

**AMES PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**City Hall Council Chambers – 515 Clark Avenue**  
**Thursday, January 18, 2024**

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1. Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2023 and December 7, 2023
3. Public Forum (For items not on the agenda)
4. Review Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) comments from City Council
5. FY 2023/24 Operational Budget
  - a. Budget Overview
  - b. Fees and Charges
6. Motion Approving the Agreement with Mid-Iowa Lacrosse Organization, Inc.
7. Project Updates
  - a. Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center
  - b. Steven L. Schainker Plaza
  - c. Sands-McDorman Property
8. Monthly Report
9. Commission Member Comments
10. Next Meetings:
  - a. February 15, 2024, at 4:00 PM (Regular Meeting)
11. Adjournment

# AMES PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** November 16, 2023

## **COMMISSION**

**PRESENT:** Jeremy Bristow, Sarah Cady, Rachel Cramer, Thyra Cox, Duane Reeves, Nathan Shimanek, Jeff White

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Keith Abraham, Courtney Kort, Joshua Thompson, Pat Wynja, Nate Pietz

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 19, 2023**

Cramer moved, with a second by Bristow, to approve the September 21, 2023, meeting minutes. Discussion: Reeves stated that Rachel Cramer's last name was repeated in the members present list in the September minutes. No opposition. Motion Approved with correction.

**PUBLIC FORUM** None

## **HOMEWOOD 2023 SEASON REVIEW**

Nate Pietz, Recreation Coordinator, and Pat Wynja, Turf Maintenance Supervisor, presented the season review. Pietz went over the clubhouse operation, rounds played, passes sold, special events, and clubhouse rentals.

Wynja thanked his staff for the summer, including Gary Larson. The biggest challenges this season were vandalism from people and animals and keeping up with maintenance due to increased rounds. Staff improved the landscaping near the clubhouse and the course's turf quality with aerations. Since the weather has remained good, staff was able to double the size of the #9 tee box. There will be some clearing of trees. Wynja informed the Commission that it was a great year.

White asked if walkers or skiers cause any winter damage to the course. Wynja told the Commission that the two most significant issues are that dog walkers leave bags of feces at the course and when there is frost on the course, people who walk on the grass instead of the paths snap the grass off.

Abraham thanked Nate, Pat, and the rest of the staff for doing a phenomenal job.

## **2024-2029 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN DISCUSSION**

Abraham went over the items in the current plan. He reminded the Commission that there will be a special meeting on December 7, 2023, at 4:00 PM in the Homewood Clubhouse.

Some of the projects in the 24/25 plan include continuing progress on the Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center, moving forward with the plan to build a splash pad in Daley Park, refinishing the Community Center gym floor, consolidating the Park Maintenance Facilities, installing a new path on the south lake at Ada Hayden, installing a new playground at Patio Homes West, and continuing ADA Improvements. Abraham then went over years two through five of the plan, explaining that staff did move some of those projects around.

Bristow commented that it "looks like a good plan."

Abraham also told the Commission there would be a shift to seeing fewer new things and more maintenance projects.

Cady feels the department has been in a period of growth for a while, and it is reasonable to enter into a phase of maintaining what we have.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

### **Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center**

Plans and specifications did not go to the Council on November 14 as previously planned. Due to soil problems encountered during drilling test well bores, geothermal heating/cooling will not be an option for this project.

The latest cost estimate, including the add alternate, has come in less than expected. So far, staff feels good about how the estimates have come in. The City can add the multi-purpose rooms and walking area if the bids are close to the projected estimates. The new plan is to take this to Council on November 28, distribute construction documents on November 29, and bids being due on January 11.

Reeves asked about laps on the indoor track. Abraham stated about 19 laps.

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

The contractor is preparing to pour cement for the ice rink next week. There are a few things to work through with the aquatic section, but the contractor still hopes to pour concrete this fall.

### **Sands-McDorman Property**

The City now owns this property. Abraham wanted to remind everyone that undeveloped land does not suddenly become a park.

He also spoke to the Commission about some ISU design students and their ideas for this property. Abraham stated that elements in the student plans may be included in the information given to the consultants at design time.

Cady said her west Ames neighbors are interested and highly optimistic about the project.

Reeves commented that the street from Kentucky Ave. heading west is rough. Abraham informed him that street improvements would be a Public Works project, the cost of which would not come from the Parks and Recreation CIP.

Reeves also mentioned CyRide access and concerns regarding speed in the area. Abraham stated that once the park was being developed, the appropriate city staff would investigate those concerns.

## **MONTHLY REPORT**

Kort stated programs are transitioning from outdoors to indoors.

Thompson went over some of the projects listed in the report.

He also reviewed the compressor issues at the Ice Arena, as these compressors can no longer be replaced. Parts replacement is the only option we have at this time. The City Council has approved the overhaul of the compressors, which will be done over the next couple of months.

**COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

Cady asked a question regarding the pipes in Carr and River Valley parks. Thompson stated that this is a project overseen by the Water and Pollution Control Department. They are adding three new wells with fiber and electricity for monitoring. Thompson explained that the pipes must be a certain depth, and some trees had been removed. New trees will be planted throughout the park. Thompson said a lot of what was removed was invasive species, which helps the department the control of these invasive trees.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, December 7 at 4:00 PM (Special Meeting with City Manager)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Bristow moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 PM

# AMES PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Homewood Clubhouse – 401 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street

**DATE:** Thursday, December 7, 2023

## **COMMISSION**

**PRESENT:** Jeremy Bristow, Sarah Cady, Rachel Cramer, Thyra Cox, Duane Reeves, Nathan Shimanek, Jeff White

**ABSENT:** Sarah Cady

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

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

**PUBLIC FORUM** None

## **DISCUSS THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN WITH CITY MANAGER STEVE SCHAIKER**

Schailer gave an overview of local option sales tax. He informed the Commission that this tax grew from revenue sharing being discontinued at a federal level. Schailer explained how local option sales tax provides the funding for the CIP. He also explained that 60% of the funds collected go to property tax reduction. The other 40% goes to community betterment, including human service agencies, the arts, Parks & Recreation, accessibility, and the Ames Public Library.

