

Deerfield Park District  
Affiliate Organization Advisory Committee

Minutes of July 15, 2021

The meeting of the Affiliate Organization Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:03 p.m. The following were:

Present: Stuart Slutzky, Keith Londo, John Mann, Mike Delaney, Ryan Twose, Dan Schwab, Debbie Serota, Jay Zahn, Laura McCarty, Jeff Nehila

**Welcome**

**Welcome Debbie Serota – Park Board Liaison**

Laura introduced Debbie Serota as the new board liaison to the Affiliate Advisory Committee. Each affiliate representative provided a brief introduction.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

**Review of Minutes**

The committee reviewed the minutes of the February 18, 2021 meeting with no changes.

**Review of 2021 Spring Season**

Laura asked each affiliate for a review of their spring season and for feedback on scheduling, fields, etc.

Stuart commented that AYSO had a great spring season and that everyone was happy to be able to play. He commented that the fields were in great condition and thanked the parks department for doing a great job. Keith commented that Pegasus had a great season and got all of their games in. There were a few hiccups along the way such as sprinklers going off, lights not working here or there, but nothing major. Overall a great season. Dan commented that lacrosse had a successful season. Being a new affiliate, they didn't really understand how the fields would be used and had some scheduling issues, but they were able to be worked out. He thanked the park district for supplying the fields they needed and for the support. It was suggested having a meeting in late March to share field needs and create a master field schedule that could be utilized by the affiliates so everyone knows which fields are used when and by which group. Dan mentioned that that lacrosse is already growing out of the space they are using and would like to use the back 40 at the high school more often. Mike commented that the turf at Brickyards is so hard compared to Clavey. If there's anything the park district could do to help that would be greatly appreciated. John commented that due to COVID no football season was held, but they are looking forward to their fall season this year. John asked if more garbage and recycling containers could be added at Clavey.

**Field Maintenance Update**

Jay reported that turf work is being done at Brickyards now and will be done at Clavey in the next couple of weeks. The park district has plans to do work on some of the baseball and softball infields. He stated that he appreciates the affiliate cooperation with taking care of the fields and picking up garbage.

### **Fall Program Registration Numbers & Field Needs**

DYBSA will start fall registration later this summer. They will start their fall season after Labor Day and run through the third week of October. AYSO will start practices at the end of August with games starting September 12 and running through November 7. Pegasus numbers are for the whole year, and includes 350-400 families. Pre-season camps will be held at Clavey August 2-5 and August 9-12. Team trainings will begin at Brickyards on August 16 to prepare for preseason tournaments. Lacrosse enrollment is year-round, but they continue to add more children to the program and their numbers continue to exceed expectations, especially in the elementary ages. Lacrosse will begin in mid-August, but specific dates are forthcoming. Mike reported that adult soccer numbers remain consistent from year to year. Their games will be held mid-September through October. They would like to use the turf at DHS once in a while. John will provide the Young Warriors schedule when complete. Their first game will be held August 29. Registrations are going great and have doubled. There should be 80-100 players participating this fall.

### **DHS Turf Availability for Fall**

Staff has been in contact with Deerfield High School regarding the turf usage for fall. The turf is available for use on Saturdays after 3:00 p.m. and all day on Sundays. The high school has requested that a list of non-Sunday dates that affiliates would like to use the turf be sent to them so they can check for availability. Affiliates will work with each other to develop a Sunday use schedule. Affiliates asked if there would be an opportunity to use the lights once in a while. Staff will check with DHS to determine if that is a possibility.

### **Park District and School Field Needs for Fall**

Dan expressed concern about the size of the fields they are using at Shepard. It is becoming a safety issue because too many children are using the space. Lacrosse normally would have 2 fields next to each other. Lacrosse would like to use the fields at Clavey if possible two days a week for two hours each day. Pegasus uses Brickyards probably as much as it should be used and are growing out of the space themselves. Stuart asked Dan if Jewett would be large enough for lacrosse to use. Stuart stated that AYSO will be happy to share use of Jewett with lacrosse if lacrosse could wait until 7:00 p.m. to start. AYSO will continue to use Jaycee. Dan asked if it would be possible to play games at DHS on the weekends and that would free-up park district fields for other affiliates. Lacrosse isn't currently locked into certain days but can certainly lock-in to Saturday afternoon for games.

Laura shared dates and field needs for park district programs.

### **Light Codes**

Laura distributed light codes to each affiliate. She asked affiliates to be mindful of when lights are turned on to try to avoid peak times with ComEd.

### **Certificates of Insurance**

Laura asked each affiliate for a current Certificate of Insurance if one hasn't yet been provided.

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**Other Items**

**Fireworks at Shepard on September 18**

The village will be holding Harvest Fest at Shepard Park on September 18. Shepard Park will not be available all weekend.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2021.