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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report March 2023
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: April 17, 2023

Aquatic Center:

We have hired our two new Assistant Managers for the 2023 season and have reviewed the applications and have also hired our lifeguard and facility assistant staff. We are short one lifeguard from last summer and a few facility assistants. I met with the two Assistant Managers last Saturday and finalized the swimming lesson schedule for this summer. The plan is to open scheduling for lessons May 2nd for Dyersville residents only and May 4th for everyone else. Our staff meeting is set for April 23rd at 330pm.

The new features are on plan to be installed in the next two weeks. The plan is to have the pool filled the 3rd week in May with our lifeguard training scheduled for May 20th. Pool opening scheduled for May 27th.

Baseball/Softball fields:

We are in the process of enhancing our diamonds. We are putting up a batting cage at Commercial Club Park between the two diamonds by the flagpole. We are going to construct some safety netting on the East field to protect spectators watching games on the West field. We are hoping that will be a temporary fix and we are looking at plans to find a permanent one. We are wanting to put a walkway through the grass going south from the fields to use the outfield areas for parking. During weekend tournaments, parking becomes a problem and safety issue especially when Commercial Club Park is busy with weddings or when a high school game is going on.

Along with the new dugouts and fencing at Westside diamonds, there has been a lot of work improving those diamonds and cleaning up from the flood. Special thanks to John Olberding, his crew and Tyler Vorwald on their work. They take special care for our facilities to look great but also come up with great ideas to improve them.

Baseball/Softball Registration:

Baseball and Softball games begin next week. We also have over 90 kids in T-ball this year which is 10 more than last year. I divided the teams up and they start their games May 12th. With the nice weather last week, all seven fields were used most days and our parks were full of people every evening. Total Dyersville teams that use our facilities between Prairie League baseball/softball teams and local travel teams is 41. We set up a changeable Google document to keep all the practices, scrimmages and games organized.

We decided to move the B league games to Candy Cane fields this year and we will have some league games at Westside also. I felt it was important to use all of the fields for games and also not to schedule 2 games a night on some fields.