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Message from the Corner Office

Hello Park Construction!

This month I wanted to share how we've been doing this year, compared to 2020, regarding damages and utility hits. As you can see, our utility hits are down from last year, none in July, but number and amount of damages in 2021 are way up. Majority of this years damages are caused by rushing and not being aware of the our surroundings.

Regardless of your job, everyone needs to be fully aware of where you are relative to other people and/or equipment. Too many assumptions are being made that end with negative consequences. Everyone needs to verify they are "good to go" before proceeding with their task. Take action now and hold yourself to a higher standard when it comes to safety on our jobsites.

May 1, 2020 - July 21, 2020

Utility Hits - 13

Property/Equipment Damage

Category 2 (Cosmetic)
3

Category 3 (Substantial Damage)
5

Category 4 (Major Damage)
1

May 1, 2021 - July 21, 2021

Utility Hits - 8

Property/Equipment Damage

Category 2 (Cosmetic)
1

Category 3 (Substantial Damage)
10

Category 4 (Major Damage)
4

We have high quality people in this company and I know we can do a better job of preventing these incidents. However, it takes everyone to to work together to accomplish an incident free workplace. If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to someone who can help.

Sincerely,

Jeff Slusser
Safety and Health

USACE Devils Lake 17th Street Pond Project



Project Overview:

HSG Park JV, the Joint Venture between Park Construction and Harvey Sand and Gravel, was awarded the US Army Corps of Engineers Devils Lake project in May of 2021. This project is located in the City of Devils Lake, North Dakota, just south of Hwy 2. The work consists of excavating approximately 2 feet in the existing 17th Street Ponding area for a total of 26 acre-feet of excavation. The excavated material will be disposed of on nearby City property. The site is to be topsoiled and seeded following excavation. A small lift station is required which consists of an approximately 15' manhole, two 1,250 gallon per minute electric pumps, and a discharge line across the 17th Street levee/roadway.

This project gives Park the ability to utilize multiple divisions within the company to work together to complete the project. Park Construction's MCC Structures Division is responsible for the earthwork and structural scopes and the Heavy Civil Division is responsible for the utility work.

Project Contract Amount:

- \$1.28M

Duration:

- June 2021 - January 2022

Combined Estimated Quantities:

- Stripping - 5,350 CY
- Excavation - 44,500 CY
- Concrete - 100 CY for 20' L x 10" W x 20' Deep Pump Station
- Piping
 - Inlet pipe 125 LF
 - Outlet pipe 245 LF
- Rip Rap - 85 TN

Employee Spotlight! - Brandon Larson

Project Manager/Estimator Western Division



Can you tell us more about your background and why Park Construction?

During the summer of 2000, I started out in road construction on a MN state highway. I worked on MN #6 north of Deer River, MN setting grade, blue-topping gravel, entering time, and managing subcontractors. I finished my Construction Management degree from Minnesota State University Moorhead in 2001 and immediately moved to Grand Rapids, MN to continue my work. I completed my Master's degree in Construction Management from NDSU in 2012 and had an unique opportunity to teach equipment production classes at MSUM. During this time, I enjoyed the opportunity to give back to the college and meet many new faces.

During the winter of 2014, Park Construction hired me to move to Grand Forks, ND to help Mike Nottestad in the Grand Forks office. I successfully completed projects in Bismarck, Harvey, Donnybrook, Williston, Rock Lake, and Minot. In 2018, Park was the successful bidder on the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Project – Phase 1 (MREFPP-1) in Minot, ND, consisting of the only vertical turbine pump station in Minot, rated at 180,000 gpm, along with 1,700 LF of floodwall, and several other companion structures. I was asked to manage this project. To date, we're 97% complete.

What is the favorite part about your job? What excites you most?

Starting and finishing a project, large or small. There is always a thrill to fire up a new project and of course finishing a project gives a sense of accomplishment.

What excites you the most? Making money for Park. We're in business to work safe and make money. Nowadays, construction projects require an intense effort with close attention to all the details. Those "details" separate success from failure and I enjoy checking the boxes to ensure our work is complete and ready for service.

What has been your biggest achievement/success?

Last week, we started up the MI-1 pump station, moving 180,000 gpm, while using the Minot storm sewer as our reservoir. Over the course of the week, we pumped 3,500,000 gallons through our pump station. Our team at Park has worked on this project for 45 consecutive months and this startup was a huge milestone (success) for Park and the City of Minot.

What is the best career lesson you have learned so far?

Treat your coworkers, subcontractors, engineers, and owners with respect. For all projects large or small, communication is critical. MI-1 has been no exception, 230 RFIs, 85 Change Proposals, and 40 Change Orders (so far). There is always constant communication between Park and the Engineer. Maintaining a good working relationship with stakeholders is key to Park's success on any project.

Why do you work safe?

I work safe so I can go home to my wife and three boys. Safety is #1 in Minot has been since the beginning of our project. I developed a strong relationship with Bismarck State College Occupational Safety & Health personnel, conducting safety audits to correct hazards with Park personnel as well as the many subcontractors that have worked on our project. This process was well received by the trades and we saw participation increase as our contractors were able to see the value in our hazard correction efforts. Lastly, a safe project is a more profitable project. Claims can be an unanticipated cost to a project, and we strive to send each employee home safely.

What do you like to do when you aren't working?

I spend time with my wife (16 years) and three boys. We snowmobile in the winter and go to the lake in the summer, where we enjoy fishing, tubing, and many projects! I enjoy working on old cars in my spare time.

2021 Photo Contests

Before and After - First picture is of Dick Carlson in 1950, sitting on the most advanced dozer Cat had to offer at the time.

Bottom picture, taken 71 years later, is Dick on the new D6E LGP electric dozer.



Take some cool pics of our jobsites, equipment, etc., and you can win a \$75 gift card to the company store! Simply take the photo and send it in to our "news" email address. The winner will be announced monthly and their picture will be the headline.

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