

2020 ANNUAL REPORT – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Parks and Recreation Improvements – Replaced the old Bradford Dam trail head sign with a new updated sign. The roof of the bird blind in John Paul Park was replaced by a Girl Scout completing her Gold Award. The new folly road crossing was completed making a safer means to cross Folly road between Upper and Lower Nike Parks. Replaced tennis net and posts at Lions Pride Park as well as painted the restrooms and new roofs on both the pavilion and restroom building.

Warrington’s Mary Barness Community Swim Club – The 2020 swim season was different than any other summer. Due to the pandemic we had to adjust our operations to open in a safe manner. This meant no special events, rentals, swim lessons, furniture, or parties and of course our painted 10 foot boxes. The management and staff adjusted to the situation and we were able to open for the season when other facilities did not. We were so very glad on our decision to open and provide a venue for our residents and members to enjoy a bit of “normal” in a crazy, stressful time.

We fixed a leak from the baby pool and replaced a motor as if the virus wasn’t enough and a new facility sign was added on the corner of Freedoms Way and Liberty. All that said, we are looking to rebound and are planning for a 2021 season with all of the fun, events, and excitement that we deserve.

Lions Pride Park – 2020 saw the completion of Phase One of Lions Pride Park with a Ribbon cutting ceremony held in October. The park has been packed almost every day and all of the amenities are seeing good use. Both young and old have been enjoying our newest park.

The next phase of Lions Pride Park is the conversion of the pond to a wetland habitat and is in the design phase. This will add more walking trails and boardwalks through a wetland environment where users will be able to observe wildlife in its natural environment.

202 Bypass Trail Segment “A” - We completed segment “A” of the 202 bypass trail and officially opened it in October. This segment connects us to the 202 “circuit” and is the start of us having a trail from 202 to Bradford dam. This section is .83 miles and is perfect for running, biking and walking from mill creek road to 202.