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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report December 2024
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: January 20, 2025

Baseball Program:

It might be hard to fathom, but registration for the Prairie League Baseball program opens February 3rd. Last year we had 23 teams playing baseball/softball and 8 teams in our all-city T-Ball program. With seven youth diamonds at our disposal, we will host many games Monday-Thursday throughout the three park complexes. I have a meeting with all of the other towns in the Prairie League Wednesday. We will be trying to organize a year-end tournament for some of the younger ages to be held at the end of the season. Every town used to have weekend tournaments in past years but with the proliferation of travel ball, those tournaments have suffered. This solution will give many kids that are not on a travel team a chance to experience a tournament. With the amount of fields that we have, Dyersville can host many of these games.

Westside/Candy Cane Lights/Field:

City Staff and I have been busy wiring the ballpark lights at the two fields with new lights. The plan is to finish the wiring in the boxes and test them out shortly. A lift has been rented while the ground is frozen to fix the lights on Westside field #2 & #3. There are five individual lights and a whole bank along the 3rd base side that have been out for years. All of the diamonds' infields have been edged and the piles of lime are ready to be spread in a couple months. We plan on having the fields ready for practice in March. The Westside field #1 dugouts have someone scheduled to put the roofs on the new dugouts and add the fence in front to be ready by then also.

Aquatic Center:

This week I start the process of welcoming back and hiring the staff for the Dyersville Aquatic Center. Both Assistant Managers from last year are moving into career leaning jobs this summer. I will be looking to hire one or two Assistant Managers for the summer. There was a decent number of lifeguards from last year that voiced that they were interested in coming back this summer and a large group of concession stand employees that will be old enough to become lifeguards. I will attend job fairs at the local schools, advertise in the paper and online, and promote word-of-mouth to get an adequate number to staff efficiently in 2025.

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