

## **Parks and Recreation Department Report for the Month of October**

We had a rugby club practicing at Terrace Park on Tuesday and Thursday evenings through the first week of November.

I applied for and received our aeration permit for Spring Lake.

Staff ran an information booth at the Spring Lake Park Lions pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 31<sup>th</sup>. Handed out program information and Halloween candy for the kids.

When children have a day off school and parents are at work we offer fun activities for children to enjoy. During October MEA, children enjoyed a day trip to Conquer Ninja Gym and a brand new 2 day Beginning Drawing Camp held at Able Park Building. Many fun activities and outings are scheduled during winter break. Our website has the details and we are already taking registrations.

October activities included Mike Lynch Starwatch program, Red Cross Babysitting Class, 6 different types of dance classes, youth karate classes, youth soccer camps, adult yoga, adult painting, pickleball, Zumba and a day trip to Afton for a chocolate tour. Jamie Cassidy also completed a 4-day extended tour to Chicago with 23 participants.

Staff are working on new website content input and design.

Staff has been working on researching and developing winter and spring activities. They also have been working on the brochure which will go to print December 1<sup>st</sup> with scheduled mailing to homes December 15<sup>th</sup>. A reminder to register early to avoid disappointment as some activities fill up fast.

I attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on October 5. Turkey Shoot volunteers were scheduled. Commission normally meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm however the commissioners decided when City Council is moved to Tuesdays due to a holiday that the Park Commission meeting will start at 6:00pm this will be for the months of January, February, July and September.

Park Commissioners were invited to review in person or via email the proposed Park Master Plan and give input. Their suggestions were given to the architect firm WSB who then prepared the final draft for City Council.

We currently have an open seat on Park Commission, if interested please contact the Recreation Office at City Hall.

We are currently accepting applications for warming house attendants. Please visit our website or give us a call for further information.

Upcoming December programs include Red Cross Babysitting, Frauds and Schemes Presentation, winter break activities – Wirth Park Tubing, Conquer Ninja Gym and Grand Slam, Painting classes, E Sports, and Polar Trek Challenge.

During the month of October, I attended the following meetings:

- Park and Recreation Commission
- City Council Workshop
- City Council

This concludes the Parks and Recreation Report for the month of October.