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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report August 2024
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: September 16th, 2024

Soccer Saturday:

We have made it through week 5 of the Dyersville Soccer League. Everything has run very smoothly thanks especially to Russ Wolfe who runs a great officiating crew. We have one week of regular season left and then we start tournament play. We will crown 10 champions over the 5 divisions as some divisions are divided into gold/silver/bronze brackets. It still amazes me how around 3,000 people can convene at Westside Park for 5 hours every Saturday and how orderly it is. The all-girls league has been a resounding success and there will be discussions on how to move forward with that.

Flag Football:

The opening night of NFL Flag Football was last Monday. It was fun watching all the kids running around learning the game. We play the 3rd/4th grade league on Westside Park field #2 and the 1st/2nd grade league on both Candy Cane diamonds. We moved the younger division because they play 5vs5 instead of 7vs7 that the older division does, which necessitated a smaller field. I was a little concerned about the younger division as the teams were put together later than I would have liked, but after watching Monday, it is amazing how quickly kids learn sports. Both leagues have four teams and will play a 6-game round robin regular season ending October 14th.

Ballpark Netting:

This summer there have been discussions on the safety of our baseball/softball diamonds regarding foul balls directed toward fans facing in the opposite direction. As the number of games our fields have keeps increasing, there will be more desire for that protection. I will gather information and solutions in the coming months from a netting specialist. He is going to give us options and ideas to help generate a plan. I should have more information in the coming months.