Schailer also explained that several projects across the City have been delayed due to the economy, supply chain issues, rising interest rates, and staffing/hiring issues. Because of this, few new projects are being added or moved forward, and this will be a catch-up year.

Schailer also spoke about the park development fund. The City Council allocates money to this fund so that there would be available funds if an opportunity presents itself. This is why the City was able to acquire the Sands-McDorman property.

Abraham gave updates on the 2024/25 (year one) projects and an overview of the projects in years two through five.

Schailer states that the City's most urgent projects should be a New Animal Control Shelter, moving Fire Station #2 out of Campus Town, adding a new Fire Station #4 somewhere in the northern part of town, adding an indoor fieldhouse, and development of the new park on Ontario. He explained that these projects will be bond issues and need 60% of the vote to pass. These things need to be prioritized.

Abraham stated that there are some improvements we are going to have to make at the Sands-McDorman property, including adding some parking and mowed trails. These improvements must happen within three years of receiving the grant funding we have been awarded.

He also said the gymnastic space at the Community Center is being redeveloped into administrative offices. As a result, some improvements will be made at the Parks and Recreation Administration building to continue this program.

Abraham also asked the Commission if they would like to visit the new field house in Nevada.

Schinker also informed the Commission of proposed changes in the Iowa Legislature, which could include taxes paid by Ames residents being allocated to other towns that do not collect local option sales taxes.

Schinker said the department will need to raise fees incrementally to provide the same level of service. However, we do need a healthy scholarship fund in place. Schinker stated that Ames is in good financial shape.

Cramer asked about the CyTown project. Schinker stated that he believes there are concerns about competing with local businesses by crossing the line into private development. He said the City and the University are trying to work things out.

Abraham mentioned there will be improvements on Scholl Road, including work on bike paths. The area from the bridge to Applied Sciences needs to be worked out. Schinker also explained that streets and paths with university property on both sides are the University's responsibility. Streets and paths that are University on one side and the City on the other are the City's responsibility, and the two have to work together.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Reeves moved to adjourn at 5:03 PM

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 65% 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 2024 instructional program season fees would be in effect prior to July 1, 2024. 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	CURRENT 2023/2024 FEE	PROPOSED 2024/2025 FEE
	Adult Athletic Program Non-Resident Fee	\$15/Player/Season	\$15/Player/Season
	Badminton	\$2.50 Drop-in fee	\$2.50 Drop-in fee
	Basketball, Adult (2 officials)	43.50/Game	45.00/Game
	Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Meet	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Open Recreation at Community Center	\$2.25/Youth, \$2.50/Adult	\$2.25/Youth, \$2.50/Adult
	Pickleball	\$2.50 Drop-in fee	\$2.50 Drop-in fee
	Pickleball with Tournament (per team)	\$35	\$35
	Pickleball without Tournament (per team)	\$25	\$25
	Slow Pitch Softball, Men Adult (1 umpire)		
	10-15 Games (per game)	\$34.00	\$34.50
	16-18 Games (per game)	\$33.50	\$34.00
	19-21 Games (per game)	\$33.00	\$33.50
	22+ Games (per game)	\$32.50	\$33.00
	Slow Pitch Softball, Coed Adult Per Game Fee (1 umpire)	\$32.50	\$33.00
	Slow Pitch Softball, Fall Adult Per Game Fee (1 umpire)	\$31.50	\$33.00
	Soccer, Adult (per game)	\$91.00	\$92.50
	Ultimate Frisbee (per game)	\$40	\$41
	Volleyball, 2-on-2 Sand Summer (per player)	\$25	\$25/Player
	Volleyball, 2-on-2 Sand Fall (per team)	\$50	\$50/Team
	Volleyball, 4-on-4 Sand Summer (per team)	\$80	\$81
	Volleyball, 4-on-4 Sand Fall (per team)	\$63	\$64
	Volleyball, 6-on-6 Sand (1 official) Summer Per Match Fee	\$19.00	\$19.50
	Volleyball, 6-on-6 Sand (1 official) Fall Per Match Fee	\$19.00	\$19.50
	Volleyball, Adult (1 official) Indoor Per Match Fee	\$22.00	\$22.50
	Volleyball, Adult (No official) Indoor Per Match Fee	\$14.00	\$14.50
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	ACTIVITY	CURRENT 2023/2024 FEE	PROPOSED 2024/2025 FEE
	Afternoon Adventures	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Babysitting Clinic	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Basketball, 3 / 4 Grade	\$69.00	\$71.00
	Basketball, 5 / 6 Grade	\$69.00	\$71.00
	Basketball, K - 2 Grade	\$52.00	\$53.00
	Blastball	\$50.00	\$52.00
	Camps, Camp Explorers (1 week)	\$70.00	\$72.00
	Camps, Camp Funshine (1 week)	\$70.00	\$72.00
	Camps, Junior Campers (1 week)	\$70.00	\$72.00
	Dance, Little Stars	\$36/6 Weeks, \$72/12 Weeks	\$38/6 Weeks, \$76/12 Weeks
	Dance, age 3-7+	\$51/6 Weeks, \$132/12 Weeks, costume included	\$53/6 Weeks, \$137/12 Weeks, costume included
	Dance, Private/Semi-Private (Per Person)	\$33/ \$22	\$33/ \$22
	Dance/Gymnastics, Camp Summer	\$60.00	\$62.00
	Flag Football, Kindergarten	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Flag Football, 1 / 2 Grade	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Golf, Adult Lessons Summer	\$112.00	\$112.00
	Golf, Youth Lessons Summer	\$91.00	\$91.00
	Golf, Adult Lessons Fall	\$112.00	\$112.00
	Golf, Adult & Youth Lessons Winter	\$91.00	\$91.00
	Gymnastics, Adapted	\$31/6 Weeks, \$62/12 Weeks	\$33/6 Weeks, \$66/12 Weeks
	Gymnastics, I, II, Varsity Tumbling	\$62/6 Weeks, \$130/12 Weeks	\$64/6 Weeks, \$134/12 Weeks
	Gymnastics, Intermediate/Advanced	\$62/6 Weeks, \$130/12 Weeks	\$64/6 Weeks, \$134/12 Weeks
	Gymnastics, Private/Semi-Private (Per Person)	\$33/\$22	\$34/\$23
	Gymnastics, Tumble Bugs (Ages 2-3)	\$34/6 Weeks, \$68/12 Weeks	\$35/6 Weeks, \$70/12 Weeks
	Gymnastics, Tumbling Tots (Ages 3-5)	\$41/6 Weeks, \$82/12 Weeks	\$43/6 Weeks; \$86/12 Weeks
	Gymnastics, Tumbling Tykes (Ages 3-4)	\$37/6 Weeks, \$74/12 Weeks	\$39/6 Weeks; \$78/12 Weeks
	Pre-School Adventures	\$40/6 Weeks, \$53/8 Weeks	\$40/6 Weeks, \$53/8 Weeks
	Rounded Minds Tumbling/Soccer & Spanish Introduction	\$82/6 Weeks	\$82/6 Weeks
	Rounded Minds Sports Exploration & Spanish Introduction (ages 4-6)	\$82/6 Weeks	\$82/6 Weeks
	Rounded Minds Parent Child Class (ages 2-3) (30 minutes)	\$70/6 Weeks	\$70/6 Weeks

