
AGENDA

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AGENDA ITEMS

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- 3.** Soccer Rules
- 4.** Kindergarten Soccer Fields
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- 6.** All Girls Soccer Program - 3rd/4th Grade
- 7.** All Girls Soccer Program - Senior League
- 8.** Westside Playground Equipment Update
- 9.** Commission Member Comments
- 10.** Set Next Meeting Date

ADJOURNMENT



PARKS & RECREATION

Lower Level Council Chambers
 Wednesday, November 19, 2025
 6:00 PM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by Matt Ungs at 6:01 P.M.

PRESENT

Jason Lang, Sarah Goldsmith, Casey Frye, Matt Ungs, Tim Kronlage (arrived at 6:17 P.M.), Eric Oberbroeckling

ABSENT

Jon Scherbring

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ungs asked for review and approval of the agenda. Motion made by Lang, seconded by Oberbroeckling.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Frye, Ungs, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Approve** Meeting Minutes - October 27, 2025

Ungs asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Lang, seconded by Frye.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Frye, Ungs, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

2. **Receive & File** Director's Report - October 2025

Ungs asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Frye, seconded by Lang.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Frye, Ungs, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried

3. **Park Improvements**

a) **Playgrounds**

When it has rained, there were puddles at Candy Cane Park. They regraded this location to avoid future water issues and reseeded the grass. Huehnergarth has purchased new seats for all the swings at Candy Cane Park. He also plans to purchase new seats for Westside as well. These have not been installed yet.

b) Ballfields

The three ballfields at Westside get a great deal of traffic over the season in front of the dugouts. Huehnergath would like to purchase turf batting circles to help with the wear and tear of the grass and the rest would be limed. He plans to seek a grant for this through the Minnesota Twins.

Also, we are looking at installing a concrete pad and turf for the batting cages. Decker Concrete is doing some work for the Field of Dreams so maybe we can piggyback on their project to make it cheaper. The batting cages are 85' so we would be able to put in a divider to have two distinct practice areas. With 2 batting cages, we will have 4 areas to practice. The concrete pads will extend outside of the batting cages. There will also be weights on the bottom of the net door to avoid it from blowing.

Ungs also suggested that we just put lime everywhere with no grass at all. Huehnergath thinks they look better with grass. Oberbroeckling asked if they were ever going to put permanent fences down at Candy Cane. Maybe down the road we can do it. Goldsmith asked about the bleacher shade to protect from foul balls. Huehnergath said we may do something with Clear Span (FarmTek). Huehnergath also said that raising the netting behind the backstop may solve the problem. We just need to be careful that it's not too tall that the wind takes it down.

Motion made by Lang, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Frye, Ungs, Oberbroeckling

4. New Playground Equipment

Huehnergath stated that we can't really discuss this topic until we have more information from the possible donor. A banker is speaking with the donor at this time. The mayor has been talking to the banker as well. The commission is wondering if it would help to show the donor our ideas. Once we are sure that the donor is in, Huehnergath will have a meeting with them. If this donor falls through, the commission feels like it is a needed item that we should look at fundraising or doing a capital campaign of some type.

Motion made by Frye, seconded by Lang.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Frye, Ungs, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

5. Soccer Improvements

a) Survey

Huehnergath sent out a survey regarding the soccer program and it has been up for about 1 1/2 weeks. He has received about 145 responses. He asked some opened ended questions. Some of the things people liked were: the variety of teams; games were on time and efficient; all kids get to play; coaches were great; competitive; all games were played at the same place; all the towns come together; and they liked the All Girls League.

The areas that need improvement are: the younger refs need better training; the teams that make the Gold Bracket should have a consolation game for the teams that would be in 3rd/4th place; smaller roster size; better distribution for 1st/2nd grade; Senior League was a little intense, possibly divide girls & boys; play-off time changes on the schedule were frustrating (They had to change the game times because coaches had multiple teams at different age levels. Next time we will not list a time until we know who is playing.); and they want to only allow 2 coaches per team. It was also discussed to have a 3rd/4th grade All Girls team.

The things kids liked the best was the good competition; play-offs; playing with kids they didn't know before; and playing with kids that speak spanish.

b) New Ideas

Huehnergath would like to have scoreboards for each field. We could possibly make them out of PVC. He is checking into this. Unga recommended not having it for the Kindergarten or 1st/2nd grade levels because these scores can become quite lopsided.

