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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report May 2024
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: June 17, 2024

Pickelball/Bocce:

The perimeter concrete around the Bocce ball court is finished and ready to start play. I will put something out on Facebook and hopefully will schedule times for me to be down there to introduce the game. We will have a few sets of bocce balls for loan in the library added to their program. My plan is to have leagues in the late summer/fall. The Dyersville Commercial is planning on doing a feature about the courts and highlighting the Eagle Scout Grant Demmer who spearheaded the project. The two new pickleball courts at the Aquatic Center along with the resurfaced and new net for the tennis court was done last week. There is a tennis/pickleball tournament scheduled July 6th/7th that is planning on using both facilities.

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 7th. We had six teams last year. We invited a team from Manchester this year and Guttenberg has a team so we will have eight teams this summer. The league runs for six weeks culminating in a tournament the last week. Manchester will also field a team in the 7th/8th grade division this fall. Their soccer program is trying to improve and having them compete here will help their program and also bring more people to town for "soccer Saturdays."

Baseball/Softball:

Unlike last year, the weather has made scheduling this summer for baseball/softball challenging. Last year we had one rescheduled game total while this year most teams have missed 2-3 games already. Fortunately we have seven playable fields and some can take on weather better than the rest. Thanks to John Olberding and city staff who stepped up to fix a topcoat and drainage issue on the back Candy Cane diamond in record time. There has been a few hiccups with double booking of fields but for the most part teams can find a place to squeeze a practice in around all of the games played. Most nights there is a game on 4+ fields.

FOD Tournaments:

We have made it through the first three weeks of the ten FoD tournaments held on our fields. Unfortunately, mother nature hasn't helped with at least one day each weekend affected by significant rain events. Our fields have held up but show signs of wear. Hopefully better weather will follow to help them run their tournament and our facilities to be solid.