

Parks and Recreation Department

December 2022 Report

Recreation Programs

- Youth recreational activities offered during the month included:
 - Dance Classes
 - Basketball Programs for young people ages 3-5, 4-6, 6-9
 - Karate
 - Dungeons & Dragons
 - Grandparent and Me art class
 - Winter Break Activities:
 - Conquer Ninja Gym
 - Shoreview Water park
 - Wargo Nature Center
 - Art Classes
- Adult recreational activities held during the month included:
 - Bean Bag Toss League
 - Indoor Pickleball
 - Art painting classes
 - Yoga
 - Travel Show for Extended Tours
 - Day Trip to MN Heritage Center
 - Make and Take Cookie Class
 - Life Size Gnome making Class
 - Adult women's and coed volleyball leagues
 - Book, Bingo and Card Clubs
 - Indoor Walking
 - Lake Superior Loop Tour – SOLD OUT -Waitlist only

Parks

- Able Park Building reconstruction project - Work continues on the doors and frames, walls, insulation, roofing, siding, lighting, and carpentry. Roof insulation, window frames, security camera wiring and HVAC system installed in December. The Staff is working closely with the architects on finalizing wall colors and style cabinets and countertop. Expecting delivery of glass windows third week of January.

- Rinks being flooded by Public Works.
- Aeration public notice for Spring Lake was scheduled to appear in the BSLP Life newspaper per permit requirements. The DNR recommends to annually run the aerator every January until ice melt to maintain the oxygen levels in the lake to support the fish.

Tower Days - June 8-11, 2023

- Musical groups (Jonah and the Whales on Saturday evening and Free and Easy on Sunday evening), Lumberjacks and fireworks vendor contacted and contracts were reviewed
- The Committee's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30pm City Hall. If interested in joining the committee please contact Kay at kokey@slpmn.org

Department Activity

- Staff has taken time between programming to inventory games, crafts, and supplies removed from Able Park storage.
- Staff continue to develop partnerships with local communities on program opportunities - for example Mounds View is now partnering with us on all of our Rev Sports youth basketball and soccer programs. This increases our market base and increases the participation numbers for the activity. Sessions will be held at Mounds View Community Center.
- The Winter Volleyball Leagues that starts in January has 14 Co-Ed teams registered and 11 Women's teams registered. The Volleyball League program was first developed in the fall of 2021 with only 4 co-ed teams.
- Staff have been reconnecting with community senior living apartments and facilities to promote our programs to their residents.
- Director Okey attended the following meetings and events during the month:
 - City Council session
 - Staff team building session
 - Construction meetings on Able Park Building
 - Park and Recreation Commission monthly meeting
 - Staff holiday gathering

Upcoming Activities

- All Winter sessions, programs and activities are available online.
- Polar Trek fitness challenge starts in January
- Snowbuddy scavenger hunt in February. Solve the clue, find Snowbuddy, post picture!

- Sweetheart Dance at HS School Friday, Feb 10. Co - sponsored by SLP Lions
- Easter Egg Hunt April 1
- Registration open for the following extended tours:
 - *oHio* And Then Some - March 13-18, 2023
 - Mystery Tour – May 5-7, 2023
 - Branson Holiday – November 2023