



## **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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**TO:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager  
**FROM:** Bob Beatty, Director  
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**ITEM TITLE:** Department Report – Parks & Recreation

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### **Forestry Department**

Last fall's watering employee has expressed interest in returning. He did an outstanding job last season.

### **Parks**

Staff have been picking up sticks and getting parks ready for mowing. Oil changes are complete, and equipment is ready to go. We will need to set the bases on the new practice field. The net backstop has arrived and will go up soon. This field will mainly serve the IPRD little league teams and was definitely needed.

### **Recreation Department**

Little league is being advertised currently. Angie has finished up soccer and kickball, and whiffleball is midway through its season.

### **River'sEDGE Facility**

Some River'sEDGE teams have moved practices outside this week due to warmer temperatures. On Monday, we will be setting up the F4/F5 outfield fence and placing bases and mounds. We had 68 teams for our bags tournament, and the night went well. All of the schedules are complete and ready to go.

### **Dog Park**

Dog Park remains busy. The licenses will pick up with the warmer temperatures.

### **Falcon Civic Center**

The FCC remains steady. The new door has been amazing and has cut down on non-member entry after hours. We raised our fees in January, and so far, they have been well received. We are still roughly one-third the cost of other local facilities.

### **Aquatic Center Facility**

We are getting a large group of new lifeguards taking the certification class. We have sent out applications to our former lifeguards, gauging interest. We should have a large group of lifeguards for the upcoming season.

### **RV Park Facility**

RV Park is still mostly full. We have put out a few new rules and will advertise that we are closing for maintenance this winter.

**Complex Facility**

Staff will put the fencing on Fields 4 and 5 on Monday and set bases and mounds on Monday. This week, they have been busy spreading sand in the outfields and working on dirt along sidewalks. As of today, we have 127 teams entered in our own tournaments. We are excited about the summer. We will need to have the concession stand ready to go on April 5.

**Cemetery**

No updates