

AMES PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
City Hall Council Chambers – 515 Clark Avenue
Thursday, January 16, 2025

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1. Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes from November 21, 2024, and December 5, 2024
3. Public Forum (For items not on the agenda)
4. FY 2025/26 Operational Budget
 - a. Budget Overview
 - b. Fees and Charges
5. Staff Report – Park Policies
6. Project Updates
 - a. Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center
 - b. Steven L. Schainker Plaza
 - c. Agility Course
 - d. Mini-Pitch
7. Monthly Report
8. Commission Member Comments
9. Next Meeting:
 - a. February 20, 2025, at 4:00 PM (Regular Meeting)
10. Adjournment

**CITY OF AMES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE November 21, 2024

COMMISSION PRESENT Sarah Cady, Jeff Iles, Janet Rathe, Duane Reeves, Debra Tapp, Jeff White

ABSENT Nathan Shimanek

STAFF Keith Abraham, Courtney Kort, Alex Krook, Abby Nelson, Nate Pietz, Joshua Thompson

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: (Iles/Reeves) to approve the October 17, 2024, meeting minutes.

MOTION PASSED: (6-0)

3. PUBLIC FORUM

None

4. STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Abraham reviewed successful recruitments of an Ice Arena Manager and several Maintenance Workers. Kort introduced Abby Nelson, who began work as Ice Arena Coordinator on October 29, and Alex Krook, who joined staff as Recreation Coordinator on November 18. Kort provided background information and Nelson and Krook spoke about their job duties and responsibilities. Abraham and Kort noted the Coordinators' evening/weekend schedules will increase full-time staff facility coverage and allow for more direct contact between full-time staff and users.

5. STAFF REPORT ON HOMEWOOD GOLF COURSE 2024 SEASON

Abraham introduced Recreation Manager Pietz, who oversees both Homewood Golf Course and admissions and concessions at Furman Aquatic Center, and Turf Maintenance Supervisor Wynja [absent], who is responsible for course maintenance.

Pietz presented a recap of the Homewood Golf Course and Clubhouse season. Favorable weather enabled a 243-day season, spanning March 11 to November 8, with 8 days affected by inclement weather, mostly in March. This year's 25,959 rounds played set a record and is a large increase over the five-year average of 20,255 rounds. Season pass sales increased to 204. Eighteen seasonal staff members worked at the Clubhouse, most (14) returning from previous year(s). Turf maintenance work was performed by Wynja and three seasonal staff, with additional contributions from full-time maintenance staff when required. Golf specials (Discount Days, Free Dats, Youth Rate) were successful promotions. Golf Leagues (Men's, Couples, City, ISU Ladies, Homewood Ladies, Youth) will expand in 2025 with the addition of a Sixty Forward Golf League. This fall, golf instructor Nichole Hollinger hosted a limited number of youth lessons at Veenker Driving Range, with positive feedback from parents. Additional youth lessons will be offered beginning in Spring 2025. Clubhouse rentals totaled 169 hours, in line with annual average rental hours. Winter programming (Euchre, Cribbage, Paint with a Twist, Homewood

for the Holidays) will continue. Course maintenance, including annual root aerification, leave the course in good condition going into winter. Less damage and theft occurred throughout season. The irrigation system worked better, with fewer leaks following a check valve replacement, delivering 3.5 million gallons of water, well below average well water usage. High play volume required use of more than 20 tons of sand to fill tee box divots. The #9 tee area project will continue with tree work over the winter. When complete, the project will double available tee space. Pietz reported great course conditions all season and many positive user comments.

Iles asked who does tree work at Homewood Golf Course. Pietz indicated Wynja works with City Forester Edwards to determine if tree work will be done by City staff or a contractor.

Rathe asked what sort of theft occurs at the golf course. Pietz noted issues with tee box markers and flag sticks being taken.

Iles asked about greens fees for non-special days. Pietz replied fees are variable depending on day of week and may include additional charges for a cart, for instance. Weekday fees for nine holes are \$15-\$18, weekend around \$20. Rathe noted golfers 90+ years old play for free.

6. MOTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE AMES CYCLONE AQUATICS CLUB TO USE THE 50-METER BASIN AT THE FURMAN AQUATIC CENTER FROM MAY 26, 2025, UNTIL AUGUST 1, 2025, FOR PRACTICES

Kort reviewed the annual agreement allowing Ames Cyclone Aquatics Club (ACAC) use of the 50-meter basin at Furman Aquatic Center (FAC). Previously, participants purchased a season swim pass. In 2024, a flat rate \$75 per hour rental fee replaced passes. The flat rate fee will increase to \$78 per hour in 2025, and to \$82 per hour in 2026, which represents the target 40 percent rental fee, based on current FAC rental rates. Future fee adjustments would maintain the 40 percent target. The change to a flat rate worked well in 2024, simplifying administration. Both the City and ACAC wish to continue, and ACAC signed the agreement, Kort reported.

MOTION: (Reeves/Iles) to recommend Alternative 1, which states:

Approve the agreement with the Ames Cyclone Aquatics Club to use the 50-meter basin at the Furman Aquatic Center from May 26, 2025, until August 1, 2025, for practices in the amount of \$7,800.

MOTION PASSED: (6-0)

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING UPDATING PARK RULES

Abraham reviewed recent discussions regarding homelessness and related issues within the park system that may require updates to park policies. Near-term facility additions, such as year-round restrooms at Steven L. Schainker Plaza and exterior showers at both the Steven L. Schainker Plaza spray pad and the Daley Park Splash Pad, may require further rule/policy considerations. Other policy questions over the years include whether parks should close at night or be open 24/7, or whether alcohol should be allowed in all parks and woodlands, not just community parks. Given the variety of issues, Abraham explained, staff believes this is a good opportunity to have conversations about park rules and policies, not just with the Commission but also via public input sessions, surveys, etc. Abraham noted more than 2,000 responses to a recent survey regarding Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center. Unlike an ordinance, where Police may issue citations for violations, park rules and policies are generally unenforceable, Abraham explained, although noncompliance with park rules may result in Police asking violator(s) to leave the park. Staff discussed with the City Attorney having park rules as part of an ordinance, with park rule authority granted to the Parks and Recreation Commission rather than City

Council. Abraham reviewed current Park Policies along with a draft including both rules and ordinances in one clearly formatted document. Several suggested updates to *Municipal Code* Chapter 19 were noted. Abraham indicated staff sought Commission guidance on how staff should solicit public input on park rules, specific questions to ask, and other concerns or considerations as staff develops new policies in collaboration with the City Attorney and City Council, who will need to provide guidance on how rules and ordinances are written.

Iles asked how a policy document would address homeless issues in parks. Abraham indicated specific concerns or activities would need to be examined, e.g., overnight camping in parks is enforceable via the park hours ordinance. Iles observed how some problems are difficult to articulate, such as various issues with park restrooms. Rathe agreed park bathrooms are not motels, and you never know what you will find. Abraham cited numerous observed and reported problems with park bathrooms, which are meant only to be used and vacated. Staff recently discussed adding tamper proof screws on outlet covers due to vandalism compromising automated door security features. Parks staff work with Police regularly to respond to park concerns. Abraham said Police receive 5-10 calls daily regarding various issues in parks.

Iles stated there must be other communities with similar problems. He asked if staff canvassed other Midwest communities to learn about potential solutions. Abraham indicated several Central Iowa communities passed ordinances prohibiting camping on public property. It is not an easy topic, but the goal is to do what can be done to protect staff and park users. Some of the problems, e.g., overnight camping in Ada Hayden Heritage Park, have not been seen before. Abraham offered that staff could do more research to see what other communities are doing.

Tapp asked if Police patrol parks during nighttime. Abraham said yes, as much as time allows. He noted any Police presence, even being parked to do paperwork, can serve as a deterrent.

Rathe asked if parks with permanent restrooms attract more problems and if staff considered closing restrooms during more problematic times (summer months), instead providing portable restrooms. It has been discussed, Abraham acknowledged, but the impact on 66,000 residents makes these issues a struggle. The department and City philosophy is that community parks have permanent restrooms. Abraham pointed out locking bathrooms may simply relocate problems. Thompson indicated some people will also stay overnight in portable toilets.

