

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** June 3, 2019
SUBJECT: Park 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:

- Due to the saturation of the spring rains, there has been a heavy demand for drainage resolutions to keep the water off the park trails and various park areas.
- Recent spring storms damaged an abundance of park trees. Lightning struck a large oak tree at Cross Timbers Park resulting in the possibility of losing the 28-inch caliber tree.
- Park staff have been working with Public Works on irrigation installation at various new medians and right-of-ways, most notably the Mid-Cities and Davis intersection.
- Staff is preparing fields for summer tournaments and sport camps after the youth sport spring season has concluded.
- Seasonal color was installed at various parks, municipal facilities and entry signs throughout the city.
- The spring fertilization and weed control applications at various parks and municipal facilities was completed. Summer applications will begin within the next several weeks.
- With school summer break, park staff is monitoring our spaces for vandalism.
- Park staff has been extremely pleased with the new general mowing contractor, *Smith Lawn and Tree*. They are learning the city's properties quickly, meeting their weekly schedule and fulfilling all mowing specifications.