

July 1, 2021



## ONE PARK

### Message from the Corner Office

Hello Park Construction family!

First off, I'd like to wish everyone a happy 4th of July and hope you are able to enjoy the weekend safely and spend some quality time with your friends and family. This is why we work, right? To support your lifestyle, your hobbies, and most importantly, your long term goals with yourself and your family. We all want to work hard, do a great job, and earn the paycheck so we can have a well-rounded and enjoyable life but you can only do this if you work safe. Please understand that nobody wants you to work safe because OSHA might show up or that I might catch you doing something you shouldn't be doing. Safety is something that you need to do for yourself, your family, and your coworkers.

Personnel not staying engaged in the moment or on-task is one of the largest contributors to the incidents we have had this year. Making assumptions that someone will not enter the work zone with their vehicle, assume that nobody is behind you when backing, and because you've done a task before without getting hurt; you assume you won't. All of these assumptions are incorrect and we need to take the necessary time to fully understand the hazards and how to protect ourselves. Sometimes they are as simple as grabbing the proper PPE or looking before you back up. Other times it's a little more difficult and you need assistance from your General Sup or Safety. Regardless, Park Construction needs everyone to do the job safely, even if that means taking the extra time to plan your work.

This year has been a challenging one, and one in which you have all worked hard to make successful so far. You have had to deal with Covid concerns, extreme heat, labor and material shortages, and lack of rain, but you have handled all of these issues like true professionals and worked through them all as a TEAM. Only when we work together can we accomplish our Core Value of Nobody Gets Hurt. From the CEO to a new employee, we need to help each other out and not make the assumption that everyone has the same perspective on risks as you do. I would like to thank everyone for their continued hard work this year and I hope everyone can enjoy this coming weekend!

Stay safe this 4th of July weekend!

Jeff Slusser  
Director of Safety and Health

**City of Plymouth Fire Stations 2 & 3  
Bid Package: Earthwork**



PLYMOUTH FIRE STATIONS #2 & #3



### Project Overview:

- **Fire Station #2** – Demolition of existing fire station and construction of new state of the art facility to meet future expansion of community and the needs of today's firefighters. Park will complete; Removal of existing paved surfaces, export of excess material, excavation and backfill of new Fire Station foundations, excavation of retaining walls, placement of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " washed rock for radon system, placement of class 5 under exterior concrete, and construct new storm water pond.
- **Fire Station #3** – Renovation and expansion of existing facility. This station will remain fully operational throughout the duration of construction. Park will complete; Removals of existing pave surfaces, export of excess material, excavation and backfill of two new additions, placement of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " washed rock for radon system, placement of class 5 under exterior concrete, and construct new storm water pond.

### Project Contract Amount:

- \$515,320.00

### Duration:

- Spring of 2021 to Summer of 2021

### Combined Estimated Quantities:

- CY of export – 10,400 CY
- Building correction – 5,200 CY
- Import – 800 TN Class 5 Recycle, 800 TN – Select Sand
- LF of footings
  - 1,605 LF – Frost footing
  - 300 LF – Deep Footing (14' deep)
- Size of buildings
  - Fire Station #2 – 19,800 SF
  - Fire Station #3 – 5,920 SF

**Employee Spotlight! - Scott Kent**  
**Project Manager/Estimator**  
**Commercial Division**



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

I was first hired at Park Construction in 2011. This was right after the recession; I was fresh out of college with zero construction experience and Park Construction was looking for a traveling Field Engineer. I worked on jobs from North Dakota, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Minnesota. I took a brief departure from Park Construction in 2013, but it was not the same. In 2015 I received a call from Jeff Carlson asking if I was interested in returning to Park Construction. When the President of the company calls you directly to discuss your career goals and opportunities, this showed me that this individual cares about their employees and their career goals.

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

The constant change/ hustle of the job is my favorite part. Yes, this is also probably the most stressful part of the job, but I feel when a problem arises, we do a good job figuring out the best solution. Whether it is a Division Manager, General Superintendent, Project Manager, Superintendent, Operator, or a Labor we all take part in recognizing the problem and figuring out the best solution.

The thing that excites me the most at Park Construction, is see the growth in individuals. Whether it is seeing a Labor learn to shoot grade, an Operator learn to use GPS, or a superintendent finding a closer dump site. All are efforts to help become more efficient as a company and growth as individuals.

***What has been your biggest achievement/success?***

In the Spring of 2018, I was given the opportunity from being a Field Engineer to become a Project Manager/ Estimator. This was a big step in my career, and I was nervous about going into the office. With a lot of help from other Project Managers and Division Managers I feel it was still the right step for me and my family. Being a part of a project from budget to the final completion is a great feeling.

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

Always ask a question if you are unsure of how to do a task or feel that something is unsafe. Construction is an industry that we all like to see something built or help someone in need. Whenever I have felt unsure of how to do something, I ask someone. I have never been turned away.

***Why do you work safe?***

I work safe for my family, my wife Katie and two daughters Elsie (3 years old) and Olivia (1 year old). They are the reason I go to work to provide a stable income and what I strive to return safe to. Even with some of the worst days at work, I know when I get home and walk in the door, I have my two little girls running to me and wanting to play. The look on their happy faces makes even the worst days at work worth it.



**Duane Kimmes** - *Fleet Manager*

**Rusty Vogelgesang** -

*Estimator/Project Manager, Heavy Civil*

**Shawn Bloch** - *GPS*

*Manager/Design Engineer*

**Mike Christianson** - *Vice President, Heavy Civil Division*

**Shane Peterson** - *Equipment Operator*

**Mike Gutknecht** - *General Superintendent, Heavy Civil Division*

**Scott Neumann** - *Estimator/Project Manager, Heavy Civil Division*

**Michelle Keltner** - *Payroll Administrator, Accounting Department*

**Laurie Scott** - *Contract Administrator, Heavy Civil Division*

**Andrew Raivo** - *Laborer*

**Duane Miller** - *Superintendent, Heavy Civil Division*

**Patti Garro** - *On Site Safety Manager, Heavy Civil Division*

**Brent Thompson** - *General Superintendent, Paving Division*

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**2021 Photo Contests**  
**July Winner - Nick Nelson**  
**Location: Plymouth, MN**





Dual loading side dumps at Plymouth Fire Station #2

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