

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
Park & Recreation Commission Members  
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator  
Jon Steffes, Summer Recreation Director  
DATE: May 22, 2020  
RE: 2020 Park & Recreation Season Recommendations

Attached for review and consideration are the following recommendations regarding the City's 2020 Park & Recreation season and the City's Park facilities:

1. Playground equipment – open to the public with the attached posting. It is not feasible for the City due to lack of funds and staff to clean and sanitize all of the City's playground equipment on a regular basis.
2. Tennis courts – open to the public with the attached posting. Same finding as in number 1.
3. Bathrooms at Old Hickory Park and Abnet Field – closed to the public. Same finding as in number 1.
4. Shelter at Old Hickory Park and Abnet Field – open to the public with the attached posting. Same finding as number 1. Waive the rental fee for the shelter at Old Hickory Park for 2020 as the bathrooms will not be open. Continue to require reservations – ask for number of attendees.
5. Water fountains – not turned on. Same finding as in number 1.
6. Portable toilets in City parks – not utilized in 2020. Same finding as number 1.
7. Basketball court at Old Hickory Park – reinstall basketball hoops. Open to the public with attached posting. Same finding as number 1.
8. Soccer fields at Old Hickory Park – nets to be installed and fields striped. Open to the public with attached posting. Same finding as number 1.
9. Sand volleyball courts at Old Hickory Park – nets to be installed. Open to the public with attached posting. Same finding as number 1.
10. Baseball/softball fields at Veterans Park, Old Hickory Park, and Abnet Field, open to the public with attached posting. Same finding as number 1.
11. City Aquatic Center – originally planned to open May 23, 2020. Currently closed thru May 31, 2020, pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 20-56.
  - a. Opening date -?
  - b. Closing date -?
  - c. Capacity -?
  - d. Residents only – determination of land area will be based on allowable capacity.
  - e. Use laptop to initially establish registration of eligible residents, including possibly photos.
  - f. Adult present at entry to enforce residency requirements.
  - g. No swimming lessons.

- h. Time previously allotted to swimming lessons to be re-allocated to public swim time.
  - i. Hours for open swim – 9:00 am – noon; 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm; 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
  - j. No concessions.
  - k. Continue to limit what people can bring into the pool area.
  - l. No deck furniture.
  - m. Climbing wall closed.
  - n. Water slides – increase minimum height requirement. Consider alternating use of slides from day to day.
  - o. Locker rooms closed.
  - p. Family restroom open – cleaned each hour.
  - q. High-touch surface areas cleaned and disinfected morning, noon, and after-noon, pursuant to Minnesota Department of Health requirements.
  - r. Provide hand-washing station at entrance to pool.
  - s. Establish social distancing standards at entrance to pool.
  - t. Install signage in accordance with recommendations from the CDC.
  - u. City of La Crescent COVID-19 exposure prevention, preparedness, and response plan reviewed and modified to address aquatic center and distributed to all employees.
12. Basketball, volleyball, and swim team cancelled for 2020. Golf lessons, tennis lessons, baseball, softball, and log rolling continued with a modified format. Limited to groups of 10, with 8 participants and 2 coaches. No games or competitions. Emphasis of programming to be skill development. Additional time allocated for cleaning and sanitizing of equipment between sessions. Participation fees to remain the same. Seasons begin week of June 22 and end last week of July.