

**AGENDA**  
**AMES PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**City Hall Council Chambers – 515 Clark Avenue**  
**Thursday, August 15, 2019**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:** The Parks and Recreation Commission welcome comments from the public during discussion. 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 in order that others may be given the opportunity to speak. The normal process on any particular agenda item is staff may first give a report on the agenda item, Commissioners may ask questions for clarification, input is received from the audience, a motion is placed on the floor, the Commission is given an opportunity to comment on the issue or respond to the audience concerns, and the vote is taken. In consideration of all, if you have a cell phone, please turn it off or put it on silent.

1. Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes from June 20, 2019
3. Public Forum (For items not on the agenda)
4. Director's Report
  - a. Iowa Parks & Recreation Fall Workshop
  - b. Commission Action Form: Ames Cyclone Aquatics Club Request to Utilize Furman Aquatic Center for Its Swim Meet in 2020
  - c. Commission Action Form: Request to Waive Enforcement of Prohibition of Motorized Vehicles in Ada Hayden Heritage Park
  - d. Commission Action Form: Tons A Fun Softball Tournament Request for a Reduction in Rental Fees
  - e. Park Land Acquisitions
    - i. Old Edwards School Site
    - ii. Sunset Ridge Property
  - f. Capital Improvement Plan Process/Timeline
  - g. Project Updates
    - i. Healthy Life Center
    - ii. Miracle Park
    - iii. Inis Grove Restroom
  - h. Correspondence
5. Monthly Report
6. Commission Member Comments
7. Next Meeting:
  - a. Thursday, September 19 at 4:00 PM (Regular Meeting)
8. Adjournment

# **AMES PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** June 20, 2019

**COMMISSION**

**PRESENT:** Sarah Litwiller, Duane Reeves, Sarah Cady, Eve Lederhouse

**ABSENT:** Jeremy Bristow, Sean Carlton-Appleton, Kelsey Culbertson

**STAFF:** Keith Abraham, Joshua Thompson, Kellee Omlid

**CALL TO ORDER: 4:02 PM**

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Abraham informed the Commission on procedure for this election.

Nomination by Lederhouse and second by Cady for Litwiller to serve as temporary Chair. No discussion. No opposition. **Motion approved.**

Litwiller, as temporary Chairperson, asked for nominations for Chairperson.

Lederhouse nominated Cady for Chairperson with second by Reeves. No other nominations were received. No discussion. No opposition. **Motion approved.**

Cady opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Lederhouse nominated Litwiller for Vice chairperson with second by Reeves. No other nominations were received. No discussion. No opposition. **Motion approved.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Reeves, with second by Litwiller, to approve the May 19, 2019, meeting minutes. No discussion. No opposition. **Motion approved**

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Lori Biederman (1239 Orchard Dr)

Biederman informed the Commission that she represents the Friends of Brookside Park. She explained that the group is working on fundraising and thinking about where they want to go with the funds that they are raising. They are also finalizing the Memorandum of Understanding document.

Biederman wanted to address rumors that the Audubon Trail was being moved. The neighbors feel that trails invite people into an area and the neighborhood has concerns about inviting people into this natural space. They request that there is no action on any trail or woodland area without checking with wildlife experts.

Tim Fencl (1425 Maxwell Ave)

Fencl gave an update on the triathlon. He stated that everything is going well and that the group is being preemptive about any issues.

### **HEALTHY LIFE CENTER UPDATE**

Abraham informed the Commission that the bond referendum will be held on September 10. He stated that the public information sessions have gone well

Litwiller asked who was running the Healthy Life Center Facebook page. Abraham informed the Commission that the Facebook page was run by the friends group which is separate from any City functions.

### **PARK TOUR**

Commission and Staff went on a tour of city parks.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Lederhouse to adjourn. The meeting concluded at 6:00 PM.

Next Meeting: - Thursday, July 18, 2019, at 4:00 PM

8/8/2019

Director Abraham,

I am looking for more explanation and assistance with the diamond rental fees at South<sup>3 North</sup> River Valley Park. In the past diamonds were rented based on a daily rate per diamond for weekend tournaments. Additionally, diamonds could be rented by the hour for persons whose needs for partial days were a better fit. Recently I reserved the six diamonds for August 24 and 25. When I received my confirmation email I was surprised to see that fees had increased from \$360 to \$1860. My curiosity and desire for an explanation was first directed to Katie Kole and Joshua Thompson. While they acted very professional in their response it was still difficult for me to understand the large increase in fees. Thus, the reason I am asking you.