Abraham reviewed recent City staff committee work related to homelessness, investment by City of Ames and Story County to secure consultant services to conduct outreach and develop a community homelessness action plan, and a recent meeting hosted by Assistant City Manager Goldbeck with 60 service providers offering input. From these efforts, three main issues emerge: substance abuse, mental health, and lack of housing, complicated problems that will not be solved just within Parks and Recreation. Abraham stated that policies and ordinances may be adjusted but, he asked, does that solve the problem or just move it somewhere else.

Cady mentioned updating the ordinance regarding damaging park plants and property to clarify foraging and vegetation rehabilitation to remove invasives. Abraham noted public and City Council support for a food forest in the park system, another reason to review the ordinance.

Tapp asked if the City website is the only place to find park policy information. Abraham said some policies are posted within parks, e.g., park hours and parking signs.

New micromobility devices and issues with bicycle and e-bike speed limits are under discussion, Abraham reported. White commented on challenges with bicycles being used on unpaved trails

where biking may be inappropriate. He suggested 'Bicycles Allowed' or 'Hiking Only' signs, or perhaps installing bike racks at trail heads.

There were no public comments regarding park policies or park-related ordinances.

Abraham outlined possible next steps, noting the December 5 meeting agenda will include the annual CIP workshop with the City Manager, plus information regarding the Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center budget, proposed fees, and survey information. The December 19 meeting may be canceled. Staff will begin work on park policy updates and scheduling public input sessions. Potential policy changes could be discussed at the Commission meeting in January. Abraham indicated if policy changes occur, it would be helpful to have things in place before April 2025, when restrooms will open. City Park Policies will remain a working document.

Tapp spoke about a homeless setup near her shop at the Main Street Depot. The property manager called The Bridge Home, who offered assistance that was declined. Tapp asked about resources to speak with homeless people and help them. Abraham replied that outreach is already going on via Police, Mary Greeley Medical Center, Optima and other service providers, Parks staff, and others. More can be done, he said, but some individuals do not want assistance. Cady said the consultant and a broader community action plan should be helpful.

8. PROJECT UPDATES

a. Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center

Abraham reported the start of precast concrete panel installation is delayed from November 11 to December 2. Other items are being completed in preparation of the precast panels being installed, e.g., US Erectors staff marking panel installation locations along length of foundation walls. Story Construction and RDG Planning & Design are 85-90 percent complete with reviewing shop drawings and submittals. The construction site should look a lot different by the next Commission meeting. Staff continue work on the FFIAC operational budget and proposed fee schedule. This information will be shared with the Commission at the December 5 meeting along with results from a survey to gather public feedback on desired facility programming.

b. Steven L. Schainker Plaza

To evaluate four options provided by Henkel Construction to correct the ice-skating ribbon concrete surface, staff needs information from surface elevation and ground penetrating radar surveys, conducted by Henkel Construction and Terracon, respectively. Upcoming work activities include: trees and shrubs planted before November 30, final grading and turf seeding once soil temperatures are below 50 degrees, and hydro-mulching landscaping beds to provide erosion control until remaining vegetation is planted in the spring. Most of the concrete and paver work is finished. A punch list walkthrough of the restroom building with the contractor identified 93 items needing correction. Abraham stressed the site remains a construction zone. Fencing will remain in place until work is completed, landscaping is well established, and a decision has been made regarding the ice-skating ribbon.

c. Mini-Pitch [November 12 Council Action Form Attached]

Kort reviewed project bids received on October 23, 2024. The project includes four bid packages: (1) Concrete and Grading, (2) Mini-Pitch System, Lights, and Surfacing, (3) Electrical, and (4) Water Service. No bids were received for Bid Package #2. Kort reviewed the engineer's cost opinion versus bid results and reported a funding shortfall of \$98,425 against current funding of \$260,960, assuming Bid Package #2 corresponds

with the \$150,000 estimate. Staff will review results from reissuing Bid Package #2, along with shortfall funding options, at the December 10, 2024, City Council meeting.

Abraham shared City Council questions raised during its November 12, 2024, meeting regarding rising project costs and whether to move forward. Staff recommended getting all bid information and then deciding how to address any funding shortfall.

City Council asked staff about the rationale for adding mini-pitch to the park system and to forecast usage. Abraham explained that staff always looks for new and different amenities to incorporate with the existing park offerings. Mini-pitch has proven popular in other communities and staff is confident it will be used in Ames.

Kort provided additional details about project cost increases, noting several are due to the project classification as a public improvement (site survey, engineered stamped drawings) as well as a 10 percent contingency built into the budget. Abraham stated concrete costs had nearly tripled from original staff estimates, noting additional sidewalk installation requirements following the City's Development Review Committee project review, as well as the choice of investing in post-tensioned concrete, which should reduce cracking and future mini-pitch court maintenance costs.

Reeves asked if staff considered renting the mini-pitch facility to offset the cost overage, noting interest from several soccer groups. Kort acknowledged public interest and indicated staff had not yet examined operating expenses, soccer programming options, and potential rentals.

Rathe asked about neighborhood concerns with facility lighting. Kort replied that lighting can be addressed with programming for school versus summer hours, for instance. Reeves noted neighborhood enthusiasm for having the mini-pitch facility quickly and that lights can be programmed to be off when no one is on the court.

Cady stated she believes the Parks and Recreation Commission and department staff have a better understanding than City Council on the community's interest in park projects, citing the proven popularity of pickleball. Cady reiterated her support for mini-pitch, describing it as an interesting amenity that would go in a part of town without many recreation features beyond play structures.

Tapp inquired about maintenance requirements, whether the acrylic surface needed much upkeep. Kort indicated the surface maintenance would be similar to tennis or pickleball courts. Abraham added the surface may need attention every 7-10 years, although a post-tensioned concrete mini-pitch court may last longer than asphalt courts.

At its November 12 meeting, City Council asked if the Parks and Recreation Commission continued to support the mini-pitch project and wanted to see it added to the park system. Abraham said yes and indicated he would survey the Commission again prior to the December 10 City Council meeting.

MOTION: (Rathe/Iles) Recommend the City Council move forward with the mini-pitch project and wait for the bid to come in for [Bid Package] #2.

MOTION PASSED: (6-0)

9. MONTHLY REPORT

Commissioners Tapp, Iles, Rathe, and White revealed 2025 pool pass prize winners randomly selected from Furman Aquatic Center end-of-season survey respondents. Abraham thanked all survey respondents for their helpful feedback.

Kort noted: programs shifting indoors and use of Ames Community School District facilities for games and practices, Homewood Golf Course closed for the season, and completion of the first fall swim lesson session at ISU's State Pool – a new session begins in January 2025. Homewood Golf Course received Best of Story County recognition in the golf courses category.

Thompson reported: the Iowa DNR stocked 2,000 trout at Ada Hayden Heritage Park; staff are focused on completing as many projects as possible before the onset of winter weather and frozen ground; all bathrooms, water fountains, and irrigation are closed; Bids and Specifications for the Carr Park Agility Course project are due the week of November 25; favorable bids came in for the Ice Arena radiant heating system; and proposals for Ada Hayden Heritage Park path replacement will be received in early December. Thompson noted considerable engineer and consultant interest in this project.

10. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Reeves reported the Grow and Give Program at Reiman Gardens distributed more than 18,000 pounds of produce to Story County food banks. He hopes a proposal to partner with the Parks and Recreation community gardeners will come to fruition and make the program even better.

Cady noted passage of the Story County Water & Land Legacy Bond on November 5, 2024.

White thanked staff for repairing canoe and kayak access along the Skunk River, praising improved access and less likelihood of washing out.

11. NEXT MEETINGS

- a. December 5, 2024, 4:00 PM, Homewood Clubhouse (CIP Workshop)
- b. December 19, 2024, 4:00 PM (Regular Meeting)

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Reeves) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM.

**CITY OF AMES
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MEETING MINUTES**

DATE December 5, 2024 – Homewood Clubhouse, 401 East 20th Street

COMMISSION PRESENT Sarah Cady, Jeff Iles, Janet Rathe, Duane Reeves, Nathan Shimanek, Debra Tapp, Jeff White

ABSENT None

STAFF Keith Abraham, Pa Goldbeck, Courtney Kort, Joshua Thompson

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:02 PM

2. PUBLIC FORUM
None

3. MOTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH REIMAN GARDENS FOR 2025

Kort outlined the history of a partnership between Reiman Gardens and the Parks and Recreation Department regarding mind-body classes held in the Gardens from 2021-2023. In 2024, Reiman Gardens offered its own classes with student instructors. Reiman Gardens wishes to resume its partnership with Parks and Recreation beginning in March 2025. The Memorandum of Understanding for 2025 is largely unchanged from previous years and both parties wish to continue a successful partnership.

