Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergarth, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report August 2026
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: September 21, 2026

Soccer Saturday/Wednesday:

This Wednesday the all-girls league ends and on Saturday the co-ed league starts their playoffs. We had a total of 93 teams playing this fall from Dyersville and six other surrounding communities. This year we invited Manchester and Monticello to bring teams over. Manchester brought four teams and Monticello brought two. Talking with the Park Directors of those towns, it has been a very positive experience for those kids. It still amazes me how fluid moving over 3000 people into Westside Park and out every Saturday happens. Over the next two weekends we will recognize ten champions in four divisions. The weather has been good so far and the fields only have shown wear around the goals. The plan is to fill in those areas and seed to be ready for next year. I will leave up a couple sets of goals as every afternoon groups of kids have been playing most afternoons after school and a couple groups of adults have games on the weekend. Again, special thanks to Russ Wolf who runs the referee crew. There aren't many recreational leagues that have quality certified refs on the fields. He schedules the referees and trains the new ones every weekend from the 4th of July. This year we have recruited nine new students to learn the referee craft as we build our pool of refs.

Westside New Playground:

A small committee has been formed to make recommendations on the type of playground features and the scope for the planned playground at Westside Park. It will be an all-inclusive playground with a main tower and slide structure in the middle with smaller play structures around the perimeter. It will be just south of the existing swing set by the basketball courts at Westside. It will be positioned to be able to have an accessible bathroom facility and walking paths from the rest of the park and parking lot. I had four companies send me proposals. The group will work through those and determine features that we want our playground to have. We are in the initial planning stages but it is exciting to see what we have the potential to do at Westside Park with this.