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### Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission  
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager  
RE: Monthly Directors Report February 2026  
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator  
Date: March 16, 2026

### **MLB Pitch, Hit & Run:**

This summer the Park & Recreation Commission decided to hold a MLB Pitch, Hit & Run event on July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Westside Park diamonds. With MLB coming back to Dyersville, we thought hosting something like this would bring some excitement. The participants are judged on hitting power, pitching accuracy and running speed. The top scorers have a chance to advance to regional competitions and then to a possible national one during the World Series. Last year a youth from Dubuque made it all the way to the World Series. We have been approved as a site and now I am getting the logistics organized for advertising the sign-ups. Look for that in the next couple weeks.

### **Baseball/Softball:**

The baseball/softball season starts in six weeks! Our total numbers are down 20 kids total. Most of that decrease is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. Many decided to play for surrounding teams or to not play at all. We will have 22 teams in the four divisions playing Monday through Thursday starting April 20<sup>th</sup>. Many local recreational ball leagues are struggling around the popularity of travel ball but the Prairie League still has a strong base of participation.

The Prairie League board voted to continue the end of the season tournament held June 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> with most of the championship games held here in Dyersville. They also decided to extend the tournament to the A and B leagues of baseball that will be held July 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. In the past, every city hosted a tournament over a weekend but with competition from travel baseball, those fell to the wayside. The tournament was introduced to give those players a taste of tournament play.

With a break in the weather hopefully next week, the fields will be leveled and ready for practice. The other improvements (batting cages, fences and on-deck circles) will be completed in early April.

### **Trees Forever/Alliant Energy Grant:**

With a partnership with the Dyersville Lions Club, we have been awarded a \$3000 grant for trees in 2026. We will order trees shortly and plant them on the west side of Westside Park by the large soccer field for shade. The rest will be placed around the Candy Cane playground and ball diamond areas. The day scheduled for planting will be Arbor Day Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Lions Club and the Parks and Rec will work with the local grade schools to create a tree-planting event.