

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** August 5, 2024
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

- Park staff installed native and adaptive perennial plants at Stormy Plaza that are beneficial to pollinators. An educational component was incorporated with the planting by fabricating and installing plant identification plaques to inform users of these outstanding perennials.
- Irrigation crews are busy performing audits and repairs to all park, facility, and right-of-way systems to maintain plant health during the summer heat. Irrigation scheduling is constantly monitored to ensure efficient and adequate water usage.
- Vegetation maintenance has been occurring regularly to maintain safety and visibility for users utilizing the parks and trails. Consistent spring rains resulted in a substantial amount of growth for tree and natural vegetation.
- Staff designed, fabricated and installed trail safety signage. This signage aims to promote safe and responsible trail usage. These signs will be periodically rotated through different sites to provide trail reminders in various locations.
- Tipps Canine Hollow Dog Park will be closed the month of August for maintenance and infrastructure improvements.



Infrastructure Maintenance

- Infrastructure staff performed playground repairs at Legacy, Clyde Zellars and Liberty Parks to worn and weathered items.
- The dock at The Lakes of Hometown received some lumber replacements on boards that were failing. The dock will be power washed and painted once the treated lumber dries and is able to accept paint.



- The blended pickleball lines at Northfield Park were repainted along with the basketball and hopscotch lines at Ace Park. These lines had become worn and were not visible for effective use.



Athletics

- Athletic seasons wrapped up for the spring, and the fall seasons begin August 1. There is a total of 31 designated athletic fields that staff maintains for a variety of sports.
- Staff have been working to aerify, fertilize and irrigate to strengthen the turf for the upcoming season.
- Repairs to athletic complex facilities are underway on items such as lights, restrooms, and water fountains. Foul poles were painted at Cross Timbers Park as the paint was peeling off exposing bare metal.

