

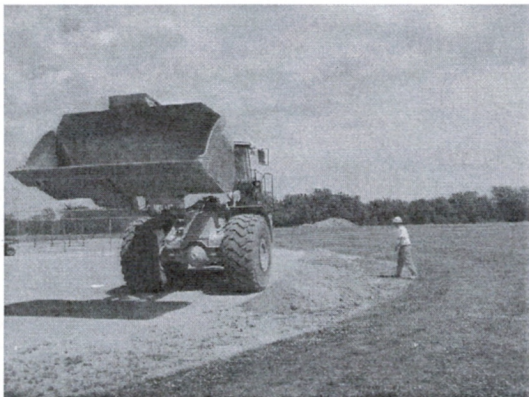
# June Park Report

By Doug Donnelly, park manager

**POLICE REPORT:** On Thursday, June 14, I observed a 2012 Jeep Liberty drive into the park, onto the outfield grass and onto the infield diamond of Field No. 1. I attempted to stop the driver but he left the park. I was able to obtain a license plate number. I contacted Constable Doug Bulmer who suggested I get in touch with a Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy. I met with Deputy Krupp at the park, who observed the damage and agreed that he would likely talk with the suspect but did not believe there was enough damage done to the infield to file a formal complaint. With a shovel and rake I was able to repair the field.

**PARK USAGE REPORT:** There have been some busy days at the park, nights with four or more games going on at the same time. On two occasions we had five of the six diamonds being occupied this month. So far this season, I have prepared the fields for more than 60 games and, in addition, dozens of practices. [A final field usage report will come next month.] Additionally, as a point of reference, for the last several years the WRC paid approximately \$800 a spring/summer for the ball diamonds to be lined and dragged.

**SOFTBALL FIELD REPORT:** After a small early-season concern about not being given a softball practice or game schedule and not being told about a couple of cancellations, the softball season appeared to have gone okay. For the first night of softball games, the circle around pitchers mound was not lined (I was not aware that it needed to be). For the next few games, the line was drawn at approximately 8-ft in circumference around the mound, then I was informed by the WRC president that the circle should be 16-ft in circumference, which it was for the remainder of the season.



**DONATIONS, VOLUNTEER EFFORT:** On May 31, both softball fields had games scheduled for the first time of the season. Up until then, field 6 had been used only for practice. Fortunately, I met with Stoneco

officials to get a donation of stone (above) and they assisted in distributing it on the field, and secured a donation of weed killer from Precision Irrigation & Lawncare Inc. of Ottawa Lake to help get the field in game condition. The WRC volunteered time pulling weeds as well. It was a group effort in bringing Field 6 up to game shape. I posted a photo and the information on the park Web site. Stonece's Steve Draper sent a nice thank you note for the township recognizing their assistance.

**SURVEY SAYS:** I have sent out a couple post-season survey's to organizations who are using the park this year in hopes of gathering data about what "customers" are looking for at the park in the future and to rate the customer service from this year. The first survey, from State Line Christian Athletic Director Bill Owens, was very complimentary of the park. I expect more survey answers to be included in the July report. I am asking those organizations using the park to set priorities for park improvements next year. Sylvania Copperheads Coach Dave Talus will be given copies of the park brochure I have made to pass out at his league's post-season meeting to solicit additional teams for next year. He said opposing teams were happy with coming to play at our facility.

**EQUIPMENT UPDATE:** As of this afternoon, the 4-wheeler has 359.4 hours on it and we have 16 bags of chalk remaining for the rest of the season, which should give us about six bags to carryover into 2013. The spikes used to hold pitchers mound in on Field 1 were removed for some reason and had to be replaced.

**WEED KILLER:** One the main issues lately has been weeds around the fences and backstops and into the infields. Next season, I will highly recommend we spray weed killer prior to the season in those areas.

**GRANT UPDATE:** The township has received a \$1,500 check from the Monroe County Environmental Grant Fund. This will allow for the initial purchase of a recycled picnic table and a couple recycled benches which will be ordered soon (I am still obtaining prices on the items from different vendors). The full grant amount is \$3,000. The remaining \$1,500 will be paid increments.

**ROAD CLEANUP:** The next road cleanup around the park is scheduled for July 20-22.

**RESTROOMS:** The portable restrooms will be at the park until at least the Fourth of July week. There might be some WRC post-season practices at the park after which will require us to keep at least one restroom for an additional couple of weeks.

**LOCKING THE PARK:** Per Walt's recommendation, I am limiting the hours the park is unlocked again after a couple of incidents.