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Council Report

June 1, 2015

PROJECTS:

- ✓ Happy Hollow Shelters 3 & 4 are now available to accommodate visitors, handicapped or otherwise.
- ✓ Mowing has been a difficult task to keep up with, but is getting done.
- ✓ Staff have worked towards compliance of the Storm Water Pollution Protection Plan(SWPPP).
- ✓ Morton Center HVAC units are causing problems; parts are ordered.

PROGRAM:

- ✓ Parks Board agreed to allow a group of citizens to provide Pickleball on the skating rink this summer. More details will be available soon.
- ✓ Parks Board agreed to providing 50 single admissions to the municipal pool for the West Lafayette Public Library' summer reading program.

MORTON CENTER:

- ✓ Summer Stroll series began on May 20th. Next stroll is on June 17th, 5:30 p.m. at Tapawingo Park, with Mayor John Dennis.

CELERY BOG NATURE AREA/LILLY NATURE CENTER:

- ✓ Students from elementary through high school were invited to paint barrels for competition. The judging this year was held in the Lilly Nature Center.
- ✓ Mind BOGgling provided an opportunity for youth and adults to learn more about the Celery Bog Nature Area and various areas of Natural Resources. In addition to hands-on activities and hikes, we offered presentations on falconry, monarch butterflies, and wetlands. Each year over 300 people attend.
- ✓ A group of volunteers from Purdue planted and mulched our new wildflower garden next to the Nature Center.
- ✓ SIA will award \$8,977 to the Parks for technology improvements at the Celery Bog Nature Area.

UPCOMING PROGRAM DATES:

- ✓ June 1: Swim lessons and most summer programs begin.
 - ✓ June 6: St. Elizabeth Health Fair
 - ✓ June 17: Summer Stroll at Tapawingo Park
 - ✓ July 11: RiverFest at Tapawingo Park
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