

Recreation Board Report
February 12 – March 11
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Programs: Winter programs: Our youth travel basketball league ended February 11 and went well. Got lucky with the weather and did not have to cancel any nights. Youth wrestling and swimming lessons are still going on and will wrap up in March.

The summer brochure is coming along great. We have set the date for distribution to the paper at April 7th and to the schools April 9th. Online registration will start on April 19th. We will do our Outdoor Aquatic Center family season pass sale May 3-9. This year in an effort to sell more memberships we will be offering a 25% discount that week for family passes only, which is a great deal.

Recreation Center: February and the start of March have stayed steady and busy. We have seen usage numbers continue to go up.

The Cardio Index program that Thomas and Adam are doing with the State Health Department has been a big hit with over 40 people enrolled so far and will continue until July. The diabetes prevention program started on March 8 and will run once a week for 16 weeks followed by once a month for 6 months. To date there are 14 signed up for the class.

The swim club is hosting the State 13 & under meet here March 5-7. The indoor aquatic center and both gyms will be closed for those 3 days. Because it starts early Friday morning we cancelled Preschool and the after school program and let the older kids know that they will not be able to come Friday through Sunday. It will be interesting to see how many spectators show up as they are still only allowing one parent per child. Will have more updates on how the meet went in April.

We are waiting to hear on an official date of when we will be draining the two pools for inspection and what all needs to be done to fix the plaster in the Rec Pool. We are hoping for August, as it is our slowest time for usage. We will more than likely be down for at least a month during this process. More updates as they become available.

We had our first planning meeting for the remodel of the old pool. We are working with Schemmer design out of Sioux Falls along with Joe Schroeder and Terry Johnson from the city. We have many good ideas and hope we can put the project out for bid very soon. We will keep you updated on that at the next meeting as well.

Parks & Forestry Board Report March 2021

- Tree removals on boulevards and parks
- Trimming trees
- Maintenance on equipment
- Bucket truck got repaired had to replace the hydraulic pump and a cylinder
- Cut and spilt firewood for campground
- Water line repair and cleanup at Deer land estate
- Put up the tennis nets. Tennis practice starts on March 15th
- Put out a few more trash cans out in the parks
- Attended a virtual Arborist Conference
- Snow removal

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ICE ARENA:

- All home league hockey games are done. Last of the state tournaments were last weekend. Drop hockey is scheduled through March as of now.
- Figure skating added about 50 hours and are going through April.
- 2 figure skating shows, a clinic and men's league tournament left.
- We stopped open skate/bumper cars M-TH. Only doing Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I will continue with those 3 days until we aren't making money anymore. Weekend of Feb. 26 – Feb. 28 we made just over \$1,000. We are taking bumper car reservations, 5 car minimum, for anyone wanting to ride outside of our scheduled times.
- Ice maintenance, cleaning
- Rinktec came to fix the leaks in the north compressors. Just over \$11,000. I am waiting to talk to the Rinktec president about changing over to the compressors we have in the south rink.

CADWELL:

- DWU baseball and softball have started practicing. Baseball has had one game cancelled, 3-2-21, both teams next scheduled games are 3-19-21.
- Staff is cleaning up leaves, setting out garbage cans, dumpsters, put up the batting cage net, hitters eye on Drake.
- When the softball fields and park fields are dryer we will be putting bases out.
- Travel team meeting scheduled for March 18th
- Checking the weather to see when we can turn on bathrooms

SOCCER:

- DWU starts practice on the 15th. Waiting to hear when MSA will be starting.
- Started putting on nets and putting out garbage cans.

Monthly Report February 2021

Major Incidents/Significant Events

- Diamond Brite warranty claim initiated in indoor pool

Important Meetings and Training Attended

- Friends of Firesteel Meeting
- Parks Board Meeting
- City Council Meetings
- MACPD meeting
- Sports and Events Authority meeting
- Weekly and Quarterly staff meetings
- Weekly Department Head management meetings
- R8 HAB conference call
- Golf & Cemetery Board Meeting
- Firesteel Park Planning Meetings with city staff, parks board & trail committee
- Park Specialist Interviews
- Old Pool Room Planning meeting with contractor and City Staff

Project Outcomes

- National Guard Application Submitted
- Dredging design firm selected for City Council Approval
- Firesteel Park Public Meetings Completed
- Lake Mitchell Master Plan approved by P&R Board
- Bike trail plan approved by P&R Board
- Summer Agreements approved by P&R Board
- Event Permit approved by P&R Board
- Rec Center Agreement approved by P&R Board
- Golf cart contingency funds approved by council
- Shared roadway signage approved by council
- Park Specialist Interviews Complete

Current Projects

- Lake restoration project
- Skate Park Upgrade
- Digital Cemetery
- Golf course master plan
- Tennis Association Agreement
- Lake Mitchell trail markers
- Refurbish pond on Indian Village Rd
- Dredging design
- Golf Course Fly Over Edits
- Firesteel Park Planning
- Dry Run Creek Trail Lighting
- SDNG project
- Deerland Estate Controller Issues
- Golf Cart Replacement
- Ice Arena shared wall remediation

Upcoming Special Events and Meetings

- Parks Board meeting
- Friends of Firesteel meeting
- MACPD meeting
- City Council Meetings
- Monthly SEAC meetings
- Monthly Region 8 HAB's conference call
- Golf & Cemetery Board Meetings
- Golf course master plan selection committee
- Transportation Plan Meetings for Public Works
- City Council Work Session

Change in Park/Facility Status

- Open Skate closed Mon-Thu (call-in available)

Public Requests