

AMES PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
City Hall Council Chambers – 515 Clark Avenue
Thursday, September 17, 2020

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1. Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes from August 20, 2020
3. Public Forum (For items not on the agenda)
4. CIP Public Input
5. Discussion regarding Community Gardens and Food Forests Survey
6. Motion to hold the Parks and Recreation Commission October meeting virtually or in-person
7. Update on Parks and Recreation Operations due to COVID-19 Pandemic
8. Update on August 10 Storm and recovery efforts
9. Project Updates
10. Monthly Report
11. Commission Member Comments
12. Next Meeting:
 - a. Thursday, October 15 at 4:00 PM (Regular Meeting)
13. Adjournment

AMES PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 20, 2020

COMMISSION

PRESENT: Jeremy Bristow, Sarah Cady, Sarah Litwiller, Jacob Ludwig, Duane Reeves, Nathan Shimanek

ABSENT: Eve Lederhouse

STAFF: Keith Abraham, Kellee Omlid, Joshua Thompson,

CALL TO ORDER: 4:01 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Litwiller, with second by Bristow, to approve the July 16, 2020, meeting minutes. No discussion. No opposition. **Motion Approved**

PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Forum

STAFF REPORT REGARDING THE REQUEST FROM STORY COUNTY COURTS TO WAIVE RENTAL FEES FOR THE CITY OF AMES AUDITORIUM

Abraham reviewed the request and stated Story County is responsible for providing space for the courts. The Court Administrator sent a request to the Story County Board of Supervisors and they will be taking action regarding the request. Story County would pay for the use of the Auditorium if they choose to rent this space. Abraham wanted to make sure that the Commission was aware of this request, but no decision needs to be made.

MOTION TO APPROVE/DENY THE AGREEMENT WITH OPTUMHEALTH CARE SOLUTIONS

Nancy Shaw, Public Wellness Manager, informed the Commission that Silver Sneakers and other programs through insurance companies are becoming more and more popular. This agreement is with a company that is new to our program. Staff recommends Alternative #1. Abraham explained that this is a win for everyone and opens our programs up to new people.

It was moved by Bristow, with second by Ludwig, to approve Alternative #1. No discussion. No opposition. **Motion Approved**

DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY GARDENS AND FOOD FORESTS

Abraham showed maps of the current locations of community garden plots in Ames. Staff is

looking at land owned by the City that could be used for additional community garden space without using park land.

Litwiller feels that new gardens would be very beneficial for the community. Cady feels this is a great use of small pieces of land that are owned by the city as the sites on Delaware and Harrison are close to multi-family development and people who don't have yards. She feels that it would be beneficial to those families.

Ludwig and Bristow are wondering about plans for keeping those areas pleasing to the neighborhood. There should be feedback from the neighborhood.

Cady expressed that people may have encroached on these areas and may have strong feelings on where their property ends. She feels the Delaware site is a little more separated from neighborhood.

Reeves said that neighborhood families are using some of the land on Delaware as a park and may have reservations about losing green space. He feels that the V-shaped plot further to the south may be more appealing.

Cady also suggested Franklin Park may be an area to explore.

Reeves stated that there is a bad intersection near the V-shaped piece at the intersection of Delaware and North Dakota. Using that parcel may fix the intersection as well.

Abraham stated that City Council understands that volunteers would have to come forward for a food forest project to work. Abraham showed the Commission the seven layers of a food forest. The plants all work together to form a natural ecosystem. Ideally everything in the food forest is edible. Abraham said that Staff has not discussed any land or location that would be suitable for this program.

Cady said that this type of project has been brought up by students in the past. There was not a level of commitment to see it through. There would need to be volunteers that are committed to fundraising, planting and maintaining this for many years. She also thought we should investigate some permaculture options in the current community garden areas.

Shimanek feels this is going to be an intensive twenty-year project.

Abraham agreed that a group would have to volunteer as the department does not have the manpower to do something like this.