	Small Wonders, M/W/F (30 Hours Per Month)	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Small Wonders, T/TH (20 Hours Per Month)	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Soccer Clinic (Fall/Spring)	\$12.00	\$12.00 /1 Session, \$35.00/4 Session Class
	Soccer, 1st-6th Grade	\$59.00	\$61.00
	Soccer, Kiddie Kickers (Ages 5-6)	\$53.00	\$55.00
	Sportslowa Morning Camps	\$74.00	Not Offering
	Start Smart	\$49.00	\$51.00
	Tee-Ball	\$52.00	\$54.00
	Tennis, Adult (6 hrs. of instruction)	\$87.00	\$90
	Tennis, Camp Summer	\$68.00	Not Offering
	Tennis, Little (30 min, 5 sessions)	\$42.00	\$43
	Tennis, USA Team	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Tennis, Youth (8 hrs. of instruction)	\$110.00	\$112
	Tennis, Indoor (6 hrs. of instruction)	\$82.00	\$84
	Volleyball, Camp, Spring	\$46.00	\$47.00
	Volleyball, Camp, Youth Sand	\$42.00	\$43.00
	Volleyball, Youth, Fall	\$62.00	\$63.00
<b>WELLNESS PROGRAMS</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>CURRENT 2023/2024 FEE</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2024/2025 FEE</b>
	<b>Fitness Classes</b>		
	6 Week Session Indoors/Outdoors/Virtual	\$30.00	\$37.50
	9 Week Session	\$45.00	\$56.25
	30 Minute Classes (6 Week Session)	Not offering	\$37.50
	30 Minute Classes (9 Week Session)	Not offering	\$56.25
	45 Minute Zoom/Outdoor Classes (4 Weeks)	Not offering	Not offering
	<b>Adult Dance</b>		
	Belly Dance (6 Week Session)	\$38.00	\$39.00
	Belly Dance (8 Week Session)	\$51.00	\$52.00
	Fitness Assessments	\$36.00	\$50.00
	Line Dance Class (1 hour)	Not offering	\$39.00
	Swing Dance Classes (6 week session)	\$38.00	\$39.00
	<b>Aerobic Activities</b>		
	Extreme Outdoor Bootcamp Spring/Summer	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Stroller Power (4 Week Session)	\$25.00	\$25.00
	Tai Chi, (12 Week Session)	\$75.00	Not offering
	Tai Chi (6 Week Session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Teen Power Pump (6 Week Session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Teen Strength Training (4 Week Session)	\$50.00	Not offering
	TRX Training (6 week session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	TRX Training (9 week session)	\$56.25	\$56.25
	TRX/Tramp (6 week session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	TRX/Tramp (9 week session)	\$56.25	\$56.25
	Boxing Bootcamp (6 week session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Boxing Bootcamp (9 week session)	\$56.25	\$56.25
	Cycle Classes (6 week session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Cycle Classes (9 week session)	\$56.25	\$56.25
	Boga Fit Aqua Class (6 week session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Boga Fit Aqua Class (9 week session)	\$56.25	\$56.25
	Zumbatomic (6 Week Session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Healthy Foot (4 Week Session)	\$24.00	\$25.00
	<b>Fitness Aquatics</b>		
	Municipal Indoor Deep Water (9 Week Sessions)	Not offering	Not offering
	Municipal Indoor Boga Fit (9 Week Sessions)	Not offering	Not offering
	Furman Outdoor (5 Week Sessions)	\$25.00	\$31.25
	Furman Outdoor BogaFit (5 Week Sessions)	\$30.00	\$35.00
	Forker 8 Week Session Fall/Winter	\$42.00	\$82.00
	Forker 9 Week Session Spring	\$47.00	\$92.00
	Forker 12 Week Session Summer	\$62.00	Not offering
	Green Hills 9 Week Session Fall/Winter/Spring	\$42.75	Not offering
	Green Hills 6 Week Session Summer	\$28.50	Not offering
	<b>Personal Training/Private</b>		
	Super Single (1) (Per Person)	\$50.00	\$52.00
	Three Sessions (Per Person)	\$144.00	\$149.00
	Five Sessions (Per Person)	\$225.00	\$247.00
	Ten Sessions (Per Person)	\$410.00	\$437.00
	Fifteen Sessions (Per Person)	\$540.00	\$566.00
	<b>Semi-Private</b>		
	Super Single (1) (Per Person)	\$30.00	\$31.00
	Three Sessions (Per Person)	\$85.50	\$88.00
	Five Sessions (Per Person)	\$132.50	\$152.00
	Ten Sessions (Per Person)	\$245.00	\$268.00
	Fifteen Sessions (Per Person)	\$345.00	\$366.00
	<b>Reformer Sessions</b>		
	Reformer Orientation Private	\$42	\$44
	1 Session Private	\$42	\$44
	5 Sessions Private	\$198	\$219
	10 Sessions Private	\$364	\$390
	<b>Running Club</b>		
	Half -Marathon	Not offering	Not offering
	Triathlon Training	Not offering	Not offering



