
AGENDA

ROLL CALL

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Approve Meeting Minutes - May 17, 2023**
- 2. Receive & File Director's Report - May 2023**
- 3. Receive & File Director's Report - June 2023**
- 4. T-Ball, Baseball, & Softball Updates**
- 5. Pool Revenue - Parties, Theme Nights/Days, Evening Water Aerobics**
- 6. Commission Member Comments**
- 7. Set Next Meeting Date**

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Jon Scherbring, Megan Scherrman, Matt Monahan, Nathan Huebner

ABSENT

Jason Lang and Sarah Goldsmith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Scherrman asked for review and approval of the agenda. Motion made by Monahan, Seconded by Huebner.

Voting Yea: Scherbring, Scherrman, Monahan, Huebner

Motion Carried

ORAL COMMENTS - None

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve Meeting Minutes - March 1, 2023

Scherrman asked for comment or changes and there were none. Motion made by Monahan, seconded by Huebner.

Voting Yea: Scherbring, Scherrman, Monahan, Huebner

Motion Carried

2. Receive & File Director's Reports – February, March & April 2023

Motion made by Monahan to receive and file the February, March & April 2023 Director's Reports, seconded by Huebner.

Voting Yea: Scherbring, Scherrman, Monahan, Huebner

Motion Carried

3. Aquatic Center Update

The pool was scheduled to open on May 27, 2023; however, due to a delay of plumbing installation for the new features and painting of the pool, opening date will now be Monday, May 29, 2023. The new features are scheduled to be delivered on May 24th or May 25th. The question was asked whether we'd be able to open if the features were not here. Huehnergath was unsure if this would be a possibility. Swimming lessons will begin June 5th – 8th.

4. Field of Dreams Tournaments

Field of Dreams Tournaments will start next weekend (May 27- 28) for 13/14 year olds. Our fields, Jenk Field and Beckman field will be used for these games. The following weekend it will really ramp up. Huehnergath is hoping with additional summer staff it will go smoothly.

5. Field Updates

The City will be updating the batting cages with a concrete slab and turf grass. Heiar Fencing will be installing a fence above all the current fences at Commercial Club Park, 4 quadrants. Mark Fangmann has money to put towards netting and wants it to be done at Westside. Huehnergath doesn't think it will look good. Scherrman is very concerned about people getting hit by foul balls in this area.

Huehnergath has not had a lot of interest in Adult Softball. He has not put a lot of energy into this.

The commission agreed we do not want children that are three years old to play on the T-Ball league. These children are too young for this. They would possibly like to look at making 2 divisions with 4 & 5 year olds playing t-ball and 6 year olds playing coach pitch.

The commission agreed that having only one game an evening is great. In the past, we would often have two games a night and the second game would get rather late for the kids. It was also recommended that we sponsor a clinic for young umpires. This would make these kids more prepared and may also help us get more kids to be umpires.

8. River Town of the Year

Dyersville was named River Town of the Year. We will be awarded this recognition on May 31, 2023. This ceremony will take place at Vorwald Pedestrian Bridge and a reception will be held at Textile Brewing Company.

9. Soccer Updates

We are changing the 3rd/4th grade league to play 9 vs 9 players, they were playing 11 vs 11 players. 1st/2nd grade league were playing 11 vs 11 players. They are now playing 7 vs 7 players. Traveling leagues play 9 vs 9 players at this level. Our fields are too long. If the field is more square, it promotes passing and develops skills. Kids will get a lot more touches if playing 9 on 9. Making the field smaller will also allow us space to have another field.

Senior Soccer will include New Vienna, Guttenberg, Epworth, Farley, Cascade and 3 Dyersville teams. We will have a tournament this year.

10. Commission Member Comments

Scherrman passed on a message from Goldsmith that she wants to add a mini playground near ball fields at Westside so younger siblings can play there while their older sibling play baseball. She feels the area near the South side of the pavilion would be a good location.