No fans between fields by kids. Putting coaches boxes out so they aren't all over.

It was previously asked how other towns run their sign-ups. Huehnergath looked into this and all of them are run through their City Halls, except Clayton Ridge & New Vienna, which each have one team. Peosta has a keeper league, where kids stay on the same team and additional kids are added as kids age out. With Epworth/Farley, Jason Wernimont divides up the team. They do not have a lot of kids from Farley. They may need to advertise so they can get a Farley team and an Epworth team. Everyone agreed that once the draft happens, there should be no late sign-ups.

Motion made by Lang, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Frye, Unga, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

6. Aquatic Center

The aquatic center revenue/expenses were included. Huehnergath felt that the Capital Improvements should be a depreciable asset to make it more realistic. Passes are guaranteed revenue – it doesn't matter how often they go to the pool. We had more adults obtain individual passes. We plan to advertise better next year. In addition, we will encourage more pool parties by advertising that smaller groups are a lower cost and also accept parties in August. We have the same manager coming back next year, which will be helpful. It was asked if we had much traffic from out of town ball teams and the answer was "no".

Motion made by Frye, seconded by Lang.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Frye, Unga, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

7. Commission Member Comments

Huehnergath would like members of the commission to let us know in advance if they would like items on the agenda.

8. Set Next Meeting Date for Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 P.M. on a Motion made by Lang, seconded by Goldsmith.

Voting Yea: Lang, Goldsmith, Frye, Unga, Kronlage, Oberbroeckling

Motion Carried



Sandy Oberbroeckling

November 19, 2025

Date

Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report November 2025
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: December 15th, 2025

Westside Park Ballfields:

At my end-of-year inspection I have identified a couple of improvements needed for the Westside Park ballfields. The two batting cage nets are in bad shape with numerous holes and tears. Last summer I witnessed a few fans getting hit with balls escaping the cages. Also, the lime base tended to puddle during the wet summer. We are looking into putting in a raised concrete base and add turf on the base. The new batting cage nets will have two sections since our tunnels are long enough. One will be for live batting practice, and the other section will be for tee work or soft toss.

The second fix is for the sod that is between the dugouts and home plate. The three fields are unique as they have grass in between the dugouts and the playing surface. It has been that way for as long as I can remember, but with the increasing number of games the area from the dugout opening to home plate is worn out and probably never will grow grass. The plan is to add a turf or lime area for the on-deck circle and a lime pathway to home plate. That will direct the batters where to warm up and the path to home plate. It will frame the field and keep the remaining grassy areas healthy. Ironically, there is a grant I will apply for through the Minnesota Twins organization for this.

Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Meet:

The Live Healthy track meet is tentatively scheduled for May 13th next year. In the three years, we have moved our participants from 50 to 130. We ended up the 3rd highest out of 21 other sites for runners, and I think the move to a Wednesday night helped. I am going to work to keep all Dyersville baseball/softball games for that night to be rescheduled in advance to open it up for everyone without missing a baseball/softball game. With over 100 participants I am going to ask for volunteers in advance as I see this continuing to grow and become a nice regional event for years to come.

Kindergarten Dyersville Soccer League

1. RULES OF PLAY

- A. Number of players: The maximum number of players on the field at any one time is Seven. A team may start with or play down to five (5) players without forfeiture of the game. One of these players is the goalie, he will not be required to wear a different colored shirt.
- B. Duration of game: The game will consist of four (4) 10-minute periods with two-minute breaks between the first and second periods and the third and fourth periods. There will also be a five-minute half-time break.
- C. Field size: The field will be rectangular, its length 50 yards by a width of 30 yards.
- D. Goalsize: 4.5ft x 9ft x 4ft
- E. Ball size: The game ball used shall be a No.3 sized ball.
- F. Offside: No Offside
- G. Throw-ins: Conform to Iowa High School rules except that a second throw-in will be allowed if the player makes an improper throw-in (i.e. lifts one foot, etc). If the second attempt is improper, the opposing team will receive the ball for the throw-in play. Both feet must be behind the line.
- H. Corner kicks: Conform to Iowa High School rules except that opponents must be five(5) yards off the ball.
- I. Goal kicks: Conform to Iowa High School rules.
- J. Free kicks: Conform to Iowa High School rules except the Penalty line shall be marked at 6 yards in front of each goal.
- K. Penalty kicks: Conform to Iowa High School rules except the Penalty line shall be marked at 6 yards in front of each goal.
- L. Red and Yellow cards are not issued in this league. Any intentional fouls like Kicking, Pushing, Holding, Jumping, Charging, Tripping, Obstruction, Dangerous play (i.e. High kicks, rough or violent play) unsportsmanlike conduct (i.e. Spitting, Profanity, Taunting) are not tolerated.
- M. Heading: Children of this age should be discouraged from heading the ball.

