



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** June 7, 2021
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:

- The north pond fountain at HomeTown was struck by lightning and had to be replaced. The new fountain was ordered and will be installed as soon as it arrives. In addition, the lights on the south pond fountain needed a new light kit. The kit has been ordered and should arrive soon.
- The motor on the Green Valley front pond fountain went out and was replaced. However, an electrician is in the process of locating and repairing a broken underground line that controls the fountain.
- The HomeTown dock has been painted. Several of the docks rails and planks on the dock were also replaced.
- Park staff are systematically removing and replacing landscape and shrubs at city facilities as well as park sites. Landscape, trees and shrubs were damaged and did not come back after the February winter storm.
- Spring youth and adult sport leagues are completed. Park maintenance staff began preparing fields for summer tournaments, camps and games.
- Park staff constructed a cedar plank wall around the Fossil Creek Park port-a-lets. The three-sided wall helps protect and give the portable restrooms a better look. The port-lets are cleaned weekly.
- Park staff continued with improving the Fossil Creek west parking lot for the opening of the mountain bike trails. Staff added boulders for vehicle control, secured the parking concrete wheel stops and installed an entrance gate for emergency vehicles near the back entrance of field 1.
- A memorial bench and pad was recently installed near the HomeTown Dock.