

## ! 2022 PARK AND RECREATION BOARD OVERVIEW

**Mission Statement:** The Park and Recreation Advisory Board provides advice to the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry to assist in the management of the public park system, recreation programs, golf operations, bicycle-related issues, and the City forestry program. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board also advises the City Council and makes recommendations on matters regarding capital improvements and planning for the parks, recreation and forestry program of the City.

**Overview:** The Park and Recreation Advisory Board consists of 9 members, including 1 high school and 1 college student. The goal of the Board is to provide guidance and serve as a channel for the community to voice their thoughts on the parks and recreation systems.

### Key Projects/Activities:

	Description	Status
1	Dedication of the dog park and baseball field art installation	100%
2	Served on the hiring committee for a Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director	50%
3	Tour of Facilities	100%
4	Playground Selection Committee	100%
5	Provided support for the Community Games	100%
6	Participated in golf cart path installation	100%

### Successes:

- Trail Extension Phase I begun
- Ice Arena modifications in partnership with BISA
- Swimming pool leak resolution
- Extra Technician funded
- Commencement of removal of volunteer trees, brush, and weeds at Dakota Nature Park
- Brookings Prairie cleanup

### Challenges:

- Hiring of a Director
- Unexpected expenses for the ice arena and swimming pool repairs
- Limited progress on proposed bandshell renovation and potential indoor facility in the Holding Barn
- Derecho cleanup
- Staffing



## Looking Ahead / Goals:

### BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PARKS AND THEIR USAGE BY INVITING KEY USER GROUP GUESTS TO OUR MEETINGS

Goal for 2023

### ADVISE ON THE PRIORITIZATION OF PROJECTS

Goal for 2023

### ENSURE BIKE SUBCOMMITTEE IS ACTIVE

Goal for 2023