Please allow me to provide a little background information. This year will be the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Tons A Fun Coed Softball Tournament. This tournament is not only the longest running coed tournament in Iowa but the largest tournament as well. It has always been hosted in Ames with 2 exceptions. Those two exceptions were flood years. The tournament has

been as large as 45 teams bringing 1000 people to Ames. Recently the tournament is around 30 teams bringing over 600 people. Teams even come from out of state including Wisconsin, Missouri and Nebraska. There are some teams from Ames and central Iowa but the vast majority of teams are from distances far enough they stay in motels, buy gas, eat at restaurants and frequent many other Ames businesses. A few arrive on Fridays and don't leave until Monday. The opportunity to show case Ames is great and the economic impact is large.

The tournament was started in 1985 to help support my coed softball team for the next 20 years. The next few years it supported my men's softball team. The last ten years it has been a charitable fundraiser for MDA. After more than 23 years on the Ames Fire Dept. I became occupationally disabled from a fall at a house fire. During that 23 years I raised money with the other firefighters for MDA. We had two Ames firefighters receive benefits from MDA, Dave Schubert and Lynn Christian. Lynn was actually another disabled firefighter from the bombing of City Hall in 1971 as a protest to Viet Nam. Raising money for MDA helps many Ames and Story County residents.

For 10 years, 1997 to 2007, I was a part of the Ames Slowpitch Softball Association (ASSA). That organization raised tens of thousands of dollars and put in thousands of hours of labor to develop South and North River Valley Parks. During that ten years the ASSA and Parks and Rec instituted a policy to promote tournaments in Ames. Four diamonds could be rented for the price of three and six diamonds could be rented for the price of four. As I recall, in the beginning diamond fees were \$25 per day per diamond and then rose to \$30 per day per diamond. Meaning prior to 2000 the weekend cost was \$200 and later went to \$240. As all things change and most things cost more my cost last year was \$360 for the weekend. I don't remember exactly when but I recall diamonds costing somewhere around \$300 per weekend for several years. Which was likely in the 2010 to 2015 time period. While an increase in diamond fees was not my preferred event I am fully aware costs increase. An increase from \$360 to say \$500 or so may have been disappointing but not likely cause more than a question on accuracy and an acceptance of rising costs.

The Ames firefighters have assisted me in putting on this tournament for the past years. During that time we have been able to donate \$1000 to \$1300 annually to MDA. An increase of \$1500 in diamond fees would negate the ability to donate much if any to MDA.

I would be happy to answer any questions or provide more information if necessary. I also ask that no negative fall out happens to any staff. I respect the chain of authority and come to you because of the short time period I have to come up with a resolve. The tournament is just two weeks away. I have emailed the flier to promote the event and already received some entries.

Thank you for time and consideration.

Mike Bryant  
2516 Woodview Drive  
Ames, IA 50014

515-450-0800

presffmike@aol.com

I hope you don't find too many errors as I'm out of practice writing.

# **TONS A FUN 35th ANNUAL CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT & FIREFIGHTER MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOC. FUNDRAISER**

**AT LEAST 60% OF THE PROFIT WILL GO TO MDA**

When: Saturday and Sunday—August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 possibly Friday evening the 23<sup>rd</sup> too.  
Where: North River Valley-1015 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street Ames, Iowa  
Entry Fee: \$150.00

Format: Texas Style. Guaranteed 5 games. First, teams will be placed in groups of 3 for pool play. Then teams with records of 2-0 will enter the A-Bracket for a 3 game guarantee. The teams with records of 1-1 will enter the B-Bracket for a 3 game guarantee. The teams with records of 0-2 will enter the C-Bracket for a 3 game guarantee. Pool play games may be less than 7 innings.

## **OVER FOR MORE DETAILS**

Entry Deadline: 7:00 P.M. Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Late entries will be accepted only if space is available. Drawings for times and opponents will be on Wednesday. Game times and umpiring assignments will be emailed by 6:00 P.M. Thursday for those teams who supply an email address. Teams without an email address may call Thursday evening between 6:00 and 9:00 P.M. for game times and umpiring assignments. Please do not leave a voice mail; simply call back.