<b>Tae Kwon Do</b>			
	Dragon Beginner 6 Week	\$26.00	\$27.00
	Dragon Beginner 8 Week	\$34.75	\$36.00
	Dragon Inter/Adv 6 Week	\$26.00	\$27.00
	Dragon Inter/Adv 8 Week	\$34.75	\$36.00
	6 Week Session Summer	\$26.00	\$27.00
	8 Week Session Fall/ Spring	\$34.75	\$36.00
	Tournament	Not offering	Not offering
<b>Yoga</b>			
	9 Week Session	\$54.00	\$56.25
	6 Week Session	\$36.00	\$37.50
	Basic (4 week session)	\$24.00	\$25.00
<b>Weight Room</b>			
	Weight Room Orientation	\$15.00	\$15.00
	Weight Room Orientation JR/HS	\$35.00	\$35.00
<b>Punch Cards</b>			
	10 Punches	\$42.00 = \$4.20 per visit	\$43.00 = \$4.30 per visit
	30 Punches	\$95.00 = \$3.16 per visit	\$97.00 = \$3.23 per visit
	50 Punches	\$131.00 = \$2.62 per visit	\$135.00 = \$2.70 per visit
	100 Punches	\$210 = \$2.10 per visit	\$216 = \$2.16 per visit
<b>AQUATICS</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>CURRENT 2023/2024 FEE</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2024/2025 FEE</b>
	Early Bird Lap Swim - Spring (12 weeks)	Not Offering	Not offering
	Early Bird Lap Swim - Summer (12 weeks)	\$43R/\$58NR/1x/Week	\$48 R/ \$63 NR (1x per week)
	Jr. Lifeguarding	\$66/\$81	\$68 / \$83
	Jr. Lifeguard Camp	Not offered	\$175 / \$190
	<b>Lessons</b>		
	Learn to Swim Adult Lessons (30 min)	\$52.00	\$64 / \$79
	Learn to Swim Youth Lesson (30 min)	\$50.00	\$62 / \$77
	Learn to Swim Youth Lesson at Green Hills/Forker (30 min)	\$73, 8 weeks; \$55, 6 weeks (Forker)	\$82 R / \$97 NR (8 weeks)
	Learn to Swim Youth Lesson (45 min)		\$62 / \$77
	Learn to Swim Private/Semi-Private (30 min.)	\$28 (Private) \$24 per person (Semi-Private)	\$33.50 (private) / \$29 (semi private)
	Learn to Swim Private/Semi-Private (30 min.) at Forker	\$34 (Private) \$30 per person (Semi-Private)	\$37 (private) / \$33 (semi private)
	Lifeguard Training	\$210/\$225	\$215 / \$230
	Lifeguard Recert	\$100/\$115	\$90 / \$105
	Lifeguard Prep (1 hour session)	\$30/\$35	\$92 / \$107
	Lifeguard Instructor (LGI)	\$230/\$245	\$235 / \$250
	Lifeguard Instructor/LGIT Review	\$135/\$150 + \$50 for base LG Cert	\$140 / \$155
	Water Safety Instructor (WSI)	\$230/\$245	\$235 / \$250
	Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED	\$80/\$95	\$85 / \$100
	Babysitting Clinic	\$66/\$81	\$70 / \$85
	CPR Instructor	\$230/\$245	Not offering
	Scuba	Not offering	Not offering
	Snorkel & Skin Dive	Not offering	Not offering
	Log Rolling (4 weeks)	\$26/\$31	\$27 / \$32
	Water Polo (12 weeks)	\$38/\$43	\$50 / \$65
	Innertube Water Polo (4 weeks)	Not offering	\$40 / \$55
<b>Daily Admissions</b>			
	Brookside Wading Pool	\$1/R & NR	CLOSED
	Splash Pad	FREE	FREE
<b>Furman</b>			
	Adult (16+)	\$7.00 R/\$8.00 NR	\$7.00 R/\$8.00 NR
	Furman Senior Citizens (62+)	\$6.00 R/\$7.00 NR	\$6.00 R/\$7.00 NR
	Furman Toddler (1-2)	No Longer Offered	No Longer Offered
	ISU Student (W/ID)	\$6.50	\$6.50
	Youth (Age 3-15)	\$6.00 R/\$7.00 NR (Now age 1-15)	\$6.00 R/\$7.00 NR (Now age 1-15)
	<b>Punch Cards</b>	Youth/Adult/Senior/Infant	12 for the price of 11
<b>Season Passes - Summer</b>			
<b>Furman Aquatic Center</b>			
<b>Summer season discounts (new - 10%; renew - 10%) if purchased January 22 - May 1.</b>	Individual, Adult (16+)	\$125 R/\$155 NR	\$ 130 / \$160
	Family	\$270 R/\$325 NR	\$ 275 / \$330
	Individual, Senior Citizen (62+)	\$86 R/\$108 NR (Now age 1-15)	\$ 90 / \$112
	Individual, Toddler (1-2)	No Longer Offered	No Longer Offered
	Individual, Youth (3-15)	\$86 R/\$108 NR (Now age 1-15)	\$ 90 / \$112
	ISU Student (with ID)	\$108	\$112
<b>End of Season Passes - Summer Valid August 1 - Labor Day</b>			
	Individual, Adult (16+)	\$41 R/\$51 NR	\$43 / \$58
	Family	\$90 R/\$108 NR	\$94 / \$112
	Individual, Senior Citizen (62+)	\$29 R/\$36 NR	\$30 / \$37
	Individual, Toddler (1-2)	Not offering	Not offering
	Individual, Youth (1-15)	\$29 R/\$36 NR	\$30 / \$37
	ISU Student (with ID)	\$36	\$37
<b>Pool Rental</b>			
	<b>Brookside Wading Pool (1-30 people)</b>	\$40/Hour	CLOSED
	<b>Furman Aquatic Center</b>	\$175 per pool per hour	\$205 per pool per hour

