



Monthly Director's Report, July 2016

Past Events

The Parks and Recreation Department had been working on a **Community Fit Club** with a Central Michigan University fitness graduate and the **Pere Marquette District Library**. The club is free to community members to help promote health and fitness within the community. There were two dates held back in May and there were three total set for June. There was a poor turnout at each date in June and July. We will plan another set dates for the club the fall and see what the response is to having a fall club instead.

Junior Fire Fighters Academy was held on June 30, 2016 at the Fire Safety Building. It gave the area youth an opportunity to learn fire safety and prevention through hands-on activities and informative discussions. The Parks and Recreation Dept. along with parent volunteers and firefighters from the Clare Fire Department assisted the with the day camp attendees. The fee for the academy was \$10.00 a person, and included as award certificate, t-shirt, and lunch. There were a total of seventeen children who participated in the JFFA camp. Participants were mailed a 5x7 photo after the camp.

Summer Soccer Camp was held on June 20-23rd, with a participant base of 2nd to 8th graders. This camp was held in conjunction with the Clare Varsity Soccer program. A portion of the proceeds from the camp will go to the Clare Parks and Recreation Dept. with a majority being kept by the varsity soccer program. There was no cap on how many children may participate and we are taking registrations up until the first day of the program. The cost for attending the camp was \$25 per participant per camp or \$35 to partake in both camp sessions. The program ended up with nine participants in the **Goalie Camp** and thirty-four in **Soccer Skills and Tactic Camp**.

On June 4, 2016 Clare Parks and Recreation was able to assist with Friends of Clare County Parks and Recreation for the **Middle O' Mitt Multi-Sport Mania** at Wilson State Park.

Clare Parks and Recreation assisted the Chamber during the 2016 Clare Summerfest, by running some game stations during the festivities at Shamrock Park.

Current Events

We are now on our 2nd month for the 2016 Summer Concert Series. The attendance for the concerts has varied due to weather conditions and other conflicting events within the community. Every week the concert has drawn in between 100-350 attendees.

Early **Soccer Registration** started mid-May. So far we have over 180 registrants for the program. Last year's soccer season brought in 307 participants. Registration will continue until August 1, 2016.

Senior Cards and Coffee is still being held on the main level of the Pere Marquette District Library from 10-12 p.m.

Clare Parks and Recreation will be partaking at the **Fun in the Park** at Shamrock Park on July 15, 2016. CP&R will be assisting MMCAA with activities and help provide relief to other stations there. The event is set to take place from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Wonders of Water Camp is set to take place on July 18, 2016 from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. This camp will be collaboration between Clare Parks and Recreation and Waste Water Treatment Department. The program

is free and lunch for the participants is sponsored by the Brankel's. The participants will be educated on the value of water as a resource and to do some educational activities involving water (bug picking, sampling, etc.). We will take registrations up until 7/15/16.

Clare parks and Recreation has been working with **Relay for Life** for their 2016 fundraiser in Clare County. The event will take place on July 16, 2016 at the Clare City Park from 10 a.m. - midnight.

Current Projects

The license has been received for the **Fall Soccer Raffle** and the tickets have been ordered. As soon as the tickets are printed and ready for pickup from Clare Print and Pulp, the tickets will be packaged into four groups of six tickets for the players to sell. The ticket price will remain the same as last year with \$1/ticket or 6/\$5 and the prize amounts being \$300/\$200/\$100. The players who sell all of their twenty-four assigned tickets will be entered into a drawing for various prizes. We decreased the amount of tickets ordered from 9,000 to 8,500 for this year.

The Operators Union Local 324 started groundwork at the **Recreation Complex** on May 23, 2016 and has continued to make a considerable amount of progress at the site. Many workers have been getting called back for work, but they are confident that we will have a majority of the groundwork completed by them this year (minus the parking area).

We will hold a **soccer equipment swap** for parents of our soccer players. We will be placing donation boxes in the entrance of City Hall and Clare Family Fitness this month.

Current works in progress are: The **Mommy and Me Tea Party** (collaborative project with the PMDL) and the **Fall Youth Soccer Program**.