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Moore Park / Playground / Skateboard Park / Basketball Court

We took down two large pine trees in the front of the park that had finally succumbed, an unanticipated expense. It's interesting that our history speaks of the Moore Park Grove being decimated by the 1937 Hurricane. That would make those large pines (100 footers!) in the front 75 years old. Preserving that Pine Grove for posterity is important. We're planning to replant that side of the front with young trees. The Ricky McGregor Memorial Pine Grove. Watch for them and see how fast they grow.

Summer Recreation Program(s)

The kids and their friends and families continue to use the park, but not in an organized or supervised manner. Small town tradition. Kids and summer, improvised fun.

Pond Park and Gazebo Area

I'm still looking for a formal site plan that is referenced in the agreement between the library and the town to more clearly define the areas of authority and responsibility. I'm also looking for the agreement between the school district and the town regarding the parking lot area adjacent to the school. All of the dead trees around the Gazebo have been removed to reduce the possibility of having someone get hurt by falling limbs. One of them fell all by itself, one lovely summer afternoon. Fortunately, no one was near it at the time.

Fitts Museum and Soldiers Monument

A review of the department electric bills highlighted an issue where there are two separate meters feeding the Fitts Museum property. I'm working with PSNH and the Museum Trustees to see how we can go to a single feed point, eliminating the duplicate monthly meter charge for the second meter.

Old Home Day Celebration

Preparations are underway for the use of Moore Park and the parking lot at 55 High Street for the event. We hope to have a Parks & Recreation booth to recognize volunteer efforts and the Candia Beautification Contest. The Candia Garden Club has a list of sites reserved and several private parties are looking at specific road triangles. More information is forthcoming, as time permits.

Riverside Park Picnic Area

Concept under development. See me for details...