	100+ people	\$200 per pool per hour	\$235 per pool per hour	
	Wibit AquaTrack	\$110/Hour	\$130/hour	
	Wibit Wiggle Bridge	\$55/Hour	\$65/hour	
	Wibit - Both When Already Set Up	\$135/Hour	\$160/hour	
	Key Logs (2 Logs, 2 Staff)	\$55/Hour	\$65/hour	
<b>PARKS</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>CURRENT 2023/2024 FEE</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2024/2025 FEE</b>	
<b>Shelter Rentals</b>		\$18 per hour/2 hour minimum	\$19 per hour/2 hour minimum	
<b>Dog Park</b>				
<b>(10% discount is applied to tags sold in Dec &amp; Jan)</b>	January-December	\$60.00	\$62.00	
	April-December	\$46.00	\$48.00	
	July-December	\$30.00	\$32.00	
<b>Tennis/Pickleball Courts</b>				
	Hourly Fee	\$7hr/court	\$7hr/court	
	All Day Fee	\$42/court	\$42/court	
<b>Sand VB Courts-Inis Grove</b>				
	Hourly Fee	\$10/hr/court	\$10/hr/court	
	Light Fee	\$10/hr for two courts	\$10/hr for two courts	
	All Day Fee	\$60/court	\$60/court	
	Maintenance Fee	\$30/time/two courts	\$30/time/two courts	
		\$45/time/all four courts	\$45/time/all four courts	
<b>Ada Hayden Heritage Park</b>				
	Special Events	\$115.00	\$115.00	
<b>Ball Diamonds</b>				
	Brookside Park Field 7			
	Hourly Fee	\$15	\$15	
	All Day Fee	\$90	\$90	
	Maintenance Fee	\$45/time	\$45/time	
	Brookside Park Fields (8,9)			
	Hourly Fee	\$10	\$10	
	All Day Fee	\$60/field	\$60/field	
	Maintenance Fee	\$25/field/time	\$25/field/time	
	River Valley Park (1-6)			
	Hourly Fee	\$10	\$10	
	All Day Fee	\$60/field	\$60/field	
	Maintenance Fee	\$25/field/time	\$25/field/time	
	Light Fee	\$5/hr	\$5/hr	
<b>Community Garden Plots</b>				
	loway Creek 10'x40' plot	\$25.00	\$25.00	
	loway Creek 10'x25' plot	\$20.00	\$20.00	
	Carr Park ADA raised beds 3'x10'	\$15.00	\$15.00	
	Tilling	\$15.00	\$20.00	
<b>HOMEWOOD</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>CURRENT 2023/2024 FEE</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2024/2025 FEE</b>	
<b>Daily Green Fees</b>	Summer, Weekdays	9 Holes 18 holes	9 Holes 18 holes	
	Opening to 3 PM	\$14.50 \$19.50	\$15.00 \$20.00	
	3 PM To Close	\$17.50 \$22.50	\$18.00 \$23.00	
<b>Weekends &amp; Holidays</b>				
	Opening to 6 PM	\$19.50 \$25.50	\$20.00 \$26.00	
	6 PM To Close	\$19.50 \$25.50	\$20.00 \$26.00	
	Parent/Grandparent & Child Tue & Sun	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	Special Jr. League Rate	\$12.00	\$12.00	
	Junior Rate (All Season -17 and under)	Not offered	\$12.00 \$17.00	
	10 Round Punch Card	\$160.00	\$165.00	
<b>Season Passes</b>				
	Adult (Age 18+)	\$535.00	\$550.00	
	Couple (Same Household)	\$725.00	\$725.00	
	Family (4 Members)	\$882.00	\$882.00	
	Each Additional Member	\$198.00	\$198.00	
	Junior (17 & Under)	\$230.00	\$230.00	
	Senior Citizen (62+)	\$475.00	\$490.00	
	Senior Citizen (75+)	NOT OFFERING	NOT OFFERING	
	Senior Citizen (80+)	NOT OFFERING	NOT OFFERING	
	Senior Citizen (85+)	NOT OFFERING	NOT OFFERING	
	Senior Citizen (90+)	FREE	FREE	
	Senior Couple (Married)	\$645.00	\$660.00	
	Student Pass (April-May)	\$165.00	\$190.00	
	Student Pass (Aug-Oct)	\$165.00	\$190.00	
<b>Equipment Rental</b>				
	Golf Club Rentals	\$8.00	\$8.00	
	Pull Cart Rental	\$4.00	\$4.00	
	Golf Cart Rental per seat	\$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	
	Disabled Cart Card (20 punched for the price of 19) - 9 holes	\$175.00	\$175.00	
<b>Leagues, summer</b>				
	Junior High Youth League	\$45.00	\$45.00	
	Couples League	\$80.00	\$90.00	

