City: Lisbon

Title of Project: Lisbon Splashpad & Wading Pool

City's Population: 2,166

In a few sentences, give a summary of the project and why it was needed:
For many years now the City of Lisbon has been making plans to replace its outdated wading pool. Lisbon was home to one of the oldest functioning wading pools in the state of Iowa. In recent years it was becoming a money consuming service to the public that had continuous mechanical issues and breakdowns. In 2014 we were granted a special exception permit with the county after it failed its pool inspection. It was allowed to remain open for a final season but the city would need to choose to replace or eliminate the feature by the next Summer. The council saw it as a huge draw and asset to the community and weren't willing to eliminate it. Work was begun, funding found and raised and so began the project of removing our aging wading pool and in its place a brand new splash pad/wading pool that opened just briefly for its first season in 2015.

Explain the specific role of your city in this project:
The City took this project on full force. The Parks and Recreation Director and Board were in charge of fundraising and promotions of the project holding several events throughout 2015 and continuing those still until the project is paid in full. The City Administrator and Public Works Director negotiated the contracts for the removal of the old pool and construction of the new one. Council members and the Mayor found ways to have labor and services donated for removal of the existing pool. The Deputy Clerk took on promotions and social media parts on the project documenting the different stages of construction for the public to see. The City also took on the role of funding the project with the City Administrator obtaining a grant for the part of the project, a large donation and finally money from Local Option Sales Tax and a General Obligation Bond to secure the funds. The City didn't want to have to wait for the funding before the project could start, the goal of the council was to have a new pool in place by the following summer and with a few hiccups along the way a delay in timing they were successful in getting a shortened season.

In a few sentences, what future impact will this project have on your community?
The City has already seen a boost in the usage of the City Park along with pavilion rentals which are located near the Splash Pad/Pool area. The draw of people comes from more than just our city and county. This amenity brings families and events to our park bringing with it an image, reputation and memory of Lisbon in each of their minds. Younger families are considering Lisbon for home purchases, while current residents are being reminded as to why they picked Lisbon for their home. This was a community project that continues to show community pride.

Total cost of project: $375,000
List where funding came from. (grants, donations, city funds, etc):

Grants, Donations, General Obligation Bond, Local Option Sales Tax funds, Ongoing Fundraising

Total time project took/projected to take for completion. Please include start date and end date. (To qualify the project must be operating or completed between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015):

Start date was March 12th, 2015 and completion date was August 18th, 2015

Resources. (Please list Web sites judges may reference if they seek additional information.):

http://www.lisbonlife.net/category/parks-recreation/splash-pad-fundraiser/ As well as our Facebook page at Lisbon Parks and Recreation