11. Set next meeting date for July 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm on a motion made by Monahan, seconded by Scherbring.

Voting yea: Scherbring, Scherrman, Monahan, Huebner

Motion Carried

Sandy Oberbroeckling

May 17, 2023

Date

Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report April 2023
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: May 15, 2023

Aquatic Center:

All of the preparation work has been done to the pool vessel in anticipation of the new features placement. There is a new coat of paint to the 2' line that smoothed out some chipping and the lines for depth are updated also. The coating needs to be cured for 14 days at the average temperature that we are having. The pool will start to be filled week of May 21st and will take a week to fill and to balance the water. The lifeguard training will still be on the 20th but we moved it to an indoor pool in Hopkinton. The anticipated opening day will be Monday, May 29th.

Swimming lesson registration was opened May 2nd for residents and May 4th for non-residents. Most of the registrations were done online mainly because of the timing to get some of the coveted spots. City offices were not filled with people as years past, but the phone rang often with technical questions. Every year with the new software will lessen these problems.

Pickleball:

The finishing touches have been completed at the new pickleball courts. The windscreen was put in around the three sides effected by wind the most. The two new covered cabanas were placed in the communal area between the courts for rest and viewing. Since the weather has changed, the courts have been busy every morning and evening. I have been noticing many families with young children starting to play. Over the next couple of months, I will welcome recommendations for improvements and will draft some pickleball court rules to be posted.

Field of Dreams Tournaments:

I received and am starting to plan for the weekend FOD tournaments. The first one starts Saturday, May 27th. During that weekend they will be using five of our diamonds through Monday afternoon. I have the field schedule two weeks in advance so have plenty of time this year to have everything ready. The summer staff will help with field maintenance, garbage pickup and bathroom maintenance all weekend. The amount of teams each weekend mirror last years schedule so the month of June will be real busy and start to slow down the 2nd week in July.

Memorandum

TO: City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Adam Huehnergath, Parks and Recreation Manager
RE: Monthly Directors Report May 2023
CC: Mick Michel, City Administrator
Date: June 19, 2023

Aquatic Center Features:

The features have been installed today. The inspection is happening tomorrow at 11:30am. Getting manufactures, delivery, installers and inspectors in sync has been a struggle but hopefully everything comes together and the pool will look different to patrons Tuesday. Because of the length of time to finish this process, most residents forgot about the improvements but after being publicized on Facebook and on the radio, there is definite chatter.

Senior Soccer:

We are putting teams together for senior soccer. Last year was the 1st year that we put 9-12th graders all together and it was a good decision. The fear was that the younger kids would be a little lost, but the older kids did a great job in helping them adjust and being coaches on the field for them. This is designed to be a developmental program for the area high school teams and I think that decision enhanced it. Last year we decided to not have an end-of-the year tournament. After overwhelming objections, we have decided to end this year with a tournament.

Baseball/Softball:

It is weird and sad to say that we only have two weeks left for regular season for Prairie League softball and the two younger groups of baseball. I am looking to do some intercity tournaments and pickup game nights for the younger players. There are some kids/parents that are ready to be done with playing games but I see a lot of kids that want to keep playing. I am trying to foster them to group up and play on their own by setting night/fields for each division. We are blessed with an abundance of nice fields that I would love to stay busy.

FOD Tournaments:

We are through four weeks of the collaboration tournaments on our fields. Many early mornings from the summer staff to maintain fields and keep the parks clean. Special shout out to Connor Grover and Ben Westhoff who have been showing up at 5:30 am smiling ready to pick up garbage. We have received many compliments on our field conditions and the upkeep of the parks.

Park Improvements:

In spring we detailed a large list of improvements to the parks/fields. New drinking fountains at Westside will be finished this week. City staff also decided to change the poles for the sand volleyball court at Candy Cane and the new net should be up this week. The next project is the batting cages at Commercial Club fields. I secured a grant for paint and the summer staff will paint the swing sets soon.