	Mens League	\$40.00	\$45.00
<b>Clubhouse Rental</b>			
	Community Room	\$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)
	Community Room and Pro Shop	\$132.00/hr (November 1-March 31)	\$132.00/hr (November 1-March 31)
	Additional Staffing	\$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
<b>Golf Outings (per person rate)</b>	Walking 9 Holes Weekday (16+ people)	\$12.00	\$13.00
	Walking 18 Holes Weekday (16+ people)	\$17.00	\$18.00
	Walking 9 Holes Weekend (16+ people)	\$17.00	\$18.00
	Walking 18 Holes Weekend (16+ people)	\$23.00	\$24.00
	Riding 9 Holes Weekday (16-28 people)	Not offered	\$24.00
	Riding 9 Holes Weekday (29+ people)	\$24.00	\$40.00
	Riding 18 Holes Weekday (16-28 people)	\$30.00	\$29.00
	Riding 18 Holes Weekday (29+ people)	\$32.00	\$50.00
	Riding 9 Holes Weekend (16-28 people)	\$25.00	\$31.00
	Riding 9 Holes Weekend (29+ people)	\$24.00	\$45.00
	Riding 18 Holes Weekend (16-28 people)	\$35.00	\$40.00
	Riding 18 Holes Weekend (29+)	\$34.00	\$55.00
<b>AMES/ISU ICE ARENA</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>CURRENT 2023/2024 FEE</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2024/2025 FEE</b>
	<b>Public</b>		
	Adult Admission (16+)	\$6.50	\$6.50
	Youth Admission (Ages 4-15)	\$5.50	\$5.50
	Child Under 4 Admission	\$4.00	\$4.00
	Skate Rental	\$3.50	\$3.50
	Group Skate Rental (20 or more)	\$2.50	\$2.50
	Group Skate Rental (with ice rental)	\$2.00	\$2.00
	Noon Skate	Not offered	Not offered
	Group Rate (20 or more)	\$4.50	\$4.50
	Student Special (Wednesday night PS only)	\$4.50	\$4.50
	Pick-Up Hockey (1.5 hour)	\$12.00	\$12.00
	Pick-Up Hockey (1 hour)	\$10.00	\$10.00
	Figure Freestyle (1.5 hour)	\$12.00	\$12.00
	Figure Freestyle (1 hour)	\$10.00	\$10.00
	Drop-in Broomball	\$5.00	\$5.00
	After School Special	\$4.00	\$4.00
	<b>Equipment Rental</b>		
	Helmet Rental	\$2.00	\$3.00
	Broomball Equipment Rental	\$50.00	\$85.00
	<b>ISU</b>		
	ISU Skating Class	\$6.50	\$6.50
<b>Birthday Party Packages</b>			
	Pkg. #1 (1-10 Skaters, 3 large pizzas, pop, cake)	\$205.00	\$215
	Pkg. #2 (11-15 Skaters, 4 large pizzas, pop, cake)	\$255.00	\$268
	Pkg. #3 (16-20 Skaters, 5 large pizzas, pop, cake)	\$295.00	\$310
<b>Igloo Rental</b>	Per Hour	\$30.00	\$35.00
<b>Pro Shop Services</b>	Skate Sharpening (Drop-off overnight)	\$6.00	\$6.50
	Skate Sharpening (Same day)	\$8.00	\$8.50
	Rivet Repair (per rivet)	\$2.00	\$2.00
<b>Discount Punch Cards</b>			
	Adult (12 for price of 11)	\$71.50	\$71.50
	Youth (12 for price of 11)	\$60.50	\$60.50
	Noon Skate (12 for price of 11)	NOT OFFERING	NOT OFFERING
	Pick-up Hockey (6 for cost of 5)	\$60.00	\$60.00
	Figure Freestyle (6 for cost of 5)	\$60.00	\$60.00
	Ice Skate Sharpening (6 for price of 5)	\$30.00	\$30.00
<b>Ice Rental</b>			
<b>Non-Taxable Rates (ISU)</b>	Prime Time	\$255.26	\$262.91
	Non-Prime Time	\$190.84	\$196.56
	Summer Time	\$192.05	\$197.81
<b>Taxable Rates (0-39 hrs)</b>	Prime Time	\$325.75	\$335.52
	Non-Prime Time	\$255.26	\$262.91
	Summer Time	\$239.45	\$246.64
<b>Taxable Rates (40-99 hrs)</b>	Prime Time	\$294.16	\$302.98
	Non-Prime Time	\$224.87	\$231.61
	Summer Time	\$215.15	\$221.60
<b>Taxable Rates (100+hrs)</b>	Prime Time	\$273.49	\$281.70
	Non-Prime Time	\$204.20	\$210.33
	Summer Time	\$205.42	\$211.58
<b>Learn To Skate/Play</b>		\$160.45	\$165.26
<b>Arena Advertising</b>	Upper Scoreboard advertising sign (ea)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Lower Scoreboard advertising sign (ea)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Wall Banner (8' X 12')	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Olympia advertising	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
	Olympia Side advertising sign (ea)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

	Dashboard advertising sign	\$800.00	\$800.00
	On Ice Logos - Long Term Users	\$400.00	\$400.00
	On Ice Logos in the Neutral Zones	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	On Ice Logo - Center Ice	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Skate Trainers	\$150.00	\$175.00

**Ice Rental Notes:**

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

Summer includes May, June, July, August

ISU: Paying with credit card - added service charge (the amount varies but is approximately 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	CURRENT 2023/2024 FEE	ADOPTED 2024/2025 FEE	PROPOSED 2025/2026 FEE
<b>Gymnasium</b>			
Non-Profit Community Event	\$80 per hour - 1st 3 hours \$45 for each additional hour	\$80 per hour - 1st 3 hours \$45 for each additional hour	\$80 per hour - 1st 3 hours \$45 for each additional hour
Profit Status Community Event	\$145 per hour - 1st 3 hours \$105 for each additional hour	\$145 per hour - 1st 3 hours \$105 for each additional hour	\$145 per hour - 1st 3 hours \$105 for each additional hour
<b>1/3 Multi-Purpose Room</b>	\$29.00 per hour	\$29.87 per hour	\$30.77 per hour
<b>Aerobics Room</b>	\$46.37 per Hour	\$47.76 per Hour	\$49.19 per Hour
<b>Lunch Room</b>	17.39 per hour	\$17.91 per hour	\$18.45 per hour

**AUDITORIUM RENTAL RATES**

SPACE/EQUIPMENT	CURRENT 2023/2024 FEE	ADOPTED 2024/2025 FEE	PROPOSED 2025/2026 FEE
<b>Profit Rates</b>			
Performance/Max Daily Rate	\$1,740 or 10% of gross tickets/admission	\$1,790 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,840 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)
Hourly/Rehearsal Rate	\$174.00	\$179.00	\$184.00
<b>Non-Profit Rates</b>			
Prime Time Max Daily Rate	\$1,154 or 10% of gross tickets/admission	\$1,180 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,220 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)
Prime Time Hourly Rate	\$115.00	\$118.00	\$122.00
Non-Prime Time Max Daily Rate	\$989, 10% of gross tickets/admission	\$1,020 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,050 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)
Non-Prime Time Hourly Rate	\$99.00	\$102.00	\$105.00
<b>Hourly/Daily Discounts</b>			
Frequent User (100+ hours)	5%	5%	5%
Community/ISU Arts	30%	30%	30%
<b>Ticket Facility Fees</b>		<b>Based on Ticket Prices</b>	
\$0.01-\$10.00 Tickets	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
\$10.01-\$25.00 Tickets	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
\$25.01 & Up Tickets	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
<b>Staffing</b>		<b>Hourly</b>	
Additional Staffing Charges	\$23.20	\$23.90	\$24.62
Specialist/Programmer	\$31.89	\$32.85	\$33.84
Streaming Technician	\$31.89	\$32.85	\$33.84
TD/Project Management	\$86.95	\$89.56	\$92.25
<b>Stage Equipment</b>		<b>Charged once per event</b>	
Piano	\$231.86	\$231.86	\$238.82
Dance Floor	\$202.88	\$202.88	\$208.97
Projector	\$115.93	\$115.93	\$119.41
<b>Merchandise</b>	10%	10%	10%
<b>Ticket Printing</b>	\$.10/Ticket B&W \$.20/ticket Color	\$.10/Ticket B&W \$.20/ticket Color	\$.10/Ticket B&W \$.20/ticket Color
<b>Service Fees For CC Sales</b>	\$.50/Ticket Sold	\$.50/Ticket Sold	\$.50/Ticket Sold