II. SUBSTITUTION RULES

- A. Player substitution: Substitutions can be made at any time during the game but is best to do it during time outs or at the start of each quarter or if a player is injured.
- B. Playing time: Each player should be playing at least half of the game. In this age group you may have a player who does not want to play, please advise the player parent and opposing coach of the situation.
- C. Maximizing playing opportunity: Player participation should be maximized. It is a goal of the Dyersville Soccer League that playing time is maximized for

ALL players, not just the very skilled. The free substitutions rule is an aid to assist the coaches to achieve this goal.

E. Line up cards: Line up cards are not used in the Dyersville Soccer League

III. PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

- A. Footwear: Shall conform to Iowa High School rules with the following exceptions:
Footwear shall include tennis shoes or soft cleated soccer shoes.
- B. Shin Guards: All players are encouraged to play with shin-guards and they must be covered by at least one layer of a sock.
- C. Jewelry: There shall be NO jewelry worn by any participants. Children should refrain from having their ears pierced during the season.
- D. Uniform: All players must wear their official team shirt issued for that season. Shirt is the property of the player and they are encouraged to wear them during leisure and practice times.
- E. Casts: Casts may be worn if they are safely padded, the player has to have a licensed physician's approval to play with a cast, and it's not dangerous to him/herself or anyone else.
- F. Hats cannot be worn during the game. Stocking caps and ear protection during cold weather is acceptable.

IV. REFEREES

- A. Referees: Coaches will referee the game. Each team is to supply one coach that will be on the field. Other coaches and timekeeper are to remain on sidelines.
- B. Lines Person: are not required, but any adult or assistant coach can assist
- C. Time clock is to be run by assistant coach or parent.

1st & 2nd Grade Dyersville Soccer League

1. RULES OF PLAY

- A. Number of players: The maximum number of players on the field at any one time is **Seven**. A team may start with or play down to five players without forfeiture of the game. One of these players is the goalie; he will wear a different colored shirt.
- B. Duration of game: The game will consist of four (4) 10-minute periods with two- minute breaks between the first and second periods and the third and fourth periods. There will also be a five-minute half-time break.
- C. Field size: The field will be rectangular, its length 60 yards by a width of 30 yards.
- D. Goal size: 8.5' x 18'
- E. Ball size: The game ball used shall be a No.4 sized ball.
- F. Offside: No Offside
- G. Throw-ins: Conform to Iowa High School rules except that a second throw-in will be allowed if the player makes an improper throw-in (i.e. lifts one foot, etc). If the second attempt is improper, the opposing team will receive the ball for the throw- in play. Both feet must be behind the line. **Note: no second chance is given during Tournament Play.**
- H. Corner kicks: Conform to Iowa High School rules rule except that opponents must be eight (8) yards off the ball.
- I. Goal kicks: Conform to Iowa High School rules. The ball is live as soon as it is played, the ball does not need to clear the penalty area.
- J. Free kicks: Conform to Iowa High School rules except the Penalty line shall be marked at 10 yards in front of each goal.
- K. Penalty kicks: Conform to Iowa High School rules except the Penalty line shall be marked at 10 yards in front of each goal.
- L. Red and Yellow cards are not issued in this league. Any intentional fouls like Kicking, Pushing, Holding, Jumping, Charging, Tripping, Obstruction, Dangerous play (i.e. High kicks, rough or violent play) unsportsmanlike conduct (i.e. Spitting, Profanity, Taunting) are not tolerated.
- M. **Heading: Children of this age should be discouraged from heading the ball.**
- N. One coach per team is allowed on the field; however they may not enter the penalty box area or obstruct play.

