

Parks and Recreation Department

February 2023 Report

Recreation Programs

- Youth recreational activities offered during the month included:
 - Art Academy – 4-week session
 - Dungeons & Dragons
 - Dance Classes
 - Grandparent and Me art class
 - Rev Sports Basketball 4-week session
 - Sweetheart Dance
- Adult recreational activities held during the month included:
 - North Metro Volleyball League – Women
 - North Metro Volleyball League – Co-rec
 - North Metro Bean Bag League
 - Pickleball Skills Class
 - Art painting classes
 - Yoga
 - Zumba
 - Mature Driver Courses-4-hour Refresher and 8- hour first time student
 - Snowshoeing
 - Jeff Sandino Cooking Class
 - Polar Trek Fitness Challenge
 - Day Trip to History Theater
 - Book, Bingo and Card Clubs
 - Indoor Walking

Parks

- Able Park Building reconstruction project - Work continues on fire alarm system, bathroom tiles and fixtures, counter tops and window sills, security cameras, and WIFI.
- Rinks – maintaining rinks is winding down due to the warmer temperatures.
- Currently there is only one raised garden bed unspoken for this summer.

Tower Days - June 8-11, 2023

- Musical groups (Jonah and the Whales Saturday evening and Free and Easy Sunday evening), Lumberjacks and fireworks are contracted to return.
- Preparation continues for events and activities. Inflatables, water wars, kiddie train and bungee trampoline contracts were received. Finalized details on fun run, parade, and parade reception. Parade judges needed.

- New event on Friday evening Puzzlepalooza – jigsaw contest.
- Donations from SLP Lions were received and greatly appreciated for their continued support both financially and with volunteers.
- The Committee’s next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30pm in City Hall. If interested in joining the committee, please contact Kay at kokey@slpmn.org
- As events and activities are confirmed, they will be posted on www.slprec.org website.

Parks & Recreation Commission

- Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. If interested in joining, please visit our website for additional details on the duties and responsibilities of a Commissioner. <https://slprec.org/parksrec/page/volunteer-0>
- The Commission approved the installation of a Free Little Library at Lakeside Lions Park. The library was donated by the SLP Lions and will be maintained by members.

Department Activity

- Staff have been reconnecting with community senior living apartments and facilities to promote our programs to their residents.
- Staff is working on summer program development, seasonal hires and catalog development.
- Director Okey attended the following meetings and events during the month:
 - City Council session
 - Department Head meeting
 - City Hall renovation meetings
 - Construction meetings on Able Park Building
 - Park and Recreation Commission monthly meeting
 - Tower Days Planning Meeting

Upcoming Activities

- Youth Softball Registrations open. Early bird registration ends March 22
- Youth Spring Break Days: Edinborough Park, MN Children’s Museum, Zero Gravity
- Easter Egg Hunt April 1
- Registration open for the following extended tours:
 - Mystery Tour – May 5-7, 2023 and Branson Holiday – November 2023
 - Collette Tours – Sunny Portugal, Costa Rica, Holland, Hawaii