Abraham asked what the Commission members would need to make a recommendation.

Reeves stated that he would like to know what the City Council is really looking to do as well as finding out if the neighborhoods want this. Most of the houses have large yards in the areas where land is available so Reeves thinks residents would garden at home if they wanted to raise produce.

Thompson also stated that there is an ordinance against foraging that will need to be changed if a food forest is developed.

MOTION TO HOLD THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION SEPTEMBER MEETING VIRTUALLY OR IN-PERSON

The Commission members are in favor of continuing electronic meetings.

It was moved by Bristow, with second by Reeves, to hold the September meeting online. No discussion. No opposition. **Motion Approved**

UPDATE ON PARKS AND RECREATION OPERATIONS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Abraham explained there is little new information to report since the July meeting. Outdoor fitness classes have been successful. Indoor classes have not been as popular.

Public skate times have been added to the ice schedule, but participation has been low there as well. Many groups have reduced their ice time.

The department is not hiring temporary staff in order to keep our full-time staff working.

UPDATE ON AUGUST 10 STORM AND RECOVERY EFFORTS

Abraham informed the Commission that no amenities were lost. Abraham explained that Parks Maintenance staff helped clear streets on Monday and Tuesday. Staff then moved on to helping electric crews by clearing lines and then moved on to working on trees that have hangers and are not safe. An outside contractor has been hired to take care of eighteen trees in Brookside, Stewart Smith and Country Gables that have safety issues. Staff will go through the parks system and identify any items that need to be addressed. Administrative staff also helped by going door-to-door, hanging flyers, speaking to people. Support staff at the Community Center have been taking calls from citizens. Abraham informed the Commission that everyone on staff has been working toward this recovery.

Thompson said that staff from every department has been working together and we have a special group of employees that love customer service.

Omlid said most people were very appreciative of the efforts.

Abraham reminded people to not let children play on downed or unsafe trees as it will take a long time to clean this up.

UPCOMING EVENTS (RIBBON CUTTINGS, DEDICATIONS, AND GROUND BREAKINGS)

Homewood clubhouse fire training is still on for tomorrow, unveiling of the new stone honoring Erv Klaas is on Saturday, ribbon cutting for Sunset Ridge Park will be on Sunday, and a groundbreaking for Homewood Clubhouse will be Friday the 28. All these events will be on Facebook live.

PROJECT UPDATES

All the channel work is done at the low-head dam project and they are now working on the bank reconstruction.

MONTHLY REPORT

Omlid wants to make sure the audience knows there is no fall/winter program guide. Staff will be sending out targeted emails and posting on Facebook as programs become available.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

It was pointed out the former window cutouts at the Brookside Restrooms could be used as a cool collaboration with the Public Art Commission on getting a mural or sculpture.

Abraham said that there was discussion of working with the Ames Historical Society to find photos.

Cady moves to direct Staff to discuss options for some display, signage or mural at the Brookside Restrooms at a future meeting. Bristow second. No discussion. No opposition.
Motion Approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bristow to adjourn. The meeting concluded at 5:21 PM.

Next Meeting: - Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 4:00 PM

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

	TOTAL	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Page
EXPENDITURES:							
Parks and Recreation	7,107,750	1,094,750	1,390,000	1,935,500	907,500	1,780,000	126
Cemetery	150,000	-	75,000	75,000	-	-	139
Neighborhood Improvements Facilities	750,000 300,000	150,000 100,000	150,000 50,000	150,000 50,000	150,000 50,000	150,000 50,000	141 145
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,307,750	1,344,750	1,665,000	2,210,500	1,107,500	1,980,000	
FUNDING SOURCES:							
Debt:							
G.O. Bonds	2,400,000	-	700,000	1,200,000	-	500,000	
City:							
Local Option Sales Tax	5,382,750	1,219,750	905,000	1,010,500	1,107,500	1,140,000	
Park Development Fund	200,000	-	-	-	-	200,000	
Ice Arena Capital Reserve	240,000	100,000	-	-	-	140,000	
Total City Funding	5,822,750	1,319,750	905,000	1,010,500	1,107,500	1,480,000	
Other:							
Ames Community School District	50,000	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	
Private Donations	35,000	-	35,000	-	-	-	
Total Other Funding	85,000	25,000	60,000	-	-	-	
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	8,307,750	1,344,750	1,665,000	2,210,500	1,107,500	1,980,000	

