

Streets/Parks:

Mr. Latham is going to proceed with the Fun Park grant to hopefully help pay for the horseshoe pits in the park. Some of you are aware that interim Mayor McCartney started this project while he was in office. In working with the state director of NHPA, we have developed a design that would be able to be sanctioned for tournaments.

Water/Sewer:

As you are aware, the 412-water line bond project is under way. We have two sewer projects that have been advertised in the newspaper in the last few weeks, that will be paid for with the bond funds. These projects will be constructed on Klenc and S. Pianalto. Bid opening dates for the two sewer projects will be July 12 and 14 respectively. The other project that we have to complete is the Wildcat Creek water line. This line was intended to be constructed with the bond fund. However, the cost of the 412-water line consumed the bond money on the water side. Wildcat Creek is the source of most of our water leaks so far this year. The line is an old 3" PVC that has been in place since around 1980 and was installed under the driving surface of the road. Therefore, this project will need to be paid for with reserve funds. I am sure that I have mentioned before, we have the materials for this project, so the cost of installation will be greatly reduced from a fully complete project. In addition, I want to remind to remind you that we may encounter a shortfall on the 412 water project. With both of these things considered, we may need as much as one-million dollars to complete all projects.

To give you an update on the small water projects that we are working on in house, we have almost completed the first one. Unfortunately, as soon as we began the Kelly Road project we encountered rock about two feet under the surface. The ditch that we needed to excavate is five feet deep, so we had to break three feet of rock to install the pipe. As you can imagine, this greatly reduced the amount of pipe we could install per day. In addition shortly after we started, Charles Ward left the City. He was to play an instrumental role in this and other construction projects. Therefore, we may need to hire outside assistance to complete the other project on S. Barrington.

As I have mentioned previously, we have at least one major project that we need to construct within the next year, an additional water tower. We have plans drawn and approved by the Health Department, we just need to determine how we will fund this four to five million dollar project. The Mayor and I have met with financial advisors and hope to have a presentation for the council soon.