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Recreation Facilities Upgrades History - Spring 2008 Update

Summary listing of completed projects and proposed projects.

4/10/09 Split of Completed Projects from Project List.
11/16/2008 Update
09/07/2007 First Full Release.

The Recreation Commission is responsible for maintenance, updates, improvements, of existing property and assets. This document is a detailed summary of maintenance work completed since 2005. There is a separate list of projects considered for future work.

**Tennis Courts
Memorial Field
Pompo Field
Pine Bluff Area**

Completed Projects at Center School Tennis Courts.

1. Repair of tennis court surface.
 - Repair of areas that had sunk/settled. Applied new surface/repair and repaint/reline. (2005). (\$6780)
2. New Tennis nets (2) (2006).
3. Trim of vegetation, trees, bittersweet. (2006)
4. Adjust tennis nets, trim vegetation around fence. Clear access to Hale School. (2007).
5. Secure loose poles on top of fencing - 2 locations. (2007).
6. Repair small cracks in surface - intent is to minimize growth of these cracks. Done in Fall 2007. Includes one material for cracks and another applied to surface. (2007).
7. Add net tie down straps to tennis nets (2008).
8. Purchase benches for inside Tennis Court Fences and picnic table for outside of fence. (2008).

Completed Projects and Updates at Memorial Field Area.

1. Regular annual grass maintenance and mowing.
 - Begin soil testing implementation - fertilizer and pH.
2. Regular trash pickup.
2. Trim vegetation around entrance. Improve visibility from parking area.
3. Rebuild infield. Done with help from Men's Softball League contacts. (2007) \$ 3500.
4. Sign and bench grafitti repair 2007, 2008
5. Replace Backstop Fencing. (2008)
6. Started Invasives removal project (2008)
 - Permission obtained from Conservation Commission.
7. Investigated Irrigation System implementation project scope.

Completed Projects and Updates at the Pompo Field.

1. Regular annual grass maintenance and mowing.
2. Deep aeration performed on field. (2008).

Planning toward creation of a Canoe/Kayak landing.

1. Requested that management responsibility of a parcel at Sudbury Road and the Assabet River be assigned to Recreation.
 - Decision was shifted to Land Use Subcommittee in Spring 2008.

Completed Projects and Updates at Pine Bluff Recreation Area.

1. Field Maintenance - grass fields at Pine Bluff (and Memorial Field).
 - Apply regular annual maintenance including aeration.
 - Annual summer/fall grass cutting, maintenance.
 - Add lime treatment to regular maintenance plan. (2007)
 - Repair of one section (triangle) of grass (2008).
 - Begin soil testing implementation - fertilizer and pH.
2. Irrigation System repair at Pine Bluff Recreation Area.
 - New Pump and electrical service connection. (Irrigation repair in 2005).
 - New Lock on Pump House.
 - Annual system startup and maintenance.
 - Repair/reset of sections not fully operating (2007)
 - Replace non-functioning spray heads (2008)
3. Picnic Area at bluff - at Pine Bluff Recreation Area
 - Charcoal Grills improvement - Grills had been loose in their cement base, Foundations were improved and grills reattached and secured. (2005).
New grill purchased and installed. (2008)
 - Picnic Table purchase. Three new picnic tables were purchased adding to the existing fixed table. Tables were stained when new in 2004 , and were re-stained in 2005 and 2007.
 - Remove one Grille that had mounting plate rust (2007)
4. Playground at Pine Bluff Recreation Area
 - Annual leaf raking inside and outside of fencing.
 - Repair of Chain Link Fencing - wear and vandalism repairs:
 - Repair for wear on top links that had become exposed. (2005)
 - Repair of fence to rails attachment.
 - Damage to fencing near gate. (2006)
 - Repair of granite benches vandalism. Benches had been broken apart. Foundation of benches was improved with a footing and rebar. Benches reassembled with masonry adhesive.
 - New Bark Mulch inside play area installed. (2006), (2007)
 - Maintenance of shrubs and perennial flower vegetation.
 - Annual inspection of play equipment. Repair loose connections (2007)
 - Maintenance repair of one apparatus that had cracked (2008)
 - Add plastic covers around top of fencing surrounding playground.
5. Driveway - parking
 - Driveway was regarded by the Highway Department in 2005 and 2006. Last upgrade included addition of improved material for surface. Entrance to area was required to be repaired at the end of 2006.