For questions call 515-450-0800 or email [presffmike@aol.com](mailto:presffmike@aol.com)

To enter fill out entry form below and return with entry fee to: Mike Bryant  
2516 Woodview Drive  
Ames, IA 50014

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please print legibly

Manager's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you are willing to play Friday evening. Friday games would be at 7, 8 or 9 PM.

## **TONS A FUN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION CONTINUED**

- 1) In the event of bad weather we reserve the right to change the tournament format.
- 2) The winning team will be required to furnish 2 competent umpires for the next scheduled game on that diamond. The only exception will be if you are scheduled to play right away; if so, the loosing team will be required to furnish 2 competent umpires for the next scheduled game on that diamond. This is an effort to keep costs down and payback up. Failure to provide umpires will result in forfeit from tournament and/or forfeit of payback money.
- 3) Umpires will be supplied for championship games.
- 4) North River Valley concession stand will be open and reasonably priced. Carry-in beer is allowed. The City of Ames has a "no tobacco policy" on all City property.
- 5) The City of Ames, hosts, sponsors or any personnel associated with this tournament will not assume responsibility for injuries, accidents, lost or stolen items.
- 6) This tournament will be open to the first teams to pay the entry fee.
- 7) This tournament will follow ASA rules for CO-ED except otherwise stated here. Umpire decisions will be final and there are no protests allowed. NO metal cleats.
- 8) Furnish your own balls. Men hit 12" and women hit 11". Balls must be ASA approved .52 CORE and 300 lbs. compression. Chase your own homerun and foul balls.
- 9) Forfeit time is game time. At least eight players are required to start and finish each game. A player may play for one team only. Illegal players will result in forfeit from the tournament.
- 10) We will start with a 1 and 1 count and there will be no courtesy fouls. Twelve run rule after 5 innings except championship games. Homerun limit of three per game. Homeruns in excess of the limit will be outs. Any part of the plate or carpet is a strike.
- 11) No infield practice will be allowed before game time or between innings.
- 12) Coin toss will determine home team. The team on top of the bracket will occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout unless a team just finished play on that diamond and already occupies that dugout.

Travel Expenses (based on 36 teams with a 12:12:12 split & subject to change)

A-Bracket	B-Bracket	C-Bracket
1 <sup>st</sup> ---\$500	1 <sup>st</sup> ---\$250	1 <sup>st</sup> ---\$125
2 <sup>nd</sup> ---\$400	2 <sup>nd</sup> ---\$200	2 <sup>nd</sup> ---\$100
3 <sup>rd</sup> ---\$300	3 <sup>rd</sup> ---\$150	3 <sup>rd</sup> ---\$75
4 <sup>th</sup> ---\$200	4 <sup>th</sup> ---\$100	4 <sup>th</sup> ---\$50
5 <sup>th</sup> ---\$100	5 <sup>th</sup> ---\$50	5 <sup>th</sup> ---\$25
5 <sup>th</sup> ---\$100	5 <sup>th</sup> ---\$50	5 <sup>th</sup> ---\$25

DATE: August 15, 2019**COMMISSION ACTION FORM****SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR A FEE REDUCTION FOR TONS A FUN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**BACKGROUND:**

Mike Bryant has hosted the Tons A of Fun Softball Tournament at River Valley Softball Complex for over 30 years. As explained in the attached letter, an increase in diamond rental fees may have Mr. Bryant paying approximately \$1,500 more in rental fees in 2019 as compared to 2018. Thus, Mr. Bryant is requesting a reduction in rental fees for this year.

Below is a summary of what Mr. Bryant has paid for the last several years:

<u>Year</u>	<u># of Diamonds</u>	<u>Total Fees Paid</u>	<u>Cost per Diamond per Day</u>
2014	12	\$280	\$35
2015	Fields were flooded		
2016	12	\$360	\$45
2017	12	\$360	\$45
2018	12	\$360	\$45
2019*	12	\$1,860	\$155

\*Estimated fees based on \$10/hour (non-lighted diamonds), \$15/hour (lighted diamonds), and \$25 per diamond per time for full maintenance.

