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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report October 2024
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: November 18th, 2024

2025 Alliant Energy Community Tree Program Grant:

Last month in coordination with the Dyersville Lions Club and with the help from Cindy Oberbroeckling, we applied for a grant for more trees to be planted next spring. The amount requested is \$5,000 and if accepted we are planning to plant the trees on Arbor Day, April 25, 2025. Last year most of the trees were planted in Candy Cane Park by the playground equipment. This year the focus will be Westside Park to coincide with the improvements to the baseball/softball diamonds and newly paved walking trail. A line of trees will go to the west of the trail between fields #1 and #2 to continue a present line and to hinder vehicle access to the areas freshly graded and seeded. Another group of trees is planned to be placed on the west side of the senior soccer field on the west side of 3rd St SE for spectator shade and wind blocks.

FoD Tournaments 2025:

The dates for the summer Field of Dreams tournaments have been set. The tournaments in 2025 will mirror last year with a few changes. The schedule adds two extra weekends for baseball tournaments. There will be a weekend tournament May 17/18th which will be one week earlier than their start last year and they will also add a tournament August 8th-10th. They are also adding two weekends in the fall for youth softball. There will be a tournament on August 23/24th and another September 13/14th. This will be the first year having softball tournaments.

Another big change is our ability to host 13U teams on our fields. Last year teams in that age group had to play most of their games in Dubuque because of base path distances. Because of scheduling concerns and staffing it was asked if we could house those games. We have been able to reconfigure the dimensions of the two Candy Cane fields for that age group. Eight of the twelve weekends incorporate 13U teams so the city will see approximately 70+ extra teams come to Dyersville this summer versus last year.

All-Girls Soccer:

A survey was sent out to Dyersville and surrounding communities that participated in last fall's all-girls soccer league. Every respondent had a positive opinion of the program. In 2025 we plan on keeping the league as is with a few tweaks. The Parks/Rec Commission agreed that we need more data and discussions before more significant changes to the soccer program in the future.