

**AMES PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**City Hall Council Chambers – 515 Clark Avenue**  
**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:** The Parks and Recreation Commission welcomes comments from the public during discussion. The Standards of Decorum, posted at the door and available on the City website, define respectful conduct for public participation. Comments should be limited to items within the jurisdiction of the Commission, and the Commission will not engage in dialogue during public comment.

If you wish to speak, please complete a green card and hand it to City staff prior to the meeting. When your name is called, please step to the microphone, state your name and address for the record, and limit the time used to present your remarks to three minutes so others have the opportunity to speak. Time limits will be strictly enforced. Applause, shouting, or other disruptive behavior is not permitted.

The normal process on an agenda item is as follows: staff may first give a report on the item, Commissioners may ask questions for clarification, public input is received, a motion is placed on the floor, the Commission discusses the issue or responds to audience concerns, and a vote is taken.

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1. Call to Order: 4:00 PM
2. Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2025
3. Public Forum (For items not on the agenda)
4. Park Rules and Policies
5. Budget
  - a. 26-27 Requested Budget
  - b. Fees and Charges
6. CIP Overview
7. Cameras within the Park System
8. Project Updates
  - a. Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center (Attached City Council Staff Report)
  - b. Steven L. Schainker Plaza

9. Monthly Report
10. Commission Member Comments
11. Next Meeting:
  - a. February 19, 2026, at 4:00 PM (Regular Meeting)
12. Adjournment

**CITY OF AMES  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE** December 18, 2025

**COMMISSION  
PRESENT** Jeff Iles, Janet Rathe, Hannah Sappenfield, Debra Tapp, Jeff White

**ABSENT** Duane Reeves, Nathan Shimanek

**STAFF** Keith Abraham, Courtney Kort, Joshua Thompson

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 PM**

Abraham indicated a Temporary Chairperson would need to be appointed for the meeting due to the absence of both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

MOTION: (Rathe/Sappenfield) to appoint Iles as the Temporary Chairperson.

*MOTION PASSED: (5-0)*

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: (Tapp/Sappenfield) to approve the November 20 and December 4, 2025, meeting minutes.

*MOTION PASSED: (5-0)*

**3. PUBLIC FORUM**

None

**4. CRAWDADDY REQUEST TO PROVIDE KAYAK, CANOE, AND PADDLEBOARD RENTALS AT ADA HAYDEN HERITAGE PARK**

Crawdaddy Outdoors recently opened a store in downtown Ames and wishes to provide rentals at Ada Hayden Heritage Park (AAHP). JAX Outdoor Gear provided popular rentals for 20 years, until 2024, and closed its Ames store in 2025. Abraham indicated Crawdaddy Outdoors wishes to provide similar rentals from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The agreement with Crawdaddy Outdoors would include several changes, including weeknight rentals, parking an enclosed trailer at AAHP, and returning 10 percent of gross sales to Parks and Recreation.

Crawdaddy Outdoors owner Jamie Borglum, of Waverly, Iowa, bought the 20-year-old business in 2023. The Ames location is the company's second retail storefront. Borglum spoke about the value of getting people outdoors and the quality of the AHHP resource. The rental equipment will be a demo fleet of higher-end products allowing people to try equipment before buying. Borglum is attempting to secure a grant to fund an ADA-accessible kayak to use as a rental. He explained parking a trailer at AAHP simplifies operations and can provide public information about rental availability. He wishes to partner in any way possible to get people outside.

Iles asked if life preservers would be provided. Borglum said life preservers are non-negotiable, required by insurance, and simple common sense.

Rathe inquired about paddleboards. Borglum said stand-up paddleboards will be available and staff will ensure renters do not swim in the lake. Crawdaddy Outdoors staff will be trained in basic water safety and First Aid & CPR.

White asked about staffing. Borglum stated he plans to have two staff members present, at least to begin with, except for times he works – he can manage things himself. White asked if fishing kayaks will be available to rent. Borglum said fishing kayaks with pedal drives and other sit-on-top kayaks will be part of the fleet available to rent by the hour. He noted rental receipts brought to the store within 30 days will be credited toward equipment purchase.

Crawdaddy Outdoors is interested in partnering beyond equipment rentals. Borglum cited basic kayak classes and other family-oriented programming his company could provide.

White noted the Sleepy Hollow canoe and kayak access is near AAHP and asked if Borglum has a connection with it. Borglum has not investigated Sleepy Hollow but is becoming aware of many accesses in the area and where they are located.

White asked if the Ames store is open. Borglum explained the store currently occupies half its space. The store will close on December 27 and prepare for reopening on February 5.

*MOTION:* (Rathe/White) to recommend Alternative 1, which states:

Approve the request from Crawdaddy Outdoors to rent kayaks, stand up paddleboards, and canoes at Ada Hayden Heritage Park from May 23 to September 7, 2026.

*MOTION PASSED:* (5-0)

## **5. ISU HEALTHAPALOOZA COMMUNITY FITNESS IDEAS DISCUSSION**

Abraham re-introduced Iowa State University students who appeared before the Commission on November 20 to present their top-scoring concepts from the second annual Healthapalooza community fitness competition. The item was tabled to allow each team to develop responses to staff and Commission questions.

Team Passport members Emma Rios and Katherine Watkins reviewed their project to create a passport and map of Ames parks and trails. Financial support for the project could come from the CYstarters program, ISU's Focus: Artist Grant program, and fundraisers to supplement grant awards. The potential project timeline schedules Phases 1-3 for Spring/Summer/Fall 2026 and Phase 4 as long-term with no set deadline. Needed project materials include signposts with customized signs and hole-punches, printed passports and maps, and patches. They addressed commissioner and staff questions regarding drop-off/pick-up locations (Ames Public Library, Parks and Recreation facilities), partnering with other organizations (ISU clubs, Scouts, Ames Community School District), continuity after graduation (create internship) and how to create a self-sustaining project, potential partnerships with volunteer groups, creating a digital alternative (possibly integrating the passport with the Active Ames app), estimated initial startup costs, and ensuring installed signposts fit with park maintenance standards.

Team Active Ames member Leah Ylonen reviewed the Active Ames fitness app and calendar to enable activity planning and scheduling. Once the app is created, the team would benefit from support from ISU's Healthcare Management and Scientific Illustration and Visualization programs, as well as promotional assistance from 60 Forward and Ames Public Library. Project continuity ideas include creating multiple student internships and a modular structure, with project components independently developed and maintained by several departments, with

repeatable experience and resume-building benefits to student participants. Ylonen spoke about app information updating and accuracy; AI automation tools; ownership and copyrighting; and funding/revenue possibilities from non-intrusive local ads, sponsored event listings, and local club partnerships. Anticipated staff time requirements are being analyzed. Ylonen confirmed possible collaboration between the passport and app teams. Staff and commissioner questions included if anyone could submit information (no plans to limit information, more engagement is better), why someone would use the app instead of web searches (ease of use over a la carte searches), ongoing operations and consistency (shared responsibility among multiple students and/or departments), startup and annual costs (budget to be determined based on partnerships, grant awards, ad revenue, partnering fees), how to incentivize businesses to invest in updating app information (track engagement to show if the app increases event interest/attendance), and how to ensure the app does not become oversaturated and hard to navigate.

Liyuan Wang, 3015 Stockbury Street, an Ames High School student, commented on the value of encouraging community members to be active and perceived benefits of the proposed fitness passport/map and app. Based on his involvement in volunteer organizations, Wang believes once startup and infrastructure costs are done, ongoing expense and staff time requirements would not be prohibitive, especially if sought-after internship opportunities are available.

In response to a question from Iles, Abraham suggested as a next step the Commission could direct staff to meet further with one or both teams, if commissioners see merit in the project(s). Abraham spoke about the concern of potentially adding to staff obligations. Rathe wondered if a faculty sponsor could be responsible for ensuring continuity, maybe as a required class project. Sappenfield saw potential for community engagement in the projects but noted the challenge of bringing pieces spanning multiple departments together and keeping them together over time. She suggested forming a group committed to long-term project maintenance and retaining volunteers and interns to prevent the burden from falling on one individual or City staff. Thinking about longevity and building it into the project(s) structure during startup will be very important. Abraham spoke about the university owning the project(s) and the City providing support.

*MOTION:* (Sappenfield/White) to direct staff to continue discussions with the groups.

*MOTION PASSED:* (5-0)

## **6. PARK RULES AND POLICIES UPDATE**

Abraham summarized recent City Council deliberations and action related to park ordinance modifications. Changes approved at the December 9 City Council meeting were mostly aligned with Commission recommendations. A second reading of ordinance changes at the December 16 meeting included a change to swimming prohibition language. The third reading will occur at the January 13, 2026, meeting and then the updated ordinance will take effect. Staff will prepare a follow-up memo to capture two items not included in City Council deliberations: alcohol in the park system and dogs on leashes in the park system. If City Council supports action on these items, further ordinance modifications would occur in early 2026.

Also on December 9, City Council defined 'personal transportation device' and clarified they may be operated at posted speed limits on streets and at a 20-MPH limit on any trail, unless otherwise posted. Abraham noted staff's and Commission's recommended 10-MPH speed limit and shared with City Council supporting data from the park user survey. City Council had no other questions and responded favorably to recommended park rules changes. Abraham also reviewed public comments from the City Council meeting related to safety and possibly implementing "fix-it" tickets to give cyclists a warning about minor infractions.

Iles commented on trusting survey data only to a point. He wondered about compliance, self-policing, and difficulties with enforcement. Abraham said most complaints are from pedestrians who feel unsafe. Rathe stated people racing around need to be called out to make them slow down, go someplace else, or go when no one else is there to be bothered. Abraham added walkers are not blameless, noting trail crowding, retractable leashes, etc. Locations where a 10-MPH speed limit will be posted include Ada Hayden Heritage Park, Moore Memorial Park, Brookside Park, Elwood Pasture, and Stuart Smith Park. Abraham stressed the need to start somewhere and to understand issues may need further review. Rathe said signs will be helpful.

