

Parks and Recreation Department

January 2023 Report

Recreation Programs

- Youth recreational activities offered during the month include:
 - Art Academy – 4-week session
 - Karate
 - Dungeons & Dragons
 - Dance Classes
 - Grandparent and Me art class
 - Family Snow Day at Able Park
 - Rev Sports Basketball 4-week session
- Adult recreational activities held during the month included:
 - North Metro Volleyball League – Women- 5 teams registered with SLP, a total of 11 teams
 - North Metro Volleyball League – Co-rec – 4 teams registered with SLP, a total of 14 teams
 - Pickleball Skills Class
 - Art painting classes
 - Yoga
 - Selling Your Home Seminar
 - How to use Uber for Transportation
 - Cross Country Skiing
 - Medicare 101
 - Social Media education sessions:
 - Polar Trek Fitness Challenge
 - Evening Trip to Orpheum Theater
 - Day Trip to Church Basement Ladies Performance
 - Extended Tour – Collette Travels - Hawaii
 - Book, Bingo and Card Clubs
 - Indoor Walking

Parks

- Able Park Building reconstruction project - Work continues on doors and windows. Furnace arrived and will be installed in February. Indoor paneling is to be installed in February. Interior painting, bathroom tile and fixture installation are due to be completed in the next month.
- Rinks are being flooded by Public Works.
- The Park and Recreation Commission approved SLP Troop 714's request to create and maintain a small Kindness Rock Garden at Lakeside Lions Park. The garden will be kept

inside a planter area and does not affect park maintenance. Please visit the website below to gain a better understanding of the project.

<https://www.thekindnessrocksproject.com/>

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 are contracted to return.
- Donations from SLP Lions received and greatly appreciated for their continued support both financial and with volunteers. Additional sponsorship letters were sent at end of January.
- The Committee's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30pm 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.

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
 - Construction meetings on Able Park Building
 - Park and Recreation Commission monthly meeting
 - Park and Recreation Commission 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
- Snowshoeing
- Jason Sow Live Audience, Lunch & Museum
- First Time – Mature Driver's
- Travel Show March 7 10:00am for upcoming Collette travel tours to Portugal, Croatia, Holland, Costa Rica and Hawaii
- Registration open for the following extended tours:
 - Mystery Tour – May 5-7, 2023 and Branson Holiday – November 2023