MOTION: (Iles/Tapp) to recommend Alternative 1, which states:

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Reiman Gardens for 2025.

MOTION PASSED: (7-0)

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING FITCH FAMILY INDOOR AQUATIC CENTER PROPOSED FACILITY SCHEDULE, SURVEY, FEE SCHEDULE, AND BUDGET

Abraham noted Commission discussions about Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center (FFIAC) would transition from facility design and construction to operations, scheduling, budget, and fees. Best case scenario has the facility opening in January 2026, he reported.

Facility Schedule

The proposed initial facility schedule spans 38 weeks, with FFIAC fully open for programming and open swimming from the Tuesday after Labor Day to the Friday before Memorial Day. Furman Aquatic Center (FAC) will be used for these activities from the Saturday before Memorial Day to Labor Day, with FFIAC open for limited summer operations, focusing on swimming lessons, and as a backup facility for summer swimming opportunities during inclement weather when FAC is closed. Abraham indicated this schedule is not ideal and staff would prefer something different. Abraham noted FAC basins and amenities were closed at times in recent years due to lifeguard shortages, and staff does not believe it is feasible to have both FFIAC and FAC fully operational during the summer months. Should lifeguard staffing improve, he stressed, the 38-week FFIAC schedule may be adjusted.

Cady speculated that year-round aquatic facilities may make it easier to hire and retain full-time adult staff. Abraham indicated two additional full-time staff members will be hired for FFIAC, an Aquatics Coordinator and a Principal Clerk. New full-time staff is not planned for lifeguarding or other temporary staff positions.

Shimanek indicated he always assumed this would be the facilities' operating schedules and it is not reasonable to expect both facilities to be fully open simultaneously.

Iles asked what the donors expected for operating schedules. Abraham said he has not had this conversation with the Fitches, but in other matters they have always been understanding.

Rathe spoke about lap swimmers having high hopes for year-round swimming. She wondered if staff explored recruiting lifeguards from among these swimmers. Abraham spoke about staff's continuous staff recruitment and retention efforts, that staff does not just accept being short-handed. Lifeguard shortages are a national issue, even in larger population areas, he noted.

Shimanek praised the flexibility of using FFIAC as a summertime backup when/if FAC is closed.

Cady agreed with the plan for now but saw possible public demand for additional services.

Tapp thought the proposed schedule was a good place to start.

Survey

Kort reviewed a recent community survey intended to shape preliminary FFIAC programming decisions. Questions asked for feedback on ideal programmed activities and scheduling, emphasizing a September through May offering. The survey was distributed to 12,500 emails and via Parks and Recreation newsletter, press releases, and various City social media. In 10 days, survey responses totaled 2,154. Kort reviewed survey data and respondent comments regarding Swim Lessons, Lap Swim, Water Walking, Tot Time, Open Swim, Aqua and Water Exercise classes, and various other aquatic activities. The good survey response rate created a lot of data points staff can use to guide decisions about FFIAC programming in year one. Abraham commented that he could not recall another survey with 2,100+ responses.

Fee Schedule

Abraham reviewed proposed admission/pass fees for both FAC and FFIAC. The proposed fee structure for FFIAC is based on FAC's upcoming fiscal year 2025/26 fees, with various charges for daily admissions, punch passes, and season passes. Daily admission and punch pass fees would be the same for FAC and FFIAC. The cost per week for season passes for each facility are nearly identical. Staff expects demand for a year-round pass but has not determined details for offering this yet. Other fee components to examine include: financial assistance/scholarship program; reducing the number of individuals who may be included on a household pass to five people (two adults, three youth), with additional adult users \$75 each, additional youth \$25 each; and offering more flexible payment options for season passes to make the total cost more accessible for families who may struggle to pay the full amount in one payment.

Budget

Abraham reviewed the proposed budget summary and tax subsidy impact for FFIAC. When the project began, the estimated annual tax subsidy for FFIAC was estimated at \$350,000 to \$400,000. With design completed – including numerous decisions to reduce costs and improve efficiencies to reduce operating costs – and construction underway, staff better understand the

likely annual tax subsidy, now calculated at \$219,736, about half the anticipated annual subsidy. Abraham noted several expenses that will exist before FFIAC opens in January 2026 (e.g., utilities, additional staff, training, etc.), along with projected operating costs and revenues of 65 percent and 55 percent, respectively, for FY 2025/26. Abraham also reviewed the FY 2025/26 budgets and tax subsidies for FFIAC, Aquatics with and without FFIAC included, and reviewed total projected impact of FFIAC on the overall Aquatics tax subsidy. Accounting for various expense duplications across budgets, the entire Parks and Recreation FY 2025/26 budget, including FFIAC, shows total tax subsidy of \$3,075,817, an increase of \$133,642, he reported.

Iles asked if the proposed figures are based on FFIAC being closed during the summer. Abraham said yes, and if staff were directed to cut fees or expand the FFIAC operating schedule, then the tax subsidy would increase. Iles observed that would be an argument against keeping FFIAC open year-round. Abraham added that staff would be concerned about increased costs and negative impact on service quality or having to close amenities. Iles said he was haunted there will be pushback if FFIAC is not open year-round because the public expects a year-round facility. Abraham replied that a year-round schedule, the initial goal, is not realistic at this time, and a good campaign to communicate why will be needed.

Cady added it seemed reasonable to say the operating schedule for the first few years of FFIAC may be fluid as staff gathers more information about staffing and its ability to offer services. Abraham and Kort spoke about staffing challenges and provided numerous examples of what staff already must do to enable FAC to be open from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

White asked what it would take to be open year-round and how staff may need to respond to protests about the proposed FFIAC schedule. Abraham indicated increased lifeguard wages have not resulted in more lifeguards.

Shimanek said the proposed fees look very reasonable and should not be reduced, that fees should have good price points for across the community but should also value the service being provided. Abraham noted work on the Healthy Life Center fees and charges and shared the philosophy of project consultant Ballard*King & Associates, who advocated for finding a price most people can pay and then find ways to make services affordable to everyone else, e.g., scholarships. Rathe noted the proposed fees already give a lot of options.

5. DISCUSS THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN WITH CITY MANAGER STEVE SCHAIKER

Assistant City Manager Goldbeck attended the meeting in place of City Manager Schainker.

Abraham reviewed criteria used by the Commission and staff to evaluate projects to include in the annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and provided an overview of funding sources available for Operations and CIP projects. Abraham noted near-term projects to be completed with savings from other projects and/or donations and then gave updates on the 2025/26 (year one) projects and an overview of projects in years two through five.

Other topics discussed included:

- Additional bike trails in either “Elwood Pasture” area or Ontario Park.
- Additional pickleball courts.
- Diversifying facilities/offerings, i.e., greater variety, creating destination points.
- Bridge over Ioway Creek at Moore Memorial Park/Veenker Memorial Golf Course and future development of trail connections along Scholl Road and Ontario Street and/or development of Reactor Woods/Peggy’s Trail area.

- Recreation center development.

Goldbeck summarized progress with a comprehensive plan to address homelessness.

The scheduled December 19, 2024, meeting was canceled.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Iles) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.

COMMISSION ACTION FORM

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with Chapter 19 of the City of Ames Municipal Code, the Commission has the responsibility to establish "fees and charges" for Parks and Recreation facilities and programs in the City subject to adoption by the City Council. Fee increases are related to direct expenses incurred by these programs. This year, approximately 42% of the programs will experience an increase. It should be noted that these fees, if approved, would take effect with the next session of that particular activity. For example, the spring 2025 instructional program season fees would be in effect prior to July 1, 2025. The fees and charges listed are for Ames residents. Non-residents are assessed an additional \$15 per program per participant and approximately 23% more for a pool season pass.

