

Parks and Recreation Department

March 2022 Report

Recreation Programs

- Recreational activities which were held in March included: Classes in dance, cooking painting, karate along with Red Cross Babysitting, basketball sessions, soccer sessions, Pickleball, Yoga, Zumba, Retirement Seminar and an adult day trip with 24 participants.
- Staff finalized the spring-summer catalog which will be mailed to residents mid-April.
- Co-Rec Youth Softball participants continue to register. Youth may register in the following leagues 7U, 10U, 13U and 17U. The Recreation Staff did an additional marketing push to increase the 17U numbers which are below normal at this time of year.
- Adult Softball League will begin April 24 with registration open until April 15.
- Staff continue to take daily registrations for all programs:
 - Adult Enrichment and Sports
 - Youth Activities and Sports
 - Day Trips
 - Extended Tours –Medora, North Dakota Tour: June 15-18, Mackinac Island September 29 – October 2, Stillwater October 21-22, Kansas City -November 30-December 5, Shades of Ireland

Parks

- Field Rentals have been received for Lakeside Lions Park and Able Park by outside youth organizations with reservations starting in April
- Adopt-A-Flower Program volunteers may register to tend the flowers in the parks. Several volunteers are returning from last year and we wish to thank them for their hard work. The flower beds looked fantastic last year even during a drought.
- Adopt-A-Storm Drain Program – new this year, residents may register to adopt a storm drain through a national program.
- Community Garden Raised Beds – Raised garden beds at Sanburnol are available for the community to rent. Contact the Recreation Department for details.
- Staff met with the Wendel architecture firm to review the first options on the reconstruction designs of Able Park. The staff reviewed the options and made recommendations. Next step is to review these changes. Once final changes have been made and one option is

selected then Wendel Firm will price out the cost of reconstruction. The final costs will go before council before any construction is started.

- The Terrace Park shelter delivery date is expected at the end of May.
- Able Park basketball court reconstruction will be scheduled for late spring.

Tower Days

- The committee, consisting of 11 community members, meets the last Tuesday of the month. 6:30pm at City Hall.
- New for 2022
 - 2-mile fun run to kick off the parade. Register at www.slprec.org
 - Saturday afternoon and evening activities including music by Lori Dokken and Jonah and the Whales
 - Fireworks moved to Saturday night following Jonah and the Whales
 - Bingo will be at Lakeside Lions both Saturday and Sunday afternoon
 - Car Show will be held at Kraus-Hartig VFW on Sunday from 10:00am – 3:00pm \$5.00 entry fee

Preparation continues for the parade, craft and business fair, Sunday activities include the Lumberjacks, bungee trampoline, food trucks, table top carnival games and giant slide.

Department Activity

- I attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on March 1, at which time the commissioners approved the color of the roof for the new picnic shelter at Terrace Park. The color will match the gazebo at Triangle Park.
- I attended City Council session on March 7 and 21.
- I attended the Tower Days Committee Meeting on March 29.
- Staff continued to monitor safety recommendations from MDH and CDC.

Upcoming Programs

Upcoming programs that are still taking registrations include:

- Medicare 101
- E Sports
- Dance Classes
- Yoga Classes
- Cooking Classes
- Art Classes
- Youth Basketball and soccer
- Youth Softball
- Day trip to Day Trippers Theater