

### Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergarth, Parks and Recreation Manager

RE: Monthly Directors Report May 2025 CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator

Date: June 16, 2025

### **Senior Soccer:**

Senior Soccer teams have been drafted, and the fields are getting ready to be put together for the league that starts Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Two years ago, we had six teams, last year we had eight and now we have nine. Farley/Epworth, Cascade, Guttenberg, Manchester and New Vienna will send teams this year to go with our four teams. We are seeing a few kids from surrounding communities sign up to be placed on Dyersville teams. The league will culminate with a tournament on August 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

# **Baseball/Softball:**

Tonight, the first year of the Prairie League Tournament starts. All four of the softball divisions and the lower two of baseball were separated into gold/silver/bronze brackets to play a 8-team tourney to get 13 champions. We have utilized 15 fields across the area having three games per field for three nights. The tournament will have over 100 games in three days. The championship of the 13 divisions will be Wednesday night on all of the Dyersville fields. Throwing a seeded tournament with 98 teams using 15 diamonds has been a challenge but I think it will be a great start to an annual event.

## **FOD Tournaments**:

The FoD tournaments have had five tournaments so far. The collaboration between their crew and the Dyersville Rec Department has been smooth. They do a great job of keeping the parks in order during the weekend and communication of concerns both ways have been very good. The improvements to the fields, Westside in particular, have made a big difference in our guests' comfort and experience. They have seven more weekends of baseball and then will have two weekends of softball for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in late August/early September.

## **Adult Softball:**

The CO-ED adult softball league has been playing for 5 weeks. We have 10 teams now, up from just four 2 years ago. We now utilize both front and back Candy Cane diamonds every Thursday evening. The new lights on the Candy Cane diamond are fantastic. If you haven't been down there on a Thursday night, you should. It is nice to see the park full of activity again.