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS	ACTIVITY	CURRENT 2024/2025 FEE	PROPOSED 2025/2026
	Adult Athletic Program Non-Resident Fee	\$15/Player/Season	\$15/Player/Season
	Badminton	\$2.50 Drop-in fee	\$2.75 Drop-in fee
	Basketball, Adult (2 officials)	45.00/Game	46.00/Game
	Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Meet	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Open Recreation at Community Center	\$2.25/Youth, \$2.50/Adult	\$2.50/Youth, \$2.75/Adult
	Pickleball	\$2.50 Drop-in fee	\$2.75 Drop-in fee
	Pickleball with Tournament (per team)	\$35	\$35
	Pickleball without Tournament (per team)	\$25	\$25
	Slow Pitch Softball, Men Adult (1 umpire)		
	10-15 Games (per game)	\$34.50	\$35.00
	16-18 Games (per game)	\$34.00	\$34.50
	19-21 Games (per game)	\$33.50	\$34.00
	22+ Games (per game)	\$33.00	\$33.50
	Slow Pitch Softball, Coed Adult Per Game Fee (1 umpire)	\$33.00	\$33.50
	Slow Pitch Softball, Fall Adult Per Game Fee (1 umpire)	\$33.00	\$33.50
	Soccer, Adult (per game)	\$92.50	\$93.00
	Ultimate Frisbee	\$41/Player	\$42/Player
	Volleyball, 2-on-2 Sand Summer (per player)	\$25/Player	\$25/Player
	Volleyball, 2-on-2 Sand Fall (per team)	\$50/Team	\$50/Team
	Volleyball, 4-on-4 Sand Summer (per team)	\$81	\$81
	Volleyball, 4-on-4 Sand Fall (per team)	\$64	\$64
	Volleyball, 6-on-6 Sand (1 official) Summer Per Match Fee	\$19.50	\$20.00
	Volleyball, 6-on-6 Sand (1 official) Fall Per Match Fee	\$19.50	\$20.00
	Volleyball, Adult (1 official) Indoor Per Match Fee	\$22.50	\$23.00
	Volleyball, Adult (No official) Indoor Per Match Fee	\$14.50	\$14.50
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	ACTIVITY	CURRENT 2024/2025 FEE	PROPOSED 2025/2026
	Afternoon Adventures	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Babysitting Clinic	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Basketball, 3 / 4 Grade	\$71.00	\$72.00
	Basketball, 5 / 6 Grade	\$71.00	\$72.00
	Basketball, K - 2 Grade	\$53.00	\$54.00
	Blastball	\$52.00	\$53.00
	Camps, Camp Explorers (1 week)	\$72.00	\$74.00
	Camps, Camp Funshine (1 week)	\$72.00	\$74.00
	Camps, Junior Campers (1 week)	\$72.00	\$74.00
	Dance, Little Stars	\$38/6 Weeks, \$76/12 Weeks	\$40/6 Weeks
	Dance, age 3-7+	\$53/6 Weeks, \$137/12 Weeks, costume included	\$54/6 Weeks, \$138/12 Weeks, costume included
	Dance, Private/Semi-Private (Per Person)	\$33/ \$22	\$33/ \$22
	Dance/Gymnastics, Camp Summer	\$62.00	\$62.00
	Flag Football, Kindergarten	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Flag Football, 1 / 2 Grade	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Golf, Adult Lessons Summer	\$112.00	Not Offering
	Golf, Youth Lessons Summer	\$91.00	\$90/45 Minutes, \$110/60 Minutes
	Golf, Adult Lessons Fall	\$112.00	Not Offering
	Golf, Adult & Youth Lessons Winter	\$91.00	Not Offering

	Gymnastics, Adapted	\$33/6 Weeks, \$66/12 Weeks	\$33/6 Weeks, \$66/12 Weeks
	Gymnastics, I, II, Varsity Tumbling	\$64/6 Weeks, \$134/12 Weeks	\$65/6 Weeks, \$135/12 Weeks
	Gymnastics, Intermediate/Advanced	\$64/6 Weeks, \$134/12 Weeks	\$65/6 Weeks, \$135/12 Weeks
	Gymnastics, Private/Semi-Private (Per Person)	\$34/\$23	\$34/\$23
	Gymnastics, Tumble Bugs (Ages 2-3)	\$35/6 Weeks, \$70/12 Weeks	\$36/6 Weeks
	Gymnastics, Tumbling Tots (Ages 3-5)	\$43/6 Weeks; \$86/12 Weeks	\$44/6 Weeks
	Gymnastics, Tumbling Tykes (Ages 3-4)	\$39/6 Weeks; \$78/12 Weeks	\$40/6 Weeks
	Pre-School Adventures	\$40/6 Weeks, \$53/8 Weeks	\$40/6 Weeks, \$53/8 Weeks
	Rounded Minds Tumbling/Soccer & Spanish Introduction	\$82/6 Weeks	\$82/6 Weeks
	Rounded Minds Sports Exploration & Spanish Intro. (ages 4-6)	\$82/6 Weeks	\$82/6 Weeks
	Rounded Minds Parent Child Class (ages 2-3) (30 min.)	\$70/6 Weeks	\$70/6 Weeks
	Small Wonders, M/W/F (30 Hours Per Month)	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Small Wonders, T/TH (20 Hours Per Month)	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Soccer Clinic (Fall/Spring)	\$12.00 /1 Session, \$35.00/4 Session Class	\$12.00 /1 Session, \$35.00/4 Session Class
	Soccer, 1st-6th Grade	\$61.00	\$63.00
	Soccer, Kiddie Kickers (Ages 5-6)	\$55.00	\$56.00
	Sportslowa Morning Camps	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Start Smart	\$51.00	\$52.00
	Tee-Ball	\$54.00	\$55.00
	Tennis, Adult (6 hrs. of instruction)	\$90	\$90
	Tennis, Camp Summer	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Tennis, Little (30 min, 5 sessions)	\$43	\$43
	Tennis, USA Team	Not Offering	Not Offering
	Tennis, Youth (8 hrs. of instruction)	\$112	\$112
	Tennis, Indoor (6 hrs. of instruction)	\$84	\$84
	Volleyball, Camp, Spring	\$47.00	\$48.00
	Volleyball, Camp, Youth Sand	\$43.00	\$45.00
	Volleyball, Youth, Fall	\$63.00	\$64.00
	Youth Jerseys	\$26.00	\$26.00
WELLNESS PROGRAMS	ACTIVITY	CURRENT 2024/2025 FEE	PROPOSED 2025/2026
Fitness Classes			
	6 Week Session Indoors/Outdoors/Virtual/60 Forward	\$37.50	\$37.50
	9 Week Session	\$56.25	Not offering
	30 Minute Classes (6 Week Session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	30 Minute Classes (9 Week Session)	\$56.25	Not offering
	45 Minute Zoom/Outdoor Classes (4 Weeks)	Not offering	Not offering
Adult Dance			
	Belly Dance (6 Week Session)	\$39.00	\$39.00
	Belly Dance (8 Week Session)	\$52.00	\$52.00
	Fitness Assessments	\$50.00	\$50.00
	Line Dance Class (6 week session)	\$39.00	\$39.00
	Swing Dance Classes (6 week session)	\$39.00	\$39.00
Aerobic Activities			
	Extreme Outdoor Bootcamp Spring/Summer	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Stroller Power (4 Week Session)	\$25.00	\$25.00
	Tai Chi, (12 Week Session)	Not offering	Not offering
	Tai Chi (6 Week Session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Teen Power Pump (6 Week Session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Teen Strength Training (4 Week Session)	Not offering	Not offering
	TRX Training (6 week session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	TRX Training (9 week session)	\$56.25	Not offering
	TRX/Tramp (6 week session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	TRX/Tramp (9 week session)	\$56.25	Not offering
	Boxing Bootcamp (6 week session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Boxing Bootcamp (9 week session)	\$56.25	Not offering
	Cycle Classes (6 week session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Cycle Classes (9 week session)	\$56.25	Not offering

