City of New Haven

Parks Commission

Dept. of Parks, Deputy Director’s Report

July 17, 2024

* **Quarry Park**: Preliminary Survey received from Engineering this week. Partial encroachment of material stockpile was identified- under review and verification. Will touch base with Giovanni upon return from vacation for next steps.
* **Parks Dept.:** 
  + **Seasonal Caretaker** **and Seasonal Technicians:** Currently over (20) seasonals are supplementing full-time staff in various areas and capacities.
  + **Personnel –** (1) caretaker being onboarded to fill a recent vacancy. Office staff interviews and hiring process in progress with HR and Public Works.
  + **(2) New Track Machine Mowers** utilized for wet areas as well as difficult overgrowth have been received in early July. Already being deployed in multiple areas.
  + **In-Field Grooming Equipment Purchase Order issued –** (2) new in-field groomers ordered. Looking to have new equipment for upcoming fall season.
  + **Bench & Receptacle installations are ongoing – Degale/Goffe St Park received new benches and receptacles. College Woods/East Rock/ Rice in progress.**
  + **Greenspace URI Program in progress for the summertime in several parks.**
* **Tree Division**
  + **Storm Debris and tree work is ongoing as well as watering newly planted trees in conjunction with Urban Resources Initiative. Trimming/raising canopy for milling and paving ongoing.**