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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2022

During the month of May our crews were in full grass cutting mode. In addition, we continued grooming the baseball/softball fields. The radial arm mower and street sweeper continued moving throughout the township as well. There was also a crew spraying various fence lines for grass and weed control.

There was a sinkhole in the southern field at Housenick Park since last year but the ground was too soft to attempt repair until this month. The hole was filled with a bentonite clay plug layer and backfilled. We also had a sinkhole in Harvey Road at Meyer Road intersection. The area was excavated, but no throat was found. So the area was backfilled and compacted and the road resurfaced.

A storm drainage pipe daylights near the intersection of Walnut and Ninth Streets. Over the years the area just downstream of the pipe had silted in and was causing some backup onto an adjacent property. We had a crew remove all of the silt and uncover the original paved channel at this location to allow the pipe to flow properly. Some additional work will be needed to dress up the area in the future.

Due to Covid and cement kiln maintenance we had a large stockpile of used tires here at our shop that we were finally able to haul out for recycling. The Township takes our used tires to the cement plant in Coplay that, in turn, burns them as part of the process in making Portland Cement.

Recon Construction completed the Township Line Road Full Depth Reclamation and Overlay project. This project was held over from last year due to covid and supply chain issues.

The Yard Waste Recycle Center recorded 841 visits for the month.

Respectfully submitted,

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