	Boga Fit Aqua Class (6 week session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Boga Fit Aqua Class (9 week session)	\$56.25	Not offering
	Zumbatomic (6 Week Session)	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Healthy Foot (4 Week Session)	\$25.00	\$25.00
Fitness Aquatics			
Municipal	Indoor Deep Water (9 Week Sessions)	Not offering	Not offering
	Indoor Boga Fit (9 Week Sessions)	Not offering	Not offering
Furman	Outdoor (5 Week Sessions)	\$31.25	\$31.25
	Outdoor BogaFit (5 Week Sessions)	\$35.00	\$35.00
Forker	8 Week Session Fall/Winter	\$82.00	Not offering
	9 Week Session Spring	\$92.00	Not offering
	12 Week Session Summer	Not offering	Not offering
Green Hills	9 Week Session Fall/Winter/Spring	Not offering	Not offering
	6 Week Session Summer	Not offering	Not offering
Personal Training/Private			
	Super Single (1) (Per Person)	\$52.00	\$52.00
	Three Sessions (Per Person)	\$149.00	\$149.00
	Five Sessions (Per Person)	\$247.00	\$247.00
	Ten Sessions (Per Person)	\$437.00	\$437.00
	Fifteen Sessions (Per Person)	\$566.00	\$566.00
Semi-Private			
	Super Single (1) (Per Person)	\$31.00	\$31.00
	Three Sessions (Per Person)	\$88.00	\$88.00
	Five Sessions (Per Person)	\$152.00	\$152.00
	Ten Sessions (Per Person)	\$268.00	\$268.00
	Fifteen Sessions (Per Person)	\$366.00	\$366.00
Reformer Sessions			
	Reformer Orientation Private	\$44	\$44
	1 Session Private	\$44	\$44
	5 Sessions Private	\$219	\$219
	10 Sessions Private	\$390	\$390
Running Club			
	Half -Marathon	Not offering	Not offering
	Triathlon Training	Not offering	Not offering
Tae Kwon Do			
	Dragon Beginner 6 Week	\$27.00	\$28.00
	Dragon Beginner 8 Week	\$36.00	\$37.00
	Dragon Inter/Adv 6 Week	\$27.00	\$28.00
	Dragon Inter/Adv 8 Week	\$36.00	\$37.00
	6 Week Session Summer	\$27.00	\$28.00
	8 Week Session Fall/ Spring	\$36.00	\$37.00
	Tournament	Not offering	Not offering
Yoga			
	9 Week Session	\$56.25	Not offering
	6 Week Session	\$37.50	\$37.50
	Basic (4 week session)	\$25.00	\$25.00
Weight Room-CC & 60 Forward			
	Weight Room Orientation/Onboardings	\$15.00	\$25.00
	Weight Room Orientation JR/HS	\$35.00	\$36.00
Punch Cards			
	10 Punches	\$43.00 = \$4.30 per visit	\$45.00 = \$4.50 per visit
	30 Punches	\$97.00 = \$3.23 per visit	\$102.00 = \$3.40 per visit
	50 Punches	\$135.00 = \$2.70 per visit	\$142.00 = \$2.84 per visit
	100 Punches	\$216 = \$2.16 per visit	\$217.00 = \$2.17 per visit

AQUATICS	ACTIVITY	CURRENT 2024/2025 FEE	PROPOSED 2025/2026
	Early Bird Lap Swim - Spring (12 weeks)	Not offering	Not Offering
	Early Bird Lap Swim - Summer (12 weeks)	\$48 R/ \$63 NR (1x per week)	\$50 R/\$65 NR (1 x per week)
	Jr. Lifeguarding	\$68 / \$83	\$68 / \$83
	Jr. Lifeguard Camp	\$175 / \$190	\$175 / \$190
Lessons			
	Learn to Swim Lesson - Fitch	n/a	\$70.00
	Learn to Swim Adult Lessons (30 min)	\$64 / \$79	\$66 R / \$81 NR
	Learn to Swim Youth Lesson (30 min)	\$62 / \$77	\$64R / \$79 NR
	Learn to Swim Youth Lesson (45 min)	\$62 / \$77	\$64R / \$79 NR
	Learn to Swim Youth Lesson at Green-Hills/Forker-ISU State Pool (30 min)	\$82 R / \$97 NR (8 weeks)	\$85 R / \$100 NR
	Learn to Swim Private/Semi-Private (30 min.)	\$33.50 (private) / \$29 (semi private)	\$34.50 (private) / \$30 (semi private)
	Learn to Swim Private/Semi-Private (30 min.) at Forker-ISU State Pool	\$37 (private) / \$33 (semi private)	\$38 (private) / \$34 (semi private)
	Lifeguard Training	\$215 / \$230	\$220 / \$235
	Lifeguard Recert	\$105 / \$120	\$110 / \$125
	Lifeguard Prep (1 hour session)	\$92 / \$107	\$97 / \$112
	Lifeguard Instructor (LGI)	\$235 / \$250	\$240 / \$255
	Lifeguard Instructor/LGIT Review	\$140 / \$155	\$145 / \$160 + \$55 for base LG Cert
	Water Safety Instructor (WSI)	\$235 / \$250	\$240 / \$255
	Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED	\$85 / \$100	\$90 / \$105
	Babysitting Clinic	\$70 / \$85	\$75 / \$90
	CPR Instructor	Not offering	Not offering
	Scuba	Not offering	Not offering
	Snorkel & Skin Dive	Not offering	Not offering
	Log Rolling (4 weeks)	\$27 / \$32	\$27 / \$32
	Water Polo (12 weeks)	\$50 / \$65	Not offering
	Innertube Water Polo (4 weeks)	\$40 / \$55	\$40 / \$55
Daily Admissions			
	Brookside Wading Pool	CLOSED	CLOSED
	Splash Pad	FREE	FREE
Furman			
	Adult (16+)	\$7.00 R/\$8.00 NR	\$7.00 R/\$8.00 NR
	Furman Senior Citizens (602+)	\$6.00 R/\$7.00 NR	\$6.00 R/\$7.00 NR
	Furman Toddler (1-2)	No Longer Offered	No Longer Offered
	ISU Student (W/ID)	\$6.50	\$6.50
	Youth (Age 3-15)	\$6.00 R/\$7.00 NR (Now age 1-15)	\$6.00 R/\$7.00 NR (Now age 1-15)
Punch Cards	Youth/Adult/Senior/Infant	12 for the price of 11	12 for the price of 11
Season Passes - Summer			
Furman Aquatic Center			
	Individual, Adult (16+)	\$ 130 / \$160	\$ 130 / \$160
	Family	\$ 275 / \$330	\$ 275 / \$330
Summer season discounts (new - 10%; renew - 10%) if purchased January 22 - May 1.	Individual, Senior Citizens (602+)	\$ 90 / \$112	\$ 110 / \$138
	Individual, Toddler (1-2)	No Longer Offered	No Longer Offered
	Individual, Youth (1-15)	\$ 90 / \$112	\$ 90 / \$112
	ISU Student (with ID)	\$112	\$112
End of Season Passes - Summer Valid August 1 - Labor Day	Individual, Adult (16+)	\$43 / \$58	\$43 / \$58
	Family	\$94 / \$112	\$94 / \$112
	Individual, Senior Citizen (602+)	\$30 / \$37	\$36 / \$45
	Individual, Toddler (1-2)	Not offering	Not offering
	Individual, Youth (1-15)	\$30 / \$37	\$30 / \$37
	ISU Student (with ID)	\$37	\$37

