

## Director's Monthly Report

3/23/26

**Parks/Grounds:** Public Works team has been very busy with funerals and snow removal. They delivered gravel to all previously graveled areas and will spread in the weeks to come before the parks open. They are preparing for elections as well as ballfield prep for RCYBS/RARYS/MAYSA. RCHS Softball may have their first game on our field this Thursday unless their field miraculously dries out. Public Works is looking for donations to finish the dugout fences before the leagues begin to the tune of \$2800, and fundraising continues for the dugout structures.

**Community Center:** We have been booked solid with rentals and have had no maintenance issues this month. Jena, Cheryl and I were CPR certified by MEUW.

**Recreation:** Jena is finalizing the Rec Activity guide and will send it to print this week. There were less ads sold this season, so the price will go up. I am taking my Certified Park & Recreation Professional exam on Wednesday in Madison, and I will need continued education going forward for CEU requirements. I am currently hiring 2-4 Rec Coaches depending on responses from 2 returners. I plan to have 8 full-time staff with a possible part-time floater. City League Basketball finished on Sunday and Six-0-Eight is League Champion, taking out WCCU that was #1 seed in league play. We had a chilly hike on Sunday to welcome Spring and had the biggest crowd yet. Approximately 30-35 people came out to walk with us. We took the river trails from Krouskop Park to Old Mill Pond Park and back and they were mostly dry and walkable. RARYS reported 500 kids signed up this season and RCYBS will be around 200. Our Arbor Day event on April 22<sup>nd</sup> will be filled with free seedling giveaways from the DNR and a Forestry presentation on Natural Landscapes by ordinance. The library will check out relevant books, and we will do a bird feeder craft as well as the Happy Little 5k. The run/walk will be an out and back from the CC to the Arboretum. See planned summer event listing.

**Pool:** The splash pad shade and concrete project will begin tomorrow at 9am and we will do a groundbreaking picture with Rotarians to kick it off. Park Board members are invited. Continued preparations for pool start-up are being done and Wertz was emailed with an April 16<sup>th</sup> request pending. See planned summer event listing.