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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergarth, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report March 2026
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: April 20, 2026

Aquatic Center:

The final hiring is being finalized tonight. We will have 19 lifeguards this year, which is down one from 2025. Of the 19, 17 are returning employees. The assistant manager Hayleigh Ries is coming back also with a year of experience. With the solid number of lifeguards, we are planning three “teen nights” for kids going into 6th-8th grades. The times will be from 7:30-10pm and will have a theme along with scheduled games. It is an attempt to attract that age group and also add some programming for that age group. The first night will be June 4th and follow that up with the 1st Thursday of the month for July and August. We are also planning a pre-opening event on Friday/Saturday May 22nd & 23rd from 5-7 for all pass holders. Many pools do this to help the water chemically and the filter system to clean the water. We will advertise this along with promoting individual passes to increase our adult attendance. Swim lesson signups will be April 28th at 10am for Dyersville residents and the 30th at 10am for all others. We have added many more individual and parent/toddler lessons based on historical demand. We have also pushed the times for lessons in the month of June back an hour to add longer open-swim times.

Community Garden:

Once there is a break in the rain, the Community Garden will be tilled by Rick’s Lawn Mowing and Snow Removal to be ready for the 3rd year of this new program. We still have five spots left. We will advertise on social media to fill those plots. We had to take a one-year pause in the Conservation Camp but plan on having that again in 2026. It was very well received and attended but we have some ideas on making it better and keeping the plots better cared for.

Baseball/Softball Fields:

The first baseball and softball games are tonight. The Dyersville teams will host a tournament May 1st & 2nd and the FoD tournaments ramp up May 16th. Thanks to JJ Lawn Care for the improvements to the Westside Fields. The batting circle and walk-up paths are going to keep the grass framing the fields in better condition throughout our busy tournament season. The concrete for the batting cages at Westside should be poured soon and then the new batting cage nets will be put up. The frame for the new batting cage is done and will be installed also in the next few weeks for the new batting cage at Candy Cane Park. That one will have a concrete base also.