Pool Rental			
	Brookside Wading Pool (1-30 people)	CLOSED	CLOSED
	Furman Aquatic Center	\$205 per pool per hour	\$205 per pool per hour
	100+ people	\$235 per pool per hour	\$235 per pool per hour
	Wibit AquaTrack	\$130/hour	\$130/hour
	Wibit Wiggle Bridge	\$65/hour	\$65/hour
	Wibit - Both When Already Set Up	\$160/hour	\$160/hour
	Key Logs (2 Logs, 2 Staff)	\$65/hour	\$65/hour
PARKS	ACTIVITY	CURRENT 2024/2025 FEE	PROPOSED 2025/2026
Shelter Rentals		\$19 per hour/2 hour minimum	\$20 per hour/2 hour minimum
Dog Park			
	January-December	\$62.00	\$64.00
(10% discount is applied to tags sold in Dec & Jan)	April-December	\$48.00	\$50.00
	July-December	\$32.00	\$34.00
Tennis/Pickleball Courts			
	Hourly Fee	\$7/hr/court	\$7/hr/court
	All Day Fee	\$42/court	\$42/court
Sand VB Courts-Inis Grove			
	Hourly Fee	\$10/hr/court	\$10/hr
	Light Fee	\$10/hr for two courts	\$10/hr for two courts
	All Day Fee	\$60/court	\$60/court
	Maintenance Fee	\$30/time/two courts	\$30/time
		\$45/time/all four courts	\$45/time
Ada Hayden Heritage Park			
	Special Events	\$115.00	\$115.00
Ball Diamonds			
	Brookside Park Field 7		
	Hourly Fee	\$15	\$15
	All Day Fee	\$90	\$90
	Maintenance Fee	\$45/time	\$45/time
	Brookside Park Fields (8,9)		
	Hourly Fee	\$10	\$10
	All Day Fee	\$60/field	\$60/field
	Maintenance Fee	\$25/field/time	\$25/field/time
	River Valley Park (1-6)		
	Hourly Fee	\$10	\$10
	All Day Fee	\$60/field	\$60/field
	Maintenance Fee	\$25/field/time	\$25/field/time
	Light Fee	\$5/hr	\$5/hr
Community Garden Plots			
	Ioway Creek 10'x40' plot	\$25.00	\$25.00
	Ioway Creek 10'x25' plot	\$20.00	\$20.00
	Carr Park ADA raised beds 3'x10'	\$15.00	\$15.00
	Tilling	\$20.00	\$20.00
HOMEWOOD	ACTIVITY	CURRENT 2024/2025 FEE	PROPOSED 2025/2026
Daily Green Fees	Summer, Weekdays	9 Holes 18 holes	9 Holes 18 holes
	Opening to 3 PM	\$15.00 \$20.00	\$16.00 \$21.00
	3 PM To Close	\$18.00 \$23.00	\$19.00 \$24.00
Weekends & Holidays			
	Opening to 6 PM	\$20.00 \$26.00	\$21.00 \$27.00
	6 PM To Close	\$20.00 \$26.00	\$21.00 \$27.00
	Parent/Grandparent & Child Tue & Sun	\$10.00	\$10.00
	Special Jr. League Rate	\$12.00	\$12.00
	Junior Rate (All Season -17 and under)	\$12.00 \$17.00	\$12.00 \$17.00
	10 Round Punch Card - 9 Holes	\$165.00	\$170.00

Season Passes			
	Adult (Age 18+)	\$550.00	\$566.00
	Couple (Same Household)	\$725.00	\$746.00
	Family (4 Members)	\$882.00	\$908.00
	Each Additional Member	\$198.00	\$198.00
	Junior (17 & Under)	\$230.00	\$235.00
	Senior Citizen (60+)	\$490.00	\$505.00
	Senior Citizen (75+)	NOT OFFERING	NOT OFFERING
	Senior Citizen (80+)	NOT OFFERING	NOT OFFERING
	Senior Citizen (85+)	NOT OFFERING	NOT OFFERING
	Senior Citizen (90+)	FREE	FREE
	Senior Couple (Same Household)	\$660.00	\$680.00
	Student Pass (April-May)	\$190.00	\$210.00
	Student Pass (Aug-Oct)	\$190.00	\$210.00
Equipment Rental			
	Golf Club Rentals	\$8.00	\$8.00
	Pull Cart Rental	\$4.00	\$4.00
	Golf Cart Rental per seat	\$11.00 (9 Holes) \$16.00 (18)	\$11.00 (9 Holes) \$16.00 (18)
	Golf Cart Rental Punch Card (20 for the price of 19) - 9 holes	\$209.00	\$209.00
	Disabled Cart Card (20 punched for the price of 19) - 9 holes	\$175.00	\$175.00
Leagues, summer			
	Junior High Youth League	\$45.00	\$45.00
	Couples League	\$90.00	\$90.00
	Mens League	\$45.00	\$45.00
Clubhouse Rental			
	Community Room	\$105.00/hour (year round)	\$105.00/hour (year round)
	Pro Shop	\$53.00/hour (November 1-March 31)	\$53.00/hour (November 1-March 31)
	Community Room and Pro Shop	\$132.00/hr (November 1-March 31)	\$132.00/hr (November 1-March 31)
	Additional Staffing	\$23.40	\$23.40
	Cancellations	>14 days, no refund; 15-30 days, 50% refund; 31+ days, 100% refund	>14 days, no refund; 15-30 days, 50% refund; 31+ days, 100% refund
Golf Outings (per person rate)	Walking 9 Holes Weekday (16+ people)	\$13.00	\$14.00
	Walking 18 Holes Weekday (16+ people)	\$18.00	\$19.00
	Walking 9 Holes Weekend (16+ people)	\$18.00	\$19.00
	Walking 18 Holes Weekend (16+ people)	\$24.00	\$25.00
	Riding 9 Holes Weekday (16-28 people)	\$24.00	\$25.00
	Riding 9 Holes Weekday (29+ people)	\$40.00	\$41.00
	Riding 18 Holes Weekday (16-28 people)	\$29.00	\$30.00
	Riding 18 Holes Weekday (29+ people)	\$50.00	\$51.00
	Riding 9 Holes Weekend (16-28 people)	\$31.00	\$32.00
	Riding 9 Holes Weekend (29+ people)	\$45.00	\$46.00
	Riding 18 Holes Weekend (16-28 people)	\$40.00	\$41.00
	Riding 18 Holes Weekend (29+)	\$55.00	\$56.00

AMES/ISU ICE ARENA	ACTIVITY	CURRENT 2024/2025 FEE	PROPOSED 2025/2026
Public			
	Adult Admission (16+)	\$6.50	\$6.50
	Youth Admission (Ages 4-15)	\$5.50	\$5.50
	Child Under 4 Admission	\$4.00	\$4.00
	Skate Rental	\$3.50	\$3.50
	Group Skate Rental (20 or more)	\$2.50	\$2.50
	Group Skate Rental (with ice rental)	\$2.00	\$2.00
	Noon Skate	Not offered	Not offered
	Group Rate (20 or more)	\$4.50	\$4.50
	Student Special (Wednesday night PS only)	\$4.50	\$4.50
	Pick-Up Hockey (1.5 hour)	\$12.00	\$12.00
	Pick-Up Hockey (1 hour)	\$10.00	\$10.00
	Figure Freestyle (1.5 hour)	\$12.00	\$12.00
	Figure Freestyle (1 hour)	\$10.00	\$10.00
	Club Sponsored Figure Freestyle Sessions (AFSC)	n/a	\$8.00
	Drop-in Broomball	\$5.00	\$5.00
	After School Special	\$4.00	\$4.00
Equipment Rental	Helmet Rental	\$3.00	\$3.00
	Broomball Equipment Rental	\$85.00	\$85.00
ISU	ISU Skating Class	\$6.50	\$6.50
Birthday Party Packages			
	Pkg. #1 (1-10 Skaters, 3 large pizzas, pop, cake)	\$215	\$220
	Pkg. #2 (11-15 Skaters, 4 large pizzas, pop, cake)	\$268	\$275
	Pkg. #3 (16-20 Skaters, 5 large pizzas, pop, cake)	\$310	\$320
Igloo Rental	Per Hour	\$35.00	\$35.00
Pro Shop Services	Skate Sharpening (Drop-off overnight)	\$6.50	\$7.00
	Skate Sharpening (Same day)	\$8.50	\$9.00
	Rivet Repair (per rivet)	\$2.00	\$2.00
Discount Punch Cards			
	Adult (12 for price of 11)	\$71.50	\$71.50
	Youth (12 for price of 11)	\$60.50	\$60.50
	Noon Skate (12 for price of 11)	NOT OFFERING	NOT OFFERING
	Pick-up Hockey (6 for cost of 5)	\$60.00	\$60.00
	Figure Freestyle (6 for cost of 5)	\$60.00	\$60.00
	Ice Skate Sharpening (6 for price of 5)	\$30.00	\$35.00
Ice Rental			
Non-Taxable Rates (ISU)	Prime Time	\$262.91	\$276.06
	Non-Prime Time	\$196.56	\$206.39
	Summer Time	\$197.81	\$207.70
Taxable Rates (0-39 hrs)	Prime Time	\$335.52	\$352.30
	Non-Prime Time	\$262.91	\$276.06
	Summer Time	\$246.64	\$258.97
Taxable Rates (40-99 hrs)	Prime Time	\$302.98	\$318.13
	Non-Prime Time	\$231.61	\$243.19
	Summer Time	\$221.60	\$232.68
Taxable Rates (100+hrs)	Prime Time	\$281.70	\$295.79
	Non-Prime Time	\$210.33	\$220.85
	Summer Time	\$211.58	\$222.16
Learn To Skate/Play		\$165.26	\$173.52