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT - PARKS AND RECREATION

PROJECT/FUNDING SOURCE	TOTAL	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Page
PROJECT:							
Downtown Plaza	1,600,000	200,000	700,000	700,000	-	-	128
Park System/Facility Improvements	2,270,000	505,000	305,000	875,000	405,000	180,000	129
Playground Equipment Improvements	827,750	64,750	150,000	225,500	212,500	175,000	130
Ames/ISU Ice Arena	240,000	100,000	-	-	-	140,000	131
Homewood Golf Course	320,000	150,000	-	-	20,000	150,000	132
ADA Transition Plan Improvements	125,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	133
Municipal Pool	100,000	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	134
Ada Hayden Heritage Park	655,000	-	85,000	10,000	60,000	500,000	135
Furman Aquatic Center	385,000	-	75,000	100,000	150,000	60,000	136
Moore Memorial Park Pedestrian Bridge	385,000	-	-	-	35,000	350,000	137
Rose Prairie Park Development	200,000	-	-	-	-	200,000	138
TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES	7,107,750	1,094,750	1,390,000	1,935,500	907,500	1,780,000	

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT - PARKS AND RECREATION, continued

PROJECT/FUNDING SOURCE	TOTAL	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
FUNDING SOURCES:						
Debt:						
G.O. Bonds	2,400,000	-	700,000	1,200,000	-	500,000
City:						
Local Option Sales Tax	4,182,750	969,750	630,000	735,500	907,500	940,000
Ice Arena Capital Reserve	240,000	100,000	-	-	-	140,000
Park Development Fund	200,000	-	-	-	-	200,000
Total City Funding	4,622,750	1,069,750	630,000	735,500	907,500	1,280,000
Other:						
Ames Community School District	50,000	25,000	25,000	-	-	-
Private Donations	35,000	-	35,000	-	-	-
Total Other Funding	85,000	25,000	60,000	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	7,107,750	1,094,750	1,390,000	1,935,500	907,500	1,780,000

DOWNTOWN PLAZA

PROJECT STATUS: New

City of Ames, Iowa
Capital Improvements Plan

DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION

In accordance with previous planning studies, City staff first introduced the idea of developing a gathering place in the Downtown Business District back in 2009. Most recently, the City Council has expressed interest in bringing this type of amenity to reality. The plaza could contain a main feature area that would be a spray pad in the summer and convert to an ice skating rink in the winter. The area could also include such amenities as a shelter, public restrooms, irrigated green space, picnic areas, benches, a live wall, and landscaping. In addition, storm water could be captured underground and subsequently used for irrigating grass and landscaping.

COMMENTS

The total project funding is as follows:

2019/20	General Fund	1,100,000
2020/21	Design (Local Option Sales Tax)	200,000
2021/22	Construction (G.O. Bonds)	700,000
<u>2022/23</u>	<u>Construction (G.O. Bonds)</u>	<u>700,000</u>
Total		2,700,000

LOCATION

To be determined-The final determination by the City Council of a preferred site and the features to be included in the plaza would come after public input is received and cost estimates are developed.

