

Recreation Department Directors Report- June 25, 2019

The monthly Director's report is designed to update you on the activities the Recreation Department is working on.

1. Recreation Center Update: The City Hall bids have been awarded. Phase I of the project is scheduled to be completed by December 31st and Phase II by March 31st. After the completion of Phase I, most of the employees will be going back to City Hall. The remaining employees at the Rec Center will go into the multipurpose room and game room. As I get more information, I will update the commission.
2. Summer Camp registration is very strong this year with 148 campers signed up for the full summer. That is 7 more than last year. We also are closing in on the number of weekly campers that we had last year. We are short by 18 campers. This week we expect a final rush of last minute weekly sign ups. The contract to use St. Clement's has been signed and we are now waiting to hear if DPW is available to clean, stock bathrooms, and do garbage. The Camp staff orientation will be June 26th and 27th and parent orientation will be June 27th at 7pm. The first day of Camp is July 1st.
3. We have completed or are in the process of completing several facility improvement projects.
 - a. Weibel Ice Rink Chiller will have proposals back by July 23rd.
 - b. We are replacing the Veterans Memorial Park baseball scoreboard thanks to the Stewarts Foundation. The scoreboard will be installed in the middle of the Summer.
 - c. The Veterans Memorial Park Baseball dugouts will be replaced thanks to Bill and Lisa Noonan. This work will begin in late summer or early fall.
 - d. The new swings at East Side Rec will be installed just after July 4th. Thanks to the Friends of Recreation!
 - e. The East Side Little League warning track was renovated in June and a couple of new bleachers were installed.
 - f. The Jim King Diamond infield was leveled, clay bricks were installed around the batter's box and the base paths and infield arc were re cut. We also installed a new synthetic turf pitching mound. The field is looking fantastic.
 - g. The new pitch count score clock for the East Side big field should be installed in early July.
 - h. I am working with the LA group to renovate the West Side little league tee ball dugouts. We hope this fall the project will begin.
4. The City has hired a Communication manager, Alan Fanitzi. We met with Alan and have asked him to start working on revamping the newsletter and some of our other marketing materials. In addition, we have given Alan permission to access our social media accounts so he can begin developing post to use.
5. I have solicited help from Belinda Colon and Benj Gleeksman to work on renovating the skate park. The bowl issue remains a serious concern. DPW has agreed to fix the immediate issue with the coping and I will be purchasing the materials. The materials are approximately \$4000. In addition, we met with Commissioner Madigan to discuss the future of the park. The goal is to replace the metal ramps with concrete ramps. Commissioner Madigan is very interested and asked us to start working on a design with pricing. She will work on the financing side of things. The standard cost is \$45-60/sq ft and our park is about 8500 sq feet. This would be a major upgrade to the park! I will keep you posted as we work through the process.