Arena Advertising	Upper Scoreboard advertising sign (ea)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Lower Scoreboard advertising sign (ea)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Wall Banner (8' X 12')	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Olympia advertising	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
	Olympia Side advertising sign (ea)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	Dasherboard advertising sign	\$800.00	\$500.00
	On Ice Logos - Long Term Users	\$400.00	\$400.00
	On Ice Logos in the Neutral Zones	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	On Ice Logo - Center Ice	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Skate Trainers	\$175.00	\$175.00

Ice Rental Notes:

ISU includes ISU Rec Services, Intramurals, Men's Hockey, Women's Hockey, and Broomball Clubs

Summer includes May, June, July, August

Any rental completing payment with credit card will result in an added service charge in the amount of 3%

Monday thru Friday: Prime Time is 3 PM to Midnight / Non-Prime Time is Midnight to 3 PM

Saturday and Sunday: Prime Time is 7AM to Midnight / Non-Prime Time is Midnight to 7AM

COMMUNITY CENTER	CURRENT 2024/2025 FEE	ADOPTED 2025/2026 FEE	PROPOSED 2026/2027 FEE
Gymnasium			
Non-Profit Community Event	\$80 per hour - 1st 3 hours	\$80 per hour - 1st 3 hours	\$85 per hour - 1st 3 hours
	\$45 for each additional hour	\$45 for each additional hour	\$50 for each additional hour
Profit Status Community Event	\$145 per hour - 1st 3 hours	\$145 per hour - 1st 3 hours	\$145 per hour - 1st 3 hours
	**	\$105 for each additional hour	\$105 for each additional hour
1/3 Multi-Purpose Room	\$29.00 per hour	\$30.77 per hour	\$31.70 per hour
Aerobics Room	\$46.37 per Hour	\$49.19 per Hour	\$50.67 per hour
Lunch Room	17.39 per hour	\$18.45 per hour	\$19.00 per hour
AUDITORIUM RENTAL RATES			
SPACE/EQUIPMENT	CURRENT 2024/2025 FEE	ADOPTED 2025/2026 FEE	PROPOSED 2026/2027 FEE
Profit Rates			
Performance/Max Daily Rate	\$1,790 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,840 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,900 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)
Hourly/Rehersal Rate	\$179.00	\$184.00	\$190.00
Non-Profit Rates			
Prime Time Max Daily Rate	\$1,180 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,220 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,60 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)
Prime Time Hourly Rate	\$118.00	\$122.00	\$126.00
Non-Prime Time Max Daily Rate	\$1,020 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,050 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,080 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)
Non-Prime Time Hourly Rate	\$102.00	\$105.00	\$108.00
Hourly/Daily Discounts			
Frequent User (100+ hours)	5%	5%	5%
Community/ISU Arts	30%	30%	30%
Ticket Facility Fees		Based on Ticket Prices	
\$0.01-\$10.00 Tickets	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
\$10.01-\$25.00 Tickets	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
\$25.01 & Up Tickets	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
Staffing		Hourly	
Additional Staffing Charges	\$23.90	\$24.62	\$25.36
Specialist/Programmer	\$32.85	\$33.84	\$34.86
Streaming Technician	\$32.85	\$33.84	\$34.86
TD/Project Management	\$89.56	\$92.25	\$95.02
Stage Equipment		Charged once per event	
Piano	\$231.86	\$238.82	\$245.98
Dance Floor	\$202.88	\$208.97	\$215.24
Projector	\$115.93	\$119.41	\$122.99

Merchandise	10%	10%	10%
Ticket Printing	\$.10/Ticket B&W \$.20/ticket Color	\$.10/Ticket B&W \$.20/ticket Color	\$.10/Ticket B&W \$.20/ticket Color
Service Fees For CC Sales	\$.50/Ticket Sold	\$.50/Ticket Sold	\$.50/Ticket Sold

Auditorium Rental Notes:

Any ISU rental group completing payment with credit card will result in an added service charge in the amount of 3%.

BANDSHELL RENTAL RATES			
SPACE/EQUIPMENT	CURRENT 2024/2025 FEE	ADOPTED 2025/2026 FEE	PROPOSED 2026/2027 FEE
For Profit Rates			
Ticketed Event/Max Daily Rate	\$1,748 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,800 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,854 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)
Non Ticketed Events (per hour)	\$163.91	\$168.83	\$173.90
Non Profit Rates			
Hourly Rental	\$109 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$112 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$115 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)
Max Daily Rate	\$1,090 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,120 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)	\$1,150 or 10% of gross tickets/admission (whichever is >)
Riser Removal/Installation (per event)	\$288	\$297	\$306
Vending (excluding alcohol)	\$218/Event or 10% of Sales	\$225/Event or 10% of Sales	\$232/Event or 10% of Sales
Alcohol Sales	10%	10%	10%
Ticket Facility Fees		Based on Ticket Prices	
\$0.01-\$10.00 Tickets	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
\$10.01-\$25.00 Tickets	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
\$25.01 & Up Tickets	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00

For staffing fees, see fees under Auditorium Rental Rates

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt the revised fee schedule as listed for FY 2025/2026.
2. Do not approve the revised fee schedule as listed for FY 2025/2026.
3. Refer the proposed fee schedule back to staff for modification.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Commission adopt alternative #1, approving the revised fee schedule for FY 2025/2026.

Staff Report

PARK POLICIES

January 16, 2025

BACKGROUND:

This past year, there was an increase in the number of issues Parks and Recreation staff encountered in the parks system. This included vandalism, individuals spending the night in restrooms, individuals in the parks outside of allowed hours, camping in the parks and on public property, alcohol and drug use, smoking, and inappropriate acts, to name a few. These issues have been traditionally isolated to parks near the downtown area. However, this past year saw these activities spread further north and west to include Inis Grove, Ada Hayden Heritage, and Daley Parks. Additionally, a staff member was assaulted while cleaning a restroom.

To reduce the risk of an additional assault, it was required that two staff members clean the restrooms at Bandshell and Brookside Parks. Police presence in these parks was also increased as much as possible. The annual closing of permanent restrooms in October, along with colder weather, has resulted in fewer issues happening.

At its November 21, 2024 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed updating Park Policies. These policies fall into two categories:

1. Ordinances – policies in this category are approved by the City Council, enforceable by the City of Ames Police Department, and a municipal infraction punishable by a penalty.
2. Rules – policies in this category are approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission, not enforceable by the City of Ames Police Department, and not a municipal infraction. Please note that if a Parks and Recreation Department employee tells an individual they are violating a park rule and choose not to stop, the Police can be contacted to help with the situation.

The Commission offered various comments regarding park policies which included the following:

1. Staff should research other Departments for ideas.
2. Consider locking permanent restrooms and just use portable restrooms.

3. Park policies should be posted on signs in the parks.
4. Develop e-bike policies and consider not allowing e-bikes on non-paved trails.
5. Limit non-paved trails for hiking only.
6. Clarify whether foraging is allowed.
7. Clarify whether clearing invasives (e.g. honeysuckle, etc.) is allowed.
8. Get public input on updating Park Policies.

RESEARCH OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS:

Staff review policies from several departments in Iowa including Ankeny, Des Moines, Iowa City, Urbandale, and Waterloo, as well as Lawrence, Kansas. While most have similar categories, there were some items found that are not included in Ames Park Policies. Categories are identified below with a brief description.

Park Hours – Ames parks are open 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Some cities open as early as 5:00 a.m. and close as late as 11:30 p.m. The most restrictive hours were sunrise to sunset.

Prohibited Acts – Multiple communities had this section which included items such as glass containers, damaging property, animals, trees and plant material, weapons, alcoholic beverages, practicing golf, tobacco, and more. Many of these are separate prohibitions in Ames policies.

Alcohol – Currently, alcohol is only allowed in community Parks (Brookside, Emma McCarthy Lee, Inis Grove, Moore Memorial, and River Valley). It should be discussed as to whether the policy should be changed to include other parks.