In January, staff will bring a final version of updated park rules to the Commission for review and adoption. White asked if there would be a bicycle speed provision for triathlons or other athletic events at Ada Hayden Heritage Park. Abraham said no, but almost all triathlon bicycling happens outside the park boundaries. Also, anyone can ask the Commission or City Council to waive park rules or ordinances, respectively. Waiver decisions are based on the merit of the request and how it would impact other park users.

## **7. BROADCASTING PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETINGS**

City staff recommend reducing live broadcasting of some City board and commission meetings. Beginning in April 2026, meeting broadcasts must be closed captioned to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. Due to relatively low viewership and resources required to properly caption videos, staff recommend limiting broadcasting/recording of Parks and Recreation Commission meetings to scheduled times recommended by the Commission. Staff may record meetings for minute-taking purposes but would not retain these recordings.

Sappenfield stated that while she understands a need to wisely allocate limited staff resources, compliance with digital accessibility should not take resources away from the public. If meeting broadcasts stop because of closed captioning demands, is that becoming more accessible or less accessible, she asked.

Bill Gebhart, Media Productions Services Coordinator, said Iowa Open Meeting Law does not require cities to provide meeting video but, if created, video must be publicly available. He spoke about low viewership for Parks and Recreation Commission meetings and staff resources needed to caption to mandated standards – a two-hour Commission meeting requires 11 hours of production time. The goal is not to give less information, he stressed. Meeting minutes will continue to serve as the official open records document. Sappenfield responded that it is helpful to know the rationale for the change in case of pushback from the public.

Sappenfield asked how a determination will be made to broadcast future Parks and Recreation Commission meetings. Abraham indicated staff and commissioners often have a good sense of issues likely to generate public concern. Also, feedback from public outreach can reveal strong public interest. In such instances, staff would ask Media Production Services to broadcast and record the specified Commission meeting(s).

## **8. AMES FITNESS CENTER TENNIS AGREEMENT**

Kort reviewed an annual agreement with Ames Fitness Center (AFC) regarding youth and adult tennis lessons. Since Fall 2021, lessons were offered at local parks in warm weather months and otherwise at AFC's Tennis Bubble. To eliminate weather-related variables, in 2026 all lessons will transition to the Tennis Bubble, with an option to utilize AFC's outdoor courts.

*MOTION:* (Rathe/White) to recommend Alternative 1, which states:

Approve the Tennis Agreement with Ames Fitness Center through December 31, 2026.

*MOTION PASSED:* (5-0)

## **9. PROJECT UPDATES**

### **a. Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center**

Abraham reported Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center (FFIAC) facility schedule and fee information will be shared at the January 2026 meeting. Substantial completion dates are January 23 for non-natatorium areas and February 13 for the natatorium, with FFIAC opening likely delayed until April. Recent construction progress includes installation of the slide (visible from outside), walking area surfacing, and multipurpose space flooring. On December 16, City Council reviewed findings on the inconsistent color of precast concrete panels. Council directed staff to investigate staining options on a mockup panel to find a stain dark enough to hide the mottled concrete yet light enough to maintain contrast with the dark letters of the facility name mounted on the concrete panel surface. Council also approved a change order for Story Construction's management services.

Rathe asked about staff hiring and training. Job openings are posted and interviews are occurring, Abraham reported. He reviewed local and State inspection requirements and Temporary Certificate of Occupancy criteria. Staff will likely not be in FFIAC until March, he estimated, with a minimum of six weeks training time needed. If the best-case scenario opening date is in April, FFIAC may be open only briefly until Furman Aquatic Center (FAC) opens. Sappenfield asked how that will work. Once FAC opens, Abraham said, FFIAC will be used for fitness classes, swimming lessons, therapy sessions, and more, but not for open swim except during inclement weather affecting FAC operations. Kort discussed the logistics of swapping facilities and the importance of forecasting to mitigate complications. Sappenfield asked if staff will be shared across FFIAC and FAC. Kort replied aquatics cross training is the goal and is already underway. Abraham added staff hopes year-round lifeguarding opportunities increase employee retention.

Sappenfield asked if the multipurpose room is viewed as an expansion of programming or moving programming to FFIAC – a combination of the two, Kort responded.

Abraham indicated staff will set up another tour for the Commission.

### **b. Steven L. Schainker Plaza**

Abraham reported the City sent the contractor a letter with a timeframe for a response. The City will act based on the contractor's response.

**10. MONTHLY REPORT**

Kort noted (1) applications opened for temporary positions at Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center and Furman Aquatic Center, and (2) upcoming holiday concerts at Ames City Auditorium.

Thompson reported that due to construction at the Parks Maintenance Building, the Christmas tree drop-off site moved to the softball complex parking lot on East 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The public may drop off trees from December 26, 2025, through the end of January 2026.

Deer hunting in Munn Woods has so far resulted in 13 harvested deer. Thompson said hunters indicate removal of deer carcasses has been successful, albeit challenging. Abraham said he is unaware of any concerns raised by walkers, park users, or residents.

**11. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

**12. NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, January 15, 2026, 4:00 PM (Regular Meeting)**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION (Tapp) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

## COMMISSION ACTION FORM

### **SUBJECT: PARK RULES AND POLICIES UPDATE**

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Commission has been discussing potential changes to Park Rules and Ordinances for several months. To gather feedback on this topic, a survey was conducted with 1,395 people providing responses. Staff have used this information to recommend changes to Chapter 19 of the Municipal Code (Attachment A) and Parks and Recreation Policies (Attachment B).

Ordinance changes to Chapter 19 were presented to the Commission and ultimately City Council as approval is the responsibility of the Council. Most of these changes were adopted at City Council's January 13 meeting. Sections 19.9, 19.12, and 19.14 were presented to Council along with recommended changes to Chapter 4 sections related to bicycles and personal transportation devices. It is anticipated City Council will have the third reading of the ordinance changes for these sections on January 27 and adopt them at the same time.

Park Rules are established by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The attached document not only contains park rules, it also lists pertinent ordinances so users can find this information in one document. The park rules are shown in red so it is easy to distinguish them from the ordinances.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the Park Rules as presented.
2. Approve the Park Rules as amended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.
3. Refer back to staff

#### **STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Updating the park rules and policies has been a long process and what is presented is the culmination of the Commission receiving feedback and having multiple discussions. As with any rule changes, there will be some people that will agree with the changes and some that won't. Staff believe what is being presented will provide a safe and enjoyable environment for most, if not all, users. Therefore, staff recommends Alternative #1 which is to approve the Park Rules as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 19.2, 19.7, 19.8, 19.10, 19.13, 19.15, 19.18, 19.19, AND 19.20, THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING CHAPTER 19 PARKS AND RECREATION TO CLARIFY EXPECTATIONS OF PARK USE, REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the City Council for the City of Ames, Iowa, that:

**Section One.** The Municipal Code of the City of Ames, Iowa shall be and the same is hereby amended by amending Sections 19.2, 19.7, 19.8, 19.10, 19.13, 19.15, 19.18, 19.19, and 19.20, as follows:

## CHAPTER 19

### PARKS AND RECREATION

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#### **Sec. 19.2. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS, TERM OF OFFICE.**

The Parks and Recreation Commission shall consist of seven (7) persons people appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. The term of office shall be three (3) years for six of the members, and one (1) of the members shall serve a special 4 one-year term. All terms shall run from April 1 of the year in which the appointment is made. ~~The one year special term shall be applied to a position first becoming vacant after the date of this ordinance.~~

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#### **Sec. 19.7. SPECIFIC POWERS AND DUTIES.**

The parks and recreation commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) Rulemaking. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, the commission shall have rulemaking authority, and shall prescribe and promulgate all needed rules and regulations for use of or participation in the city parks, swimming pools, and other recreational facilities, programs, and activities.

(2) Planning. Prepare, and revise at least once every five (5) years, a plan for the development and continuation of a system of city parks, ~~pleasure grounds~~ ~~greenways~~, swimming pools, and other recreational facilities.

(3) Gifts. May solicit, on behalf of the City of Ames, gifts of money or property for parks and recreation purposes.

(4) Rates Fees and charges. Whenever, and only so long as there are no revenue bonds or pledge orders outstanding which are payable therefrom, the commission shall have the power and authority to establish fees, ~~rates~~ and charges for the use of a city park, pleasure ground, swimming pool, or other recreational facility, or for participation in a recreational program or activity. However, the city council shall at all times retain and have power and authority to establish, impose, adjust and provide for the collection of ~~rates fees~~ and charges when such action is necessary to produce gross revenues at least sufficient to pay the expenses of operation and maintenance of a certain park, ~~pleasure ground greenway~~, swimming pool, or other recreational facility, or to pay the principal and interest of any revenue bonds and pledge orders as they come due.

(5) Joint projects. Subject to the approval of the city council, the commission may take action jointly with other public or private agencies as provided in Chapter 28E, Code of Iowa, 1977.

(6) Contracts. The commission shall have power to authorize and execute on behalf of the City of Ames, without action of the city council, contracts with public or private entities for services ~~relative~~ related to recreational programs and activities. Such contracts shall be ~~evidence~~ by a written document approved as to form by the city attorney and certified consistent with the current budget by the director of finance.

(7) Leasing to organizations. The commission shall have authority to lease, under reasonable rules and requirements, a particular park or portion thereof, as follows:

(a) For a period not in excess of ten (10) days to charitable, fraternal, and patriotic organizations, for the purpose of permitting ~~such~~ organizations to conduct celebrations, anniversaries, and entertainments.

(b) For a period not to exceed six (6) ~~months~~, for activities as the commission shall deem proper, ~~for the purpose of permitting the playing of amateur or professional baseball or other athletic games.~~

#### **Sec. 19.8. DAMAGING PLANTS, PROPERTY IN PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.**

(1) It is unlawful for any person to willfully cut, rake, damage, destroy or interfere with any trees, shrubs, flowers, bush or other planting, or building, structure or ~~other facility amenity~~ in any public park or recreational facility. ~~Interfering with park structures or facilities is specifically defined to include persons being on top of park shelters; placing picnic tables in water, using them as sleds, or placing them on top of shelters; and jumping or diving off pedestrian bridges.~~

(2) Foraging edible plants, fruits and nuts is allowed within the park system.

