

Recreation Board Report  
June 12<sup>th</sup> – July 9 2020  
Kevin DeVries

So far the summer has been going as good as can be expected. With programming being limited in some cases we've obviously had lower numbers than previous years but given the circumstances we have been happy with the turnout that we have had. Baseball, softball and tennis are over half of what the numbers were last year, which he had to limit the numbers in both baseball and softball. Swimming lessons are down a lot due to the fact that we couldn't teach our level 1 on down, which are our biggest numbers. We hope to be able to do those in the fall/winter. We will be starting to take registration for youth football and basketball for the fall starting July 13<sup>th</sup>.

The outdoor aquatic center has been about as good as we could hope for as well. We've sold around 127 Family passes (Fun passes not included) and 58 single passes. When it's been nice out we've seen some really good days but haven't reached out 400 maximum capacity at one time so nobody has been turned away.

We our hosting a basketball skills camp the week of July 13-16. Several different age groups with a limit of 10 per group so we will have no more than 20 in a gym at a time split on 2 halves of the court. The Dakota Wesleyan girls basketball coaching staff will be conducting the clinic and we will be getting a share of the entry fee. We will also be hosting a team camp on July 27 & 28 run through them as well. We have the proper protocol as they will be limited the number of teams each day, temp check every player before they play their first game, if a team isn't playing they must leave the facility and no spectators. I'm glad we were able to help them out with these 2 events.

The Rec Center has been seeing it's usage go up every week. Every day we are seeing different members come back for the first time and are starting to see new people come in as well. Our biggest day so far has been 221 people, which is about normal for this time of year. We will be considering bringing our towel service sometime in July. We will also start renting our party room for birthday parties starting July 1<sup>st</sup> with a limit of 10 in the room.

Adam and Thomas are still extremely busy with athletes throughout the day. The athlete training has been awesome and we expect it to stay that way all summer. The kids training have also done a great job in wiping things down as well.

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- Got the Volleyball net up at the Day Camp
- Citywide tree cleanup and removals from storm
- Irrigation maintenance
- Fixed a hydrant at the Campground
- Fertilized downtown areas, flower garden and the outdoor pool
- Added new woodchips to the Plaza area downtown
- Removed some trees for Waste Water department for one of their projects
- Spraying Canadian thistles around the lake in different areas
- Digging Musk thistles in Dry Run Park and areas around the lake
- Spraying bike trails, fence lines and other areas
- Treating standing water for mosquitos and we fogged the city twice
- Added sand to Sandy Beach
- Repainted the women's side at Northridge that had the fire damage and reopened it
- Got the areas around the lake ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Clean up of fireworks after the 4<sup>th</sup>
- Fixed the Sportsman's dock
- Fixing the fence at the Day Camp that someone crashed into
- The new tennis shed was built in Hitchcock they just need to finish the electrical, windows, and some concrete sidewalk around the building.

**SPORTS COMPLEX JULY 2020**

## **CADWELL:**

- Cleaning bathrooms daily
- Continue mowing
- Fertilized all fields
- Continue spraying fence lines, weeds, looking for Pythium
- Start getting ready for Junior Legion State Tournament and State Am. Tournament
- Build mound on field of dreams
- Go through irrigation heads
- Field maintenance for games and practices
- Finish fence at dog park
- Paint foul lines
- Doing a lot of garbage pick-up, fields are getting a lot of use

## **SOCCER:**

- Got all fields fertilized
- Continue mowing
- Paint fields
- Put more mulch around trees from getting washed out
- Spraying weeds and fence lines
- Daily maintenance of litter pick up and cleaning restrooms
- Continue checking for plugged heads

## **PARKS:**

- Continue mowing
- Clean restrooms and litter pick up
- Work on a couple valves at Patton Young
- Continue cleaning out Dry Run trees
- Cleaning shelters for rentals

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Monthly Report  
June 2020**

**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
- Filling in for Kevin Thurman at the Golf Course and Cemetery
- Met with Ducks unlimited regarding the NAWCA Grant
- Shive-Hattery jetty and boat dock discussion
- Kevin Thurman Retirement Party

**Project Outcomes**

- Ice Arena roof repairs (bidding)
- West Nile Grant awarded (just under \$14,000)
- Homebase staff schedule implemented at Cadwell Concessions
- Budget adjustments for COVID 19 closures/Redirected Rec Center Capital Funds
- Storm Sewer tree work at the NWE lot

**Current Projects**

- Ice Arena Roof
- Lake restoration project
- Lake Mitchell public use plan – Boat Docks
- Day Camp Volleyball Court Installation
- Skate Park Upgrade
- 2021 Capital Improvement projects and budget

**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
- Met with Ciaverella Designs Regarding lake cabin design quote
- Corn Palace Plaza Ribbon Cutting
- Ice Arena Pre Bid Meeting
- Zoom call with ARC

**Change in Park/Facility Status**

- Sports Complex parks specialist position open
- Outdoor Pool Opening June 8<sup>th</sup> with COVID 19 protocol
- Programs start June 15<sup>th</sup> with COVID 19 protocol
- Sports Complex Crew Leader position filled

**Public Requests**