**BANDSHELL RENTAL RATES**

SPACE/EQUIPMENT	CURRENT 2023/2024 FEE	ADOPTED 2024/2025 FEE	PROPOSED 2025/2026 FEE
<b>For Profit Rates</b>			
Ticketed Event/Max Daily Rate	\$1697 or 10% of gross tickets/admission	\$1,748 or 10% of gross tickets/admission	\$1,800 or 10% of gross tickets/admission
Non Ticketed Events	\$159.14	\$163.91	\$168.83
<b>Non Profit Rates</b>			
Hourly Rental	\$106 or 10% of gross tickets/admission	\$109 or 10% of gross tickets/admission	\$112.00
Max Daily Rate	\$1060 or 10% of gross tickets/admission	\$1090 or 10% of gross tickets/admission	\$1,120.00
<b>Riser Removal/Installation (per event)</b>	\$280	\$288	\$297
<b>Veding (exluding alcohol)</b>	\$212/Event or 10% of Sales	\$218/Event or 10% of Sales	\$225/Event or 10% of Sales
<b>Alcohol Sales</b>	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
\$10.01-\$25.00 Tickets	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
\$25.01 & Up Tickets	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Adopt the revised fee schedule as listed for FY 2024/2025.
2. Do not approve the revised fee schedule as listed for FY 2024/2025.
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 2024/2025.

## COMMISSION ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT:** AGREEMENT WITH MID-IOWA LACROSSE ORGANIZATION, INC

**BACKGROUND:**

Parks and Recreation (P&R) staff was contacted by Mid-Iowa Lacrosse Organization, Inc. (MILO) in 2022 about an opportunity to offer Flex6 Lacrosse programs. In June of 2023, a Flex6 Lacrosse Clinic was offered consisting of two classes per week for three weeks. The clinic had a total of 8 registered youth participants in 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade.

MILO and P&R are interested in continuing this partnership to offer Flex6 Lacrosse Clinics in 2024. To increase participation, staff will work with MILO to increase marketing efforts and coordinate clinic dates with other activities to minimize conflicts and maximize participation opportunities.

Highlights of the agreement, Attachment A, are shown below.

- MILO provides the equipment and instruction for the program.
- City conducts registration and collects all fees.
- City retains 40% of all program fees paid, with 60% paid to MILO.
- Lacrosse programs to be held at Emma McCarthy Lee Park, or other City parks as agreed upon by the City and MILO.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the agreement with the Mid-Iowa Lacrosse Organization to offer 2024 sessions of Flex6 Lacrosse.
2. Do not approve the agreement with the Mid-Iowa Lacrosse Organization to offer 2024 sessions of Flex6 Lacrosse.
3. Refer back to staff.

**STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

P&R staff are always looking for new activities. Flex6 is a great opportunity to offer an affordable, inclusive, and fun version of lacrosse to fuel the sport's growth, make it more accessible, and enrich the participant's experience. Flex6 utilizes a smaller field, less equipment, and is for mixed genders. This version teaches lacrosse fundamentals while remaining fast and exciting for the participants.

Therefore, staff recommends Alternative #1, as described above.

# ATTACHMENT A

## Ames Parks & Recreation Department Mid-Iowa Lacrosse Organization, Inc. Agreement 2023

- Purpose:** The City of Ames (“City”) will provide a quality lacrosse program by contracting with Mid-Iowa Lacrosse Organization, Inc. (“MILO”) to provide instruction.
- Leadership:** MILO will provide a minimum of one professional staff member to lead, supervise, and deliver lacrosse instruction. The City’s Recreation Manager will also visit the program site periodically to offer feedback to the MILO.
- Registration:** City will accept all program registrations and fees.
- Registration Fees:** City will retain 40% of all program fees paid, with the balance of 60% being paid to MILO. Payments will be made to MILO after completion of each session.
- Refunds:** If refunds are awarded, partially or in full, City or MILO will not retain or receive a balance percentage of the refunded amount. Refunds will be approved by City and follow City refund practices.
- Fee Determination:** The City and MILO will discuss lacrosse program fees annually. Fees must be approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission prior to implementation.
- Lesson Plan:** MILO will be responsible for creating and implementing all lesson plans each session held. Sessions will consist of 2 classes per week, for three weeks. Each class will be a duration of minimally one hour each.
- Partnership Roles:** City will be responsible for handling all registration, providing fields and storage, if necessary. MILO will be responsible for providing instructor(s), necessary equipment, and developing class curriculum. Both organizations will coordinate to market each program prior to registration and develop marketing material.
- Equipment:** MILO will supply all necessary equipment to play Flex6 lacrosse.
- Location:** This program will be held at Emma McCarthy Lee Park (3400 Ross Rd) at the open field east of the tennis courts. Alternate City Park location may be determined if agreed upon by City and MILO.

