

Recreation Board Report  
August 14<sup>th</sup> – September 10<sup>th</sup> 2020  
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Summer is officially over and we are full Fall mode. We've started our youth football programs and so far things are going well. Our numbers are within 10-15 kids of where they were last year between both Flag and Tackle. Our youth volleyball, basketball, tennis and swim lessons are all available for registration as well. Todd held the men's flag football meeting on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> and we have 14 teams this year, which is the average we normally have. So we are very pleased with our numbers for programs thus far as we really didn't know what to expect.

Kids are back to the Rec Center after school. We sat down with them on the first day like we always do to go over rules and expectations and obviously had to go over what we expect from them as far as social distancing etc when they are here. Things have been going good to start the year and we've been averaging 70-80 kids a day including our after school program for K-2 grade.

Preschool started up on August, 19<sup>th</sup> and everything there has been going well too. We have a few kids who have been sick with a cold that we have asked to stay home for the day and the parents have been understanding of that.

Thomas started the Silver Sneakers classes back up August 31<sup>st</sup>. That will be a slow process getting them back but like a lot of members they are waiting to see how things go before they make the commitment to fully come back. We are seeing more and more trickle in which is great to see and new members as well. Our daily check-ins are not that far off of last year so considering the circumstances we are happy with the way things are going.

We are going to be emailing out a monthly newsletter starting October 1<sup>st</sup> that will give updates on the Rec Center, programs and wellness to everyone in our database. Thomas had started a wellness newsletter a month ago and we decided it would be good to include everything we are doing to and provide another avenue for getting our information out.

**Parks & Forestry  
Board Report  
September 2020**

- Trimmed hangers out of trees at Doty and Patton Young
- Trimmed some trees for the Sanborn Project
- Winterizing and making repairs at the outdoor pool
- Patched trails at Dry Run Park and Sandy Beach
- Hauled 40 picnic tables to the schools
- Did some dirt work and seeded at JVCC on the north side of their parking lot
- Added wood chips to Plaza area for Corn Palace week
- Fertilized downtown areas
- Planted 9 trees at JVCC, Library, Veteran's parking lot, movie theater parking lot, and Rec Center
- Replace some boards on the fishing dock at Franks Bay
- Irrigation maintenance
- Hauled firewood to campground
- Fixing the rock monument in Hitchcock Park
- Blading the roads and parking areas around the lake
- Did interviews for 2 fulltime positions
- All the seasonal high school and college kids are done for the summer

# **PARK BOARD REPORT – SPORTS COMPLEX**

## **SEPT. 10, 2020**

### **Cadwell**

- Men's softball last day was Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>
- Co-ed softball last day is Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>
- Park and rec football has started
- Men's flag football starts Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>
- State Am Tournament went very good. 3<sup>rd</sup> largest ticket sales
- Started the new batting cages
- DWU baseball, softball and soccer has started. Soccer had their first game Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>
- High School softball is still going. They have 2 more games: 17<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>
- After the ice is done we will: over seed infields, spray insecticide, herbicide, do sod work and if time aerate
- Work on irrigation
- Continue mowing
- Cleaning restrooms daily

### **Soccer**

- DWU soccer
- MSA soccer still going
- Irrigation
- Mowing
- Cleaning bathrooms daily
- Going to spray herbicide
- Sod goal mouths if weather holds

### **Ice Arena**

- Started compressors on Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>
- Putting water down now
- Painting the ice on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>
- Putting down lines and logos Sept. 10, 11<sup>th</sup>
- Seal lines and logos then build up ice
- Start disinfecting locker rooms next week
- Start cleaning around rink

Department Report  
**Monthly Report**  
**August 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
- Golf & Cemetery Board Meeting
- Meeting with Hockey regarding COVID guidelines for the Ice Arena
- GLS
- 2020 Budget review with staff
- Parks Specialist Interviews

**Project Outcomes**

- Two Parks Specialist positions filled
- Annual walk through completed with all divisions
- Ice Arena Calendar posted on website for public viewing
- Weller Family Foundation Grant Submitted
- Moved office to City Hall (including Administrative Assistant)

**Current Projects**

- Ice Arena Roof
- Lake restoration project
- Lake Mitchell public use plan – Boat Docks
- Skate Park Upgrade
- Digital Cemetery
- Golf course tree plan
- Refurbish pond on Indian Village Rd
- Golf Course Fly over video
- Event Permit
- LWCF Grant
- USDA Landscape Scale Restoration Grant

**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
- Zoom meeting with James River Water District
- Census visit at Campground

**Change in Park/Facility Status**

- Two parks specialist positions filled
- Outdoor Pool Closed August 16<sup>th</sup>

**Public Requests**