For many years, Ames softball league teams received a fee discount when hosting a softball tournament in River Valley Park. The rental fee was based on a per diamond per day fee and included diamond maintenance (dragging and chalking) prior to the first game each day. Additionally, teams received six diamonds for the price of four or four for the price of three. In 2017, the rental rates were reviewed and Parks and Recreation instituted a per hour rate for tournaments. Diamond maintenance was an additional fee if maintenance was desired by the tournament host. However, the fees were kept the same in 2017 and 2018 as previous years for Mr. Bryant. In 2018, Mr. Bryant was made aware that fees for 2019 may be increased.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve a reservation fee of \$50 per diamond per day, including maintenance prior to the first game each day, for the Tons A Fun Softball Tournament on August 24 & 25, 2019.

2. Approve keeping the 2019 fees the same as 2018 for the Tons A Fun Softball Tournament on August 24 & 25, 2019.
3. Approve a per diamond per day reservation fee in an amount set by the Commission, including maintenance prior to the first game each day, for the Tons A Fun Softball Tournament on August 24 & 25, 2019.
4. Deny the request.
5. Refer back to staff.

**STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Mr. Bryant has hosted a successful tournament at the River Valley Softball Complex for many years and has been a good host. He helps keep the complex clean throughout the day and at the end of the tournament. This is greatly appreciated by staff as large tournaments can at times leave a mess that staff has to clean up. Mr. Bryant's tournaments do bring in many visitors to Ames for one to three days. In addition, Parks and Recreation does benefit from concessions being sold during the tournament.

When softball diamond rental rates were reviewed in 2017, a day rental rate was not included in the fee schedule. Looking back, this was an oversight as we have day rates for sand volleyball courts, tennis courts, the Bandshell, and Auditorium. This is something staff will review in the coming months and bring a recommendation to the Commission as part of the Fees and Charges Schedule in January, 2020.

Because there is no day rate for softball diamond rentals, staff feels Mr. Bryant's request is a reasonable one. Therefore, Staff recommends Commission adopt Alternative 1 as stated above.

**COMMISSION ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:**      **REQUEST TO WAIVE ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITION OF  
MOTORIZED VEHICLES IN ADA HAYDEN HERITAGE PARK**

**BACKGROUND:**

Each September from 2004 through 2011, members of the local Moose Lodge provided golf cart rides around Ada Hayden Heritage Park (AHHP) for older adults with mobility impairments. Lodge members determined that if they did not provide this service, these individuals may never get to experience the overall beauty of the 437 acre site. Please note that mobility impaired individuals can use motorized mobility devices (i.e. electric wheelchairs, motorized mobility scooters, etc.) on the trails, however, many individuals do not have this type of device that enables them to enjoy the park system.

In 2016 through 2018, the Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park (Friends) provided this valuable service to individuals with mobility impairments and received many positive comments. As a result, the Friends are proposing to offer tours on Thursday, September 12, 2019, between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. The Friends will rent golf carts, provide volunteers as drivers and interpreters, and provide the City with a Certificate of Insurance to cover liability. Tours will be promoted and reservations will be taken for various time slots.

This opportunity has been well received in the past, however, Ordinance 19.9 restricts motorized vehicles to streets and parking lots. Therefore, the Friends are requesting City Council waive the enforcement of this Ordinance on Thursday, September 12 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM at AHHP. In the event of inclement weather, they will use Friday, September 13 as a rain date.

The Parks and Recreation Commission does not have authority to waive the Ordinance, however, it can recommend City Council grant this waiver request.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Recommend City Council waive enforcement of Ordinance 19.9 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 12, as well as, Friday, September 13 if needed for a rain date, at Ada Hayden Heritage Park to allow the Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park to provide golf cart tours to mobility impaired individuals.

2. Do not recommend City Council waive the request from the Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park to provide golf cart tours to mobility impaired individuals.

**STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park are proposing to provide a tremendous service for members of our community that otherwise would not have the opportunity to tour this park in its entirety. Therefore, it is staff's recommendation to approve Alternative 1 as stated above.

16 July 2019

Keith Abraham and Ames Parks Commissioners  
Director of Ames Parks and Recreation  
Email: kabraham@city.ames.ia.us

Dear Keith and Parks Commissioners:

For the past several years, the Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park have held a one-day opportunity in the fall for Ames folks who have mobility issues to access Ada Hayden Park. We have rented golf carts from an Ankeny firm, provided a driver/interpreter for each one, and provided 1.5-2 hour tours of the park for these folks. The reviews have consistently been outstanding, with 60-80 people participating each year. We have, in the past, contacted various senior housing operations in Ames (Northcrest, Green Hills, etc.) plus Mainstream Living. The response has always been enthusiastic.