Trail Use – Included in this section are what is allowed, speed limits, and hours of use. Staff believes there should be discussion regarding shared use paths (SUP) versus park paths and/or sidewalks. For example, since residents use SUPs for commuting purposes, should they be accessible outside of park hours.

Firearms, Fireworks, Projectiles – There are Ames ordinances regarding these three items. However, they do need to be updated.

Lakes, Rivers, Creeks – Most communities had this section which addressed items such as swimming, watercraft, wading, and inflation devices. The item of most concern to staff is swimming and that it should be changed from a rule to an ordinance.

Vehicle Restrictions – Policies had clearly defined restrictions regarding where to park, overnight parking, and speed limits.

Vending – Ames has a vending policy for the parks, but it is not included in the rules or as an ordinance.

Burning – Some cities allowed grill fires, as well as bonfires. Ames only allows fires in designated grills.

Environmental Protection Concerns – This category was listed in Lawrence, Kansas' policies and has some merit for consideration. It included items that have been discussed in previous categories, but the title tends to give it more importance.

Parental Responsibility – Several policies defined how parents are responsible for the actions of their children as it pertains to behavior and actions.

Special Use Permits – Some communities require these when group sizes are over 200, admission fees are charged, alcohol is sold or served to the public, an inflatable play structure is provided, for example.

Camping – Most did not allow camping in their parks unless they had a campground. Ankeny and Des Moines have passed no camping ordinances which includes public property in addition to parks. This is an item that will certainly need City Council to weigh in on.

Metal Detection – This is defined in several policies and details what is allowed.

On-Call Number for Emergencies – Some Department's provide a number for people to report items (i.e. drinking fountain is continually running, etc.). Right now people will report these to Police dispatch who in turn calls Park staff.

Commercial Use – This category defines if commercial use is allowed or not.

Definitions – Some policies provided these to educate the reader.

Miscellaneous – This seemed to be a catch all category for anything that didn't fit elsewhere.

PUBLIC AND STAFF INPUT:

Staff is proposing to gather public input through meetings, surveys, and Friends groups. Other City Departments including Legal, Fire, Police, and City Managers Office will also be contacted for input.

TIMELINE:

Jan – Mar Public Input

Mar – Apr Policy Revisions Draft

Apr – May Present to Commission

May - June Present to Council

July Implement New Park Policies

COMMISSION DIRECTION NEEDED:

Staff is looking for direction from the Commission on the following items:

1. Are there any categories the Commission would like to see added to Ames Park Policies?
2. Are there any Park Rules the Commission would like to see changed to an ordinance?
3. Are there specific items the Commission would like to get public input on?
4. Are there any changes needed to the timeline?



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TO: Keith Abraham, Director of Parks and Recreation

FROM: Staff

RE: Monthly Report January 2025

PARKS AND FACILITIES:

1. Staff completed park pruning at Ada Hayden Heritage Park, Tom Evans Plaza, Christofferson Park, and the Daley Park Greenbelt between Thackeray Avenue and South Dakota Avenue. Yet to be completed this winter season is pruning at Tahira and Labh Hira, Inis Grove, and North and South River Valley Parks.
2. Staff erected two outdoor ice rinks in South River Valley Park for the winter season. In early December the rinks were flooded and able to be skated on. However, with the warm and wet weather in late December, ice conditions deteriorated. With the recent below freezing temperatures, staff was able to resurface the ice and make them suitable for skating. Staff will provide status updates of ice rink conditions on the Parks and Recreation website and Facebook.
3. Staff removed snow on park paths and parking lots in early January. Residents are reminded limited maintenance is performed on trails and should use caution when using trails throughout the year.
4. Ames residents can drop off Christmas trees through the end of January at the Parks Maintenance Shop, 700 E. 13th Street. The trees will be chipped and the mulch is available for residents at no charge.
5. Controlled burning was completed in multiple prairies throughout the park system in early December. Staff is planning on burning more prairies areas in the spring, especially Ada Hayden Heritage Park. Burning is an efficient method of controlling invasives and invigorating native plant growth

RECREATION PROGRAMS:

1. In December, there were 20 public skating sessions held at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena with a total attendance of 1,888 skaters. A total of 44 skaters attended 13 figure freestyle sessions and 166 skaters attended 16 stick and helmet sessions. A total of three birthday parties were held and 34 pairs of skates were sharpened.

2. The Ames/ISU Ice Arena held a New Years Eve public skate from 9:00 PM-12:00 AM to skate in the new year. A total of 120 people participated.
3. The final fall fitness session of 2024 ended on December 22. Free drop-in classes were offered from December 23-January 4 at the Community Center and at the Sixty Forward Center. Approximately 430 people attending the classes at the Community Center and 146 people attending the classes at Sixty Forward. Food donations were accepted for Food at First. The winter session of all Fitness classes began Monday, January 6.
4. Applications for all aquatic positions at Furman Aquatic Center opened November 27, 2024, and applications have been steadily coming in.
5. An adult and pediatric CPR/AED/First Aid class was held on December 14, 2024, had a total of seven participants.
6. A Babysitter's training class was held on December 28, 2024, and had a total of seven participants.
7. Youth basketball for boys and girls grades 3-4 began in December. A total of 46 participants (6 teams) from Ames are playing in the Central Iowa Recreation League (CIRL). In addition to Ames, the league includes teams from Colo, Gilbert, Huxley, Nevada, South Hamilton, and Story City.
8. Tennis lessons began in January at the Ames Fitness Center South Tennis Bubble with 25 total participants. The partnership with Ames Racquet and Fitness allows for lessons to be hosted year-round and instructed by tennis professionals.
9. The Winter Indoor Volleyball League currently has 54 teams registered for the season. The season begins the week of January 20 and ends with a tournament in April.
10. In December, the Ames City Auditorium hosted the following events:
 - a) The ISU Hip Hop Club presented their annual winter show on December 6.
 - b) Central Iowa Symphony held their winter concert on December 7.
 - c) Saint Cecilia School hosted and streamed their yearly Christmas Concert on December 12.
 - d) India Cultural Association presented a dance recital on December 14.
 - e) The Central Iowa Wind Ensemble also hosted a holiday themed concert on December 17.
 - f) The Auditorium held a holiday themed circus show with the Kinetic Circus on December 20 & 21 with over 400 patrons in attendance for the two events.
 - g) In addition to two services on Christmas Eve, Hope Church hosted four services in the month of December on Sundays.

11. The Homewood Clubhouse was rented for five different events in December including holiday parties, a baby shower, and a New Years Eve event.
12. Santa Claus visited the Homewood Clubhouse on December 7 for Homewood for the Holidays. A total of 45 kids and their families enjoyed meeting Santa while completing crafts, eating a light breakfast, and capturing a picture with Santa to commemorate the experience.
13. Homewood partnered with Painting with a Twist to offer an instructor led painting class for 20 participants. A couples painting class will be held February 15 at Homewood.
14. Euchre League at Homewood ended on December 9. The league had 14 teams or 28 players. Participants enjoyed socializing and competing and are eager for the next Euchre League to start January 20.
15. Cribbage League at Homewood ended on December 11. The morning league had 13 players, and the evening league had 18 players. The next Cribbage League will start January 15.

PROJECT UPDATE:

1. Staff reviewed proposals from engineering firms regarding design and engineering services for the replacement of the asphalt paths at Ada Hayden Heritage Park. Staff evaluated seven proposals and recommended awarding a contract to WHKS & Co. Ames, Iowa, to develop plans and specifications and provide limited construction oversight for the project. Engineering staff from the Public Works Department will be providing ongoing construction oversight and material testing during construction. Initial plans are to bid the project in the spring with construction in the fall of 2025.
2. The City has contracted with Converse Conditioned Air, Ames, Iowa, to replace the radiant heating system above the spectator seating and lobby at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena. The project will be completed during the month of May, when the arena is closed for maintenance.
3. The City has contracted with SVPA Architects, Inc., West Des Moines, Iowa, for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Parks and Recreation Parks Maintenance Shop Expansion Project at 700 E. 13th Street. This project includes the addition of a new cold storage facility and the renovation of portions of the current Parks Maintenance Shop. Staff has had multiple meetings with SVPA to review preliminary designs and cost estimates. The project is expected to go out for bid in late spring with the work to be completed by the end of 2025.