

2021 PARKS, RECREATION, FORESTRY OVERVIEW

As a department, we strive to “Create Community through People, Parks & Programs.” With citizens’ support, recommendations from our nine-member volunteer Park & Recreation Board and multiple community partnerships our department strives to create an environment that promotes healthy living initiatives, sustainability, enriching programming and promotes tourism. The Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department encompasses 21 fulltime employees and employs over 145 seasonal employees throughout the year. Our Parks system includes 24 parks and over 850 acres of parkland, open spaces and facilities. Our staff and volunteers are truly ambassadors to our community on a daily basis as we showcase what Brookings has to offer to residents and visitors alike.

Key Projects/Activities:

	Description	Status
1	Parks & Recreation Master Plan	100%
2	Brookings Community Games	100%
3	Forestry - Brookings Urban Forestry Initiative	100%
4	Forestry – Tree City USA designation. 41 years	100%
5	Forestry – Planted over 300 trees	100%
6	Parks - Bob Shelden Field Renovation	100%
7	Parks - Larson Park – road and parking area reconstruction	100%
8	Parks - Trail Restoration – Larson, Hillcrest, Indian Hills, DNP	100%
9	Parks - Discovery Trail construction – Dakota Nature Park	40%
10	Parks – Harmony Park Playground addition – Larson Park	100%
11	Parks – Southbrook Softball Complex restroom remodel	80%
12	Parks – Sexauer Campground road and camp pad paving	100%
13	Parks – Dog Park planning – Construction in 2022	100%
14	Aquatics Center - Lap Pool Heater Replacement	100%
15	Edgebrook Golf Course – clubhouse repairs, maintenance shop windows	100%
16	Edgebrook Golf Course – driving range safety netting replacement	100%
17	Received Notice of Award – Recreational Trail Grant	100%
18	Update/Renewal of Joint Use Agreement with Brookings Public Schools	100%

19	Update/Renewal of Kart Club lease agreement	
20	Adoption of sidewalk/trail snow removal policy	100%
21	Increased Revenue – Aquatic Center, Ice Arena, Golf Course	100%

Looking Ahead / Goals

Sexauer Dog Park construction

Prairie Hills Trail segment construction

McClemans/Lions Park playground replacement

Southbrook sidewalk additions/fencing replacement

Trail Restoration

Edgebrook cart path additions

Edgebrook parking area LED conversion

Aquatic Center - cold joint reconstruction, pool painting, chemical controller replacement

Recreation Annex planning - (Holding Barn)

Pickle ball complex planning

LWCF, Wellmark grant applications

Complete Cost of Services analysis, develop cost recovery policy

WiFi installed in selected parks – Larson, Hillcrest, Pioneer

Develop new user agreements

Trail easement acquisition

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