(3) Utilizing any structure, equipment, or facility for any purpose or in any manner other than for its intended use is prohibited.

## **Sec. 19.9. UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE IN CITY PARK; EXCEPTIONS.**

It is unlawful for any person, other than authorized personnel, to operate a motor vehicle as defined in the laws of the state in any public park or pleasure ground greenway of the city, except upon the streets and parking lots therein which are specifically designated for motor vehicle travel.

Exception: This section does not apply to manual or powered mobility devices used by individuals with a disability. Use of Other Power-Drive Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) by individuals with mobility disabilities are subject to a case-by-case assessment based on official factors (i.e., device characteristics, park characteristics, safety requirements, environmental factors, and/or land management).

## **Sec. 19.10. FIREARMS WEAPONS PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS.**

Except for police officers, while in the performance of duty, and as otherwise specifically authorized by the commission, it It is unlawful for any person to carry or have in their possession or under their control in any public park, pleasure ground greenway or recreational facility and/or space of the city any firearm of any kind whatsoever, BB gun, pellet gun, bow and arrow, sling shot, or any other device for shooting or throwing a projectile of any kind.

## **Sec. 19.11. PARK HOURS.**

All city parks are open to the public from 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Only Parks & Recreation department employees or emergency personnel, including fire, police and utility workers, are authorized to be in the parks between the hours of 10:30 p.m. until 6:00 a.m., unless advance written permission approval has been obtained from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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## **Sec. 19.12. BIKE RIDING PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN PARKS.**

Bike riding is Riding of bicycles, tricycles, unicycles, and personal transportation devices, (i.e., manual, electric, etc.) are prohibited in Munn Woods; East River Valley Park; and in Brookside Park on the Audubon Trail.

See also 19.14.

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## **Sec. 19.13. DOGS AT HOMEWOOD GOLF COURSE.**

No person shall walk a dog or dogs or in any way bring a dog onto the Homewood Golf Course while the course is open to play. The Course shall be deemed open to play when the flag poles are in the cups on the greens. This section shall not prohibit ~~a blind person officially documented service animals~~ from coming onto Homewood Golf Course ~~with the aid of the blind person's seeing-eye dog.~~

**Sec. 19.14. PROHIBITED USE OF GEORGIE TSUSHIMA MEMORIAL SKATE PARK.**

(1) No person shall use or have in or on the City Skate Park Georgie Tsushima Memorial Skate Park any type of bicycle, scooter, coaster, unicycle, sled, vehicle or other device scooter, coaster, sled, bicycle, tricycle, unicycle, personal transportation device or vehicle, except for skateboards and in-line roller skates.

(2) Violation of this section shall be a municipal infraction punishable by a penalty of \$50.00 for a first offense, \$100 for a second offense, and \$200 for each subsequent offense.

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**Sec. 19.15. Reserved. SWIMMING PROHIBITED.**

No person shall swim in any lake or pond on City-owned property.

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**Sec. 19.18. BAIT DUMPING PROHIBITED.**

No person shall dump live fish bait into the water of the any lake, pond, river, or stream on City owned property at Ada Hayden Heritage Park.

**Sec. 19.19. BOAT MOTORS.**

Use of any boat motor, other than an electric motor, is prohibited at Ada Hayden Heritage Park. No person shall have any boat motor fueled by gasoline on the premises of that park. Exception for emergency watercraft as approved in advance by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Sec. 19.20. FISHING FROM THE BRIDGES PROHIBITED.**

No person shall engage in fishing from the any bridge within the park system at Ada Hayden Heritage Park.

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Section Two. Violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a municipal infraction punishable as set out by law.

Section Three. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, if any.

Section Four. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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John A. Haila, Mayor

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Third Reading:

Passed on:

I, Renee Hall, City Clerk of the City of Ames, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, passed by the City Council of said City at the meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ and signed by the Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_, and published in the Ames Tribune on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Renee Hall, City Clerk

# City of Ames Parks and Recreation Rules and Policies

## Park Hours:

- All city parks are open to the public from 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Only Parks & Recreation Department employees or emergency personnel, including fire, police and utility workers, are authorized to be in the parks between the hours of 10:30 p.m. until 6:00 a.m., unless advance approval has been obtained from the Parks and Recreation Commission. (**Sec. 19.11. City of Ames Municipal Code**)

## Alcoholic Beverage Use:

- Alcohol is only allowed in Brookside, Emma McCarthy Lee, Inis Grove, North and South River Valley, and Moore Memorial Parks. (**Sec. 17.17. City of Ames Municipal Code**)
- Wine and beer may be consumed if it is in or dispensed from bottles or single serving cans, but not cartons or kegs. Keg beer may be authorized only by the Parks and Recreation Commission based on such criteria as they shall adopt (**Sec. 17.17. City of Ames Municipal Code**)

## Bicycles, Tricycles, Unicycles, and Personal Transportation Devices (i.e. manual, electric):

- Prohibited from exceeding 10 miles per hour on park trails where posted.
- Riding of bicycles, tricycles, unicycles, and personal transportation devices (i.e. manual, electric) are prohibited in Munn Woods, East River Valley Park, and in Brookside Park on the Audubon Trail. (**Sec. 19.12. City of Ames Municipal Code**)

## Damaging Plants, Property in Parks and Recreational Facilities:

- It is unlawful to willfully cut, rake, damage, destroy, or interfere with any trees, shrubs, flowers, bush or other planting, or building, structure or amenity in any public park or recreational facility. (**Sec. 19.8. City of Ames Municipal Code**)
- Foraging edible plants, fruits, and nuts are allowed within the park system. (**Sec. 19.8. City of Ames Municipal Code**)
- Utilizing any structure, equipment, or facility for any purpose or in any manner other than for its intended use is prohibited. (**Sec. 19.8. City of Ames Municipal Code**)

## Feeding of Deer:

- No person may place any salt, mineral, grain, fruit, or vegetable material outdoors on any public or private property within the City limits for the purpose of feeding deer. (**Sec. 3.701. City of Ames Municipal Code**)

**Fires:**

- Allowed in grills only

**Fishing:**

- State of Iowa Fishing Regulations apply
- Use of any boat motor, other than an electric motor, is prohibited at Ada Hayden Heritage Park. No person shall have any boat motor fueled by gasoline on the premises of that park. Exception for emergency watercraft as approved in advance by the Parks and Recreation Commission. (**Sec. 19.19. City of Ames Municipal Code**)
- Anglers assume sole responsibility for their safety related to ice fishing
- Any equipment/tool powered by petroleum (augers, generators, etc.) is prohibited.
- Equipment/tool powered by liquid propane is allowed.
- Ice fishing huts may not be left in the park overnight
- No person shall engage in fishing from any bridge within the park system (**Sec. 19.20. City of Ames Municipal Code**)
- No person shall dump live fish bait into the water of any lake, pond, river, or stream on City owned property. (**Sec. 19.18. City of Ames Municipal Code**)

**Horses:**

- Not Allowed

**Hunting:**

- Not allowed unless approved through the Urban Deer Hunting Program (**Sec. 3.6. City of Ames Municipal Code**)

**Motorized Vehicles:**

- It is unlawful for any person, other than authorized personnel, to operate a motor vehicle as defined in the laws of the state in any public park or greenway of the city, except upon the streets and parking lots therein which are specifically designated for motor vehicle travel. Exception: This section does not apply to manual or powered mobility devices used by individuals with a disability. Use of Other Power-Drive Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) by individuals with mobility disabilities are subject to a case-by-case assessment based on official factors (i.e., device characteristics, park characteristics, safety requirement, environmental factors, and/or land management). (**Sec. 19.9 City of Ames Municipal Code**)
- Vehicles shall be parked on hard surfaces only
- Overnight parking is prohibited in all parks

**Park Structures/Bridges/Equipment:**

- Utilizing any structure, equipment, or facility for any purpose or in any manner other than for its intended use is prohibited. (**Sec. 19.8. City of Ames Municipal Code**)

## **Pets:**

- An animal shall not be deemed at large within City parks if the animal is restrained by a leash of sufficient strength to control its action; or a dog is actively engaged in training in dog obedience, for hunting or for other service under continual control of his owner or trainer provided that the owner or trainer is conducting the training in an open public area, is not endangering other users or animals in the area, has the dog within 30 yards and under continual voice control and has in his/her possession a dog leash appropriate to control the dog. (**Sec. 3.102.1(c)&(d). City of Ames Municipal Code**)
- Any person who walks an animal on private or public grounds shall be responsible for the proper and immediate disposal of the solid waste excreted by that animal, except when the animal is on the owner's or keeper's property. This section shall not apply to animals under control of a handicapped person and especially trained for the purpose of assisting handicapped persons. (**Sec. 3.119. City of Ames Municipal Code**)
- No person shall walk a dog or dogs or in any way bring a dog onto the Homewood Golf Course while the course is open to play. The Course shall be deemed open to play when the flag poles are in the cups on the greens. This section shall not prohibit officially documented service animals from coming onto Homewood Golf Course. (**Sec. 19.13. City of Ames Municipal Code**)

## **Georgie Tsushima Memorial Skatepark:**

- No person shall use or have in or on the Georgie Tsushima Memorial Skate Park any type of scooter, coaster, sled, bicycle, tricycle, unicycle, personal transportation device or vehicle except for skateboards and in-line roller skates (**Sec. 19.14. City of Ames Municipal Code**)

## **Skating/Skateboarding/Bike Riding/Scooters:**

- **Not allowed on hard surface courts (i.e. tennis, pickleball, basketball, mini-pitch)**

## **Snowmobiles:**

- The operation of snowmobiles on any property of the City of Ames, including parks operated by the city, or on any part or portion of the right-of-way of any public street, alley, highway, road, or bicycle path, including the crossing thereof, is prohibited except at such places in city parks as shall be authorized by the Parks and Recreation Commission, and such other places as may be expressly authorized by the City Council. To the extent allowed by the laws of the State of Iowa, snowmobiles may be used for emergency purposes anywhere, anytime. (**Sec. 17.29. City of Ames Municipal Code**)

## **Swimming**

- **No person shall swim in any body of water on City-owned property.**

## **Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Devices**

- Parks are tobacco and vape free.

