

Good Afternoon,

Please see the report below on Parks and Recreation Infrastructure and program updates from August for the September Committee of the Whole Meeting.

- As there has been a break in the tournament baseball schedule in Memorial Park due to the dissolution of the previous tournament operator, parks maintenance staff took this opportunity to treat the turf for yellow nutsedge and bermuda grass which tends to flourish this time of year after heavy June usage. Baseball games will recommence in September for 3 weeks with a new tournament operator until we begin seeding and aeration Sept 19 at which point we will be done with tournament play for the season.
- Final design plans have been received for the Memorial Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project. These will be submitted for PADEP permit approval (60-90 days for review) and we will plan to bid the project at the end of the year for Spring 2023 execution for optimal pricing. We are holding \$350,000 in grant funds for construction from MontCo 2040 and DCNR grant programs.
- Riverfront Park Manatawny Creek Embankment will be posted to bid in the next 3 weeks, and we will plan to commence with the work in the Fall if suitable bid numbers come back for the project. We are holding \$225,000 in funding from MontCo 2040 and other sources and will seek an additional \$50,000 from PAHWF for the Fall Grant Round. The scope of work includes armoring 150 of embankment above and below the pedestrian bridge and replacement of the concrete bridge deck.
- Summer Programs wrapped up for the season in the second week of August, including Water Wednesdays, Play Streets and Summer Camp Program. We were very pleased with the turnout for each program with average attendance of 35 children and youth for Water Wednesdays and Play Streets. We averaged 40 kids per week for the Summer Program
- Renovations at Sundstrom Field are proceeding with new dugouts and backstops installed. New drainage systems have also been installed, and finish work will proceed over the next month. This project was funded with Commonwealth Financing Authority and ARPA funds
- Manatawny Green reverts to Fall hours of operation on 8/25, open Thursdays and Fridays from 4 PM to 9 PM and Saturdays and Sundays from 12 PM to 9 PM.
- The Fountain of Youth Spray Park will close seasonal operations on September 5th. The system performed well this season with only one interruption early in the season for replacement of the filter basket housing.

Pending projects we are working on for future execution include Pollock Park soil remediation for which we are awaiting word from DCED on a funding request through the Industrial Site Reuse Program and renovations to Chestnut and South Street Parks for which we are awaiting word from DCNR and DCED GTRP on funding requests. Likely execution for this project is 2024 if funding requests are successful.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about these projects and others.

Sincerely,

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