

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 3, 2025
SUBJECT: Parks Maintenance and Operations Update
PRESENTER: Tanner Arwine, Assistant Director

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Mr. Tanner Arwine, Assistant Director, will present an update on the following Parks Maintenance and Operations activities:

General Park Maintenance

- Linda Spurlock Park was stocked with 500 rainbow trout by Texas Parks and Wildlife. Anglers of all ages were waiting onsite to try their luck at catching what they could.
- Park Staff have been working to remedy drainage and erosion issues at NRH₂O waterpark. Some of these remedies include drain basins and piping, concrete swales, and crushed gravel underneath slide towers. These improvements will help keep the water clean during heavy rain events.
- Contractors and staff have been making improvements to various landscapes at the NRH Centre, City Hall, and several median and rights-of-way locations. These improvements aim to increase aesthetics while reducing maintenance.
- Staff navigated the snow and ice event successfully to ensure the safety of the public. During events such as this, staff apply ice melt to sidewalks leading to NRH Centre and City Hall. They also clear snow from walkways as needed to maintain safe paths.



Infrastructure Maintenance

- Staff replaced worn furniture at Tommy and Sue Brown Park. Items included park benches, picnic tables and trash cans. The only item that remains is a new water fountain that includes a bottle filler and dog bowl.



- Park Operations staff begin improvements at Fossil Creek Park in advance of the upcoming Bicycle Playground and Pump Track installation. Staff will be performing many items throughout the renovation such as fencing, drainage, irrigation, trail connections, and surfacing preparation where the pump track will be installed.

Athletics

- Athletic field crews have been performing fence repairs in preparation for the upcoming Spring season.
- Infield clay and conditioner for baseball fields has been ordered and will be installed in the coming weeks. Clay along with conditioner is blended in to existing infields to provide a good playing surface and help eliminate rainouts.
- Staff worked to regrade infields at Northfield Park to help prevent water from accumulating in undesirable playing areas.

