

## Recreation Department Directors Report- April 26, 2022

The director's report is designed to provide a monthly overview of Recreation Department's work.

1. Spring Soccer: Opening day is April 23 at 9am. We have about 413 youth players, 47 youth coaches, 16 adult players, and 5-6 part time staff in the program. The youth league has 32 total teams spread out over the 5 divisions.
2. Camp Saradac: All 8 weeks at both camps are full until we are able to hire more staff. The department is short about 12 staff and to date we have only received 5 applications. Without additional staffing we may run the risk of not meeting our minimum ratio requirements. Both directors have been meeting to set the daily camp plans and all field trips have been secured.
  - a. Summer Meals Program: The federal government did not extend the waiver for the free lunch program. The waiver provided lunch to any participant in camp regardless of the family's income. Without the waiver each camper must meet the school lunch income requirements to be eligible for a free lunch. We are working with Captains Community Services on continuing the program for our campers in need.
3. Annual Conference: Jill, Brandon, Lisa, and I will be attending the 2022 NYS Recreation and Park Society annual conference Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Gideon Putnam. There are over 150 recreation professionals attending, 38 educational sessions, 48 vendors, and much more.
4. East and West Side School Agreement: The City and School are working on a new contract.
5. Tournaments: A long time tournament vendor, who hosted 7 tournaments a year the Recreation Center, was unable to run tournaments this year. We were able to fill all but 1 of the weekends which avoided a potential \$27,000 loss.