## **Trapping:**

- Not allowed with exceptions (**Sec. 3.4 City of Ames Municipal Code**)

## **Weapons Prohibited**

- It is unlawful for any person to carry or have in their possession or under their control in any public park, greenway, or recreational facility and/or space of the city any BB gun, pellet gun, bow and arrow, sling shot, or any other device for throwing a projectile of any kind. (**Sec. 19.10. City of Ames Municipal Code**)

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COMMISSION ACTION FORM

**BACKGROUND:**

In accordance with Chapter 19 of the City of Ames Municipal Code, the Commission has the responsibility to establish "fees and charges" for Parks and Recreation facilities and programs in the City subject to adoption by the City Council. Fee increases are related to direct expenses incurred by these programs. This year, approximately 37% of the programs will experience an increase. It should be noted that these fees, if approved, would take effect with the next session of that particular activity. For example, the spring 2026 instructional program season fees would be in effect prior to July 1, 2026. The fees and charges listed are for Ames residents. Non-residents are assessed an additional \$15 per program per participant and approximately 23% more for a pool season pass.

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS	ACTIVITY	2024/2025 FEE	2025/2026 FEE	2026/2027 PROPOSED FEE
	Adult Athletic Program Non-Resident Fee	\$15/Player/Season	\$15/Player/Season	\$15/Player/Season
	Badminton	\$2.50 Drop-in fee	\$2.75 Drop-in fee	\$2.75 Drop-in fee
	Basketball, Adult (2 officials)	45.00/Game	46.00/Game	\$46.00/Game
	Open Recreation at Community Center	\$2.25/Youth, \$2.50/Adult	\$2.50/Youth, \$2.75/Adult	\$2.50/Youth, \$2.75/Adult
	Pickleball	\$2.50 Drop-in fee	\$2.75 Drop-in fee	\$2.75 Drop-in fee
	Pickleball with Tournament (per team)	\$35	\$35	\$40
	Pickleball without Tournament (per team)	\$25	\$25	\$30
	Slow Pitch Softball, Men Adult (1 umpire)			
	10-15 Games (per game)	\$34.50	\$35.00	\$35.00
	16-18 Games (per game)	\$34.00	\$34.50	\$34.50
	19-21 Games (per game)	\$33.50	\$34.00	\$34.00
	22+ Games (per game)	\$33.00	\$33.50	\$33.50
	Slow Pitch Softball, Coed Adult Per Game Fee (1 umpire)	\$33.00	\$33.50	\$33.50
	Slow Pitch Softball, Fall Adult Per Game Fee (1 umpire)	\$33.00	\$33.50	\$33.50
	Soccer, Adult (per game)	\$92.50	\$93.00	\$95.00
	Ultimate Frisbee (per player)	\$41/Player	\$42/Player	\$45.00
	Volleyball, 2-on-2 Sand Summer (per player)	\$25/Player	\$25/Player	\$25/Player
	Volleyball, 2-on-2 Sand Fall (per team)	\$50/Team	\$50/Team	\$50/Team
	Volleyball, 4-on-4 Sand Summer (per team)	\$81	\$81	\$83
	Volleyball, 4-on-4 Sand Fall (per team)	\$64	\$64	\$65
	Volleyball, 6-on-6 Sand Summer Per Match Fee	\$19.50	\$20.00	\$21.00
	Volleyball, 6-on-6 Sand Fall Per Match Fee	\$19.50	\$20.00	\$21.00
	Volleyball, Adult Indoor Per Match Fee	\$22.50	\$23.00	\$25.00
	Volleyball, Adult (No official) Indoor Per Match Fee	\$14.50	\$14.50	\$15.00
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	ACTIVITY	2024/2025 FEE	2025/2026 FEE	2026/2027 PROPOSED FEE
	Basketball, 3 / 4 Grade	\$71.00	\$72.00	\$72.00
	Basketball, 5 / 6 Grade	\$71.00	\$72.00	\$72.00
	Basketball, K - 2 Grade	\$53.00	\$54.00	\$55.00
	Blastball	\$52.00	\$53.00	\$55.00
	Camps, Camp Explorers (1 week)	\$72.00	\$74.00	\$75.00
	Camps, Camp Sunshine (1 week)	\$72.00	\$74.00	\$75.00
	Camps, Junior Campers (1 week)	\$72.00	\$74.00	\$75.00
	Dance, Little Stars	\$38/6 Weeks, \$76/12 Weeks	\$40/6 Weeks	\$40/6 Weeks
	Dance, age 3-7+	\$53/6 Weeks, \$137/12 Weeks, costume included	\$54/6 Weeks, \$138/12 Weeks, costume included	\$56/6 Weeks, \$140/12 Weeks, costume included
	Dance, Private/Semi-Private (Per Person)	\$33/ \$22	\$33/ \$22	Not offered
	Dance/Gymnastics, Camp Summer	\$62.00	\$62.00	\$65.00
	Golf, Adult Lessons Summer	\$112.00	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Golf, Youth Lessons Summer	\$91.00	\$90/45 Minutes, \$110/60 Minutes	\$90/110
	Golf, Adult Lessons Fall	\$112.00	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Golf, Adult & Youth Lessons Winter	\$91.00	Not Offering	Not Offering

Gymnastics, Adapted	\$33/6 Weeks, \$66/12 Weeks	\$33/6 Weeks, \$66/12 Weeks	Not offered
Gymnastics, I, II, III Varsity Tumbling	\$64/6 Weeks, \$134/12 Weeks	\$65/6 Weeks, \$135/12 Weeks	\$66/6 Weeks, \$142/12 Weeks - includes recital shirt
Gymnastics, Intermediate/Advanced	\$64/6 Weeks, \$134/12 Weeks	\$65/6 Weeks, \$135/12 Weeks	\$68/6 Weeks, \$146/12 Weeks
Gymnastics, Private/Semi-Private (Per Person)	\$34/\$23	\$34/\$23	Not offered
Gymnastics, Tumble Bugs (Ages 2-3)	\$35/6 Weeks, \$70/12 Weeks	\$36/6 Weeks	\$40/6 Weeks
Gymnastics, Tumbling Tots (Ages 3-5)	\$43/6 Weeks; \$86/12 Weeks	\$44/6 Weeks	\$45/6 Weeks
Gymnastics, Tumbling Tykes (Ages 3-4)	\$39/6 Weeks; \$78/12 Weeks	\$40/6 Weeks	\$45/6 Weeks
Soccer Clinic (Fall/Spring)	\$12.00 /1 Session, \$35.00/4 Session Class	\$12.00 /1 Session, \$35.00/4 Session Class	\$12.00 /1 Session, \$35.00/4 Session Class
Soccer, 1st-6th Grade	\$61.00	\$63.00	\$64.00
Soccer, Kiddie Kickers (Ages 5-6)	\$55.00	\$56.00	\$56.00
Start Smart	\$51.00	\$52.00	\$52.00
Tee-Ball	\$54.00	\$55.00	\$56.00
Tennis, Adult (6 hrs. of instruction)	\$90	\$90	\$92
Tennis, Little (30 min, 5 sessions)	\$43	\$43	\$45
Tennis, Youth (8 hrs. of instruction)	\$112	\$112	\$115
Tennis, Indoor (6 hrs. of instruction)	\$84	\$84	\$86
Volleyball, Camp, Spring	\$47.00	\$48.00	\$50.00
Volleyball, Camp, Youth Sand	\$43.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Volleyball, Youth, Fall	\$63.00	\$64.00	\$65.00
Youth Jerseys	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$26.00
Duckpin Bowling League			\$42/\$47
Duckpin Bowling Clinics			\$10/\$15
<b>WELLNESS PROGRAMS</b>			
	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>2024/2025 FEE</b>	<b>2025/2026 FEE</b>
<b>Fitness Classes</b>			<b>2026/2027 PROPOSED FEE</b>
6 Week Session Indoors/Outdoors/Virtual/60 Forward	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$37.50
9 Week Session	\$56.25	Not offering	Not offering
30 Minute Classes (6 Week Session)	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$37.50
30 Minute Classes (9 Week Session)	\$56.25	Not offering	Not offering
<b>Adult Dance</b>			
Belly Dance (6 Week Session)	\$39.00	\$39.00	\$40.00
Belly Dance (8 Week Session)	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$53.50
Fitness Assessments	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Line Dance Class (6 week session)	\$39.00	\$39.00	\$40.00
Swing Dance Classes (6 week session)	\$39.00	\$39.00	\$40.00
<b>Aerobic Activities</b>			
Extreme Outdoor Bootcamp Spring/Summer	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$37.50
Stroller Power (4 Week Session)	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Tai Chi (6 Week Session)	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$37.50
Teen Power Pump (6 Week Session)	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$37.50
TRX Training (6 week session)	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$37.50
TRX/Tramp (6 week session)	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$37.50
Boxing Bootcamp (6 week session)	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$37.50
Cycle Classes (6 week session)	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$37.50

