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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2017

The summer growing season is in full swing and not only the grass in the parks and detention ponds but all of the vegetation along the tow path along the river. This is a heavily used stretch of the D&L Trail. So we try to send a crew down along there to keep the branches and other growth cut back so the users have a clear trail. We did this during June. This takes approximately 1 week to cut back the trail which is over 3 miles long in the Township. We will do this again near September just before the VIA marathon which is run every year at that time. We also had a report later in the month after a big wind storm of a large tree across the tow path on the western end. We had to send a crew there to cut the tree and roll the trunk off the path.

Along with the usual work of grass cutting, street sweeping and weed spraying, we had a crew trimming bushes out at Lake View Estates around the 2 detention ponds. We also installed new bases in the hardball field in Municipal Park. A catch basin in King Charles Blvd. was badly deteriorated and needed rebuilding of the inner walls. A utility trench in Housenick Park was raked and seeded to restore the grass.

The lower end of the Bike Path was also in need of some maintenance. We have had boulders fall off the rock face and along this area where Rt. 33 crosses over and these create a tripping hazard if anyone would leave the path. There was also numerous erosion gullies along the path that needed to be filled in and compacted. We started this work in June and anticipate is going into July.

The Yard Waste Recycle Center had a total of 1803 visits for the month. After running the tub grinder at the beginning of June, the machine was sent down for an overhaul of many of the internal belts and hoses as many of these are original from when we started grinding 9 years ago.

Respectfully submitted,

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