

Recreation Board Report
August 9th – September 11th 2019
Kevin DeVries

Fall programs are underway. We ended up with 77 in flag football and 64 in tackle football so just 7 fewer than last year. Practices started in August and we will be starting games this week. We are currently registration for all the other fall/winter programs now. Swimming lessons, Basketball, Wrestling, Tennis and Volleyball. We ended up with 14 teams in our Men's Flag Football program which will start September 11th.

School started up so our afternoons got busy again. We've been getting good numbers for kids afterschool already. Our Afterschool program has 35 in it. We started with 30 but added 5 more from the waiting list as we were able to add 1 more staff per day and come out ahead.

We held our Movie Night sponsored by Midco on September 7th. We moved it inside to the Armory and Corn Palace due to the weather. We didn't get as many as we hoped (just over 100) so we will get back with them and see if we want to go back to the summer time. It was exciting as I forgot when you turn out the lights at the Corn Palace the bats come out so there were a few of them flying around but nobody seemed to mind.

We got our new tile in the multi purpose room and it looks great. That was done due to the water break we had back in May of 2018. We've reconfigured the room a bit and it's opened it more is nice.

We found out that we will be hosting the State Indoor Swim in in February so the Swim Club will not be hosting their small meet in October but will do their regularly scheduled meet in November along with State.

We've added about 4 new staff to the front desk so we are training them and getting them acclimated to how things go and the craziness after school.

We are looking forward to another busy school year and winter with all the people wanting to come inside. Hopefully the cold doesn't start too early!!

**Parks & Forestry
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- Removed some boulevard tree that were damaged from past snowstorm.
- Removed some boulevard trees for the sidewalk contractor.
- Starting to winterize the outdoor pool and make some repairs.
- Poured the concrete around Sandy Beach restroom just need to finish the sidewalk from the restroom to the parking lot otherwise its open to the public.
- Finishing our stump removals from the trees, we took down last winter.
- Spraying weeds along fence lines and cracks in sidewalks.
- Irrigation Repair at Pioneer Park.
- Fertilized downtown areas, outdoor pool, and flowers garden at Hitchcock Park.
- Day to day operations as all the high school and college kids have gone back to school.
- Fogged the city a couple of times for Mosquitoes.
- Hauled picnic tables to Dakota Fest, Corn Palace Festival and High School for the Kernel Bowl.

Sports Complex Board Report:

September 2019

MAC:

- Both rinks almost complete
- Start date September 16th
- Training new staff for hockey season
- Begin deep clean of building

Cadwell Complex:

- Work on Field B infield (substantial overseeding for fall)
- Over seed Cadwell stadium
- Adult Co-Ed state tournament Sept. 14/15
- DWU fall classic softball tournament Sept. 21/22
- Paint restrooms
- Sprayed entire complex with Primo growth regulator to slow grass down
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Pepsi Complex:

- Fall soccer in full swing
- Spray entire complex with primo to slow grass growth
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Parks:

- Take out hanging branches in Patton Young
- Continue to get to branches at Dry Run
- Construction/drainage still not completed through park
- Work on moving disc golf holes to new locations
- Spray sidewalk/ street cracks for weeds

Department Report
Monthly Report
August 2019

Major Incidents/Significant Events

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Important Meetings and Training Attended

- Friends of Firesteel Meeting
- Parks Board Meeting
- City Council Meetings
- MACPD meeting
- Sports and Events Authority meeting
- Weekly and Monthly staff meetings
- Weekly Department Head management meetings
- R8 HAB conference call
- Monthly Bike Trail committee meeting
- Two budget work sessions with City Council
- Attended leadership summit
- United Way luncheon
- Lake tour with Friends of Firesteel members
- Met with Mitchell Baseball and DWU regarding artificial turf
- Project accounting training with Assistant and Finance Office
- Met with SD State regarding TA Grant
- Met with Cunningham Recreation regarding future playground projects
- Tour with USDA and DENR regarding grazing in watersheds
- Conference call with American Ramp Company regarding Skate Park options

Project Outcomes

- Rec Center flooding damage complete
- Submitted a position request for personal trainer with budget (nothing new, just rearranging an independent contractor position to term employee position)

Current Projects

- Lake development project
- Lake Mitchell public use plan
- Day Camp Playground Installation
- Skate Park Upgrade
- Boat Docks
- Sandy beach restroom
- 2020 budget
- WalMart Grant
- TA Grant
- Lake Mitchell Forestry Plan

Upcoming Special Events and Meetings

- Parks Board meeting
- Friends of Firesteel meeting
- MACPD meeting
- City Council Meetings
- Monthly SEAC meetings
- Monthly Trail Committee Meeting
- NDSU weekly conference call
- Monthly Region 8 HAB's conference call

- Monthly bike trail committee meetings
- 2020 budget reviews
- NRPA Conference
- City think tank
- Farming practices workshop
- MACPD awards
- United Way presentation

Change in Park/Facility Status

- Outdoor pool closed
- Dry Run Creek Trail Closure

Public Requests