	Boga Fit Aqua Class (6 week session)	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Zumbatomic (6 Week Session)	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Healthy Foot (4 Week Session)	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>Fitness Aquatics</b>				
Furman	Outdoor (5 Week Sessions)	\$31.25	\$31.25	\$31.25
	Outdoor BogaFit (5 Week Sessions)	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
<b>Personal Training/Private</b>				
	Super Single (1) (Per Person)	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$53.50
	Three Sessions (Per Person)	\$149.00	\$149.00	\$153.00
	Five Sessions (Per Person)	\$247.00	\$247.00	\$254.00
	Ten Sessions (Per Person)	\$437.00	\$437.00	\$450.00
	Fifteen Sessions (Per Person)	\$566.00	\$566.00	\$588.00
<b>Semi-Private</b>				
	Super Single (1) (Per Person)	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$32.00
	Three Sessions (Per Person)	\$88.00	\$88.00	\$91.00
	Five Sessions (Per Person)	\$152.00	\$152.00	\$157.00
	Ten Sessions (Per Person)	\$268.00	\$268.00	\$276.00
	Fifteen Sessions (Per Person)	\$366.00	\$366.00	\$377.00
<b>Reformer Sessions</b>				
	Reformer Orientation Private	\$44	\$44	\$48.00
	1 Session Private	\$44	\$44	\$48.00
	5 Sessions Private	\$219	\$219	\$226.00
	10 Sessions Private	\$390	\$390	\$401.00
<b>Tae Kwon Do</b>				
	Dragon Beginner 6 Week	\$27.00	\$28.00	\$29.00
	Dragon Beginner 8 Week	\$36.00	\$37.00	\$38.00
	Dragon Inter/Adv 6 Week	\$27.00	\$28.00	\$29.00
	Dragon Inter/Adv 8 Week	\$36.00	\$37.00	\$38.00
	6 Week Session Summer	\$27.00	\$28.00	\$29.00
	8 Week Session Fall/ Spring	\$36.00	\$37.00	\$38.00
<b>Yoga</b>				
	6 Week Session	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Basic (4 week session)	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>Weight Room-CC &amp; 60 Forward</b>				
	Weight Room Orientation/Onboardings	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	Weight Room Orientation JR/HS	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$36.00
<b>Punch Cards</b>				
	10 Punches	\$43.00 = \$4.30 per visit	\$45.00 = \$4.50 per visit	\$46.00 = \$4.60 per visit
	30 Punches	\$97.00 = \$3.23 per visit	\$102.00 = \$3.40 per visit	\$105.00 = \$3.50 per visit
	50 Punches	\$135.00 = \$2.70 per visit	\$142.00 = \$2.84 per visit	\$146.00 = \$2.92 per visit
	100 Punches	\$216 = \$2.16 per visit	\$217.00 = \$2.17 per visit	\$224.00 = \$2.24 per visit

AQUATICS		ACTIVITY	2024/2025 FEE	2025/2026 FEE	2026/2027 PROPOSED FEE
		Early Bird Lap Swim - Spring (12 weeks)	Not offering	Not Offering	
		Early Bird Lap Swim - Summer (12 weeks)	\$48 R / \$63 NR (1x per week)	\$50 R/\$65 NR (1 x per week)	Pass or daily admission
		Jr. Lifeguarding	\$68 / \$83	\$68 / \$83	\$70/\$85
		Jr. Lifeguard Camp	\$175 / \$190	\$175 / \$190	\$175 / \$190
Lessons		Learn to Swim Lesson - Fitch (30 min sessions)	n/a	n/a	\$72
		Learn to Swim Adult Lessons (30 min)	\$64 / \$79	\$66 R / \$81 NR	-
		Learn to Swim Youth Lesson (30 min)	\$62 / \$77	\$64R / \$79 NR	-
		Learn to Swim Youth Lesson (45 min)	\$62 / \$77	\$64R / \$79 NR	-
		Learn to Swim Youth Lesson at ISU State Pool (30 min)	\$82 R / \$97 NR (8 weeks)	\$85 R / \$100 NR	-
		Learn to Swim Private/Semi-Private (8 session, 30 min.)	\$33.50 (private) / \$29 (semi private)	\$34.50 (private) / \$30 (semi private)	\$34.50 (private) / \$30 (semi private)
		Learn to Swim Private/Semi-Private (30 min.) at ISU State Pool	\$37 (private) / \$33 (semi private)	\$38 (private) / \$34 (semi private)	-
		Lifeguard Training	\$215 / \$230	\$220 / \$235	\$255/ \$270
		Lifeguard Recert	\$105 / \$120	\$110 / \$125	\$125/ \$140
		Lifeguard Prep (1 hour session)	\$92 / \$107	\$97 / \$112	\$100 / \$115
		Lifeguard Instructor (LGI)	\$235 / \$250	\$240 / \$255	\$265 / \$290
		Lifeguard Instructor/LGIT Review	\$140 / \$155	\$145 / \$160 + \$55 for base LG Cert	\$155 / \$170 (includes base for LG Cert)
		Water Safety Instructor (WSI)	\$235 / \$250	\$240 / \$255	\$260 / \$285
		Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED	\$85 / \$100	\$90 / \$105	\$90 / \$105
		Babysitting Clinic	\$70 / \$85	\$75 / \$90	\$115/\$130
		Log Rolling (4 weeks)	\$27 / \$32	\$27 / \$32	\$27 / \$32
		Innertube Water Polo (4 weeks)	\$40 / \$55	\$40 / \$55	\$40 / \$55
Daily Admissions		Splash Pad	FREE	FREE	FREE
	Fitch	Adult (16+)	-	-	\$7.00 R/\$8.00 NR
		Furman Senior Citizens (60+)	-	-	\$6.00 R/\$7.00 NR
		Furman Toddler (1-2)	-	-	No Longer Offered
		ISU Student (W/ID)	-	-	\$6.50
	Furman	Youth (Age 3-15)	-	-	\$6.00 R/\$7.00 NR
		Adult (16+)	\$7.00 R/\$8.00 NR	\$7.00 R/\$8.00 NR	\$7.00 R/\$8.00 NR
		Furman Senior Citizens (60+)	\$6.00 R/\$7.00 NR	\$6.00 R/\$7.00 NR	\$6.50 R/\$7.50 NR
		Furman Toddler (1-2)	No Longer Offered	No Longer Offered	No Longer Offered
		ISU Student (W/ID)	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$6.50
Punch Cards		Youth (Age 3-15)	\$6.00 R/\$7.00 NR (Now age 1-15)	\$6.00 R/\$7.00 NR (Now age 1-15)	\$6.00 R/\$7.00 NR
		Youth/Adult/Senior/Infant	12 for the price of 11	12 for the price of 11	12 for the price of 11
		Season Passes			
Furman Aquatic Center - Summer Pass (Saturday prior to Memorial Day through Labor Day)					
Furman Aquatic Center Summer Pass (discount 5% if purchases by May 1)	Individual, Adult (16+)	\$130 / \$160	\$130 / \$160	\$130 / \$160	
	Household	\$275 / \$330	\$275 / \$330	\$275 / \$330	
	*Household includes a maximum of two adults and three youth. Each additional adult - \$75.00-, youth-\$25.00				
	Individual, Senior Citizens (60+)	\$90 / \$112	\$110 / \$138	\$110 / \$138	
	Individual, Youth (3-15)	\$90 / \$112	\$90 / \$112	\$90 / \$112	
	ISU Student (with ID)	\$110	\$110	\$112	
End of Season Passes - Summer Valid August 1 - Labor Day	Individual, Adult (16+)	\$43 / \$58	\$43 / \$58	\$43 / \$58	
	Household	\$94 / \$112	\$94 / \$112	\$94 / \$112	
	*Household includes a maximum of two adults and three youth. Each additional adult - \$25.00-, youth- \$8.00				
	Individual, Senior Citizen (60+)	\$30 / \$37	\$36 / \$45	\$36 / \$45	
Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center Pass (discount 5% if purchases by August 1)	Individual, Youth (3-15)	\$30 / \$37	\$30 / \$37	\$30 / \$37	
	ISU Student (with ID)	\$37	\$37	\$38	
Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center Fall/Winter/Spring (day after Labor Day through Friday before Memorial Day)					
Individual, Adult (16+)				\$355 / \$435	
Household				\$745 / \$900	
Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center Pass (discount 5% if purchases by August 1)	*Household includes a maximum of two adults and three youth. Each additional adult - \$75.00-, youth-\$25.00				
	Individual, Senior Citizens (60+)				\$300 / \$375
	Individual, Youth (3-15)				\$245 / \$305
	ISU Student (with ID)				\$112
Aquatic Pass (Fitch & Furman) - Year Round (Memorial Day Weekend to Friday before Memorial Day Weekend)					
Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center Pass (discount 5% if purchases by August 1)	Individual, Adult (16+)				\$485/\$595
	Household				\$1,020/\$1,230
	*Household includes a maximum of two adults and three youth. Each additional adult - \$75.00-, youth-\$25.00				
	Individual, Senior Citizens (60+)				\$410/\$513
	Individual, Youth (3-15)				\$335/\$417
	ISU Student (with ID)				\$412

