
SUMMARY OF OPPORTUNITIES

Monthly Parks Commission update – June, 2020

Stories

The new trees on South Winooski, particularly in front of 347, look terrific.

Ever since moving to this property I wondered how long those ash trees were going to last before EAB got them.

Really glad to see those small ones go in as replacements. Thanks to you and your crew for the awesome work at a strange time in the world. In 40 years when we've forgotten about covid19 they will look spectacular.

Thanks again,

Aaron Szotka

What are the top issues on your mind?

- Looking out to summer – running camps in a COVID-19 world
- Lack of seasonal staff and impacts on parks, particularly cemeteries
- FY21 budget

Department accomplishments and notable staffing developments since the last report?

- Our Recreation team secured \$150,000 in funding to support summer programs.
- The Facilities team installed the docks in record time this year. We will only lose ½ a month of seasonal revenue.
- Perkins Pier is back open again after significant path upgrades
- We continue to have 4 ½ open year-round positions. Arborist Technician, Facility Manager, Program Supervisor, Bike Path Maintenance Specialist and Custodian (part-time).
- Richard Bailey, Events Compliance Manager and Emma Allen, Event Coordinator have both been contributing significantly to the Resource and Recovery Center (RRC) as their summer schedules have been impacted by COVID.

COVID-19

- All park amenities except for playgrounds and fitness stations are open. We continue to follow CDC and State guidance on playgrounds and outdoor fitness stations.
- Members of the Recreation team continue to deliver meals 3x per week to youth and seniors as part of the BSD Food project and Meals on Wheels programs. We will move to our Recreation & Nutrition program in mid-June.
- Our campground re-opened as a sanctioned homeless site with 24/7 staffing provided by ANEW Place. The access to the beach remains open.

- Almost all staff are in full work mode. We do have some custodians on limited on-site hours as city buildings have been closed. They are progressing to full coverage as buildings open. We have some administrative staff that have not had full loads but most will be soon on-site at Leddy and Miller as programming starts. One customer service staff will assist with North Beach parking.
- We are anticipating charging for parking again at the Pease lot, Oakledge, Perkins and North Beach starting mid-June.
- Communication continues to operate at a higher level but has had some slow down. We meet as a leadership team weekly, full staff meetings are 2x per month and we added a monthly manager's meeting. With the use of Zoom it makes it easier to have more frequent meetings.

Major upcoming events: <http://enjoyburlington.com/events/>

- Stay tuned for updates on July 3. Our staff is working on ideas to build community while not bringing everyone together.
- All waterfront events have been canceled.
- The Waterfront and Recreation events team is working on an all summer "Beach Bites" model with food trucks at multiple parks. There will be no entertainment but will provide a place for our food trucks to recoup some of their revenue and provide a service to the users of our Parks. We will charge 5% of gross as we do for Beansie's.

New Project updates

- Project updates for June will be provided as a presentation by Sophie Sauve at the June Parks Commission meeting.

Sunset at our Burlington Boathouse Docks – Splash is open for the season but don't forget to make a reservation!

