

PARKS and RECREATION REPORT 2016-17

The Parks and Recreation committee was very busy this season caring for the playground, basketball court, tennis court, ball field, Veterans Memorial Park, and the front entrance. Many hours were spent cleaning, raking, picking up trash, etc. to keep these areas clean and presentable, as well as usable.

Playground: New swings, and jungle gym equipment were installed, and all equipment was repainted. New sand was added, and the area was raked of debris at the beginning of the season. Benches and picnic table were repainted. Another coat of paint is needed to some equipment and a bench after some vandalism this summer. This should be done right after Labor Day when there is less use.

Basketball court: Uprights have been painted, and court swept occasionally. Drainage from the road needs to be addressed as after a rain storm there is pooling of water on one side of the court. The surface is in good shape, and should not need to be redone if the drainage is addressed.

Tennis court: Many cracks have been filled, but there are more to be addressed. Heaving has occurred, and the cracks are growing. It is becoming a potential safety issue for anyone playing there. The court is 40 years old, and it has been advised that we need a new surface. This will involve taking up the existing surface, and re-compacting the ground before a new surface can be laid. A decision to do this or not will depend on the results of a vote of the membership.

Ball field: A volunteer group helped us weed whack the field and perimeter, with many weeds in the infield pulled and raked by hand and machine. This area and the field adjacent to the ball field was mowed three times during the summer to keep the weeds and ferns down. This was in an effort to decrease the population of ticks, as well as keep the area clean and usable.

Veterans Memorial Park: The association added 4 yards of mulch to the area this year. Many donations were made, including the cost of labor and materials to the redirect the walkway, new bricks for the ring of veterans, as well as bricks along the walkway in memory of all the original founding members of the association. Also donated were additional mulch, landscape fabric, granite slabs, and rhododendrons to help beautify the area, as well as many volunteer hours to keep the area clean and weed free. A new flag was donated and raised at the July 4th ceremony.

Front entrance: New flowers were planted and mulch laid by the signs.

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