

May 2015
Northfield Park District Board Meeting
Parks & Facilities Report
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Willow Park

- All sports fields have been fertilized and seeded where necessary
- Broadleaf weed control on the athletic fields will take place in late May or early June
- The Country Gardeners recently donated two river birch trees that we planted back on the north side of the creek

School District 29

- We now have a full schedule of when/where we can work during the day at both schools. While still restrictive, this schedule has greatly increased our ability to manage the landscape workload during the regular work week, as opposed to only weekends. Overall this is beneficial for both us and the school district as it creates much more flexibility and opportunities to shift schedules around to best meet all of our needs.
- We are hoping to get broadleaf weed control done at the schools on a weekend in May.

Clarkson Park

- We are planning to re-work the flower beds in front of the Clarkson Lodge. Current plan is to use an organized assortment of native species mixed with annuals to create a bed with diverse seasonal interest.
- We are having the front doors replaced with automated ADA openers with push button controls. These doors will be replaced with aluminum doors that do not have a center mullion.

Community Center

- No news this month

Fox Meadow

- The last maintenance visit of this fiscal year was conducted in May, and targeted removal of invasive species.
- We have had issues with non-permitted groups using the fields at Fox Meadow, so we are working with New Trier and the police department to help solve the problem. We are adding "No Trespassing" signage which will better allow the police to monitor and control the use of the fields.