

# Six Mile improvements moving forward

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**SIX MILE** — Several projects are moving forward in Six Mile, including the first phase of the town's community park and an effort to make walking to a local store safer.

Mayor Roy Stoddard said town council passed second reading of the Fiscal Year 2020 budget at its May meeting.

"We have one more reading to go," Stoddard said.

The town's \$281,871 budget is "not anywhere near the big boys," he said. "That's why I've always been so adamant that we get everything that is due to us from Columbia.

"They play with it every year," he added. "Ev-

ery year they take more money from us. It's just hard. We take a guess on



**Stoddard**

what we're going to get from the Local Government Fund. They're still working on the budget down there. If it wasn't for

the outside revenue, little towns like this one would go under the bridge."

A wholesale sporting gear business has recently opened in town, Stoddard said.

"That's a unique little feature for Six Mile," he said. "Our restaurants seem to be doing pretty good. Things are looking good for the town. More building is going on."

Stoddard said officials are "busy, busy, busy fin-

ishing up the first phase of our community park."

The first phase is set to be done within two or three weeks and includes restrooms and a half-mile walking trail through the 8.5 acres purchased by the town several years ago.

"We're moving a lot of dirt there, just waiting for that to happen," Stoddard said. "We're getting ready to put out a bid for a sidewalk from Main Street to the Dollar General. We've got so many people that walk there, we want to try and get them off the highway. We'll probably go out for bid in another month, it looks like."

During its committee of the whole meeting Monday night, county council heard funding recommendations from

the county recreation board.

The rec board recommended approving around \$21,000 in requests from Six Mile.

The majority of the request, \$16,000, will be used for an equipment building at Ponderosa Park.

"We have equipment that's out in the open," Stoddard said. "It's a shame that we don't have anywhere to put them."

Part of the rest of the funding will be used for increased video surveillance at Ponderosa Park and park benches for the playground and walking trail there.

The recommendation still has to be approved by the full council.

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