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Moore Park

The cleanup of the logging operation in the front of the park is complete. The saw logs are gone. The Moore School Ag Day habitat demonstration project has been recreated behind the salt shed. I'm going to get the students that created posters for the Ag Day project, and their parents, down there during Old Home Day for a thank-you and photo opportunity. The wood is out of sight, all reserved and will be gone this week. The effort now is to get the park ready for Old Home Day. I need to get together with the Road Agent to touch up the road perimeters in the park area. I've located some decent fill material for the wet areas along the sides of the roads. There is one area on the east side of the entrance road near High Street that is being used frequently for parking and is becoming very muddy and rutted. The Road Agent has made some wood chips available as the first step in improving the tree's environment.

I spent the month of July proving out the maintenance program and personally handled the disposal of trash, reducing expenditures. The public continues to be very helpful separating recyclables from the trash. I'm particularly impressed by the efforts of the kids using the skateboard park. There isn't any noticeable trash around the area. The maintenance task and schedule document for the park will be used to price out next year's budget. I'm continuing discussions with the CYAA and other regular users of the park.. The grant for solar hot water heating has been discussed and is under investigation. The water testing results aren't in yet but will be available before Old Home day. Mowing of the ball fields is being done, more this year than normal, because of the rain. All-in-all, the park is looking very good.

CYAA wasn't able to replace the windows last month. We plan to get it done this month along with the exhaust fan and the door closers. They also have a sand/clay pile that has to be removed. The paintings from the recycling center collection that were installed in the bathrooms have been well received.

More benches are starting to fall apart. I'm going to be repairing several of them for Old Home Day. A board on one of the bleachers has also broken and needs to be replaced. We need to look at the budget to allow for a regular program of replacing worn out facilities and equipment on an annual basis.

Skateboard Park

Another meeting of the Skateboard Park Users Association will be held in August to get the kids using the park more involved in managing the area. The oldest piece of equipment has been removed to eliminate the liability issue. There are a number of improvements that will be accomplished this year, with the help of the town, interested parties and a little luck. I've been monitoring the area around the skateboard park and the kids are policing their own area,



again reducing expenditures. There are now four trash containers there, with one being used solely for bottles and cans. Using volunteer labor and self-motivation, the park is in decent shape. We need to address the drainage along the road beside the park. It's draining thru the park, rather than down the road, depositing sand in the park. A relocation of some of the telephone poles should solve some of the problems.

Summer Recreation Program

I'll be discussing a program for next year with M&C for the budget. I'm conducting some informal polling to see why it didn't generate any interest this year. Several residents have provided information.

Current Concerns, Issues and Questions

The two dead trees in the road between the skateboard park and the town office parking lot by the police department were removed by Dennis & Ben Lewis, opening up the area for parking spaces, something that is sorely needed during events.

We still need better parking control barriers in the park. What's a good source for those short cement saddles that would hold old telephone poles off the ground? What's a good source for old telephone pole donations? I'll try moving some of the ones we have around to more clearly define the traveled way and to better control erosion.

I'm working with the Old Home Day committee to see what improvements need to be done to the road and other areas to make it safer and more useful for the event. They have made arrangements for trash pickup during the event. Pinard, our waste hauler is donating equipment and supplies for the day. I'm studying the possibility of picking up the cost (4 hours x \$30/hour) of the person that polices the area during the event from the park budget.