Pool Rental				
	<b>Furman Aquatic Center</b>	\$205 per pool per hour	\$205 per pool per hour	\$205 per pool per hour
100+ people		\$235 per pool per hour	\$235 per pool per hour	\$235 per pool per hour
Wibit AquaTrack		\$130/hour	\$130/hour	\$130/hour
Wibit Wiggle Bridge		\$65/hour	\$65/hour	\$65/hour
Wibit - Both When Already Set Up		\$160/hour	\$160/hour	\$160/hour
Key Logs (2 Logs, 2 Staff)		\$65/hour	\$65/hour	\$65/hour
<b>PARKS</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>2024/2025 FEE</b>	<b>2025/2026 FEE</b>	<b>2026/2027 PROPOSED FEE</b>
<b>Shelter Rentals</b>		\$19 per hour/2 hour minimum	\$20 per hour/2 hour minimum	\$20 per hour/2 hour minimum
<b>Dog Park</b>				
(10% discount is applied to tags sold in Dec & Jan)	January-December	\$62.00	\$64.00	\$64.00
	April-December	\$48.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	July-December	\$32.00	\$34.00	\$34.00
<b>Tennis/Pickleball Courts</b>				
<b>Sand VB Courts-Innis Grove</b>	Hourly Fee	\$7/hr/court	\$7/hr/court	\$7/hr/court
	All Day Fee	\$42/court	\$42/court	\$42/court
	Maintenance Fee	\$30/time/two courts	\$30/time	\$30/time
<b>Ada Hayden Heritage Park</b>	Hourly Fee	\$10/hr/court	\$10/hr	\$10/hr
	Light Fee	\$10/hr for two courts	\$10/hr for two courts	\$10/hr for two courts
	All Day Fee	\$60/court	\$60/court	\$60/court
<b>Ball Diamonds</b>	Maintenance Fee	\$45/time/all four courts	\$45/time	\$45/time
	Special Events	\$115.00	\$115.00	\$115.00
	Hourly Fee	\$15	\$15	\$15
<b>Brookside Park Fields (8,9)</b>	All Day Fee	\$90	\$90	\$90
	Maintenance Fee	\$45/time	\$45/time	\$45/time
	Hourly Fee	\$10	\$10	\$10
<b>River Valley Park (1-6)</b>	All Day Fee	\$60/field	\$60/field	\$60/field
	Maintenance Fee	\$25/field/time	\$25/field/time	\$25/field/time
	Light Fee	\$5/hr	\$5/hr	\$5/hr
<b>Community Garden Plots</b>				
Ioway Creek 10'x40' plot	Hourly Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	All Day Fee	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
	Maintenance Fee	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
<b>HOMEWOOD</b>	Tilling	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>2024/2025 FEE</b>	<b>2025/2026 FEE</b>	<b>2026/2027 PROPOSED FEE</b>
	<b>Daily Green Fees</b>	Summer, Weekdays	9 Holes 18 holes	9 Holes 18 holes
<b>Weekends &amp; Holidays</b>	Opening to 3 PM	\$15.00 \$20.00	\$16.00 \$21.00	\$17.00 \$22.00
	3 PM To Close	\$18.00 \$23.00	\$19.00 \$24.00	\$20.00 \$25.00
	Opening to 6 PM	\$20.00 \$26.00	\$21.00 \$27.00	\$22.00 \$28.00
	6 PM To Close	\$20.00 \$26.00	\$21.00 \$27.00	\$22.00 \$28.00
	Parent/Grandparent & Child Tue & Sun	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
	Special Jr. League Rate	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
	Junior Rate (All Season -17 and under)	\$12.00 \$17.00	\$12.00 \$17.00	\$12.00 \$17.00
	10 Round Punch Card - 9 Holes	\$165.00	\$170.00	\$175.00

<b>Season Passes</b>				
Adult (Age 18+)	\$550.00	\$566.00	\$583.00	
Couple (Same Household)	\$725.00	\$746.00	\$768.00	
Family (4 Members)	\$882.00	\$908.00	\$935.00	
Each Additional Member	\$198.00	\$198.00	\$198.00	
Junior (17 & Under)	\$230.00	\$235.00	\$242.00	
Senior Citizen (60+)	\$490.00	\$505.00	\$530.00	
Senior Citizen (90+)	FREE	FREE	FREE	
Senior Couple (Same Household)	\$660.00	\$680.00	\$700.00	
Student Pass (April-May)	\$190.00	\$210.00	\$215.00	
Student Pass (Aug-Oct)	\$190.00	\$210.00	\$215.00	
<b>Equipment Rental</b>				
Golf Club Rentals	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	
Pull Cart Rental	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	
Golf Cart Rental per seat	\$11.00 (9 Holes)    \$16.00 (18)	\$11.00 (9 Holes)    \$16.00 (18)	\$11.00 (9 Holes)    \$16.00 (18)	
Golf Cart Rental Punch Card (20 for the price of 19) - 9 holes	\$209.00	\$209.00	\$209.00	
<b>Leagues, summer</b>				
Junior High Youth League	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	
Couples League	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$100.00	
Sixty Forward League			\$50.00	
Mens League	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	
<b>Clubhouse Rental</b>				
Community Room	\$105.00/hour (year round)	\$105.00/hour (year round)	\$105.00/hour (year round)	
Pro Shop	\$53.00/hour (November 1-March 31)	\$53.00/hour (November 1-March 31)	\$53.00/hour (November 1-March 31)	
Community Room and Pro Shop	\$132.00/hr (November 1-March 31)	\$132.00/hr (November 1-March 31)	\$132.00/hr (November 1-March 31)	
Additional Staffing	\$23.40	\$23.40	\$23.40	
Cancellations	>14 days, no refund; 15-30 days, 50% refund; 31+ days, 100% refund	>14 days, no refund; 15-30 days, 50% refund; 31+ days, 100% refund	>14 days, no refund; 15-30 days, 50% refund; 31+ days, 100% refund	
<b>Golf Outings (per person rate)</b>				
Walking 9 Holes Weekday (16+ people)	\$13.00	\$14.00	\$15.00	
Walking 18 Holes Weekday (16+ people)	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$20.00	
Walking 9 Holes Weekend (16+ people)	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$20.00	
Walking 18 Holes Weekend (16+ people)	\$24.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	
Riding 9 Holes Weekday (16-28 people)	\$24.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	
Riding 9 Holes Weekday (29+ people)	\$40.00	\$41.00	\$42.00	
Riding 18 Holes Weekday (16-28 people)	\$29.00	\$30.00	\$31.00	
Riding 18 Holes Weekday (29+ people)	\$50.00	\$51.00	\$52.00	
Riding 9 Holes Weekend (16-28 people)	\$31.00	\$32.00	\$33.00	
Riding 9 Holes Weekend (29+ people)	\$45.00	\$46.00	\$47.00	
Riding 18 Holes Weekend (16-28 people)	\$40.00	\$41.00	\$42.00	
Riding 18 Holes Weekend (29+)	\$55.00	\$56.00	\$57.00	

AMES/ISU ICE ARENA	ACTIVITY	2024/2025 FEE	2025/2026 FEE	2026/2027 PROPOSED FEE
<b>Public</b>				
	Adult Admission (16+)	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$7.00
	Youth Admission (Ages 4-15)	\$5.50	\$5.50	\$6.00
	Child Under 4 Admission	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.50
	Skate Rental	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$4.00
	Group Skate Rental (20 or more)	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$3.00
	Group Skate Rental (with ice rental)	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$3.00
	Group Rate (20 or more)	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$5.00
	Student Special (Wednesday night PS only)	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$5.00
	Pick-Up Hockey (1.5 hour)	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$13.00
	Pick-Up Hockey (1 hour)	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$11.00
	Figure Freestyle (1.5 hour)	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$13.00
	Figure Freestyle (1 hour)	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$11.00
	Club Sponsored Figure Freestyle Sessions (AFSC)	n/a	\$8.00	\$10.00
<b>Equipment Rental</b>	Helmet Rental	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$4.00
	Broomball Equipment Rental	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$90.00
<b>Birthday Party Packages</b>				
	Pkg. #1 (1-10 Skaters, 3 large pizzas, pop, cake)	\$215	\$220	\$230
	Pkg. #2 (11-15 Skaters, 4 large pizzas, pop, cake)	\$268	\$275	\$290
	Pkg. #3 (16-20 Skaters, 5 large pizzas, pop, cake)	\$310	\$320	\$335
<b>Igloo Rental</b>	Per Hour	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$40
<b>Pro Shop Services</b>	Skate Sharpening (Drop-off overnight)	\$6.50	\$7.00	\$8.00
	Skate Sharpening (Same day)	\$8.50	\$9.00	\$10.00
	Rivet Repair (per rivet)	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
<b>Discount Punch Cards</b>				
	Adult (12 for price of 11)	\$71.50	\$71.50	\$77.00
	Youth (12 for price of 11)	\$60.50	\$60.50	\$66.00
	Pick-up Hockey (6 for cost of 5)	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$65.00
	Figure Freestyle (6 for cost of 5)	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$65.00
	Ice Skate Sharpening (6 for price of 5)	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00
<b>Ice Rental</b>				
<b>Non-Taxable Rates (ISU)</b>	Prime Time	\$262.91	\$276.06	\$290.00
	Non-Prime Time	\$196.56	\$206.39	\$220.00
	Summer Time	\$197.81	\$207.70	\$220.00
<b>Taxable Rates (0-39 hrs)</b>	Prime Time	\$335.52	\$352.30	\$370.00
	Non-Prime Time	\$262.91	\$276.06	\$290.00
	Summer Time	\$246.64	\$258.97	\$290.00
<b>Taxable Rates (40-99 hrs)</b>	Prime Time	\$302.98	\$318.13	\$370.00
	Non-Prime Time	\$231.61	\$243.19	\$290.00
	Summer Time	\$221.60	\$232.68	\$290.00
<b>Taxable Rates (100+hrs)</b>	Prime Time	\$281.70	\$295.79	\$310.00
	Non-Prime Time	\$210.33	\$220.85	\$230.00
	Summer Time	\$211.58	\$222.16	\$230.00
<b>Learn To Skate/Play</b>		\$165.26	\$173.52	\$185.00

<b>Arena Advertising</b>	Upper Scoreboard advertising sign (ea)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
	Lower Scoreboard advertising sign (ea)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
	Wall Banner (8' X 12')	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
	Olympia advertising	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
	Olympia Side advertising sign (ea)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	Dasherboard advertising sign	\$800.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	On Ice Logos - Long Term Users	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
	On Ice Logos in the Neutral Zones	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
	On Ice Logo - Center Ice	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Skate Trainers	\$175.00	\$175.00	Market cost of skate trainer

**Ice Rental Notes:**

ISU includes ISU Rec Services, Intramurals, Men's Hockey, Women's Hockey, and Broomball Clubs

Summer includes May, June, July, August

Any rental completing payment with credit card will result in an added service charge in the amount of 3%

Monday thru Friday: Prime Time is 3 PM to Midnight / Non-Prime Time is Midnight to 3 PM

Saturday and Sunday: Prime Time is 7AM to Midnight / Non-Prime Time is Midnight to 7AM

COMMUNITY CENTER	2024/2025 FEE	2025/2026 FEE	ADOPTED 2026/2027 FEE	2027/2028 PROPOSED FEE
<b>Gymnasium</b>				
Non-Profit Community Event	\$80 per hour - 1st 3 hours	\$80 per hour - 1st 3 hours	\$85 per hour - 1st 3 hours	\$85 per hour - 1st 3 hours
	\$45 for each additional hour	\$45 for each additional hour	\$50 for each additional hour	\$50 for each additional hour
Profit Status Community Event	\$145 per hour - 1st 3 hours	\$145 per hour - 1st 3 hours	\$145 per hour - 1st 3 hours	\$150 per hour - 1st 3 hours
	**	\$105 for each additional hour	\$105 for each additional hour	\$110 for each additional hour
<b>1/3 Multi-Purpose Room</b>	\$29.00 per hour	\$30.77 per hour	\$31.70 per hour	\$33 per hour
<b>Aerobics Room</b>	\$46.37 per Hour	\$49.19 per Hour	\$50.67 per hour	\$52 per hour
<b>Lunch Room</b>	17.39 per hour	\$18.45 per hour	\$19.00 per hour	\$20 per hour

