
AGENDA

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Approve** Meeting Minutes - December 11, 2024
- 2. Receive & File** Director's Report - November 2024
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- 4. Review** Meeting Process
- 5.** Process for late sign-ups for recreational programs
- 6.** Registration dates for open and close for each sport
- 7.** 9 - square in the air playground equipment for Westside Park
- 8.** Shade structure purchase
- 9.** Soccer substitution rules
- 10.** Commission Member Comments
- 11.** Set Next Meeting Date

ADJOURNMENT



PARKS & RECREATION

Lower Level Council Chambers
 Wednesday, December 11, 2024
 6:00 PM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by Sarah Goldsmith at 6:04 P.M.

PRESENT

Jason Lang, Jon Scherbring, Sarah Goldsmith, Casey Frye, Matt Ungs

ABSENT

Megan Scherrman, Nathan Huebner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Goldsmith asked for review and approval of the agenda. Motion made by Ungs, seconded by Frye.

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

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Approve** Meeting Minutes - November 13, 2024

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

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

Motion Carried

2. **Receive & File** Director's Report - October 2024

No comments.

3. Aquatic Center – Games

Huehnergath researched non-permanent recreation items for the grassy area that used to be a sand volleyball area. He wants fun recreational items to keep kids occupied and encourage them to stay at the pool longer. He was looking for items that are inexpensive and that would be good for children ages 6 - 10 years. The items that he found were: Shoot A Hoop, Ladder Toss, Tether Ball, Triple Shot, and Corn Hole. Huehnergath feels we would have room for 3 items. Some of the items can be made of concrete. This would make it so the items would not be moved or removed. Goldsmith asked about a volleyball square net. Huehnergath didn't think the netting would last very long. Goldsmith also asked about a 9 square game similar to one they have at Camp Little Cloud. Huehnergath wasn't sure you'd always have 9 kids that would want to play. All of the members thought that the Shoot A Hoop was a great idea and we should

purchase 2 of them. Ladder Toss was not recommended because they thought the kids might throw the balls on strings at other kids. The commission would like to get prices on Shoot A Hoop (2), corn hole, and 9 square. Huehnergath will have this for the next meeting.

4. Aquatic Center - Shade Structures

Huehnergath contacted the same company (Waterloo Shade) as they used for the canopy at Xavier Grade School for shade structures at the aquatic center. The representative from that company sent us a picture of the shade they thought would work best for our location. Depending on the cost, the members thought we should get 2. Unga asked how long they should last. Huehnergath thought they'd last a long time, maybe 10 – 15 years. We wouldn't be able to place them on the South side of the pool because it would interfere with the lifeguard's ability to see the full pool. We would need to place them on the West side of the pool to obtain the most shade. Unga asked about having cabanas. Would that be a better option? The commission wants to get a price on the shade structure, and would like to proceed on this item if the price is affordable.

5. Netting for Westside Ball Fields

Huehnergath supplied the commission with the cost of netting for the fields at Westside fields only. The original quote he received was \$120,000; therefore, he looked at a different company. The company would supply nets from dugout to dugout and would cost approximately \$39,000. An additional expense of \$14,400 would be needed for the backstop. This cost would not include the installation costs. Life expectancy is 10 years. Unga has seen this type of structure at other fields and the nets tend to get holes in them. The poles are the majority of the expense. Goldsmith asked if the Field of Dreams was going to contribute to the netting costs or if we have anyone else that would contribute. Huehnergath said that the Field of Dreams is not on board at this time to contribute. Goldsmith stated that we can't assume that they won't contribute. She had heard that they would. Huehnergath really thinks that it only affects city teams one day a summer. He said that the FOD tournaments would have more problems with foul balls because of the age groups. Frye thinks we need netting more at Commercial Club Park than anywhere else. We seem to be talking in circles about whether or not we need netting and whether we want to spend the money on it. Goldsmith feels that we have had enough complaints that they are warranted.

After much discussion, Scherbring asked about putting a roof made of either metal, wood, or shade material over the bleachers. This would protect spectators from foul balls, but would be much cheaper. Huehnergath said we didn't have anything in the FY2024 budget to spend. The commission thought this might be a better option. Frye also mentioned getting rid of the metal bleachers all together and building stadium seating. Pricing is needed to make a decision.

6. Commission Member Comments

Where are we at on the all-inclusive park and splash pad? Huehnergath mentioned that he thought it was going to happen in two phases. Goldsmith thought it would happen all at once. Goldsmith spoke with a plumber who said that we could tap in down there for the splash pad.

There are currently carved wooden statues down at Westside that should be looked at to make sure they are not rotting. They could fall over onto someone if they are rotting. Huehnergath will check on this.