2. SUBSTITUTION RULES

- A. Player substitution: Substitutions can be made at any time during the game but is best to do it during time outs or at the start of each quarter or if a player is injured.
- B. Playing time: **Each player should be playing at least half of the game.** In this age group you may have a player who does not want to play, please advise the player parent and opposing coach of the situation.
- C. Maximizing playing opportunity: Player participation should be maximized. It is a goal of the Dyersville Soccer League that playing time is maximized for ALL players, not just the very skilled. The free substitutions rule is an aid to assist the coaches to achieve this goal.
- E. Line up cards: Line up cards are not used in the Dyersville Soccer League

III. PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

- A. Footwear: Shall conform to Iowa High School rules with the following exceptions:
Footwear shall include tennis shoes or soft cleat soccer shoes.
- B. Shin Guards: All players are encouraged to play with shin-guards and they must be covered by at least one layer of a sock.
- C. Jewelry: There shall be NO jewelry worn by any participants. Children should refrain from having their ears pierced during the season.
- D. Uniform: All players must wear their official team shirt issued for that season. Shirt is the property of the player and they are encouraged to wear them during leisure and practice times.
- E. Casts: Casts may be worn if they are safely padded, the player has to have a licensed physician's approval to play with a cast, and it's not dangerous to him/herself or anyone else.
- F. Hats cannot be worn during the game. Stocking caps and ear protection during cold weather is acceptable.

IV. REFEREES

- A. Referees: Dyersville Soccer Leagues Officials will assign referees to each game. As a general rule, our officials in the younger grades are just getting started and need your support and cooperation. If you have a complaint or notice an obvious deficiency in the official knowledge or understanding of the rules of soccer, please notify Dyersville Soccer League Official Organizer, President or Parks Director.
- B. B. Please do not repeatedly confront the official. Any spectator that is confronting an official will be asked to leave the field and play will be stopped until the spectator is no longer present. Any spectator or coach that has been removed from a game is not allowed to attend their teams next game. Any team that has multiple spectators / coaches removed during the same game will result in a forfeit of the game.

Dyersville Soccer League 3rd & 4th – 5th & 6th – 7th & 8th Grade

I. RULES OF PLAY

A. Number of players: The maximum number of players on the field at any one time is eleven (11) for 7th/8th and 5th/6th Grade. In 3rd/4th Grade, the maximum number of players is nine (9). A team may start with or play down to 7 players without forfeiting the game. One of these players is the goalie, he or she will wear a different color shirt, and shirts are stored in shed.

There is no head bunting in 3rd & 4th or 5th & 6th Grade soccer.

B. Players can only play in their league. (example: a 3rd & 4th grade player cannot play in the 1st & 2nd or 5th & 6th grade leagues).

C. Duration of the game:

1. 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th Grades: two (2) 22-minute periods (continual running clock), with a five-minute half-time break and five minutes between games.
2. 7th & 8th Grades: two (2) 30-minute periods (continual running clock), with a five-minute half-time break and 5 minutes between the games.
3. It is the coach's responsibility to get games started and finished on time.

D. Field size:

1. 3rd & 4th grade field is 280' x 185'
2. 5th & 6th grade field is 330' x 195'
3. 7th & 8th grade field is 360' x 205'.

E. Ball size:

1. 3rd & 4th grade leagues will use a #4 ball.
2. 5th & 6th grade leagues will use a #5 ball.
3. 7th & 8th grade leagues will use a #5 ball.

F. Offside: Conforms to Iowa High School Rules. A summary description follows. A player is considered to be in an offside position when they are closer to their opponent's goal than at least two of their opponents unless the ball is in front of them or they are on their half of the field. One opponent is usually the goalkeeper so, practically speaking, a player is in the offside position when they are behind the last defender. There is no penalty or foul for merely being in an offside position. A player will be declared offside and penalized for being in an offside position at the

moment a ball is kicked by a teammate, and they receive the kicked ball or their position gains advantage for their team. A player not in an offside position at the time the ball is kicked may run past one or both of the last two defenders to receive or touch the ball legally. A complete and technical definition of offside can be found in a High School Soccer Rule Book. A player is not offside if he is not part of the action.