We would like to offer this opportunity again in fall, 2019. Our proposed date is Thursday, September 12, 2019, with a rain date of Friday, September 13, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on those days. We seek approval from both the Parks Commission and Ames City Council for temporarily suspending the "no motorized vehicles" rule on the trails to hold this special event.

The Friends of Ada Hayden are happy to provide this service to mobility challenged citizens of Ames at no cost to the City or the Parks Department. We hope you will approve this request. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns with this request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Pease". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

James Pease, President  
Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park

## COMMISSION ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: AMES CYCLONE AQUATICS CLUB (ACAC) REQUEST TO UTILIZE  
THE FURMAN AQUATIC CENTER IN 2020**

**BACKGROUND:**

Following their tenth consecutive summer youth swim meet, held at the Furman Aquatic Center (FAC) in June 2019, the Ames Cyclone Aquatic Club requests approval from the Commission to host a meet on June 5, 6, and 7, 2020.

Staff offers the following summation of the 2019 meet:

- The ACAC leadership team that worked with City staff was great. Communication prior to and during the meet, shared expectations, and a clear understanding of roles led to an overall successful meet.
- Participation totaled approximately 600 swimmers.
- ACAC told swim meet parents and participants they could enter the facility Friday at 1:00 PM to set-up their tents and prepare for warm-ups. However, many tried to get in early and some, when told they couldn't enter until 1:00 PM, were less than pleasant with Admissions staff.
- Swim meet participants, parents, and spectators entered the facility through the front gate again this year instead of the staff / emergency exit. This worked very well as the emergency lane remained clear, the back gate closed, and staff knew who was entering and exiting the facility.
- Swimsuit vendor parked his trailer offsite during the meet again this year. This was a plus as access to the garbage dumpsters was unobstructed and the emergency lane and driveway remained clear.
- Swim meet participants not paying the daily admission fee, but utilizing the Splash Pool and Lazy River during open swim was less of an issue this year than in the past. This excludes ACAC swimmers as they purchase season swim passes.
- With the goal of educating the public that a "swim meet was held June 7, 8, and 9, and the 50 meter pool was closed", the City's Traffic Division placed a large digital sign at the entry of FAC. The message scrolled continuously the ten days prior to the swim meet.
- The City's Traffic Division placed a second digital sign in the parking lot informing meet participants "no swim meet parking" past the first row of stalls. This, along with ACAC requiring swim meet participants to park at the High School or Haber Road lot, alleviated some of the parking issues from previous meets. ACAC's parking lot crew was excellent as they stopped each and every vehicle and if they were associated with the swim meet directed them to the High School or Haber Road lot.
- ACAC provided the certified lifeguard(s) as required by code to supervise their swim meet participants. The City provided concession stand workers and a staff member on deck to answer questions or address concerns related to the operation of the facility – not their meet.

In the event a youth swim meet is approved for June 5, 6, and 7, 2020, ACAC and staff agree to the following:

- Swim meet is limited to the 50 meter basin.
- The Lazy River can be used for warm-ups or cool-downs when FAC is not open for normal operations. ACAC will reimburse the City for the lifeguards.
- Participation numbers will be approximately 600 swimmers (18 years of age and younger).
- Discussions will continue to address, if possible, swim meet participants utilizing the Splash Pool and Lazy River during open swim, but not paying the daily admission fee.
- Discussions will continue to address, if possible, the concerns regarding parking.
- Approximate hours of usage of the 50 meter basin only:
  - Thursday: 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM (set-up if necessary)
  - Friday: 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM (set-up)
  - Friday: 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM (meet)
  - Saturday: 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM (meet)
  - Sunday: 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM (meet)
  - Sunday: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (take-down)
- City will sell all concessions.
- Rain or shine, tents are restricted to the deck around the 50 meter pool.
- Staff will meet with ACAC representatives in April 2020 to finalize details.

It is important to note the Commission has discounted the rental rate for ACAC for this meet since the first meet at Furman in 2010. The rental rate for ACAC in 2019 was \$425 per day, excluding Thursday set-up. ACAC's final bill was \$1,505 (\$1,275 rental fees and \$230 for additional staff time). The total number of hours rented for the meet was 41. In comparison, the hourly rental rate for the 50 meter basin is \$150 per hour. If that rate was applied for this meet, ACAC would have paid \$6,150 in rental fees plus additional staff time if applicable.

