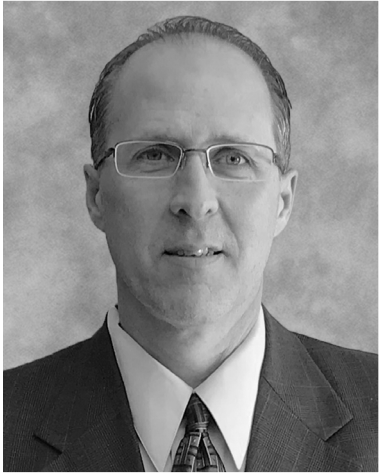


# HALL OF FAME



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**2019**

James Kramer, director of Dickinson Parks and Recreation, was the 22nd member inducted into the NDRPA Hall of Fame.

Kramer earned a degree in business administration from Dickinson State University in 1990. He became a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional in 1998. Most of his career has been in service with Dickinson Parks and Recreation, although he also served as the director of Williston Parks and Recreation. He became director in Dickinson in 2001.

Kramer was instrumental in the vision of creating the concept of the West River Community Center and its expansions. He facilitated the development of the West River Ice Center, Dakota Community Bank Ballpark, and Stark County Veteran's Memorial and Pavilion. He was active in the attraction of the 1996 Babe Ruth World Series and the American Legion Central Regional Tournament five times.

Among the many organizations in which he has participated are North Dakota Babe Ruth Baseball, American Legion Baseball, United States Tennis Association, Dickinson Optimist Club, Dickinson State University Booster Club, National Recreation and Park Association, NRPA Midwest Regional Council, and American Parks and Recreation Society. He has been recognized with a Presidential Citation from the American Parks and Recreation Society and as an inductee into the Dickinson State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Kramer has been active in NDRPA for 26 years and held several offices, among them treasurer, director, professional development chair, public policy chair, and president. He was appointed to Governor Dalrymple's Task Force on Property Tax Reform and worked diligently to ensure park districts were treated fairly in the levy consolidation process. He has been honored previously by NDRPA with both the Outstanding Young Professional Award and the Fellow Award.

*All NDRPA Hall of Fame members are recognized with plaques at the North Dakota Sports Hall of Fame in the Jamestown Civic Center.*

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