	TOTAL	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
COST:						
Design	200,000	200,000				
Construction	1,400,000		700,000	700,000		
TOTAL	1,600,000	200,000	700,000	700,000		
FINANCING:						
G.O. Bonds	1,400,000		700,000	700,000		
Local Option Sales Tax	200,000	200,000				
TOTAL	1,600,000	200,000	700,000	700,000		

PROGRAM - ACTIVITY	DEPARTMENT:	ACCOUNT NO.
Community Enrichment - Parks & Recreation	Parks and Recreation	030-4937-459

PARK SYSTEM/FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT STATUS: Schedule Change

City of Ames, Iowa
Capital Improvements Plan

DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION

To maintain City parks in a safe and quality manner, the projects listed below address maintenance issues and improvements at various locations.

COMMENTS

- 2020/21 Bandshell: engineer/design renovations for changing rooms (\$5,000)
Inis Grove Park: install shared use paths along 24th Street and Duff Avenue (\$200,000)
Site to be determined: remove wading pool and construct a spray pad out of the flood plain (\$300,000)
- 2021/22 Bandshell: renovate changing rooms (\$75,000)
Carr Park: engineer/design bath house removal and plan new shelter with restroom (\$35,000)
Inis Grove Park: replace tennis court fencing (\$25,000)
McCarthy Lee Park: install irrigation system at McCarthy Lee sports fields (\$45,000); transition two tennis courts to six pickle ball courts (75,000)
Park Maintenance: engineer/design maintenance facility consolidation (\$50,000)
- 2022/23 Carr Park: remove bath house and construct new shelter with restroom (\$350,000)
Gateway Hills Park: engineer/design restroom addition (\$25,000)
Park Maintenance: consolidate maintenance facilities (\$500,000)
- 2023/24 Community Center: refinish gymnasium wood floor (\$30,000); replace weight room weight equipment (\$75,000)
Gateway Hills Park: construct restroom (\$150,000); install new standards, drainage, and borders on sand volleyball courts (\$50,000)
River Valley Park: install additional parking by Cottonwood Shelter (\$100,000)
- 2024/25 Brookside Park: resurface tennis courts (\$40,000)
Emma McCarthy Lee Park: add gutters to the hill drive (\$40,000)
Inis Grove Park: replace basketball court (\$25,000)
River Valley Park: replace Cottonwood Shelter (\$75,000)

	TOTAL	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
COST:						
Engineering	115,000	5,000	85,000	25,000		
Construction	2,155,000	500,000	220,000	850,000	405,000	180,000
TOTAL	2,270,000	505,000	305,000	875,000	405,000	180,000
FINANCING:						
G.O. Bonds	500,000			500,000		
Local Option Sales Tax	1,770,000	505,000	305,000	375,000	405,000	180,000
TOTAL	2,270,000	505,000	305,000	875,000	405,000	180,000

PROGRAM - ACTIVITY:

Community Enrichment - Parks and Recreation

DEPARTMENT:

Parks and Recreation

ACCOUNT NO.

Various

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT STATUS: No Change

City of Ames, Iowa
Capital Improvements Plan

DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION

During the past 25 years, the City has replaced old play equipment throughout the park system. The life expectancy of play equipment is 20–25 years. Therefore, it is necessary to begin replacement of playground equipment that was installed at the beginning of this cycle.

COMMENTS

- 2020/21 Replace equipment near Hawthorne Shelter in River Valley Park
- 2021/22 Replace equipment in Country Gables Park (\$50,000); replace equipment in Christopher Gartner Park (\$50,000); replace equipment in Lloyd Kurtz Park (\$50,000)
- 2022/23 Replace equipment in Christofferson Park (\$50,000); replace equipment in Bandshell Park (\$63,000); replace equipment adjacent to Cottonwood Shelter in River Valley Park (\$62,500); install new equipment in Carr Park (\$50,000)
- 2023/24 Replace equipment in Stuart Smith Park (\$50,000); replace equipment adjacent to Hickory Shelter in Brookside Park (\$50,000); replace ages 2-5 equipment (\$50,000) and ages 5-12 equipment (\$62,500) in Moore Memorial Park
- 2024/25 Replace equipment in Parkview North Park (\$56,250); replace equipment in Patio Homes West Park (\$56,250); replace equipment in North River Valley Park (\$62,500)

