

## Fairfield Council Report- Parks

March 7, 2023

As Spring approaches and the snow melts off our parks they start to see more activity especially with longer and warmer days to come. The restrooms in Thiel Park are open for use after the winter months of being winterized.

- ✚ Thiel Park did have some use during the winter months as the Fairfield Service Club and the town put on a Tree Lighting in the Gazebo along with some hot chocolate for the kids. The gazebo was lit up for the month of December and was beautiful. Thank you to Amanda Blood and crew for heading and organizing this event.
- ✚ The 2023 Community Challenge Grant will be submitted to AARP. Within this grant there have been suggestions to redo the current tennis court into Pickle Ball courts, put in a permanent restroom structure and a swim bus. I would like to add a permanent cover/structure over the current basketball court along with a fence along the court/hillside so balls don't roll down into the road. I have reached out to Casey Cook which owns Dalco Construction Inc. to get a bid for the covering. There are stipulations on what can be placed on the South end of the park as that part of the park was donated to the town. I have asked for the documentation on that donation as I would like to have a cover over the basketball courts (permanent structure) for year around use.
- ✚ The baseball pit is being updated. The baseball diamond is still in the pit but has been repositioned so the sun and/or vehicles are not a problem when in play. A new sprinkler system has been placed at the pit that was funded by a grant. This should help keep the "Pit" beautiful and watered on the schedule during those summer months.