
- 6/15 – A Ridgefield resident called to let us know boys are hanging out in the wooded area at the park. I met with this neighbor previously, and once a month we clean out the "fort" debris from the boys at this location and also clean out a similar one at Union Creek.
- 6/18 – A Lake of the Glens resident called about the pond behind her house.
 - I called back and discussed the pond, stating it is scheduled to have a controlled burn this fall, and prior to that action, the Park District will remove and herbicide the woody material from the slopes. She was appreciative of the work to be done.