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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report August 2025
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: September 15th, 2025

Soccer Saturday:

We have made it through week 5 of the Dyersville Soccer League. We have one week left of regular season and then two weeks of playoffs. We will recognize eight champions over 4 divisions on Saturday, October 4th. Weather has been exceptional, and the program is running efficiently. Special shoutout to the Referee Coordinator Russ Wolfe who handles the scheduling and training for our referee crew. He introduced many new faces to his crew this year and takes special care teaching them how to be a professional referee. Because of the high professionalism of the referee team, we don't have problems with coaches and fans. It is a luxury to have such a great referee team every Saturday. The final count is around 900 kids play in our program and usually with fans, Westside Park welcomes 3,000 people every week. Surrounding communities like Delhi, Edgewood and Manchester are recognizing the quality of our league and there might be opportunities to grow in the future.

FoD tournaments:

Sunday finished our collaboration with the Field of Dream tournaments with their 2nd tourney with 12U & 14U softball. Since May 3rd, our fields have hosted 15 weekends of baseball/softball tournaments. That is a tremendous amount of people coming to our parks over the summer. Special thanks to city staff, FoD staff and various vendors who kept the parks and fields in great condition all summer. The main consensus of visitors to our community was the amazement of how well-kept everything was, from the parks to citizens' yards and houses. Sometimes we forget the great teamwork our town coordinates to welcome the many visitors from around the world.

New Playground Equipment:

Now that my fall soccer programming is ending, I am going to focus attention to new playground equipment for Westside Park. I have made good contacts with a few manufacturers and am going to start the process of developing plans for that area. I hope to organize a small group to help design and help look for funding streams. The current equipment there is getting to the end of its life cycle and new equipment would continue the momentum of turning Westside into a vibrant destination for all ages.