



The Optimist Club of Treynor, Treynor, IA
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NEWSLETTER

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Wendy Andersen – Splash Pad Update



Wendy Andersen gave an update on the Treynor Splash Pad at “The T”. The area had to be juggled and will now be located east of the Lakin Family Building to allow for more parking, walking space, and lawn space. This area will include the Splash Pad, Dexter’s Dream Playground, and Tristan’s Trailhead Ninja Course. As a combined group these are now called Treynor’s Park and Trails (TPT). They lease the ground from Vision Treynor.

A Destination Iowa grant received almost three years ago provides \$800,000 to the Treynor’s Park and Trails (TPT) group, the city for the road and Vision Treynor for Pavillion, with the stipulation for TTP that features in each of the three areas above be in place by the end of June, 2026. At Treynor Days the plan is to turn on the Splash Pad. Tristan Trails trailhead will also move in, and some playground equipment will be installed.

There has been lots of work behind the scenes. The city, Vision Treynor and TPT group meet every Friday to coordinate plans. The total project has been done in phases because of funding needs, creative use of matching funds and because a lease was needed by TPT before getting the money.

Approximately \$250,000 would complete the ultimate vision of the Treynor’s Park and Trails area. A big push is ahead to help with additional funding. Wendy has been working on writing many grants. Some small grant funds have come in from Casey’s and Walmart. A Mouse Derby is planned May 1st at Silos to raise funds and to have some fun. There will be a big push for more financial and volunteer help from the community.

The Lakin Building has a handicap accessible restroom which will be the only one in the western part of Iowa which has an adult height adjustable changing table and adjustable sink, thanks to a grant from Variety Iowa and discounted price from the vendor. A contractor, plumber, and electrician are needed to get this installed.

Maps were distributed and soon the public will see information out on social media. Each of the TPT areas have wonderful features. For instance, Tristan’s Trailhead features a Dash Track, Ninja Course, walking path, and lawn. Dexter’s Dream Playground has key features of a music zone, swing zone, spin zone, and accessible course. The desire is to have this area look and feel like a really nice park, complete with landscaping.

Our Splash Pad recycles the water. The tank is filled at the beginning of the summer, and rain water replenishes it hopefully. It will use less water than a house. A button turns it on and a timer turns it off during certain hours of the day.

Wendy stated Iowa is the hardest state to get a permit for the splash pad because of the infiltration system and only one person is assigned for granting and inspecting such.

There is a massive computer system that operates everything and will shut down an area if there is a problem and send out notification. Construction will start soon for the Splash Pad. Wendy indicated there will be a big learning curve the first year it is open.

Also discussed with Wendy was playground surfaces, the three small shelters/donor walls, insurance, landscaping, trash cans, clean up groups, and future possibilities.

The Treynor’s Park and Trails Committee is Wendy Andersen, Brooke Curtis, and Lisa White. There’s much more involved than any of us could ever totally understand. A big thank you to all involved to those volunteering their lives and time to making “The T” a wonderful place!

We would love to have YOU consider joining our local Optimist Club if you are not a member. Call Dale Willenborg or text 402-651-1634 for more information. www.treynoroptimist.org

Next week's speaker:
Lindsey Mescher, Grief Counselor

Inspirational Quote:

"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree."

Martin Luther

Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Center. Fifteen members were present. Guests were Wendy Andersen, Michael Holton, and Brett McVey

Prayer: Bill Vorthmann

Jokes: Keith Denton, Steve Chambers

50/50: Judy Gutttau

Attendance: Jordan Campbell but was not present to win.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Jim and Diane Clausen will celebrate 59 years on April 7.

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Steve Irvin: One granddaughter shot at the State Archery Tournament at the Iowa State Fairground, shooting her average score. The other granddaughter plays soccer for Sioux City North and they did well. She plays on a club team and competed in Omaha that has a very advanced soccer program.
- Steve Irvin: He and Deb attended the Assure (pro-life) event. Tim Tebow was a very, very good speaker. When he was born, the doctor said there was no reason he should be alive.
- Kirk Vorthmann: He completed two conservation projects in March before the rain.
- Kirk Vorthmann: He is thankful for the great rains.
- John Klein: Tuesday the Treynor Jazz Band will play in the Iowa Jazz Championship. They

have participated in over 30 state championships and have always rated high.

Business:

- Can kennel sorting for JOI Club (Jr. Optimist International) and KKA (Keep Kids Alive) will be this Wed. Apr. 8 after school at 2 PM.
- Optimist scholarship decisions need to be turned in next Saturday. Kirk Vorthmann will lead the meeting Saturday and the Committee will meet to finalize.
- A Youth Appreciation event will be planned. Dale has begun the process.
- John Klein circulated the swim lesson flyer/sign-up form made by Bret McVey. Bret shared that they will begin collecting these April 13. Lessons are for K -5th (this past year) from 11:30 AM – 1 PM June 15-18, June 22-25. Free ice cream treat on the last day. 30 kids can be taken.

Community Events:

- **Sat. Apr. 25:** City Wide Garage Sale
- **Fri., May 1:** Spring Cleanup
- Tweets has a new variety of breakfast and lunch sandwiches daily.

Events in Treynor and state events away:

- **Mon. Apr. 6:** Spring Break – no school
- **Mon. Apr. 6:** Jerome Howe Relays @ Treynor
- **Tues. Apr. 7:** Iowa Jazz Band Championships at ISU
- **Sat. Apr. 11:** State Small Group/Solo Music Fest
- **Mon. Apr. 13:** Girls Golf vs AHSTW @ Treynor
- **Mon. Apr. 13:** Varsity Girls Track @ Treynor

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Humor



CALENDAR

Events:

April 8 Can Kennel Sorting for JOI Club and KKA
2 PM
April 11 Optimist Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM,
Treydor Community Center

Birthdays:

April 20 Steve Chambers
April 24 Linda Danker
April 25 Irvin Saar
April 28 Gene Seran

Anniversaries:

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April 7 Jim & Diane Clausen

Programs:

April Chad Gutttau
May Ken Graham (1st,2nd Sat)
Jeff Jorgensen (3rd,4th Sat)

June Steve Irvin (1st,2nd Sat)

Speakers:

Apr 11 Lindsey Mescher, Grief Counselor
Apr 18 MaryAnn Hanusa, County Auditor
Apr 25 Starlyn Purdue, U.S. Dept. of Ag,
works in Iowa