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May 2019 Parks Report- Michael

Our intent with your operations here in the Parks Department is to connect folks to the vast amount of recreation opportunities that this town has to offer. The main challenge that we run into is finding a way to offer activities for everyone in our parks while maintaining a responsible budget. The way we can get close to this goal is to offer two main ways to enjoy the parks and their facilities. Some of these opportunities are scheduled programming while the majority of what we can offer citizens is passive recreation. Passive recreation is low impact to the parks and does not require staff to schedule the activity, or special equipment. Passive recreation included walking, biking, birding or other activities that park visitors can do on their own. We find that this is how we can maximize our leverage for park activity. By providing clean safe recreation spaces and letting the park visitors decide their activity. I challenge you to think about the last time you walked in a park, enjoyed the shade of an elm tree or joined a volleyball game. Consider a new activity and make passive recreation part of your life.

Programs -Elizabeth

We kicked off May with a Mother’s Day Crafts event for the kids, followed by Senior Trivia where our seniors got together to compete against one another in a game of silly trivia questions. We had an uproariously fun time laughing at silly answers and snacked on a spread provided by Nurse Next Door. The day before the pool season opened, we helped the Friends of Elgin Parks host their Summer Fundraiser, which was a LUAU at Morris Memorial Pool. The LUAU was a lot of fun and a huge success netting over \$1500 in profits to be used on future Friends of Elgin Parks events such as Music in the Park. Finally, we hosted the first in our series Movies in the Park. We showed The Little Mermaid in Elgin Memorial Park with lawn games for kids before the movie and free popcorn throughout the movie. We trained our lifeguards extensively throughout the month of May to bring together a team of 20 lifeguards proficient in lifeguarding, teamwork and teaching swim lessons and water aerobics.

Goals for June 2019

- Plan and implement task for Westerndays.
- Plan for increased park rentals

Facility and Park Activity Summary	Number of uses May 2019		
	March	April	May
Park/ Pavilion Rental	6	12	11
Ball Field Rental	53	54	48
Fleming Community Center/ Rec Center rentals	58	33	43
Monthly Rec Memberships	180	159	206
Yearly Rec Membership	3	19	36
Pool Entries	NA	NA	334
Deposits	\$10,256.00	\$13,074.50	\$18,533.25