

Parks and Recreation Report for the Month of June

I attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on June 2nd. The commission was pleased to learn that the tennis courts will be resurfaced this summer.

On June 15, I communicated with Mark Beer from Mounds View to review Lakeside Lions Park financials to date and to set the 2021 budget.

Recreation Supervisor, Wesley Goldberg hired two new seasonal staff members for our newly created low-cost Pop-up summer playground program. The two-summer staff working with the youth program all have experience in youth programming. Markell is working on his Master's in Educational Leadership and works in the education field. Mason is a High School senior who has worked with city playgrounds in the past. The Pop-Up program will allow exploration of recreational activities for youth ages 6-12 along with arts and crafts activities. The flexibility of the program will allow us to visit other parks within the city, to move to a new date if weather issues arise, maintain 6' physical distancing and to maintain the same children in a group during the program.

Activities which were offered in June included a Climate Changing Landscape Seminar, Snapology Virtual Workshop for ages 6-12, cooking class, yoga, Nordic walking, and our first Zoom Mature Driver's course.

Terrace, Able and Sanburnol Parks all had port -o-potties installed for the summer.

At Lakeside Lions Park on July 29th, solo artist, Dan Fernstenou will be performing a variety of music playing many familiar songs for easy listening and/or dancing.

Also, for July we have restarted our free playground program at Able Park for the mornings running Monday – Thursday. Pre-registration is required.

We are still accepting adult softball registrations forms until July 24 with the league beginning August 2. We currently have 10 teams registered compared to 11 last fall.

This concludes the Parks and Recreation report for June.