	TOTAL	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
COST:						
Construction	827,750	64,750	150,000	225,500	212,500	175,000
	TOTAL	827,750	64,750	150,000	225,500	212,500
FINANCING:						
Local Option Sales Tax	827,750	64,750	150,000	225,500	212,500	175,000
	TOTAL	827,750	64,750	150,000	225,500	175,000

PROGRAM - ACTIVITY:
Community Enrichment - Parks and Recreation

DEPARTMENT:
Parks and Recreation

ACCOUNT NO.
030-4967-459

AMES/ISU ICE ARENA

PROJECT STATUS: Scope Change Cost Change

City of Ames, Iowa
Capital Improvements Plan

DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION

The Ames/ISU Ice Arena is over 18 years old. The following item needs to be reconstructed, replaced, or repaired to maintain a quality facility:

- 2020/21 Reconstruct parking lot (\$75,000); improvements to the concession/office area (\$25,000)
- 2024/25 Replace water heaters (\$15,000); replace lobby flooring (\$125,000)

COMMENTS

Funding for capital improvement projects is provided through the Ice Arena Capital Reserve Fund. Every year, the City and Iowa State University each contribute \$20,000 to this fund to ensure the facility is well-maintained. As of June 30, 2019, this fund totaled \$231,815.

LOCATION

Ames/ISU Ice Arena, 1505 Gateway Hills Park Drive

	TOTAL	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
COST:						
Construction	240,000	100,000				140,000
TOTAL	240,000	100,000				140,000
FINANCING:						
Ice Arena Capital Reserve Funds	240,000	100,000				140,000
TOTAL	240,000	100,000				140,000

PROGRAM - ACTIVITY:	DEPARTMENT:	ACCOUNT NO.
Community Enrichment - Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	571-4928-459 572-4928-459

HOMEWOOD GOLF COURSE

PROJECT STATUS: Cost Increase Delayed

City of Ames, Iowa
Capital Improvements Plan

DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION

The projects listed below will address facility needs and enhance provided services. To meet code requirements, a shared use path will be installed along Duff Avenue and 20th Street, and will end at the newly constructed clubhouse.

The current bridge on Hole #9 was designed for walking golfers. Since the demand for motorized carts at Homewood has increased, replacing this bridge with one designed for motorized carts will speed up play and reduce safety concerns for golfers having to drive along Hole #8 to get to the 9th green.

COMMENTS

- 2020/21 Install shared use path along Duff Avenue, 20th Street, and to the new clubhouse
- 2023/24 Engineer/design bridge replacement on Hole #9 for cart accommodation
- 2024/25 Replace the bridge on Hole #9 so it can accommodate carts

LOCATION

Homewood Golf Course, 401 E. 20th St.

	TOTAL	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
COST:						
Engineering	20,000				20,000	
Construction	300,000	150,000				150,000
TOTAL	320,000	150,000			20,000	150,000
FINANCING:						
Local Option Sales Tax	320,000	150,000			20,000	150,000
TOTAL	320,000	150,000			20,000	150,000

PROGRAM - ACTIVITY:	DEPARTMENT:	ACCOUNT NO.
Community Enrichment - Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	030-4917-459

ADA TRANSITION PLAN IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT STATUS: Delayed

City of Ames, Iowa
Capital Improvements Plan

DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION

To better understand where Parks and Recreation does not comply with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design, an inventory and assessment of the park system and facilities is being conducted in FY 2019/20. Upon conclusion of the inventory and assessment, a transition plan will be developed in order to become compliant. In anticipation of items needing to be corrected, money is being put into each year of the CIP. This is an estimate; cost will not be known until the transition plan is finalized.

