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Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report July 2023
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: August 21, 2023

Field of Dreams Tournaments:

The hosting of the Field of Dreams youth tournaments ended July 30th after 10 weeks of weekend action. Every weekend we hosted tournaments with 14-64 teams on the Dyersville diamonds. Three of the weekends included 13/14 year olds and some of those games were played at Jenk Field, Beckman HS and surrounding communities. The summer staff and myself groomed diamonds over 180 times and hosted approximately 650 games. The FoD staff was more organized this year and had some great interns that helped us out with field maintenance. The partnership is working great. Special thanks to Connor Grover for the last two years of getting up at 530am on the weekends and keeping our parks/fields immaculate. He will be missed next summer.

Aquatic Center:

The Aquatic Center last day was Sunday, August 13 and ended with our annual Doggy Dip with pets allowed to enjoy the pool. Overall, the pool season was a success. The two new managers (Lainey Link and Lexi Kramer) did a great job navigating lifeguarding and managing duties. They are both planning to come back next summer and have some good ideas for improvement. I will take their recommendations and some of mine to the Park and Recreation Commission to discuss changes for 2024. Adult swim times and requirements will be looked over. Also, our goal is to increase attendance next year. Different events, themes and programs will be looked at. Another special thanks to the other Certified Pool Operator Terry Recker who was the main pool technician. The pool was never closed for chemical imbalance or maintenance issues.

Soccer Saturday:

Saturday, August 19th started the annual tradition of "Soccer Saturday." Over 900 kids from around the area will play at Westside Park this year. Our 7 fields will host 40 matches each Saturday. The regular season lasts 6 weeks with playoffs scheduled for September 30th and October 7th. Thanks to Russ Wolfe who organizes all of the referees and keeps control of the action every Saturday. There is a slight shortage on referees this fall since some of our younger referees have moved on. Next spring there will be a push to capture some younger referees. Doing a little research, this year is the 37th edition of the Dyersville Soccer Program.