



PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** August 3, 2020
SUBJECT: Parks Maintenance and Operations Update
PRESENTER: Gary Bechthold, Parks Superintendent

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Mr. Gary Bechthold, Parks Superintendent, will present an update on the following Parks Maintenance and Operations activities:

- Park maintenance staff had the unusual task and challenge of preparing sport fields for the spring adult and youth season during the summer months. The delayed start dates for play would result in less recovery time for the turf before the fall playing season. In addition, the turf would take an extraordinary pounding with games played during the summer heat. However, both maintenance staff and recreational staff did an excellent job in monitoring the fields while limiting the number of games played during this time. The fields are in good shape and will be ready for play in September.
- Park maintenance staff led by Matthew Johnston, Landscape Horticulturist, renovated the landscape of the Iron Horse Golf Course Clubhouse. Staff removed all outdated and worn landscape material and turf. They installed all new landscape material, refurbished the hardscape and installed new turf. The project took approximately four weeks to complete with a 5-person crew.
- Tanner Arwine, Parks Assistant Superintendent, is the project manager for the renovation of the interior and exterior of the Iron Horse Course Clubhouse. Tanner managed a large array of vendors, contractors and park staff in the complete restoration of the clubhouse. Tanner is also managing the installation of new tee-markers and various course signs.
- Following the City's COVID protocol policies, maintenance staff quickly installed numerous types of signage and other required tasks at our parks, playgrounds, restrooms, sport facilities, courts and park amenities. The communication and flexibility with various park administration staff in completing these tasks in a professional and timely manner was exceptional.