COMMENTS

Actual transition plan items will be determined based upon the assessment to be completed in FY 2019/20. Funding for this program from prior Capital Improvement Plans has been returned to the Local Option Sales Tax fund and will be reprogrammed to complete the improvements determined by the assessment.

	TOTAL	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
COST:						
Construction	125,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
TOTAL	125,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
FINANCING:						
Local Option Sales Tax	125,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
TOTAL	125,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000

PROGRAM - ACTIVITY:

Community Enrichment - Parks and Recreation

DEPARTMENT:

Parks and Recreation

ACCOUNT NO.

030-4908-459

MUNICIPAL POOL

PROJECT STATUS: No Change

City of Ames, Iowa
Capital Improvements Plan

DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION

Engineering consultants were retained in 2006, 2009, and 2012 to provide recommendations regarding mechanical, electrical, structural, and any other needed improvements for the Municipal Pool. In 2012, consultants were given the goal of keeping this facility operational until approximately 2017. Their 2012 study indicated substantial improvements were needed between 2013 and 2017 (totaling \$450,000). It was also suggested that these improvements be made as soon as possible. The consultants also stated in their 2017 report that further repairs to this facility could be cost prohibitive.

The City and Ames Community School District’s joint use agreement for the Municipal Pool expires on June 30, 2020. All capital costs are shared equally by the City and Ames Community School District. The Municipal Pool is scheduled to be closed in the spring of 2022. A new agreement will be needed for FY 2020/21 and beyond, thus shared funding is shown through FY 2021/22.

COMMENTS

The annual shared funding costs shown are approximate. Actual costs have yet to be determined.

LOCATION

Municipal Pool, 1925 Ames High Drive

	TOTAL	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
COST:						
Architects/Engineering	10,000	5,000	5,000			
Construction	90,000	45,000	45,000			
TOTAL	100,000	50,000	50,000			
FINANCING:						
Local Option Sales Tax	50,000	25,000	25,000			
Ames School District	50,000	25,000	25,000			
TOTAL	100,000	50,000	50,000			

PROGRAM - ACTIVITY:	DEPARTMENT:	ACCOUNT NO.
Community Enrichment - Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	030-4916-459

ADA HAYDEN HERITAGE PARK

PROJECT STATUS: Scope Change Cost Change

City of Ames, Iowa
Capital Improvements Plan

DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION

The addition of an accessible canoe/kayak launch would enable individuals, with or without disabilities, to get in and out of their vessels much easier. It will also allow some individuals to experience the park in ways they have not been able to before. There is a core group of individuals, Access Ada Hayden, who brought this idea forward and are willing to fundraise to make this launch a reality. The Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park is supporting this project as well.

By adding a wetland overlook to view wildlife, these portions of the park will be enhanced and able to be enjoyed more fully by park visitors.

COMMENTS

- 2021/22 Install accessible canoe/kayak launch
- 2022/23 Engineer/design a wetland overlook
- 2023/24 Construct a wetland overlook
- 2024/25 Replace path around south lake

LOCATION

Ada Hayden Heritage Park, 5205 Grand Ave.

	TOTAL	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
COST:						
Engineering	10,000			10,000		
Construction	645,000		85,000		60,000	500,000
TOTAL	655,000		85,000	10,000	60,000	500,000
FINANCING:						
G.O. Bonds	500,000					500,000
Local Option Sales Tax	120,000		50,000	10,000	60,000	
Donations	35,000		35,000			
TOTAL	655,000		85,000	10,000	60,000	500,000

PROGRAM - ACTIVITY:

Community Enrichment - Parks and Recreation

DEPARTMENT:

Parks and Recreation

ACCOUNT NO.

FURMAN AQUATIC CENTER

PROJECT STATUS: Cost Change

Schedule Change

City of Ames, Iowa
Capital Improvements Plan

DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION

This facility opened in May 2010. It has been operational for ten seasons with an average of approximately 91,000 visitors per summer. To ensure it remains a quality facility, structural and electrical issues have been identified and will be addressed in a systematic manner.

