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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT - MARCH 2022

During March we experienced wild swings in temperature with lows from the teens one night to highs in the 70's a few days later. We had moderate snow event on the 12th that dropped approximately 5 inches of snow which was hopefully the last winter event of the season. As a precaution, we do not break down the trucks and remove the salt spreaders until mid -April.

All of the lawn mowers were brought in for maintenance for the upcoming cutting season. The radial arm mower was also checked and new blades installed. We had a crew continue placing playground mulch in the various parks. There were several storms that caused downed trees and branches that required our crews to do cleanup throughout the township. Regular maintenance was done on the street sweeper and with nicer weather at the end of the month it started cleaning the streets earlier than usual.

A crew was out replacing street signs in a section of the township as part of meeting the requirements from PADOT on retro-reflectivity. The yearly detention pond inspections began later in the month. The ponds are checked for erosion issues, damaged fences, sinkholes, etc. so that repairs can be made in the summer. The leaf mulch bin at the yard waste center had been empty, so we took advantage off some nicer weather and hauled the black mulch down from the farm and loaded the bin. We built a small raised planning bed at the Coolidge Building at the request of the Bethlehem Library staff.

Our staff also attempted to begin grooming the softball fields for the upcoming season. However, the infields were much too wet to accomplish anything meaningful. The weather did allow work to begin on repair of the tennis court that had a major crack along the net area. The area was saw cut and paving removed, and then had to wait for warmer weather to repave. We had three staff members attend training classes by the Department of Agriculture for pesticide application certification.

The Yard Waste Recycle Center recorded 613 visits for the month.

Respectfully submitted,

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