**AUDITORIUM RENTAL RATES**

SPACE/EQUIPMENT	2024/2025 FEE	2025/2026 FEE	PROPOSED 2026/2027 FEE	2027/2028 PROPOSED FEE
<b>Profit Rates</b>				
Performance/Max Daily Rate	\$1,790 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,840 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,900 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,960 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)
Hourly/Rehearsal Rate	\$179.00	\$184.00	\$190.00	\$195.00
<b>Non-Profit Rates</b>				
Prime Time Max Daily Rate	\$1,180 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,220 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,260 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,300 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)
Prime Time Hourly Rate	\$118.00	\$122.00	\$126.00	\$130.00
Non-Prime Time Max Daily Rate	\$1,020 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,050 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,080 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,112 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)
Non-Prime Time Hourly Rate	\$102.00	\$105.00	\$108.00	\$111.00
<b>Hourly/Daily Discounts</b>				
Frequent User (100+ hours)	5%	5%	5%	5%
Community/ISU Arts	30%	30%	30%	30%
<b>Ticket Facility Fees</b>				
Based on Ticket Prices				
\$0.01-\$10.00 Tickets	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
\$10.01-\$25.00 Tickets	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
\$25.01 & Up Tickets	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
<b>Staffing</b>				
Hourly				
Additional Staffing Charges	\$23.90	\$24.62	\$25.36	\$26.12
Specialist/Programmer	\$32.85	\$33.84	\$34.86	\$35.90
Streaming Technician	\$32.85	\$33.84	\$34.86	\$35.90
TD/Project Management	\$89.56	\$92.25	\$95.02	\$97.87
<b>Stage Equipment</b>				
Charged once per event				
Piano	\$231.86	\$238.82	\$245.98	\$253.36
Dance Floor	\$202.88	\$208.97	\$215.24	\$221.70
Projector	\$115.93	\$119.41	Daily rate: \$125 per day (up to 3 consecutive days); Weekly Rate: \$525 per week (4+ consecutive days)	Daily rate: \$125 per day (up to 3 consecutive days); Weekly Rate: \$525 per week (4+ consecutive days)

<b>Merchandise</b>	10%	10%	10%	10%
<b>Ticket Printing</b>	\$.10/Ticket B&W \$.20/ticket Color			
<b>Service Fees For CC Sales</b>	\$.50/Ticket Sold	\$.50/Ticket Sold	\$.50/Ticket Sold	\$.50/Ticket Sold

**Auditorium Rental Notes:**

Any ISU rental group completing payment with credit card will result in an added service charge in the amount of 3%.

<b>BANDSHELL RENTAL RATES</b>				
<b>SPACE/EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>2024/2025 FEE</b>	<b>2025/2026 FEE</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2026/2027 FEE</b>	<b>2027/2028 PROPOSED FEE</b>
<b>For Profit Rates</b>				
Ticketed Event/Max Daily Rate	\$1,748 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,800 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,854 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,909 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)
Non Ticketed Events (per hour)	\$163.91	\$168.83	\$173.90	\$179.00
<b>Non Profit Rates</b>				
Hourly Rental	\$109 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$112 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$115 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$118 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)
Max Daily Rate	\$1,090 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,120 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,150 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,185 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)
<b>Riser Removal/Installation (per event)</b>	\$288	\$297	\$306	\$315
<b>Vending (excluding alcohol)</b>	\$218/Event or 10% of Sales	\$225/Event or 10% of Sales	\$232/Event or 10% of Sales	\$239/event or 10% sales
<b>Alcohol Sales</b>	10%	10%	10%	10%
<b>Ticket Facility Fees</b>	<b>Based on Ticket Prices</b>			
\$0.01-\$10.00 Tickets	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
\$10.01-\$25.00 Tickets	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
\$25.01 & Up Tickets	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00

For staffing fees, see fees under Auditorium Rental Rates

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Adopt the revised fee schedule as listed for FY 2026/2027.
2. Do not approve the revised fee schedule as listed for FY 2026/2027.
3. Refer the proposed fee schedule back to staff for modification.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Commission adopt alternative #1, approving the revised fee schedule for FY 2026/2027.

## Staff Report

**CAMERAS IN THE PARKS**

January 15, 2026

**BACKGROUND:**

Annually, Parks and Recreation staff receive multiple reports of vandalism and destruction of park and facility property. Vandalism has included graffiti, defacement of signage, intentionally cutting and removing trees, vehicles driving on turf areas in the parks and on the golf course, damage to playground equipment, construction of temporary dwellings, storing personal belongings, setting fire to restrooms, trash cans, and other items. Also, individuals have tampered with timers, lighting, electrical boxes, and other important infrastructure.

In most instances, staff remediate the vandalism quickly and efficiently, but in all cases the remediation efforts consume resources that could be used for completing other tasks. For example, in the spring of 2024, staff received a report of the dumping of over 40 car/truck tires near the baseball diamonds at Brookside Park. Staff had to make multiple trips to pick up and dispose of the tires which cost the Department time and money. The total cost of the cleanup was approximately \$1,000.

Various times over the last 10 years, staff has installed temporary “game cameras” to attempt to catch various perpetrators in the act of damaging park and facility property. In the fall of 2023, staff removed graffiti from an Inis Grove Park restroom building at least two times before a game camera was installed. Pictures from the game camera were taken to the Police Department which resulted in charges being filed, the individual pleading guilty, and the City being reimbursed for a portion of the cleanup costs.

Staff is seeking feedback from the Commission regarding purchasing cameras to be installed in temporary locations in an effort to curb vandalism in the parks and facilities.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Purchase and place cameras, when necessary, as determined by staff.
2. Do not purchase and place cameras in parks and facilities.
3. Refer to staff with direction as to what Commission would need to make a decision.

Staff Report

**FITCH FAMILY INDOOR AQUATIC CENTER PROPOSED FEES AND FACILITY HOURS UPDATE**

January 13, 2026

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 10 and 17, 2024, staff presented City Council with information regarding operational aspects of the Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center (FFIAC). Although staff continues to be heavily involved in the construction process, focus has shifted to hiring and training staff (full-time and temporary employees), purchasing furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FFE), and preparing for opening the facility.

**This report provides updates regarding facility schedules for FFIAC and Furman Aquatic Center (FAC), hours of operation, FFIAC survey results, and fee schedules for FFIAC and FAC. Also included is a budget update and a comparison to what was presented to Council in December 2024. This report is intended to be informational; no Council action is being requested at this time.**

**FACILITY SCHEDULE:**

As presented to Council one year ago, the year-round schedule for FFIAC and FAC will be as follows:

"Summer Hours" - Saturday Before Memorial Day to Labor Day (14 Weeks)

- FAC is open for programs and open swim
- FFIAC is used only for swimming lessons during mornings and evenings
- When FAC is closed for inclement weather, FFIAC would open during hours when swim lessons are not being held

"In-School Hours" - Tuesday After Labor Day to the Friday Before Memorial Day (38 Weeks)

- FFIAC is open for programs and open swim

**Staff recognizes that ideally, both facilities would be fully utilized and fully staffed during warm weather months. However, the reality is that staffing is a limitation to keeping the facilities open for use. It should also be noted that this proposed schedule had been implemented at times when the former Municipal Pool facility and FAC were operational.**

On a positive note, having a facility for lifeguards to work during the school year may help with retention as employees could guard year-round and would not have to find another job when Furman closes for the summer. If in the future there is an increase in the number of guards available and hired, this schedule can be revisited. However, staff is not expecting this to be the case for the foreseeable future. Therefore, staff believes it is prudent to plan for this more

limited operating scenario during warm weather months rather than raising expectations that are difficult to meet once the facility opens.

## **COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY:**

In November 2024, staff conducted a survey seeking feedback regarding programming for Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center. The survey focused on the type of aquatic programming the community would want to participate in at the new facility, and what days and times these programs should be offered.

Survey information was sent directly to over 12,589 emails, included in the Parks and Recreation newsletter, made available via Parks & Recreation and City of Ames social media, and announced through a City of Ames Press Release. The survey was open for a total of 10 days and received 2,154 responses. These responses have assisted staff in developing a program schedule for the first year of facility operations at FFIAC.

## **FFIAC HOURS OF OPERATION:**

Below is a breakdown of proposed hours of operations for FFIAC. These hours were developed from: 1) community input, 2) data from past Municipal Pool operations, and 3) the existing Furman Aquatic Center schedule.

### **"Summer Hours" - Saturday Before Memorial Day to Labor Day (14 Weeks)**

- Monday-Thursday:
  - 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Lap Swim, Water Walking, Aqua Classes
  - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Swim Lessons
  - 6:00 PM - 8:15 PM Swim Lessons
- Friday:
  - 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Lap Swim, Water Walking, Aqua Classes
  - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Private Swim Lessons, Adaptive Swim Lessons, and Adaptive Open Swim.
- Saturday & Sunday:
  - Closed - could utilize if FAC is closed for inclement weather for open swim and/or private rentals.