- Additional parking was installed around driveway. Intent: provide sufficient parking so no cars are parked on Sudbury Road during soccer events.
 - Shrubbery/growth around driveway exit sightlines was removed. (Egress to Sudbury Road is impacted by growth or parked cars).
 - Saw horses, new signage, and wood chips on roadway installed at end of driveway near bathrooms to advise of no parking or vehicle access beyond playground when beach is staffed.
 - Experiment with wood chip application on entrance parking area to minimize dust from vehicles.
 - Install No Parking signs, to prevent parking on Sudbury Road near entrance. (2007). Severe trim of vegetation to improve site lines for egress (2007).
6. Docks - deep water docks and shallow docks.
- Dock system was replaced (2005). Metal docks replaced by floating plastic docks. L-Shape Configuration installed. (\$3900).
 - Wooden floating 8'x8' docks (Boy Scout Eagle Service Project) were repaired and stained in 2005 and had a stair set repaired in 2006.
 - New dock sections (2 5-foot sections) added in 2007. New 6-foot ramp added in 2007. (\$3200)
 - Installed legs secured in sand - this new approach to securing the dock makes it more stable when swimmers are diving and eliminates need for anchors under dock. (\$1000)
 - Add 3 new sections of dock - for L-shaped dock use. (2008)
7. Bike Rack
- Repaired Bike Rack - had been bent - painted with rust inhibitor and finished in flat black.
 - Installed a foundation to Bike Rack and secured Rack. (2005)
8. Bathrooms
- Painted interior walls of Mens/Womens rooms. Put up posters each summer. Remove unused soap dispensers that had been wall mounted.
 - Painted floor with Cement paint for easier cleaning (2005)
 - Repaired toilets - elements in toilets. (2006)
 - Repair of Broken door handle. (2006)
 - Temporary repair of vandalized doors. (2006)
 - Annual close of facilities - drain water, remove shower nozzle.
 - Replace Water Pump - water supply from well after pump failure (2007) \$700
 - New Sinks & Faucets (2007) Re-mount toilets. \$800.
 - New Door for Men's Room (2007) Paint both doors. \$800
 - Paint interior wood walls, cement walls. Paint floors with enamel epoxy paint, 2007. \$400.
 - Add drip edge to divert roof water away from doorway. (2007)
 - Improve lighting - update from 60 Watts to 180 Watts total for Men's and Women's side. (2007)

9. Signage

- Repair of Sign Kiosk vandalism- (Boy Scout Eagle Service Project).
- Install “No Snowmobile, No Horses, No ATV” Signage.
- Install “No Swimming” signs (4) at Second Beach when this beach area was closed (2006).
- New Sign at Beach Checker Station.
- Install “No Lifeguard on Duty” sign for use after hours. (2006)
- Install Usage Rules sign at top of stairs. (2008)

10. Site Improvements (all done in 2006)

- Repaired stairs from beach to parking area.
- Repair and rebuild of Lifeguard Chair previous chair was burned and only metal framework remained.
- Partial repair of an Erosion Problem after snowmobile damage to slopes.
- Install of bench at top of slope.
- Install a long bench at entrance to Stairs to beach.
- Removed vegetation between Beach Checker station and Lifeguards to improve visibility and safety/communication.
- Trimmed vegetation at Bathroom House to improve visibility of area from Sudbury Road.
- Install netting to block access down severely eroded slope at lake front. (A very partial solution).
- Install additional trash receptacle.
- Repair rotted roofline trim and woodwork on exterior. (2005)
- Improve electrical service - electrical work mandated after 2005 inspection by Fire Department.
- Purchased and installed two deep water buoys. Used to alert boaters to keep away from swim area. (\$250).

11. Beach

- Add 6 truckloads of washed mason’s sand. (36 yards \$1000). (2007)
- Widen usable beach area - gain approval from Conservation Commission including filing of Request for Determination of Applicability paperwork.
- [Start small erosion repair project - not completed].
- Had Highway Department add materials at top of stairs to change drainage direction away from stairs and lake.

12. Fencing

- Add fencing at top of slope - span from Pump House, to behind picnic area, to area at top of stairs to beach. Install split rail fencing to better define entrance to stairs. (2008 \$12,000)