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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2019

June did not see as much precipitation as the past several months but was still above average. With the warmer weather, things did begin to dry out. With the change in the weather we had an increase in sinkhole activity that we needed to address. Most were small, with 2 larger holes located on Nicholson Road and on Buztown Road.

We continued with our normal summer work of grass cutting, street sweeping and the radial arm mower cutting roadsides. A crew was spraying for weed control along fence rows around our detention ponds. The softball fields and baseball fields were groomed again after the heavy spring use.

The drainage swale just south of Rutland Road in Birchwood Commons has experienced erosion and we had to send a crew in to regrade and seed and mat the area to try to repair the area. However, the swale receives a large amount of runoff so we may have to revisit this if there is further washout.

There was a large dead oak tree in Birchwood Park that had to be taken down to avoid branches from falling on someone in the park. We had a contractor drop the tree and our crew cut it up and hauled it out of the park.

The township advertised and received bids for the Highland Avenue Full Depth Reclamation and Overlay Project. This project is funded through the PA DOT Liquid Fuels funds.

The Yard Waste Recycle Center had a total of 2076 visits for the month.

Respectfully submitted,

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