“PARK PROJECTS PROGRESSING”

This has been a very busy season in the parks as we are working on many improvement projects at various locations at the same time. We just finished with the bulk of the northeast corner of 1st Street & Norfolk Avenue project where we were replicating the landscaped corner across the street to the south, giving a uniform look to the east “entrance” to the downtown business district. The Water Division installed a water tap and meter pit for water and the Street Division removed the existing asphalt, poured the new concrete, placed the retaining wall and brought in dirt for the grade. A sprinkler system was installed. The area was fine graded, sod laid and flowers planted. The landscaping has been completed with installation of benches and a trash receptacle yet to take place.

We are in the process of rebuilding the campground at Ta-Ha-Zouka Park. The original campground has completely removed. The bathroom/shower facility, power pedestals and electrical system were completely removed. Many trees and security light poles were removed to allow for the new layout to be implemented. Once that was done grading and drainage work began. A substantial amount of dirt was brought in to raise the grade on the south end of the campground to get the rain water to drain northward and then a drain line was placed under the concrete park roadway so water would drain out of the campground and into the pond. With the grading and drainage work mostly complete work on the new bathroom/shower facility has begun and work on the new electrical system should start soon.
The campground is being built to current standards which will meet ADA guidelines and built to accommodate the newer and bigger RV’s that require more space and higher power needs. Camper pads will be larger, will have more space between them and the power pedestals will be able to serve the RV’s that are needing a 50amp power service. The bathroom/shower facility will be a big improvement over the old one and be better able to meet the campers needs and expectations. Once this project is completed, although downsized in numbers of camper pads, it should be a vast improvement over the old campground.

Work is close to being done on the Ta-Ha-Zouka Park road replacement project. Most of the main roads in the park were concrete with a 1000’ section of road still asphalt that was in pretty poor condition. This project replaced that section with new concrete. The project included moving the roadway, as it passed by the new playground, further to the east. In doing so it straightened out the road a bit and that is allowing for installation of concrete handicapped parking for the new playground. Moving the road a little further away from the playground also allowed for more room for standard parking on either side of the new handicapped parking.

The Memorial Field Improvement Project continues forward. Work has been concentrating on the football field and parking lot areas but it will not be long until the aquatics part of the project gets started and when the American Legion baseball program is done in July work will immediately begin on the baseball related areas of the project.