



Parks, Recreation & Forestry STAFF REPORT

MEMO DATE: September 16, 2020

MTG. DATE: September 21, 2020

TO: Village of Cottage Grove Board of Trustees

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FROM: Sean Brusegar, CPRP - Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry

RE: Bakken Park Shelter & Splash Pad Update

PROJECT UPDATE:

In April of 2020, Harmony Construction Management began work on the Bakken Park splash pad and shelter project. I have had the pleasure of monitoring this project daily. As mentioned by MSA, the project is nearing completion. This has been a unique project as there are two general contractors working together. Harmony is overseeing the shelter, concrete for the patio and site furnishing installation. Commercial Recreation Specialists (CRS) is overseeing the splash pad installation. This would include splash pad concrete, outdoor play features and recirculating water equipment. The meshing of these 2 projects has went extremely well. In the coming weeks, staff will learn the winterization process for the splash pad and shelter individually. Both trainings will involve multiple hours. The training will be video recorded for future staff benefit. In May of 2021, staff will be trained on splash pad operation and controls. At least 2 staff members will also become Certified Pool Operators (CPO).

After the Village Board approved the budget, some additional costs came in. In order to maintain the approved budget, we had to look at some needs vs. wants. The splash pad shade structures fell into the "want" category. So, we removed \$13,500 from the project to be mindful of the approved budget. In 2021, we will evaluate if the shade structures are needed. If so, an option to purchase would be to use the Park Development Fund to avoid using taxpayer money.

Currently, we are working on a grand opening scheduled for June of 2021. We hope that this can be a large community event showcasing the beautiful facility that the citizens of Cottage Grove can be proud of. Details coming soon.