<b>Inclement Weather:</b>	If a class needs to be cancelled due to inclement weather, a decision will be made between the City and MILO at least 60 minutes prior to classes beginning. The City’s hotline and Facebook page will be updated immediately upon a decision being made. In the event the weather becomes inclement during class, class will be stopped, and participants moved to shelter. If any classes are cancelled due to inclement weather, City and MILO will discuss date and time options to reschedule. City and MILO will coordinate make up class dates within the session schedule in advance, pending staff availability.
<b>Contracted Employees:</b>	MILO will provide and be responsible for all staff members, and coaches must have completed background checks through USA Lacrosse.
<b>Storage:</b>	Storage at City Parks will be accessible by MILO staff, upon request by the Recreation Manager.
<b>Insurance:</b>	<p>The City and MILO will both carry liability insurance. MILO covenants and agrees to hold the City of Ames, its officers, and employees harmless and to indemnify them against each and every claim and demand of whatever nature made by or on behalf of any person or persons resulting from or arising out of any activities or omission arising out of the use of the MILO or City facilities and parks on the part of the MILO, its agents, servants, invitees, and employees, and for such purpose MILO agrees to carry liability insurance naming the City of Ames, its officers and employees as Additional Named Insured, such insurance to have limits of not less than \$500,000 combined single limit per occurrence.</p> <p>MILO further agrees to file a Certificate of Insurance with the City Manager's Office, City of Ames, evidencing that such insurance has been furnished, and that the same will not be cancelled without ten (10) days’ notice to the City of Ames. This Certificate of Insurance must be filed prior to the execution of this agreement.</p> <p>MILO staff is responsible for personal medical expenses.</p>
<b>Private Organizations:</b>	City will not administer private lacrosse programs or work with other outside lacrosse organization. Rather, all inquiries will be forwarded to MILO.
<b>Program Evaluations:</b>	City and MILO will conduct a joint program evaluation following each program.
<b>Agreement Terms:</b>	This Agreement shall become effective on the date this Agreement is signed by both parties and can be terminated by either party upon (60) day prior written notice. Terms of the agreement will expire December 31, 2023.

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DATED AND EXECUTED AT AMES, IOWA, THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

The City of Ames, Iowa  
Parks and Recreation Commission

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission

Grantee: Mid-Iowa Lacrosse Organization, Inc

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mid-Iowa Lacrosse Organization, Inc

Its: \_\_\_\_\_





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

**FROM: Staff**

**RE: Monthly Report January 2024**

### **PARKS AND FACILITIES:**

1. Ames residents can drop off Christmas trees through the end of January at the Parks Maintenance Shop, 700 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The trees will be chipped and the mulch is available for residents at no charge.
2. Staff cleared snow on park trails and shared use paths in mid-January. Residents are reminded limited maintenance is performed on trails and should use caution when using trails throughout the year.
3. Staff started tree pruning in the parks in early December. Park areas that will be pruned this winter include Country Gables Park, Moore Memorial Park, Daley Park, and Parkview Park.
4. Staff conducted prairie burns at East River Valley and attempted to burn the Oak Savanna and the prairie located in the north parking lot Ada Hayden Heritage Park. in early December. The prairie burn in East River Valley was very successful, but the two at Ada Hayden Heritage Park were not successful as there was not enough dead vegetation to create enough heat to generate good fire. Staff will try again in the spring to burn the prairie at Ada Hayden Heritage Park.

### **RECREATION PROGRAMS:**

1. In December, there were 29 public skating sessions held at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena with a total attendance of 2,669 skaters. A total of 65 skaters attended 15 figure freestyle sessions and 185 skaters attended 15 stick and helmet sessions.
2. On December 20, the Ames/ISU Ice Arena hosted a Winter Break Camp for grades 3-8. A total of 16 campers participated in various activities such as broomball, skating, crafts and more.
3. The Ames/ISU Ice Arena held a themed holiday skating event, Holi-Skate Extravaganza, where participants had the opportunity to skate with the Grinch, complete a craft, write letters to Santa, and participate in a candy cane hunt. A total of 73 people attended.
4. The Ames/ISU Ice Arena held a New Years Eve public skate from 9:00 PM-12:00 AM to skate in the new year. A total of 106 people participated.

5. The final fall fitness session of 2023 ended December 23. Free drop-in classes were offered December 26-January 2 with approximately 290 people attending the classes. Food donations were accepted for Food at First. The winter session of all Fitness classes began Wednesday, January 3.
6. The second session of fall swim lessons concluded at ISU Forker Pool on December 3. The session had a total of 181 participants. The winter session begins on January 17.
7. A Lifeguard Certification Course was held December 1-3 certifying 5 participants, a Babysitter's Course was held December 28 with a total of 6 participants, and a Water Safety Instructor Course (WSI) was held January 6-11 certifying 6 participants.
8. Youth basketball for boys and girls grades 3-4 began in December. A total of 46 participants (6 teams) from Ames are playing in the Central Iowa Recreation League (CIRL). In addition to Ames, the league includes teams from Colo, Gilbert, Huxley, Nevada, South Hamilton, and Story City.
9. Tennis lessons began in January at the Ames Fitness Center South Tennis Bubble with 25 total participants. The partnership with Ames Racquet and Fitness allows for lessons to be hosted year-round and instructed by tennis professionals.
10. The Winter Indoor Volleyball League currently has 54 teams registered for the season. The season begins the week of January 22 and ends with a tournament in April.
11. In December, the Ames City Auditorium hosted the following events:
  - a) The ISU Hip Hop Club presented their annual winter show on December 1.
  - b) Central Iowa Symphony held their winter concert on December 2.
  - c) Motion Sickness Dance Team presented a show on December 3.
  - d) The Auditorium held a holiday themed circus show with the Kinetic Circus on December 9 and an evening of holiday music with Satin Doll Felicity on December 10.
  - e) Saint Cecilia School hosted and streamed their yearly Christmas Concert on December 12.
  - f) The Central Iowa Wind Ensemble also hosted a holiday themed concert on December 15.
  - g) Hope Church also hosted 5 services in the month of December on Sundays.
12. City Council approved an alcohol and concession policy for Ames City Auditorium. Staff will begin a competitive bidding process to secure a vendor and start selling alcohol and concessions at future events.
13. The Homewood Clubhouse was rented for 5 different events in December. These events ranged from holiday parties, celebration of life, ISU student groups, and business events.

14. Santa Claus visited the Homewood Clubhouse on December 2 for Homewood for the Holidays. A total of 46 kids and their families enjoyed meeting Santa while completing crafts, eating a light breakfast, and capturing a picture with Santa to commemorate the experience.
15. Homewood partnered with Painting with a Twist to offer an instructor led painting class for 19 participants. A couples painting class will be held at Homewood February 10.
16. Euchre League at Homewood ended on December 11. The league had a total number of 16 teams or 32 players. Participants enjoyed socializing and competing and are eager for the next Euchre League to start January 24.
17. Cribbage League at Homewood ended on December 13. The morning league had 12 players and the evening league had 16 players. The next Cribbage League will start January 22.