7. Set Next Meeting Date for Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 P.M. on a motion made by Unga, seconded by Frye.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Goldsmith, Frye, Unga

Motion Carried



Sandy Oberbroeckling

December 11, 2024

Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report November 2024
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: December 16th, 2024

Aquatic Center:

I attended a two-day Aquatic Facility Operator course and passed the assessment recently and learned more knowledge to operate pools efficiently. I am making plans for the 2025 season and am looking for a few subtle changes. I am going to start advertising and sourcing the pool staff in January. Having adequate staff next summer will help with some revenue-generating programs and help alleviate staff burnout towards the end of the season.

With the help of the Parks & Rec Commission, we have discussed some improvements that have been discussed for many years. We are looking to add a few outdoor games to the two grassy areas that used to have sand volleyball. The games will be angled towards the 5–12-year-old age group and include games like tetherball, bags and hoop basketball types.

Finally, we are hoping to add shade structures to the pool deck. This has been talked about for many years. Combining the angle of the sun and the limited pool deck surface around the zero-depth area of the pool, options for impactful shade are limited. The same company that made the shade structures for Xavier School is working on a plan for us. I should have that plan next week. The lead time for that product is around 3 months.

Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Meet:

I am putting the plan together to have another track meet for kids 3-14 years old. Again, this is a free event for kids across the area. First and second place in each event earns the right to participate in a state level track meet held in Marshalltown in June. The last two years we have held it on a Saturday in early May. We have found we missed a lot of kids that wanted to run but had prior commitments for baseball tournaments held on most Saturdays. With the help of Todd Troutman at Beckman, we decided to hold this event on a Wednesday evening again in early May. The exact date will be finalized after we see when other towns are having their event and when the track will be available at Beckman HS. We will also move Prairie League games for baseball/softball for that night to help that event grow. Last year we had over eighty-five participants.

Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report December 2024
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: January 20, 2025

Baseball Program:

It might be hard to fathom, but registration for the Prairie League Baseball program opens February 3rd. Last year we had 23 teams playing baseball/softball and 8 teams in our all-city T-Ball program. With seven youth diamonds at our disposal, we will host many games Monday-Thursday throughout the three park complexes. I have a meeting with all of the other towns in the Prairie League Wednesday. We will be trying to organize a year-end tournament for some of the younger ages to be held at the end of the season. Every town used to have weekend tournaments in past years but with the proliferation of travel ball, those tournaments have suffered. This solution will give many kids that are not on a travel team a chance to experience a tournament. With the amount of fields that we have, Dyersville can host many of these games.

Westside/Candy Cane Lights/Field:

City Staff and I have been busy wiring the ballpark lights at the two fields with new lights. The plan is to finish the wiring in the boxes and test them out shortly. A lift has been rented while the ground is frozen to fix the lights on Westside field #2 & #3. There are five individual lights and a whole bank along the 3rd base side that have been out for years. All of the diamonds' infields have been edged and the piles of lime are ready to be spread in a couple months. We plan on having the fields ready for practice in March. The Westside field #1 dugouts have someone scheduled to put the roofs on the new dugouts and add the fence in front to be ready by then also.

Aquatic Center:

This week I start the process of welcoming back and hiring the staff for the Dyersville Aquatic Center. Both Assistant Managers from last year are moving into career leaning jobs this summer. I will be looking to hire one or two Assistant Managers for the summer. There was a decent number of lifeguards from last year that voiced that they were interested in coming back this summer and a large group of concession stand employees that will be old enough to become lifeguards. I will attend job fairs at the local schools, advertise in the paper and online, and promote word-of-mouth to get an adequate number to staff efficiently in 2025.

Meeting Process

1. **Call meeting to order** - Chairperson calls meeting to order.
2. **Roll Call** - Roll call is taken by secretary.
3. **Agenda Approval** - Chairperson asks for approval of the agenda. Motion is made by first member, then seconded. Voice call vote by all members. Motion Carried.
4. **Approve Meeting Minutes** - Chairperson asks for changes/approval of meeting minutes. Motion is made by first member, then seconded. Voice call vote by all members. Motion Carried.
5. **Receive & File Director's reports** – Chairperson asks for comments on report(s). Motion to receive & file is made by first member, then seconded. Voice call vote by all members. Motion Carried.
6. **Agenda items** - Next agenda item is discussed. Once discussion is finished, this item will not be discussed again later at this meeting. Recommendation can be made (to proceed with item, get prices, resume discussion at next meeting, etc.) or discussion closed if no recommendation is made. Motion is made to by first member, then seconded. Voice call vote by all members. Motion Carried.
7. **Commission Member Comments** – This item is to make comments only. No discussion should happen amongst commission members. If you have an item that needs to be discussed, it should be an item on the agenda.
8. **Set Date for Next Meeting** – can we set the same date each month?
9. **Adjournment** – Meeting is adjourned by first member, then seconded. Voice call vote to adjourn meeting.



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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). A team may start with or play down to 7 players without forfeiting the game. One of these players is the goalie, he 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.