Similar to this year, staff recommends in the event ACAC wants to host a meet in June of 2021, they submit those dates to Iowa Swimming Incorporated (ISI) and the decision to authorize that meet is once again determined following the 2020 meet.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1) Approve:

- a) Renting the 50 meter basin of the Furman Aquatic Center at \$500 per day on June 5, 6, and 7, 2020 to ACAC for a youth swim meet.
- b) Allowing ACAC to utilize the Lazy River for warm-ups and cool-downs when FAC is not open for normal operations and have ACAC reimburse the City for the lifeguards.
- c) Reserving the proposed dates and related times to ACAC to host a swim meet at the Furman Aquatic Center in 2021. A determination of the date (awarded by ISI) would be based upon the City's evaluation of the 2020 meet with a decision being made at the August 2020 Commission meeting.

- 2) Approve:
  - a) Renting the 50 meter basin of the Furman Aquatic Center at \$425 per day (same rate as 2019) on June 5, 6, and 7, 2020 to ACAC for a youth swim meet.
  - b) Allowing ACAC to utilize the Lazy River for warm-ups and cool-downs when FAC is not open for normal operations and have ACAC reimburse the City for the lifeguards.
  - c) Reserving the proposed dates and related times to ACAC to host a swim meet at the Furman Aquatic Center in 2021. A determination of the date (awarded by ISI) would be based upon the City's evaluation of the 2020 meet with a decision being made at the August 2020 Commission meeting.
  
- 3) Approve:
  - a) Renting the 50 meter basin of the Furman Aquatic Center at a different rate proposed by the Commission on June 5, 6, and 7, 2020 to ACAC for a youth swim meet.
  - b) Allowing ACAC to utilize the Lazy River for warm-ups and cool-downs when FAC is not open for normal operations and have ACAC reimburse the City for the lifeguards.
  - c) Reserving the proposed dates and related times to ACAC to host a swim meet at the Furman Aquatic Center in 2021. A determination of the date (awarded by ISI) would be based upon the City's evaluation of the 2020 meet with a decision being made at the August 2020 Commission meeting.
  
- 4) Deny the request and refer back to staff.

**STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This is the tenth year the meet has been held. Staff and ACAC leadership thought the meet went very well with few concerns. Very few residents and customers expressed frustration with parking and not having access to the 50 meter pool on the meet weekend.

It should be remembered, Ames is one of only a few Iowa cities that has an outdoor 50 meter competitive pool that can host a youth swim meet of this caliber. In staff's opinion, it does not seem inappropriate to limit the public to two of three basins on one of sixteen weekends during the summer season.

Therefore, taking all perspectives into account, staff recommends Alternative 1. If approved, staff would once again place emphasis on educating the public a swim meet will be held these three days and the 50 meter basin will not be accessible.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**2020-2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) PROCESS**

August 15, 2019	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting - Agenda item to discuss CIP process.
September 12, 2019	Public Input Session on Parks and Recreation CIP. City Hall Room 135, 6:00 PM.
September 19, 2019	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting - Agenda item to share Public Input from CIP meeting and ideas from staff. Commission will provide direction to staff regarding the 2020-2025 CIP.
October, 2019	Staff will develop CIP and discuss with City Manager and Finance Department.
November, 2019	Staff will continue to work on CIP based on feedback from City Manager and Finance.
December 5, 2019	Parks and Recreation Commission meets with City Manager to discuss Draft CIP and funding availability. If funding is not available, projects may need to be prioritized.
January 16, 2020	CIP is presented to Parks and Recreation Commission.
January 21, 2020	Initial CIP review by City Council.
January 28, 2020	Public Hearing by City Council.
February 11, 2020	CIP is approved by City Council.



