

**WATCHUNG RECREATION**  
**COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

**October 1, 2014**

1. ***Playground;*** The playground equipment has been delivered to Mobus Field and is being stored in a trailer until the contractor is ready to start the installation process. Public Works has pulled all the existing equipment out of the area and will prepare the area with new railroad ties, stone, filter fabric and new playground mulch once the equipment is in. The contractor hopes to start sometime next week weather permitting. The installation process is expected to take approximately 5 to 6 days. The playground area should be complete and ready to enjoy by the Oct. 25th Harvest Festival!
  
2. ***Fishing Derby;*** The Fishing Derby ran well thanks to the Rec Commission and Karl Baumle. We had 64 youth registered at the event and 46 fish were caught. The largest fish caught was a 21" Catfish next largest fish was a 17" Bass. The trophies, fishing pole and tackle give-a-ways were a big hit with the children and I would say we had close to 200 people at the event. There were some people from out of town but there were no issues, plenty of bait, refreshments and tackle for all. A few donuts were left by the end of the event and a little coffee so I would purchase the same amount next year. We did not go through many water bottles or juice packs so we could supply less next year. Our total cost for the event came to \$260.53 including the banner which can be used again next year.
  
3. ***Harvest Festival;*** This year the Harvest Festival hours will be extended an extra hour and will now run from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Last year the cost for the event came to \$3718. The amount budgeted for the 2014 event is \$4500. and as I will need to purchase extra food and anticipate extra costs due to the extra hour we will need most likely need the full amount budgeted this year. In order to bring something different to the event I plan to change the amusement company that we use from what has been used in the past. Last year we were able to rent bales of hay at a cost of \$3.00 a bale. The hay was delivered, set up, and then picked up for that price. This was a rental agreement that works well as we would have no use for that many bales of hay after the event and Public Works would need to store or dispose of them. The quality of the hay bales are much more durable from this company then can be purchased from a garden center and for the same price. This year I will purchase a larger number of bales to make the area of climbing attract more children.
  
4. ***Tennis Program;*** The fall tennis program was well received as 20 students registered for the program and 2 adults. J. Tormey would like to run a spring program starting registration in January. The adult program did not fill up as only two adults registered for the program but Joli felt it was important to get a program up and running hoping that once the programs are in place the word would spread and more adults would sign up. She also expressed that she would like to run a program inside once the weather is no longer favorable for the outside program, if there would be any room for such a program in our schools.

5. ***Volleyball;*** Women's Recreation Volleyball will start Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and run from 7:00 am – 9:00 pm. Julie Gunther will run the program again this year at Valley View School.
  
6. ***Open Gym Basketball;*** Men's Open Gym basketball will start this Friday night at Bayberry School and run from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.