

## PARKS & REC UPDATE FOR CITY COUNCIL

1. Concerts in the Park have been booked to line up with Food Truck nights in Jensen Park. Requests for sponsors are being sent out. Facebook events are being created and a flyer with all dates will be shared. We still have a couple dates open for anybody interested in performing.
2. Harison Bickham reached out for possible Eagle Scout project ideas. A list was provided. Should he choose any, they will be brought to the Council/City Works for approval.
3. I would like the Council to consider allowing the Park Board to be supported by a separate 501c3 group, similar to the Friends of the Library. I feel this would improve our ability to raise funds and get projects completed. I am willing to put the hours in associated with forming such a group.
4. I have fielded a few complaints about the management of some of the rec sports. I would like to go on record stating that while these groups are their own entities, there should be some kind of oversight committee or regular review of groups using City property.
  1. A larger issue at hand is release of player information. All recreational boards should have a written policy for their coaches and parents regarding the release of player information. We cannot have player information given out to someone not listed on the registration form without first confirming with the registering parent. Registration forms should also include a note to parents that any custodial or no-contact issues be disclosed in writing at the time of registration. This is an unfortunate, but real issue leagues may run into and it is best to take proactive measures to protect not only the children, but also the leagues from liability. Can the Council/City Attorney back & enforce the implementation of such a policy?
5. The Soccer Association has previously discussed the possibility of a separate shed on the east side of the expansion to store goals and equipment. They would like to store their goals in a more accessible shed than the City shed on the west side of the park. The current expansion shed was also built too small to house both softball and soccer. MSA is seeking approval to move forward with one of two options:
  1. An expansion of the existing shed.
  2. Approval to build a separate one. This would include approved site placement and access. Approximate shed size: 15x20 to 18x24. Width is negotiable.
  3. They are willing to work directly with City Works to move forward on an option.
6. At a Council meeting last year, it was stated that a separate line item would be created in the budget for the recreation side of Parks & Rec. This line would be used for adult leagues, donations made toward park events and non-maintenance projects, and similar. It has been brought to my attention that this was not done. Is there a plan for this in the next budget?
7. We are once again working with Boone Municipal Pool for Red Cross Swim Lessons. Our time slot is June 24 - July 5 at 10:15am. Sign-up is online. Link & more details are shared on the Parks & Rec Facebook page or you can contact Jolynne directly. Lessons are \$30 with a \$10 bus fee. Transportation has been arranged with the school transportation director again.
  1. The school did notify me that they have changed their bus contracting policy and will now be charging a flat rate of \$75 per day, up to 6 hours. (Rate was previously decided by driver.) Given that our budget is already in place, they will not apply the new rate to swim lessons until next year.
8. A note that I will be continuing to work Monday nights through June, so my extended apologies for not being able to attend the Council meetings for some time. As always, I will continue to work with all contacts as much as possible between meetings. Any questions regarding the above items can be relayed via phone or email.