

PARKS AND RECREATION

In the month of January we worked on rerouting the water lines at the ballpark in preparation for the new sidewalk project. We also had to dig holes for the new backstop. These poles are made out of heavy gauge 4-1/2 in drill stem. We called on Mike Smith Crane Service to help set the poles due to the 30 foot height of the poles. the poles were set 5 feet deep and incased with steel and concrete to accomodate the weight and height. Ther are now incased in the retaining wall around field 3. In preparation for this major project, we spent several days hauling around 30 loads, which was all gathered at the waste water plant at no cost to the city for those materials.



The month of February was definitely an interesting month. the side walk project began with excavation and was quickly halted with ther major freeze. After everything thawed, Ribble Construction was able to get back onto the project. After the freeze our crews were busy with helping out with reairs and assisting the water and sewer departments with leaks as needed. As with everyone around town dealing with leak issues, we had several repairs at both the City Park and McDonald Park. In the month of February we were already preparing for the upcoming softball season. Due to all the construction going on at the same time as practice and games, it was necessary to put up temporary fencing, cones and other barriers for safety reasons.



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The month of March brought rain and sunshine. Although we were very happy to see that much need rainfall, it caused several delays on the field 3 backstop, and dugout construction. With the sunshine and Spring weather, we stayed very busy mowing and maintaining both parks and the right of ways throughout the city. Our park and rec crews were also busy daily with the task of dragging and marking fields for ball games daily. March is a busy time with softball and baseball going at the same time. Due to the construction on field 3, the baseball association were forced to play some of their games on the softball field in order to get their games played.

