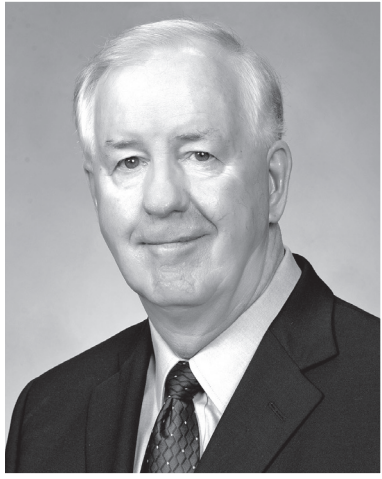


HALL OF FAME



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2022

Dick Gulmon, former director of the Valley City Parks and Recreation board of directors, was the 26th inductee into the NDRPA Hall of Fame.

Dick has more than 40 years of involvement with parks and recreation. As a member of both the Valley City Recreation Board and the Valley City Park Board, he led the effort to combine both boards into one parks and recreation district with guidance from NDRPA and working with the city commission. Subsequently, he served as president of the Valley City Parks and Recreation board of directors for 24 years. In total, he served on the Valley City Park Board for 36 years.

During his time with Valley City Parks and Recreation, the agency built a public golf course, tennis courts, outdoor swimming pool, and softball complex. It also renovated the City Park Bandshell for musical programs in the park and built the 66,000-square-foot Gaukler Wellness Center. Of all these accomplishments, Gulmon considers the Gaukler Wellness Center one of the greatest, as it required collaboration with Valley City State University, the city of Valley City and the Valley City Development Corporation.

When NDRPA undertook a complete rewrite of the North Dakota Park Board Manual in 2008, Gulmon served on the committee that revised the manual. Another major manual revision was completed in 2017, and Gulmon was the only park board commissioner to serve on that committee. He also assisted in creating a webinar to accompany the manual, sharing his expertise on park districts and public service with NDRPA members.

Gulmon has been awarded the USA Softball of North Dakota Distinguished Service Award, 20-Year Service Award and 25-Year Service Award; NDRPA's Citizen Advocacy Award and has been inducted into the McQuade Charity Softball Tournament Hall of Fame, Valley City Bowling Association Hall of Fame and USA Softball National Hall of Fame.

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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