

# Parks and Recreation Department

## June 2025 Report

### Parks

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- Music in the Park: We have a few weather issues this year. We moved the first concert to the school and the June 25 concert was cancelled 😞
- Upcoming Music in the Park: July 23 Me & Todd and Aug 6 Everett Smith
- Rentals: This is our first June with using ActiveNet for Rentals, we are seeing an increase in rentals for building space and picnic shelters. Some of these were not charged events – such as Lighthouse end of year party and a graduation party that was double booked.
  - Able Park Building: 5x in June
  - Able Park Picnic: 2x in June
  - Able Park Fields: 2x in June
  - Laddie Room: 1x in June
  - Laddie & Spring Room: 1x in June
  - Sunrise Room: 1x in June
  - Terrace Park Picnic Shelter: 2x in June
  - Lakeside Lions Softball Fields: 9x (Youth Athletic Association)
- Terrace Park Playground – is being used and we are receiving great reviews and request for more updates to other parks.
- Adopt-a-Flower Garden Program – each year residents may volunteer to maintain a flower garden in one of the parks. If interested please fill out form: <https://slprec.org/parksrec/webform/adopt-flower-garden-interest-form>
- Adopt-a-Drain Program -residents may adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood to help keep our waterways clean. Register at: <https://adopt-a-drain.org/>

## Department Activity

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- Recreation Supervisor Clare traveled with Anne on her first extended trip around Lake Michigan. The trip was great with perfect weather – even warmer than normal weather.
- Tower Days – we completed the event with a solid turn out and are already planning for 2026
  - We want to Thank Public Works for there help in setting up and tearing down. They were especially helpful to me this year as I learned.
  - Thank you to SLP Police and SBM Fire for helping during the festivities.
  - SLP Lions Thank you so much for your sponsorship and support of this amazing community event.
  - The event can't run with out volunteers, we want to thank all our volunteers for helping run the check in tent, games and random things throughout the weekend.
- Able Park Programs: We kicked off the summer with our Able Park Programs. We changed a few things for the 2025 summer session, such as the time in which programs runs, making the free program a drop-in event vs registration. Both these changes have been well received.
- We completed our second extended trip of the year. This Lake Michigan Tour led us to through Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. 3 of the top stops during our trip were: Mackinac Island, Badger Ferry Crossing and Palms Books State Park & Fayette State Park.
- I participated in the SLP High School Leadership Camp this year, and are working with engaging those students with the city.
- Director Scanlon attended the following meetings and events during June:
  - Training Clare on Extended Tours
  - Park and Recreation Commission monthly meeting
  - Tower Days Planning Meeting
  - Department Head Meeting
  - City Council Session
  - Anoka County Adaptive Programming Committee
  - Weekly Park and Rec Staff Mtg
  - SLP High School Leadership Camp