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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report April 2025
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: May 19, 2025

Aquatic Center:

The pool has been filled, and the chemical balancing is underway. Thanks to the great work from Terry Recker and Joe Reicher putting the pool to bed last fall, getting the pool ready this year has been trouble-free. The opening day will be Memorial Day, Monday May 26th. All the lifeguards have their certification and are attending in-service training. With over 20 lifeguards this year, we hope to offer some fun activities later in the summer. We are now advertising the new season pass rates and plans. The reception so far has been very positive. Lesson registration happened a couple of weeks ago. With the newer city software, most registrants come from online. Compared to the long lines in city offices from years past, this process has become efficient. All the private lessons were filled in the first week and there are still openings in our group lessons.

Trees Forever Grant:

With the help of the Lions Club and Xavier students, we planted 10 trees in Westside Park on Arbor Day. These trees were planted with the idea of shade for spectators of baseball and soccer. We shared the \$5,000 grant this year with the Commercial Club. They planted a large assortment of trees throughout their park also.

Field of Dreams Tournaments:

The FoD tournaments started last weekend. They will run for 12 weeks with the larger ones attended in June. With the shared agreement with the FoD staff, I will be coordinating equipment and resources every Friday before the games start at noon. I have contracted with Hefel Sanitation to keep the bathrooms tidy throughout the weekend. This year the field maintenance and garbage managing will follow a different script. The Parks Department will work with the FoD crew to help them with strategies and efficiencies.

Westside statues:

The weather and insects finally overcame the baseball and soccer wood carvings greeting visitors to Westside Park. They were very unstable and deemed a safety hazard. The bases were completely rotten, but the busts are still in good shape. Discussions will determine if they can be repurposed.