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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergarth, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report December 2025
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: January 19, 2026

Baseball/Softball 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 14 teams in our all-city T-Ball program. Prairie League games are played Monday-Thursday and with seven diamonds at our disposal we host numerous games nightly. The Prairie League coordinators met last fall and will meet in the next two weeks to update rules and plans. Last year we held the 1st end-of-year tournament and was unanimously voted on to continue this summer. The tournament will be June 22nd-25th. We also voted to extend the tournament to the baseball A & B leagues and that will be July 6th-9th.

Candy Cane/Westside Ballfields:

We are going to install a batting cage south of the pickleball/bocce courts close to the front Candy Cane diamond. Many teams use that area for warmup, and we decided for safety reasons to have a netted area. We have two cages at Westside and one at the Commercial Club fields. That area was chosen because of the proximity to parking and natural shade.

Included in the grant sent to the Twins organization was money requests for temporary outfield fences, on-deck circles, a new pitching mound for field #1 and for labor to laser the fields and sod. The amount of that work that will be done will be based on the amount of the grant.

Aquatic Center:

This week I start the process of welcoming back and hiring the staff for the Dyersville Aquatic Center. The manager last year, Hayleigh Ries, has decided to come back and I have a decent number of lifeguards/facility assistants that have voiced that also. With full staff, we can start looking at different programming ideas to rejuvenate the Aquatic Center. More parties, night teen swim and more lessons are on the table.

Brazilian Soccer Camp:

The Dyersville Parks & Rec have entered into an agreement with Brazilian United for them to host a 5-day soccer camp August 3rd-7th from 9am-3pm. They will use Westside Park that will already be set up for our soccer league, and it will be open for kids aged 4 to 14. They do many camps around the US every summer, but this will be the 1st ever for them in Iowa. I have talked to three other rec departments about their experience, and they have all been very positive and all

of those communities have them back year after year. They will be paying a per-person fee to use the fields, and I have an agreement with them to host a free coach's clinic for our youth coaches one of the evenings if there are a set number of registrants. Signups and promotions will start in a couple of weeks. The cost for the full five-day camp is a reasonable \$239. There are other options for half days or for 4-6yr olds one day an afternoon.