

Recreation Board Report
June 10th – July 15th
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Programs:

Summer programs have been going good. We have some new programs and changes to some programs that have gone very well and some that are a learning curve and will get better going forward. Our 2nd sessions of tennis, swim lessons and Dakota kids are under way and a few programs have already wrapped up.

Summer has flown by already and we are taking registration for fall youth football starting this week. We are also working on the fall/winter brochure and hope to have that done by early August.

The outdoor aquatic center has been doing good after a slow start due to weather. We did end up being about 3000 visits short of last year in June but again we had a very cold start for the first 2 weeks of the season. Hoping July is on track for last years numbers or better.

A patron issue regarding breastfeeding was reported July 10 at the outdoor pool. Pool staff indicated that patron social media postings regarding how staff attempted to resolve the issue are not accurate. More details will be shared with you prior to or at the board meeting later this week.

The new sunshade that goes over the concession stand will not be in until sometime in August. Supply chain problem we were told.

Recreation Center:

We had a busy June with hosting the Cornbelt basketball camps for 3 weeks. Josh Davies from Wagner took the camps over from Bill Marquardt and things went good. It's nice to have that traffic in the summer as July will get slower before we head back to school.

We've had some problems with our cooling during June and hopefully that is all taken care of and one of the storms we had fried our fire alarm system so we've got some bigger bills for those items that we weren't anticipating.

We have a pre-bid meeting for the old pool on July 14th with bid opening for the project on July 20th. Cross your fingers for good numbers.

We are preparing for the Indoor Aquatic Center to be shut down from July 18 – September 1st for re-plastering.

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- Irrigation maintenance and repairs
- Spraying weeds along fence line, buildings, sidewalks, etc.
- Started the dirt work for the Kiwanis playground
- Trimming all the parks and lake access areas
- Got Hitchcock Park ready for the Heart and Sole Cancer Walk that was on June 17th
- Got the tennis courts ready for the tennis tournament that was held in Hitchcock Park the weekend of June 17th
- Get the lake areas ready for the 4th of July
- Cleaning up fireworks
- Cleaning up storm damage trees from the storm after the 4th July
- Planted all the flowers in Hitchcock flower gardens, Patton Young and downtown
- Installed the bench at Patton Young for Angels daughter
- Maintenance at the old Kelley Property
- Had a contractor spray the CRP acres at the Kelley property with a drone for thistles and other weeds
- Digging musk thistles in different areas around the lake and Dry Run Park
- Day to day operations at the outdoor pool

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CADWELL:

- Men's and women's softball is still going. Men's ends with their city tournament first week in August. Women's ends at the end of July then co-ed starts for 6 weeks. Park and rec still going on. Travel teams state tournaments will be this weekend. Legion and teener teams still going.
- Dog park fence is finished. Bike path from 8th St. to Dog Park is done. They might get path finished to the softball parking lot this year or it will be next year.
- Getting ready for state am. Tournament, starts August 3rd. Edging, sod work after legion is done with games.
- Replaced digits on stadium scoreboard, bought by Mitchell Baseball.
- Staff has been working on irrigation, edging sidewalks, hula ho infields, field maintenance for games and practices, mowing and weed eating, clean up.
- We had another sunshade rip in the last storm and 3 trees down.

SOCCER:

- DWU starts soccer first week in August. We will start laying out fields and getting ready to paint.
- MSA starts August 15th
- Still waiting for the pump for irrigation from Dakota Pump. We have been watering during the day.
- Working on irrigation, mowing, put in 2 new walk through gates, watering trees.

ICE ARENA:

- Rinktec coming to install the door to compressor room this week. Back in August to finish compressors.
- Great Plains Roofing will be here at the end of the month to look more at the roof.
- Start compressors the first week in September on the north rink.