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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report November 2023
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: December 18, 2023

Track Meet:

Last year we hosted our 1st Live Healthy Iowa Kids track meet at Beckman. We had around 80 participants which was a good number for the initial one. We have decided on a date for the next one. It will be held on Saturday, May 11th at 10am at the Beckman track. I will be looking for around 10 volunteers again and expect our numbers to rise. This is a free event, and the winners and runners up can compete in the state meet held in Marshalltown on June 1st.

National Fitness Campaign:

I have had requests to uncover ideas for recreation for our adult and older members of the community. I have identified and researched a company that designs and builds outdoor fitness courts. The National Fitness Campaign has a mission to bring free outside fitness areas to all Americans within a 10 minute bike ride. They have a grant program and process to utilize local and national health organizations to help fund and promote the campaign. A local group is starting to organize as a committee to connect the community through movement and choices for a healthier life. Sarah Goldsmith, current Park/Rec Commission vice chairperson, is leading this group. We have a meeting on Jan 3rd to determine viability, funding and timelines. There are many of these outdoor "gyms" in Wisconsin and Illinois but so far only Clinton and Emmetsburg this summer are the only towns in Iowa to have one.

Aquatic Center:

With the help of the Park & Rec Commission, I am looking to make a few small changes to the operating hours of the Dyersville Aquatic Center. Based on the changing demographics of our patrons and the labor pool we are trying to be more efficient and also be more adaptable to provide better services. Our goal is to increase the use of the pool and reduce wasted costs. We should have recommendations to you in the next couple of months.