Parks and Recreation Report for the month of March 2020

I attended the Park and Recreation Commission Meeting on March 10th. Plans for softball were underway. Able Park basketball court will be evaluated for resurfacing this spring. Councilmember Lisa Dircks attended the Commission meeting to help brainstorm ideas for recruiting new commission members. I would like to thank her for her time and commitment to the Park Commission.

Activities which were offered in March included a Day Trip to Paramount Theater in St. Cloud where 35 participants listened to Frank Sinatra tribute music.

Wesley Goldberg led a group of 10 youth to Conquer Ninja Gym for a spring break day trip on March 9th. Then on March 12th, Wesley led 9 youth to Wargo Nature Center for a day of maple syrup making and survival skills.

Jessica Abt hosted 31 senior citizens for a pastries and coffee with local photographer and storyteller Doug Ohman presenting on MN State Parks.

Additional programs offered in March included dance, Italian cooking, Firearm Safety, Finance, karate and senior Book Club and cards.

The COVID-19 pandemic began in earnest for the Recreation Department mid-March as we began to cancel and postpone programs and events through the end of May.

An additional note, the Recreation Department Staff is working hard on creating new virtual recreation opportunities that residents can view on Facebook, our website and Instagram.

We are still taking reservations for raised beds at Sanburnol Park, the form is available on our website. www.slprec.org