Requests for a gathering space outside of the aquatic center have been received from users of the facility. Daycare providers would like a space to gather children for snack time and check-in. Potential renters of the facility have asked about a place to gather and picnic prior to their rental time. Adding a shelter will address these requests and potentially increase rental revenue.

The current light fixtures allow water to accumulate inside the fixture which has to be drained annually. Replacing with an LED lamp and better fixture will reduce maintenance and energy consumption. The play structure in the Splash Pool is becoming faded and needs to be refurbished. In addition, the pool basins need to be repainted every seven years.

COMMENTS

- 2021/22 Refurbish the play structure in the Splash Pool
- 2022/23 Replace the light fixtures on the pool deck
- 2023/24 Repaint pool basins
- 2024/25 Install a shelter adjacent the parking lot

LOCATION

Furman Aquatic Center, 1365 13th St.

	TOTAL	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
COST:						
Construction	385,000		75,000	100,000	150,000	60,000
TOTAL	385,000		75,000	100,000	150,000	60,000
FINANCING:						
Local Option Sales Tax	385,000		75,000	100,000	150,000	60,000
TOTAL	385,000		75,000	100,000	150,000	60,000

PROGRAM - ACTIVITY:

Community Enrichment - Parks and Recreation

DEPARTMENT:

Parks and Recreation

ACCOUNT NO.

MOORE MEMORIAL PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

PROJECT STATUS: Delayed

DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION

Moore Memorial Park is 90 acres; 50 acres are located east of Squaw Creek and 40 acres are west of the creek. The 50-acre parcel was developed into a community park in 1991. The 40-acre parcel has been leased to Iowa State as an agricultural research plot for \$3,000 per year.

In response to community input to connect parks via hard surface trails, a pedestrian bridge will link these two parcels of City property. The plan is to then have a trail from Moore Memorial Park along Scholl Road to Ontario Street. This improvement is viable because ISU owns the land adjacent the City's 40-acre parcel. In the event ISU allows public access through its parcel, several miles of recreational trails would be linked together. Staff will meet with ISU officials to determine if public access will be allowed through this parcel of land in the future.

COMMENTS

- 2023/24 Engineer/design a pedestrian bridge to cross Squaw Creek at Moore Memorial Park
- 2024/25 Install a pedestrian bridge across Squaw Creek at Moore Memorial Park

LOCATION

Moore Memorial Park, 3050 Northridge Pkwy.

	TOTAL	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
COST:						
Engineering/Design	35,000				35,000	
Construction	350,000					350,000
TOTAL	385,000				35,000	350,000
FINANCING:						
Local Option Sales Tax	385,000				35,000	350,000
TOTAL	385,000				35,000	350,000

PROGRAM - ACTIVITY:
Community Enrichment - Parks and Recreation

DEPARTMENT:
Parks and Recreation

ACCOUNT NO.

ROSE PRAIRIE PARK DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT STATUS: Delayed

City of Ames, Iowa
Capital Improvements Plan

DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan identifies neighborhood park service areas to cover a 1/4 to 1/2 mile radius. As the North Growth development occurs, this plan indicated a need for a neighborhood park to serve residents in this area. Standard amenities in neighborhood parks include a basketball pad with goals, a small shelter, a play structure and swings, and utilities. In addition, this park may require paths and sidewalks. The estimated costs to develop the Rose Prairie Neighborhood Park will total \$200,000.

COMMENTS

This project is delayed because the private development is not moving as quickly as originally planned.

