

***NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP
DEPT. OF PARKS & RECREATION
MONTHLY MEETING REPORT***



PARKS & RECREATION

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The following report has been submitted for your review on behalf of the Dept. of Parks and Recreation. As always, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office so that we may assist you.

PARKS OPERATIONS

Brushing and clearing work continues along entry ways, hillsides and access areas in the early spring to allow for more convenient maintenance in the summer months.

Additional brushing is being done to in the park at Oak Hollow to prepare for the installation of disc golf course collars and baskets.

Washout and rain run off repairs with 2B stone are being addressed where rutting and has taken place due to inclement wet weather.

Sites are being reviewed for the restoration of landscape soil and seed around newly renovated playground sites, where rubber mulch and equipment were installed. Park staff will provide labor once spring weather permits.

Spring turf rolling program is scheduled for all athletic fields to level and firm turf areas for participant playability and safety.

Spring aeration program was recently conducted on flat athletic fields.

Park staff recently completed clean-up work at Braddock's Trail Park related to deteriorating roadway. Our staff received several compliments from resident regarding this clean up.

With the recent warming trend parks staff are gradually back out in the parks assuring swings are put back up and checking chains, S-hooks and seats. Only week's away park assets are being restored to local parks in anticipation of our annual April 1 opening date.

In cooperation with the PA Fish & Boat Commission, "No Fishing" signs were temporarily put up around the perimeter of the lake where fishing is prohibited until opening day, April 2nd.

Our initial spring playground maintenance review/inspection of equipment from the winter season is scheduled for labor staff.

All dog welcome signage has been removed at Indian Lake Park until next off-season. By township ordinance, dogs are now prohibited from Indian Lake Park until November.

Small tree removal and trimming has taken place this month at various park locations to again open existing areas for mowing, safety and aesthetics.

Spring walk at Braddock's trail searching for fallen timber, debris and obstacles is underway in anticipation of the township wildflower walks.

Parks laborer's provided litter clean up to townhouse hillside from winter debris that finds its way to the visible area.

Spring aeration and fertilization is on the schedule for local parks and athletic fields with the early spring warm up.

Garbage cans and tables are being finished in preparation for park distribution.

Anticipating spring park supply orders, maintenance garage storage areas are being reorganized for ample room to house inventory of supplies and misc equipment for the upcoming season.

Contract has been renewed with Crespo Wildlife Solutions to provide a goose management program that would enhance our current program. With continual support from this provider we will keep Indian Lake geese at a minimum again this season.

Awning framing at Indian Lake Park is scheduled for installation and canvas will be put in place late this spring for the arrival of a existing park area catering to seniors and early park walkers. A coffee club scenario is envisioned for this park improvement.

Maintenance continues its' day to day operations completing a list of duties, projects and upkeep.

RECREATION MANAGEMENT

Park reservations and pavilion rentals are constant and now being accepted daily. The popularity of these facilities remain consistent year to year due in part to the convenience of providing clean and safe facilities. Alcohol permits are now available and have shown some interest from rentals.

Our “family fun” snowman contest melted away with only a handful of entries. All entries will receive a participation certificate and winners to be announced.

Seasonal events/activities have been targeted for our recreation board.

Township ball field rentals have begun with local organizations securing park fields for their respective teams. As soon as the weather breaks we will look to prepare the fields for the spring season. Permits are in effect beginning April 1.

We are currently reviewing summer staff applications to work within the parks department for the 2022 season.

The annual Easter Eggstravaganza is taking place again as a drive through event. This year we will host the distribution of eggs for children and families while catching a glimpse of the Easter Bunny from your vehicle. The scaled back event will take place at Oak Hollow Park on Saturday, April 2nd from 11am-1pm. Weather permitting we are expecting another large drive through crowd. Easter Egg bags are being stuffed and prepared by labor staff and volunteers from Redstone Highlands Seniors for distribution.

The annual Father/Daughter Dinner Dance was postponed for February. This popular event is being considered for later in the year with an all new theme.

Jump Start Sports programs have returned in basketball and soccer.

Recreation office continues planning the review of programs and activities for 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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