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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report February 2023
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: March 20, 2023

Aquatic Center:

Work has progressed smoothly for the installation of the new features at Dyersville Aquatic Center. ACCO was to start today with the piping required with concrete work to follow. That needs to cure for 28 days. Then paint the area of the vessel and place the new features. Those new features should be more young-kid friendly with the focal point being a new slide close to the middle of the shallow end. The waterfall features will not be as aggressive and all tie into the baseball theme. Plan is to have everything done weather permitted 1st week of May.

We are still advertising and promoting for lifeguards and facility assistants. Last year we had 19 lifeguards and two assistant managers. As of now, we have applications for 12 lifeguards. We know it is typical of our targeted age group to wait until the last minute, but we are exhausting all avenues to get to a comfortable number to be able to offer full service at the pool this summer. Any word-of-mouth help from the community is welcome.

Pickleball:

We plan on putting the finishing touches to the courts in the next 4 weeks. The two covered cabanas arrived last week, and we are getting ready to install. Staff is waiting for a calm, warmer day to install the wind fence. There has been a lot of action inside all winter at the Rec Center, so I foresee Candy Cane being very busy for the next 7 months.

Baseball/Softball:

It is hard to imagine, but the season starts in 5 weeks. Baseball and Softball teams have all been drafted and uniforms have been ordered. If everything goes close to plan the fields should be ready for practice by mid-April. The roofs for Westside dugouts will be placed end of this month with fencing soon to follow. Temporary fencing will be installed on the three diamonds without them the 1st week of May.

I am excited about the increase in participation in our baseball/softball programs. We have three additional teams this year in baseball from last year and two more softball teams. Everyone seemed to signal the disinterest in baseball, but I think this shows that Dyersville has rekindled this activity. Thanks are in order to the council for funding our great facilities. Field of Dream teams marvel at the quality of our diamonds for a small town and our local participation increase echoes those sentiments in my opinion.