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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY 2020

We had one leaf vacuum rotate through the township to pick up the last of the leaves during the first few days of the month finishing up on January 10. We had two winter weather events that needed our attention. January 8 was a small event that required salt treatment of the roads. January 18 was a larger event with prolonged sleet and ice. This event required us to plow off the minor accumulation to avoid a potential rapid freeze that was forecast. With each event we have to prepare all of the trucks before precipitation begins, and after all equipment need to be cleaned and checked for damage.

Due to the mild weather we had to wait for cold temperatures to get some frost in the ground in order to remove the goal posts at the Northside Athletic Complex.

We had several large trees come down in Housenick Park that needed to be cut up. However, we had to wait for a frost layer to form so not to damage the lawn area with the equipment. In addition, our crew started trimming street trees in the Emerald Hills area. Streets that were trimmed included Hummingbird Lane, Juniper Drive, Sapphire Lane, Galway Drive, Bridge Lane, Peacock Drive, Ferncroft Lane, Donegal Drive and Applewood Drive.

Street sign replacement was resumed from a project started last year in the Birchwood Farms and Bethlehem Annex sections of the township. Signs were replaced to maintain retroreflectivity requirements and also update old posts that were not break-away type. The crew updated approximately 100 posts to new break-away standards.

Rose bushes at the municipal building and Carter Road Memorial were trimmed. We tried a method of manhole rim protection to avoid damage to our plows. Several manholes were treated to allow plows to avoid hitting the rims during snow removal. Due to the lack of snow this year, we have not been able to try these repairs out yet.

The Yard Waste Recycle Center had a total of 568 visits for the month.

Respectfully submitted,

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