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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report September 2023
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: October 16th, 2023

Dyersville Soccer League:

The Dyersville Soccer League ended its season October 7th after an 8-week run crowning 9 champions in the four competitive divisions. We were blessed with great weather every Saturday. The seven fields encompassing Westside Park housed 310 matches, over 900 participants and countless practices throughout the fall. I approximate between 2,500 to 3,500 people came to Westside every weekend to play or watch soccer. With the addition of the extra 3rd/4th grade field we were able to end all games by 2pm this year. Special thanks to Russ Wolfe who organized the referee crew. To have a group of certified referees for a recreational league is unique and we are blessed. We are planning a training session next spring to recruit some younger refs to help our growing program.

Flag Football:

The last NFL Flag game is going on right now at Westside. In its inaugural season there were a few learnings but overall the season was a resounding success. Through conversations with the coaches and the Parks & Rec Commission the program will stay just in Dyersville next year. The plan is to also to add the 1st/2nd grade division as well. Our program in town has the benefit of having lighted fields in the outfield of the baseball diamonds at Westside. The plan is to add two more fields at Candy Cane next fall to house the 1st/2nd grade division.

Alliant Energy Grant:

I am working with Cindy Oberbroeckling and the Dyersville Lions Club to apply for a grant through Alliant Energy and Trees Forever for up to \$5,000 to plant trees throughout our parks. Alliant Energy's Community Tree Planting program, part of the One Million Trees initiative, also helps to diversify the tree population. A volunteer committee has been chosen and if chosen for this grant, we have an estimate to purchase 24 trees from seven different species to plant in our park system for energy savings, shade relief and wind block.