

## Recreation Department Report for the Month of July

I attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on July 6. The commission reviewed their involvement in Tower Days and made recommendations for 2022.

Activities which were held in July included: Able Park youth activities, along with two youth special events: Raptor Center Presentation, Outdoor Survival Skills Program. A third program was scheduled at Bunker Beach however it was the only day of heavy rain during July. The new sport programs of volleyball, soccer and flag football for ages 2-4, 4-6 and 8-12 have been well attended. Other programs included dance classes, youth and adult softball, senior card club, walking club, Dine and Dance Music in the Park and a day trip to the Mississippi River for a lunch cruise. This is the first day trip in over 16 months and we had 31 participants.

Youth softball season has come to an end. Thank you to Lions Club for offering concessions at Sanburnol Park. Also, a big thank you to our Public Works staff and seasonal workers who worked to prepare the parks for the summer and the tournament.

Adult Softball Summer season came to an end on July 17 with an end of season tournament. Fall League began August 7th.

Staff worked on the fall recreation program which will go out to homes the middle of August. This catalog will list programs for September and October with the next catalog being distributed in October for the November and December program offerings. Staff met with website developers at two sessions to develop the Parks and Recreation microsite. I visited with 3 of our 6 volunteer groups at their assigned park, and thanked them for their service. You may see their picture and a brief statement on each volunteer on our Facebook Page.

Three outdoor refillable water bottle and drinking water stations have been ordered for Able and Lakeside Lions Park. Funding is from a SHIP grant in the amount of \$10,000.

A donated memorial bench has been ordered for Triangle Park, in memory of Pat Frischmon.

Mara Olden, part time Support Specialist started her position on July 14. The Recreation Department is fully staffed for the first time since March 2020.

In July, I also attended the following:

Council meetings on July 6 and 19

Department Meeting on July 7.

Upcoming activities for August include Red Cross Babysitters Course for ages 11-17, adult yoga, women's canoeing workshop and a pickleball league.

This concludes the July report.