Operational Changes
for
Parks & Municipal Services

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Introduction

Over the last year, the Municipal Services Department and the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department discussed ways to improve City services:

- Mowing

- Landscaping & tree maintenance at City owned sites

- Asphalt and concrete repairs

Goal

The goal for these discussions was focused on reviewing current practices:

- Efficiency

- Centralizing services

- Reduce or eliminate duplication of services

Financially Sustainable

- Optimize resources

Quality

- Improve visual appearance
- Improve public infrastructure and facilities

Solutions are found through: Collaboration – We get more done when we work across departments

History

- The majority of mowing used to be performed by the Parks Department
  - Around 2003 Right-of-way mowing was shifted to the Public Works Department
- Landscaping and tree maintenance was historically performed by both Departments
- Concrete work was performed by both Departments; Parks used contractors for asphalt work on parking lots and trails; Street Maintenance did in-house asphalt work on City streets

Implementation

PARKS

- Mowing, landscaping and tree work at City facilities previously done by M.S.

- 3 FTE's shifted from M.S. to Parks for right-of-way mowing, but available for snow removal operations; mowing equipment transferred

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

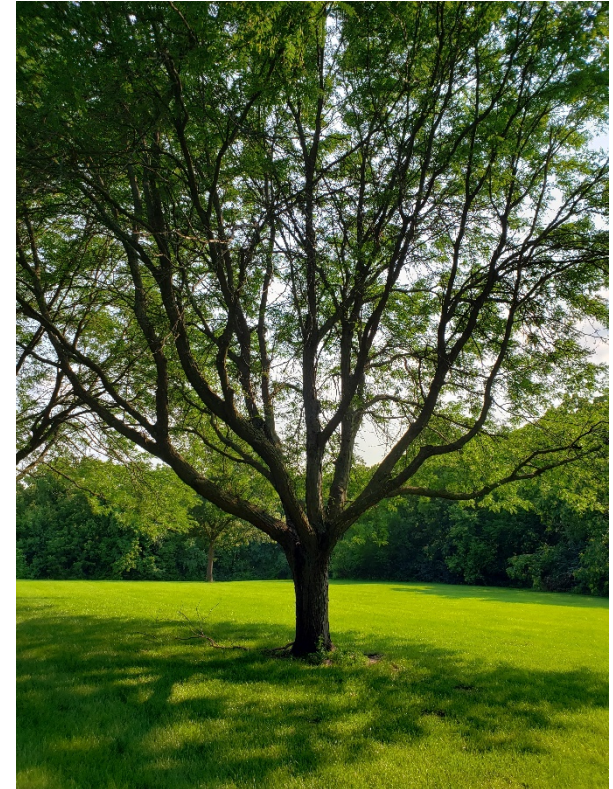- Hardscape maintenance: cost for materials paid for by Parks

Examples - Mowing

- Bass Pro Dr. – Parks mowed one side of the street and M.S. the other side of the street

- Trail from Rotary Park to Country Club Park – Parks mowed along the trail but M.S. mowed the City owned lots adjacent to the trail

- City Hall & Police Building – Parks was already mowing Hiram Young Park across the street

Examples – Landscaping/Trees

- Parks has a Horticulturalist on staff

- Parks already has equipment for tree maintenance

- Parks tries to salvage trees rather than removing them

Examples – Asphalt/Concrete

- Concrete flatwork

- Asphalt parking lot maintenance

- Trail maintenance

Conclusion

PARKS - *"If it's green, it's Parks"*

MUNICIPAL SERVICES - *"If it's dead, it's Municipal Services...* (other than the cemetery)."

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