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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report March 2024
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: April 15, 2024

Aquatic Center:

We have hired our two new Assistant Managers, three Head Lifeguards and twelve additional life guards for the 2024 season. The number of lifeguards is the same as last year. We have a higher number of Facility Assistants this year which is great since that is the steppingstone to being a lifeguard in future years. I met with the two Assistant Managers last Sunday and finalized the swimming lesson schedule for this summer. The plan is to open registration for lessons May 7th for Dyersville residents only and May 9th for everyone. Our staff meeting is set for April 28th at 5:00pm.

We rebuilt one of the pumps and motors earlier this year but otherwise the pool is in good shape and ready to be put to use. The plan is to get the pool ready a couple weeks earlier this year to use natural means to help warm the pool water and give adequate time to balance the chemicals.

Baseball/Softball fields:

There are a few enhancements to our baseball/softball facilities happening in the next month. We are putting up a batting cage at Commercial Club Park between the two diamonds by the flagpole. In addition, there will be a new walkway from Aquatic Drive between the two diamonds to the bleachers. This can be used as a starting point to move more of the parking, especially during FoD baseball tournaments, to the two outfield areas. The small parking lot between the youth diamonds and Jenk Field becomes very congested especially the days with activity at the Oak Gardens and the Pavilion.

Bocce Court:

Eagle Scout Grant Demmer is finished with the bocce court. We are adding a concrete edge around the east, south and west side with a sidewalk from the parking lot. There will be a scoreboard and also a sign explaining the rules and about the Eagle Scout project added in the near future. My plan is to have a bocce league later this summer into fall.

Baseball/Softball Prairie League:

Next week starts the first games for the Prairie League. The seven city diamonds are prepped everyday for practice now and will be set up for games next week. According to our online practice schedule, the fields are use for over 50 hours for practice each week. We are scheduled to host over 70 Prairie League games on the diamonds over the 10 week schedule with most

visiting teams coming from surrounding towns. We have 20 more participants scattered across all ages and genders with the largest increase in T-Ball.

Tree Grant/Planting:

The tree planting ceremony is set for Thursday, April 25th at 1pm at Candy Cane Park by the shelter. The \$5,000 grant from the One Million Trees Initiative by Alliant Energy and Trees Forever led us to purchase 26 trees that we will plant with community volunteers across our park system. About 2/3 of the trees will be situated in Candy Cane park around the playground area, bocce ball pit and between the diamonds. The rest will be planted around the diamonds and trails at Westside Park. The Dyersville Lion's Club will be on hand to assist but we would love additional volunteers from the community. We are hoping to use Beckman Catholic students during their Senior day also.