

## **PARK MAINTENANCE ROUNDTABLE MEETING**

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Meeting through Virtual Teams Conference

Jointed the Meeting:

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Fargo Park District (FPD); West Fargo Park District (WFPD); Mandan Park District (ManPD); Bismarck Park District (BPD); Minot Park District (MPD)

### **PARKS**

1. Maintenance with staff while keeping 6' social distancing recommendation
2. Seasonal Hiring

All Park Districts have posted signage with COVID-19 CDC recommendations for social distancing, staying home when ill, etc.

### **FPD**

- One person riding in vehicle/equipment at one time – sanitizing each shift.
- Keep same people in the same equipment every day – sanitizing after use.
- Staggered shifts.
- With nice weather – it is easier to adhere to the 6' recommendation.

### **WFPD**

- Teams always have same people working on the same project. The same two people on a project.
- One person riding in vehicle/equipment at one time.
- Enforcing distancing and number of people during lunch/breaks.
- Holding off on seasonal hiring until things settle down. Have help from FT staff in other departments.

### **BPD**

- Starting teams at different satellite locations.
- One person riding in vehicle/equipment at one time.
- Other FT staff have joined to work in maintenance to keep them working so has slowed hiring seasonal staff.

### **ManPD**

- Holding off on hiring seasonal help for budget and safety reasons.

### **MPD**

- Have two different crews doing 4 ten-hour shifts. Sanitize at end of each shift.
- FT park district staff filling in so seasonal staff slowing.

## PLAYGROUNDS/TRAILS

### FPD

- All playgrounds are closed
- No sanitizing as of now.
- Signage posted they are closed. Signage states other safe activities to do.
- Trying to reinforce public responsibility.
- Getting public calls that people are on playgrounds. No enforcement by Park District - advise to call non-emergency police number.
- Trails open and busy.

### WFPD

- All playgrounds are closed. No fencing/taping as that is a safety hazard with playground guidelines.
- Signage posted they are closed.
- Not sanitizing as of now. Researched product. Ordered ionizing disinfectant sprayer. (See information below)
- Found a food grade disinfectant at Fleet Farm while researching. Have not used. (See information below)
- Getting complaints about them being used and others about them being closed. No enforcement through Park District – advise to call non-emergency police number.
- Trails open and busy.

### BPD

- All playgrounds are open.
- COVID-19 signage. Use at own risk. Bring wipes and hand sanitizer.
- Use is considerably down.
- Trails are packed.

### ManPD

- All playgrounds are open.
- Sanitize 2x/week. Food based product called Sani-Q (Buckeye product). Very concentrated – 60oz for 100 gallons water. Using a boom sprayer. Mechanics attached a 50' hose reel to make it easier – one person can handle.
- Not doing much to regulate – leaving it up to people to be responsible.

### MPD

- All playgrounds open.
- COVID-19 signage – up to public to follow.
- Sanitize 2x/week using same product as Mandan. Also, hired oil company with steam machine. This has been done once already and schedule to have another.
- Use is down.
- No complaints, getting more thank yous for being open. If large groups, Park District will remind about CDC guidelines.

## SHELTERS

### FPD

- Removed all picnic tables.

### WFPD

- No action taken yet. Have not seen any use.

### BPD

- Nothing currently. Typically, not reserving currently.

### ManPD

- Not removing picnic tables.
- Sanitizing.

### MPD

- No removing picnic tables.
- Following governor's extension for gatherings/reservations.

## SPORTS FIELDS/TENNIS COURTS/PICKLEBALL COURTS

### FPD

- Putting up nets.
- Soccer nets/goals in neighborhood parks.
- Large complexes are locked.
- Getting fields ready so when they can open, we are ready.

### WFPD

- No action taken yet. Have not seen any use.

### BPD

- No bases out.
- No soccer nets/goals out.
- Tennis/Pickleball nets were up before this started. The groups are posting guidelines.

### ManPD

- Following the American Softball Associations date of May 11 – no sports field will be open until this date.
- Preparing fields so they are ready.

### MPD

- Turf baseball and softball fields locked down.
- Fields that cannot be locked – no bases put out to encourage gatherings.
- Garbage cans are out.
- Not putting benches out.
- User groups are looking at the May 11 date for tentative start.
- Fields are being prepared so ready when they can start.

Discussed concerns of germs staying on turf. Those that have turf have not really investigated that but felt the heat would take care of any germs.

## DOG PARKS

### FPD

- All are open.
- Heard of no issues.

### ManPD

- Only one dog park and it is open.
- Sanitize latches etc.
- If not social distancing, public asked to call police non-emergency number.

### MPD

- Have a 4-pen dog park.
- Signage posted.
- People are spreading out within the 4 pens.

## RESTROOMS

### FPD

- Still debating opening. We have some portable toilets out.

### WFPD

- No restrooms open as of now.
- Signage everywhere that buildings closed including restrooms.

### BPD

- No restrooms open. Vault toilets and portable toilets are available.
- Cleaning
  - Portable toilets cleaned as contracted. If need additional cleaning they are contacted.
  - Vault toilets clean when they can.

### ManPD

- Restrooms closed because buildings are closed.
- A couple portable toilets in dog parks as convenience. Cleaning daily on weekends. Park District will hose down daily.
- If not social distancing, public asked to call police non-emergency number.

### MPD

- Restrooms open.
- Two people assigned to clean all restrooms all day. Cleaned 2x/day – open and close.
- Signage posted that they are being cleaned 1x/day.
- People are spreading out within the 4 pens.

LINKS/INFORMATION FOR CLEANING PRODUCTS

<https://catalog.steinsinc.com/p/07242-CS/Buckeye-Sani-Q2-Disinfectant-Sanitizer-Deodorizer/>

Electrostatic Disinfection

<https://commercialcleaningcorp.com/what-is-electrostatic-disinfection-and-how-does-it-work/>

<https://catalog.steinsinc.com/p/04074/Victory-Cordless-Electrostatic-Sprayer/>

**Victory Cordless Electrostatic Sprayer**



[Specification Sheet](#)

ITEM # 04074

Includes 16.8V lithium ion battery, charger and deluxe carrying case. Lightweight and portable at 3.8 lbs. Removable tank holds 33.8 oz. of liquid. Voltage: 16.8V; Run time: 4 hours. Capacity: 33.8 oz.; Flow rate: 2.8/3.6/11.2 oz per min. Tanks per charge: 22/25/31; Micron size: Small/Medium/Large. Charge on/off for wetter applications. Great for sanitizing, disinfecting, odor control, insect control, pesticides, coatings and more! Precise chemical application plus cordless convenience. MAXXcover more surface is less time with less wasted chemical! Features include head light, lock off switch, adjustable nozzle, ergonomic handle and long lasting battery.

33.8 oz., ea

Manufacturer #VP200ESK

Quantity:

Price: \$999.99/EA

Fleet Farm Food Grade Disinfectant