G. Throw-ins: Conform to Iowa High School rules except that both feet must be behind the lines. (no second chances are allowed)

H. Corner kicks: Conform to Iowa High School Rules and opponents must be ten (10) yards off the ball.

I. Goal kicks: Conform to Iowa High School Rules

J. Free kicks: Conform to Iowa High School Rules (the Penalty line is marked at 10 yards in front of each goal.)

K. Penalty kicks: Conform to Iowa High School Rules (the Penalty line shall be marked at 10 yards in front of each goal.)

L. Coaches and player not playing can only be on their side of the field and end of field. The substitution box will separate the teams.

M. Spectators must be on opposite side of field from the players.

N. No one is allowed in triangle area on ends of field.

O. Coaches are to meet after the game to fill out one game result form. Results are to be placed in box in the shed.

II. SUBSTITUTION RULES

A. 3rd & 4th at half time or any dead ball situation. This includes goalie, (goalie should be ready so not to delay game)

B. 5th & 6th, 7th & 8th at half or at a dead ball when you have possession. If possession team substitute them the other team may substitute

C. Playing time: Each player **MUST** play at least half of the game.

D. Maximizing playing opportunity: Player participation should be maximized. It is the major goal of Dyersville Soccer League that playing time is maximized for ALL players, not just the very skilled.

E. All substitution must be in box and get the official attention. Substitutions cannot enter the game until referee gives the approval.

F. Line up cards: Line up cards are not used in Dyersville Soccer league

G. 5th and 6th, 7th and 8th all teams will always have two females on the field. If there aren't two available, the team will play short a player(s).

III. PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

A. Footwear: Shall conform to Iowa High School rules with the following exceptions: Footwear shall include tennis shoes or soft-cleat soccer shoes. Soft-cleat baseball shoes are acceptable to wear, player has option to remove front spike. (Front spike limits the players' ability in playing soccer)

B. Shin Guards: All players shall play with shin-guards and they must be covered by at least one layer of a sock.

C. Jewelry: There shall be NO jewelry worn by any participants. Children should refrain from having their ears pierced during the season.

D. Uniform: All players must wear their official Sponsor team shirt issued for that season. Shirt is the property of player and they are encouraged to wear them during leisure and practice times. Coach may suggest a color of short to wear with shirt.

E. Stocking: all players on same team are requested to wear the same color sock.

F. Caps: Baseball hats or any other hat cannot be worn during the game. Stocking caps or ear covers can be worn during cold weather.

G. Casts: Casts may be worn if they are safely padded, the player has a licensed physician's approval to play with a cast, and it's not dangerous to player or anyone else.

H. Game balls are stored in the shed.

I. Corner flags for field are stored in shed, coaches of first game are to place flags on field and coaches of last game to remove them and place back in shed.

IV. REFEREES

A. Referees: Dyersville Soccer Leagues Officials will assign referees to each game. As a general rule, our officials in the younger grades are just getting started and need your support and cooperation. If you have a complaint or notice an obvious deficiency in the official knowledge or understanding of the rules of soccer, please notify Dyersville Soccer League Official Organizer, President or Parks Director.

B. Please do not repeatedly confront the official.

C. Lines person: are supplied and will be on each side of field. Players, coaches and fans are to be back about 1 to 2 yards to allow free movement of the line referees

D. No-Show: If a game is set to begin play and the referee is not in attendance, the head coaches should agree on volunteer referee (s) and play the game. If no agreement to play can be reached, the coaches may request to reschedule the game. However, the coaches must understand that a reschedule will be impossible in most cases.

E. Yellow and Red Cards: Any player receiving two yellow cards, or one red card is suspended for the rest of the game and the next game. Referee's decision is final. All red cards are to be reported to President and/or City Parks and Recreation Director. Some Fouls that cause you to receive a red or yellow card are intentional Kicking, Pushing, Holding, Jumping, Charging, Tripping, Obstruction, Dangerous play (i.e. High kicks, rough or violent play) unsportsmanlike conduct (i.e. Spitting, Profanity, Taunting) and handing the ball with hands. Player, coach, or parent can be suspended one game; next offence is a suspension for the season.

F. Yellow Cards: two yellow cards equal one red card.