



Recreation Advisory Committee Department Head Update July 2020

Facilities

- WP Bathrooms – out to bid
- Fencing upgrades going to bid – Madison, Green, Hill
- Tennis court renovations – awaiting bid award
- Working on master improvement plan now.
- Delaware Heights and Mercer is next on list for ADA paving (capital account)
- **We're getting a new pool – wish list meeting on 7/21**

Programs

- Playground program started Monday, 7/20! Green attendance high, Walters attendance low
- Working on WOW! Factors for wet down days - first wet down day had about 50 people (30 kids) (Working with Jen Stone for point of contact for sponsorships/donations)
- Wrestling team – searching for a place to wrestle for practices/matches **Head coach needed!!!**
- Officer Lance has a full crowd for Thursday karate!
- Searching for indoor space for Winter Wellness programs (yoga, boot camps, tai chi, etc.)

Grants

- Awarded 10% towards score board project through USA Football – need remaining 40%
- Did not receive AARP grant – over 3000 applicants. We can still make improvements through open space
- DCA Small Cities Grant – can be used for community facilities
- GameTime Playground grant – 100% matching funds for play pieces, \$7k-\$25 available for other projects

Policy

- Fee ordinance passed second reading, takes effect 8/1/2020 (many requests being received already)
- Capital ordinance appropriating money for pool project passed 2nd reading. (\$1.1M)

Committee Discussion Requested

- Phillipsburg Recreation team/program mascot/name – see correspondence from Rich Wenner
- Mission Statement: ***“To create meaningful opportunities for the residents of Phillipsburg”***