

Deerfield Park District
Affiliate Organization Advisory Committee

Minutes of November 19, 2020

The meeting of the Affiliate Organization Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Jewett Park Community Center. The following were:

Present: Stuart Slutzky, Keith Londo, Mike Delaney, Ryan Twose, Terry Leske, Mike Danielewicz, Greg Lapin, Jay Zahn, Laura McCarty, Jeff Nehila

Public Comment

No public comment was received prior to the meeting.

Review of Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of the February 20, 2020 meeting with no changes.

Field & Lighting Costs

Field and lighting cost invoices were sent out this past week.

Upcoming Season Dates for Spring/Summer 2021

Laura asked for all affiliates to email her with spring/summer dates when they get determined. DYBSA is accepting registration at this time. Spring dates are April 5 - June 7. AYSO season is tentatively scheduled for April 4 – June 6. Pegasus season dates would be late-March weather permitting through summer. Men’s Soccer will not be playing until the State says they can do so safely. Young Warriors would normally start their season in mid-August.

2021 Special Events

AYSO will not be holding Areafest this year. AYSO is hoping to hold soccer camps or clinics in August. DYBA is planning to hold their Appreciation Day after their spring session. DYBA’s Wooden Bat tentatively scheduled be held from Wednesday to Sunday Father’s Day weekend and the softball tournament is in late June.

Deerfield Youth Lacrosse

The district has been working with Deerfield Lacrosse on the possibility of the organization becoming an affiliate of the park district. They are coordinating with staff on the requirements to be considered an affiliate. Based on the growth they have already had and the anticipated growth, they feel they will have the numbers to be an affiliate. Their field use needs are 75-80 hours of field usage per week during spring, summer and fall. Staff will continue to work with all affiliate organizations to make sure that field needs are met. AYSO and DYBSA suggested that games be scheduled so they don’t overlap. This would allow participants to play multiple sports.

DHS Turf Use for Spring/Summer 2021

Staff has been in contact with Deerfield High School regarding the turf usage for spring/summer. They are currently not allowing for use of the turf, but they will contact us when they have information regarding use for next year.

Other Items

Special Needs Inclusion for Affiliates

Laura reminded everyone that the district is inclusive of all athletes regardless of special needs. If someone would need assistance or a companion it would fall on the affiliate, but the park district would help in any way. The park district is partnered with NSSRA who would come and provide training and recommendations if needed.

Affiliate Reports to Board of Park Commissioners

Laura reminded affiliates that their annual reports to the board are due. This year, affiliates were asked to provide a written report to the board for the January 21, 2021 regular board meeting.

Brochure Information

Laura will email affiliates a copy of the information in the park district brochure to provide any updates that might be necessary.

Updates

Director Nehila thanked the affiliates for a great year despite COVID. He thanked them for reacting and following protocols as they changed.

Director Nehila noted that Jewett Park Phase 1 is complete. A couple of baseball games were held there this fall. The fields will be open for use next year. The drainage tile project was completed at Jaycee Park. Next year the district has planned to do drainage work at Clavey Park. Stuart reiterated that AYSO would like to contribute to the drainage work at Jaycee Park.

Jay thanked the affiliates for their cooperation and the work they put forward.

Mike thanked the park district for all they did to make sure DYBA could get some games in this summer and for the help with the batting cages at Woodland. This just goes to show what a great partnership there is with the park district and all the affiliates.

Keith expressed his appreciation for all the park district did this year to help them have a season. Parents were so happy their children had the opportunity to get out and have something to do.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2021.