LOCATION

Rose Prairie Development

	TOTAL	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
COST:						
Park Development	200,000					200,000
TOTAL	200,000					200,000
FINANCING:						
Park Development Fund	200,000					200,000
TOTAL	200,000					200,000

PROGRAM - ACTIVITY	DEPARTMENT:	ACCOUNT NO.
Community Enrichment - Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	



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TO: Keith Abraham, Director of Parks and Recreation
FROM: Staff
RE: Monthly Report September 2020

PARKS AND FACILITIES:

1. Staff worked with Public Works staff in picking up tree debris in the right of ways. Staff is also in the process of addressing all tree hazards in the parks as well as cleaning up the debris left over from the storm. Staff hopes to have all tree debris picked up in the parks by early October.
2. Staff has been preparing the softball fields at South River Valley for the Adult Softball Program as well as setting up soccer fields at North River Valley Park for the youth soccer program.

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

1. In August, there were 13 public skating sessions held at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena with a total attendance of 169 skaters. A total of 77 skaters attended ten figure freestyle sessions and 112 skaters attended seven stick and helmet sessions.
2. In August, started the third session of outdoor fitness classes with 140 people participating in 14 classes in various parks.
3. A six-week session of fitness classes started at the Community Center with 61 people participating in nine classes.
4. Aqua classes resumed at Forker Pool, ISU campus, with 30 people participating in three classes. In addition, a two-week session of deep-water aqua classes started at Municipal Pool with 18 participants.
5. Parkour, an outdoor fitness class where participants learn how to move through their environment while negotiating obstacles, started with five participants in the 35+ age class and 11 participants in the 60+ age class.
6. A four-week session of virtual Tae Kwon Do started with 25 people participating in four classes.

7. In August, 2,366 rounds were played at Homewood Golf Course despite being closed the 10th at 11:00 AM through the 19th at 10:00 AM due to the Derecho storm and cleanup efforts.
8. Municipal Pool had a total attendance of 1,052 lap swimmers in August despite being closed for nearly two days due to the Derecho storm and power outage.
9. A Lifeguard Review training was held with seven participants.
10. A yearly comparison of participants in adult leagues is below.

Adult					
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fall Softball:					
Men's	17	17	20	24	25
Coed	12	18	18	21	18
Softball Total	29	35	38	45	43
Fall Sand Volleyball:					
4-on-4 Coed	4	N/A	5	6	11
6-on-6 Coed	20	22	24	26	22
Sand Volleyball Total	24	22	29	32	33

11. Staff continues to evaluate how to safely offer programs and gauge the interest of residents to enroll in programs. Outdoor activities have been more popular than indoor, thus, some programs traditionally held indoors have been moved outdoors. Below is a listing of several fall recreation programs and classes starting in September:

- Youth Tennis and Adult Golf Lessons
- Youth Soccer, Kiddie Kickers, and Start Smart Soccer
- Youth Sand Volleyball
- Youth Dance and Gymnastics
- Youth Swim lessons, Youth Diving and Treading, Adult Starts & Stroke Clinic, and Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/ AED
- Youth and Adult Virtual Tae Kwon Do
- Adult Indoor Volleyball Leagues

PROJECT UPDATE:

1. HPC, Inc., Ames, Iowa has completed the renovation of the restroom along Duff Ave and is now open to the public. Staff will be conducting a walkthrough of the new restroom located north of the tennis courts to develop a punch list of items to be completed/fixed. The new restroom will open to the public when the Miracle Park is transferred to the City and the construction fence is taken down.
2. Henkel Construction, Ames, Iowa has mostly completed the renovation of the Brookside Park restroom which is now open to the public. Henkel needs to complete grading and site cleanup and then staff will seed the area in September.

3. A ribbon cutting celebration took place in late August for opening of Sunset Ridge Park. Items still needing completion are the park sign, shelter electrical, donor recognition sign, and seeding of the turf. All will be completed by the end of September.
4. A groundbreaking ceremony took place in mid-September for the new clubhouse at Homewood Golf Course. R.H. Grabau Construction, Boone, Iowa, has completed demolition, grading the site, and dug the basement footings. Pouring concrete began the week of September 14.