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**TO: Keith Abraham, Director of Parks and Recreation**

**FROM: Staff**

**RE: Monthly Report August 2019**

### **PARKS AND FACILITIES:**

1. Staff prepared portions of North and South River Valley Park, Brookside Park, Carroll Marty Disc Golf Course, and Emma McCarthy Lee Park for Iowa Games Events.
2. Staff responded after 5:00 PM to broken glass at the Furman Aquatic Center in late July. The response included draining the Splash Pool, cleaning up any broken glass, and refilling the pool. The pool was open the next morning for Tot time at 11:00 AM.
3. Staff mowed the prairie that was seeded in the spring of 2018 at Ada Hayden Heritage Park for the first time this year. Mowing the prairie is a management tool that allows young prairie plants to grow without competition (e.g. weeds).
4. The Iowa Conservation Corps removed invasive vegetation at Ada Hayden Heritage Park in late June. Species that were targeted included Siberian Elm and Green Ash.
5. All 63 garden plots at Squaw Creek Community Gardens and 14 raised garden beds in Carr Park have been rented and planted this season. This the second year in a row that all beds have been rented as part of the Community Garden program.

### **RECREATION PROGRAMS:**

1. In July, there were 12 public skating sessions held at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena with a total attendance of 266 skaters. A total of 416 skaters attended 18 noon skate sessions and July skate rentals totaled 169.
2. The Ames/ISU Ice Arena hosted the Iowa Games Figure Skating competition with 41 skaters participating.
3. Staff recorded a Healthy Living Show promoting one of our newer group fitness classes, SocaFit, which is a Caribbean-inspired cardio dance workout.
4. Approximately 50 people participated in the Iowa Games Zumba class held at the Community Center.

5. Seventy-four people participated in the second session of outdoor aqua classes at Furman Aquatic Center.
6. Twenty-seven people participated in three BOGAFIT sampler classes held at Municipal Pool.
7. Two Tae Kwon Do (TKD) instructors and nine students participated in the National TKD Tournament held in Minneapolis, MN. One of our students brought home the gold!
8. A yearly comparison of teams in summer adult leagues is below.

Adult					
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
4-on-4 Sand Volleyball	12	12	15	12	12
6-on-6 Sand Volleyball	48	59	54	50	55
<b>Total Sand Teams</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>67</b>
Soccer	11	13	16	14	16

9. Online registration for 2019-20 fall/winter programs began July 15.
10. The Fall/Winter Program and Facilities Guide was mailed to approximately 18,000 households and delivered to 30 area businesses.
11. A number of activities including a “4<sup>th</sup> Skate, Family Pick-Up Hockey, and Christmas in July Public Skate at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena, Free Fitness Class Week, BOGAFIT sampler classes, Twilight Golf Special at Homewood Golf Course, and Roller Derby Clinic were held to celebrate Parks and Recreation Month.
12. School in-session hours at Furman Aquatic Center starts Monday, August 26. The Aquatic Center will be open weekdays from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM for adult lap swim, adult water walking, and tot time, and 5:00 – 7:00 PM for open swim. On weekends and Labor Day, the regular summer schedule applies.
13. Parks and Recreation is hosting a free movie night at the Bandshell on Friday, August 30 at 8:15 PM featuring The Goonies. The movie night is sponsored by Ames Main Street, Duck Worth Wearing, Perfect Games, and Pyfferon Dentistry.
14. July Auditorium Events
  - a. Hope Lutheran Church held four worship services.
  - b. Co’Motion Dance Theater held five days of kid’s dance and two performances.
  - c. Congressman Steve King hosted a town hall meeting.
15. July Bandshell Events
  - a. Ames Municipal Band performed four concerts.
  - b. Public Wellness held three sessions of “Yoga in the Park”.

## **PROJECT UPDATE:**

1. Work has started again on the Low Head Dam Project in North River Valley Park. Water levels have gone down significantly to allow work to take place. The goal is to complete the project this fall, weather dependent. A ribbon cutting will take place once the project is completed.
2. Staff has been meeting with Hartman & Trapp, regarding engineering and design of the restroom to be constructed in Inis Grove Park, adjacent the Miracle Field and All-Inclusive Playground. The goal is for the project to be bid this fall, with construction starting later this year. The goal is to have the restroom constructed by late spring of 2020. As part of the project the restroom located adjacent Duff Ave. will be renovated and the restroom near Shagbark Shelter will be decommissioned.
3. Design Alliance has completed design for the Homewood Golf Course Clubhouse. Plans and Specifications are planned to go out for bid later this fall when a more favorable bidding climate is expected.
4. ISG is finishing up final design specifications for the Brookside Park Restroom Renovation Project. The project will go out to bid later this fall, with construction starting yet this fall with completion the spring of 2020.