

Parks and Recreation Director's Report

May 1, 2008

- Have started working on landscaping around Aurora Memorial library
- Have leveled and sodded the outfield area for field #4 – will be installing split rail fence next
- Installed the gravel entrance and bullpen area at the dog park
- The lights for the ballfields at Sunny Lake have been completely wired to control using an internet scheduling program
- Emery Electric completed the wiring of the electric for vending machines behind the Fire Station #1
- Windstream completed the installation of the emergency phone next to the skate park on attached to the privacy fence for vending machines
- Have had many youth using the skate park with no reported injuries to date
- Met with contact from EnviroScience to begin process for nuisance fish eradication
- Councilman Kovach and I met with staff from CVCC about farming properties (Harmon)
- Have purchased a Nintendo Wii and will be starting Senior Bowling Leagues soon!
- Summer programs and camps are beginning to fill up and we will be marketing more over the next few weeks
- The Fitness Challenge wrapped up on April 20 with 30 people finishing – working on totaling all the benefits that each person experienced!
- Saturday, May 17 from 11 – 12 p.m. will be the Portage County Bicentennial Cemetery Memorial Recognition. 3 residents (Ebenezer Sheldon, Charles R. Harmon and John Ingalls Eldridge) will be presented a grave stone and the city will receive a plaque from Portage County.
- Saturday, May 17 from 1 – 4 will be the Bark in the Park event at the Tails ‘n Trails Dog Park with co-sponsors PAPL and Freedom Greyhound Rescue (FGR). Also 5-10 rescue groups, PetsMart, Moochie Pet Boutique, 4H group and others will be involved. A pledge walk by FGR will begin at 12:30 p.m. around Sunny Lake
- Continue to work with AHS senior Alyssa Ogonek to plan the Aurora Youth Track Meet for children 2 – 12 on Friday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the AHS Veterans Stadium. Event will be followed by the first Family Movie Night at 8:30 p.m. on the football field.
- Adult Volleyball League finished on April 23 and was another successful season
- Adult Softball Men's and Coed Leagues have started with 10 and 8 teams respectively in each league
- Youth Spring Soccer and Spring Boys Basketball Leagues have started and running smooth
- Youth Co-ed Volleyball League has completed and ran smoothly
- Youth Introduction to Lacrosse will began on Monday, April 28
- Had first meeting for the Community Recreation Center Planning Committee on Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Walker Building