### **"In-School Hours" - Tuesday After Labor Day to the Friday Before Memorial Day (38 Weeks)**

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
  - 5:30 AM - 7:30 AM Early Bird Lap Swim
  - 7:00 AM - 9:45 AM Lap Swim, Water Walking, Aqua Classes
  - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Lap Swim, Tot Time, Water Walking, Independent Water Exercise
  - 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Open Programming Times (e.g., homeschool programming, aqua classes, afterschool programming, partnerships, rentals, non-school day open swim, etc.)
  - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Open Swim, Aqua Classes
  - 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Lap Swim, Water Walking
  - 8:00 PM - 9:45 PM Possible Programming Options (Volleyball, Kayaking, etc.)
- Tuesday and Thursday:

- 5:30 AM - 7:30 AM Early Bird Lap Swim
- 7:45 AM - 9:45 AM Lap Swim, Water Walking, Aqua Classes
- 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Lap Swim, Tot Time, Water Walking, Aqua Classes, Swim Lessons
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Open Programming Times (e.g., homeschool programming, aqua classes, afterschool programming, partnerships, rentals, non-school day open swim, etc.)
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Swim Lessons, Aqua Classes
- 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Swim Lessons, Aqua Classes, Water Walking
- 8:15 PM - 9:45 PM Possible Programming Options (Volleyball, Kayaking, etc.)
- Saturday:
  - 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Lap Swim, Aqua Classes
  - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Swim Lessons, Aqua Classes
  - 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lap Swim, Tot Time, Water Walking, Independent Water Exercise
  - 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Open Swim
- Sunday:
  - 11:00 AM - 1:45 PM Lap Swim, Tot Time, Water Walking, Independent Water Exercise
  - 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Open Swim
  - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Lap Swim, Water Walking

During In-School Hours, private rentals would be offered Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 8:15 PM - 9:45 PM. Birthday party options will also be available during open swim times. Staff will continually evaluate the schedule throughout the first year of operations and make data-informed decisions to modify the schedule as needed for future seasons.

**It should also be noted that the above schedule reflects facility hours for the natatorium space only.** The facility may be open for other operations such as fitness classes, youth activities, etc. in the multi-purpose rooms.

#### **PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE:**

As a reminder, the fee schedule for FFIAC was developed using the existing FAC fees as a model. **In Attachments A, B, and C, fees are shown for daily admissions, punch passes, and season passes and vary depending on the user (e.g., youth, adult, ISU student, senior, and household). These are the same fees that were presented to the City Council at the December 9, 2024 meeting.**

It should be noted that FAC is on property leased by Iowa State University (ISU), and the lease agreement stipulates that ISU students pay a fee that is at the midpoint between a youth and adult fee. In addition, in return for the \$500,000 contribution from Story County government towards the construction of FFIAC, all Story County residents will pay an amount equal to Ames resident fees at the FFIAC for a period of ten years.

**Also included in the attachments is additional information regarding season passes, including cost per week and cost per visit depending on utilization frequency. This information was the basis for developing the proposed fee schedule for the Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center.** The daily admission and punch pass fees for FFIAC are proposed to be the same as FAC. For FFIAC season passes, staff started with the cost per

week for a FAC season pass and multiplied it by 38 (number of weeks for the FFIAC season) to determine the proposed FFIAC season pass fees for each user group. Additionally, an Aquatic Facilities pass will be offered and will be good for both FAC and FFIAC. There will be three types of season passes which are shown below:

### **Season Passes**

- Furman Aquatic Center (Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day) - Attachment A
- Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center (Tuesday after Labor Day to Memorial Day weekend) - Attachment B
- Aquatic Facilities (Memorial Day weekend to Memorial Day weekend) - Attachment C

**Users will receive a 5% discount if they purchase a FAC pass prior to May 1 or a FFIAC pass prior to August 1. Anyone buying an Aquatic Facilities pass will receive a 15% discount.**

Of the 1,577 individual and household season passes sold for FAC in 2025, 3% received scholarship assistance. **Staff recognizes the need for scholarships for individuals and families who need financial assistance in order to utilize the FAC and FFIAC. Scholarships to purchase a pass will be offered. Staff is continuing to work on increasing the Scholarship Endowment Fund so the interest can be used for scholarships. Staff also recognizes that some individuals or households may not be able to pay for a season pass all at once so options continue to be explored as to how to remove this barrier.**

### **FY 2026/27 BUDGET:**

In December 2024, staff presented to City Council the anticipated operational budget summary for FFIAC. As the construction project has progressed, staff has gained a better understanding of building operations, the facility schedule, staffing projections, internal services, utility projections, and so forth. **Below is a table outlining the budget that was presented in December 2024, compared to the current proposed budget that will be presented to City Council for approval in February 2026 for FY 2026/27.**

<b>FFIAC Budget - Full Year of Operations</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>FFIAC (as of Dec. 2024)</b>	<b>FFIAC (FY 2026/27 Requested)</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Expenses	\$1,138,043	\$1,154,455	\$16,412
Revenue	\$ 856,387	\$ 858,780	\$ 2,393
Tax Subsidy	\$ 281,656	\$ 295,675	\$14,019
Percent Recovered By Fees	75%	74%	(1%)

### **STAFF COMMENTS:**

The information in this report will be the basis for what will be presented to residents of Ames, Story County, and surrounding areas. Once the Parks and Recreation Commission approves fees and charges on January 15, 2026, staff will start developing promotional materials to be distributed. It has been over three years since Council approved a contract for design to initiate the project and it will be exciting to show the public the finished aquatic center.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Attachment B - FFIAC Admission & Pass Fees & Cost per Visit.pdf

Attachment A - FAC Admission & Pass Fees & Cost per Visit 25-26 .pdf

Attachment C - Aquatic Pass Admission & Pass Fees & Cost per Visit.pdf



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**TO:** **Keith Abraham, Director of Parks and Recreation**  
**FROM:** **Staff**  
**RE:** **Monthly Report January 2026**

#### **PARKS AND FACILITIES:**

1. Staff removed volunteer trees along the south bank of the south lake at Ada Hayden Heritage Park. Volunteer tree removal around the rest of the lake will continue over the winter months to ensure patrons can enjoy lake views from the path throughout the year.
2. Staff completed park tree pruning at Franklin and Lloyd Kurtz Parks in late December. Yet to be completed are Gateway Hills, Emma McCarthy Lee, and O'Neil Parks.
3. Staff completed trail maintenance at East River Valley Park which included tree trimming, debris removal, and trail rerouting adjacent the Skunk River.
4. Staff removed snow on park paths and parking lots before the holidays. Residents are reminded that limited maintenance is performed on trails and should use caution when using trails throughout the year.
5. Ames residents can drop off Christmas trees through the end of January at the North River Valley Softball Field parking lot, 1015 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The trees will be chipped and used within the park system.

#### **RECREATION PROGRAMS:**

1. In December, there were 17 public skating sessions held at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena with a total attendance of 1,903 skaters. A total of 47 skaters attended 13 figure freestyle sessions, and 58 skaters attended 8 stick and helmet sessions. A total of two birthday parties were held, and 37 pairs of skates were sharpened.
2. The final fall fitness session of 2025 ended on December 23. Free drop-in classes were offered from December 26-January 3 at the Community Center and at the Sixty Forward Center. Approximately 405 people attended the classes at the Community Center and 105 people attended the classes at Sixty Forward. Food donations were accepted for Food at First. The winter session of all Fitness classes began Monday, January 5.

3. Intro to Boulder classes, in partnership with Bluestem Boulder, will begin in January with 10 registrations so far.
4. Youth basketball for boys and girls grades 3-6 are wrapping up their seasons this month. A total of 60 participants (6 teams) from Ames are playing in the Central Iowa Recreation League (CIRL). In addition to Ames, the league includes teams from surrounding communities.
5. Tennis lessons began in January at the Ames Fitness Center South Tennis Bubble with 28 total participants. The partnership with Ames Racquet and Fitness allows for lessons to be hosted year-round and instructed by tennis professionals.
6. The Winter Indoor Volleyball League currently has 67 teams registered for the season. The season begins the week of January 19 and ends with a tournament in April.
7. In December, the Ames City Auditorium hosted the following events:
  - a) The ISU Hip Hop Club presented their annual winter show on December 5.
  - b) Central Iowa Symphony held their winter concert on December 6.
  - c) The Auditorium hosted one Fifth and Clark Fridays Concert on December 7.
  - d) Saint Cecilia School hosted and streamed their yearly Christmas Concert on December 9.
  - e) Lifepointe Church presented a Holiday Concert on December 13.
  - f) The Auditorium held a holiday themed concert on December 19 & 20 with over 400 patrons in attendance for the two events.
  - g) In addition to three services on Christmas Eve, Hope Church hosted four services in the month of December on Sundays.
8. The Homewood Clubhouse was rented for five different events in December including holiday parties, a baby shower, and a New Years Eve event.
9. Santa Claus visited the Homewood Clubhouse on December 7 for Homewood for the Holidays. A total of 31 kids and their families enjoyed meeting Santa while completing crafts, eating a light breakfast, and capturing a picture with Santa to commemorate the experience.
10. Euchre League at Homewood ended on December 8. The league had 12 teams or 24 players. Participants enjoyed socializing and competing and are eager for the next Euchre League to start January 19.
11. Cribbage League at Homewood ended on December 10. The morning league had 16 players, and the evening league had 18 players. The next Cribbage League will start January 14.

**PROJECT UPDATE:**

1. King Construction, Iowa Falls, Iowa, is continuing to make progress on the Park Maintenance Facility Expansion Project. The bulk water station was relocated to the southern part of the site and has been in use by the public since mid-November. The break room renovation is nearing completion; yet to be completed is the new HVAC system and the installation of the breakroom lighting. Staff is expecting to complete a walkthrough and develop a punchlist in late January for the breakroom renovation. Framing of the new cold storage building is complete and the roof is currently being installed. The new storage building is expected to be completed by the end of February.
2. Staff received word from ConStruct, that the Homewood Golf Course Hole Nine Improvements Project will start in early February. The project includes the removal of the pedestrian bridge on hole nine and installing a new crossing that will include a culvert and a concrete path for golf carts and golfers that are walking. Also, included as part of the project is the stabilization along the banks of the ravine that bisects hole nine. The project is expected to be completed in mid-March, in time for the 2026 season.
3. TK Concrete, Pella, Iowa, completed the concrete foundations for the Daley Park Splash Pad mechanical building in late December. City staff will be constructing the structure this winter that will house the filters, disinfection equipment, pumps, and pipe manifold for the splash pad. TK Concrete will begin grading the site for the splash pad in April, with completion of the splash pad by June 1, 2026.