

Recreation Board Report
July 10 – August 13th 2020
Kevin DeVries

Summer has been winding down as most of our programs finished up by the end of July. Although numbers were down in programming due to our restrictions etc we were very pleased with how they went. We are currently taking registration for some of our fall programs. 3rd & 4th grade flag football, 5th & 6th grade tackle football and K-6th grade girls volleyball are the programs that will be starting within the next month. We decided not to do a hard copy of our Fall/Winter brochure and only post it online so that if things change and we have to adjust or cancel certain programs we can make those changes on the fly and repost online. Jamie is still in the process of figuring out which swim lessons we can do. Our hope is to offer the level 1 on down classes that we did not offer this summer as they are the most popular. She is waiting to hear from the Red Cross on those guidelines.

The outdoor aquatic center will be closing down for the season on August, 16th at 5:00 pm. We have Middle School teen night on August 7th as the last event. Check in numbers for July were only 400 off of last season and we had 1 full day of closure and a few half days due to poor weather. Overall I think having the aquatic center open this summer was a great thing for the community.

At the Rec Center our summer athlete training has pretty much come to a close. We will still have several athletes who are not playing a fall sport still come in after school to train. Our overall check in numbers were very steady with early week being the busiest and slowing down towards the weekend, which is typical. We are hoping that once school starts a lot of our seniors will start to come back during the day as it won't be as busy and we can start up the silver sneakers and noon classes again. We did hold a 1 day girls varsity team camp on July 27th that DWU women's team put on and that went very well.

Preschool is getting their classroom ready for the start of the school year on August 19th. The only changes we have made to the program will be the drop off and pick up times. We will not be requiring the kids to wear masks but they are more than welcome to do so. We did check to see if other preschools in town are requiring them and none of them are.

We are looking forward to school starting back up. Not sure how many kids will be coming after school to start but we will be sending out an email to our members about the start of the school season and any modifications we may make. We are meeting on that this week.

Parks & Forestry Board Report August 2020

- Irrigation maintenance in all the parks
- Spraying fence lines, cracks in sidewalks, bike trails, and playground for weeds
- Repair fence at Day Camp
- Lights got installed at Day Camp for the volleyball courts
- Moved irrigation heads around the new tennis shed
- Ground all the stumps in the boulevards and parks from trees we removed last winter
- EmBe brought out a group of kids to the Campground to go over boater safety and rode the peddle boats
- Added wood chips, fertilized and sprayed for weeds in the grass at the plaza.
- Made so repairs to the bathroom at the Kiwanis Woodlot
- Daily operations and repairs at the outdoor pool
- Continuing treating standing water for mosquito larvae
- Irrigation repairs at Patton Young Park
- Weeding flower beds and landscaped areas
- Working with the Schools. They want to rent 40 picnic tables from when school starts to the end of October so they can spread the kids out at lunch time.

PARK BOARD REPORT – SPORTS COMPLEX

AUGUST 13, 2020

Cadwell

- Legion Juniors Region Tournament July 31-Aug. 2. 9 games
- State Am. Tournament Aug. 5-16. 38 games
- Women's softball ended July 20
- Co-ed started Aug. 6. Goes 6 weeks
- Men's Softball ends Aug. 26th
- Park and rec football starts Aug. 17th
- DWU baseball, softball starts around the first of Sept.
- DWU softball tournament Aug. 29-30, Sept. 12-13
- Mitchell girls fast pitch softball starts Aug 17th
- Start to put up new batting cage after State Am. Tournament
- Seasonal help will be done Aug. 17th

Soccer

- Mitchell Soccer registration is Aug. 10th. Lay out and paint more fields
- DWU soccer starts first of Sept.

Ice Arena

- Clean rink floors
- Turn on compressors Aug. 29th
- Have ice ready on Sept. 21st

**Department Report
Monthly Report
July 2020**

Major Incidents/Significant Events

- Drunk Driver through Rec Center field and parking lot

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 Ciaverella Designs Regarding lake cabin design quote
- Corn Palace Plaza Ribbon Cutting
- Ice Arena Pre Bid Meeting
- Zoom call with ARC
- Wetland site visit with Ducks Unlimited

Project Outcomes

- 2021 budget submitted
- Jetty design approved by council
- Day Camp playground and volleyball court complete
- Sports Complex Crew Leader position filled

Current Projects

- Ice Arena Roof
- Lake restoration project
- Lake Mitchell public use plan – Boat Docks
- Skate Park Upgrade

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
- GLS conference
- Parks Specialist interviews
- ALE meeting

Change in Park/Facility Status

- Two parks specialist positions open
- Outdoor Pool Closing August 16th

Public Requests