

Deerfield Park District
Affiliate Organization Advisory Committee

Minutes of March 3, 2022

The meeting of the Affiliate Organization Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:00pm. The following were:

Present: Stuart Slutzky, Mike Delaney, Brandon Bashkin, Mike Irvine, John Mann, Daniel Moons, Dan Schwab, Keith Londo, Debbie Serota, Jay Zahn, Laura McCarty, Jeff Nehila

Matters from the Public

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Review of Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting noting that John Mann was not listed as present. This correction will be made.

Review of Upcoming Season Dates for Spring/Summer 2022

AYSO practices begin March 28 with games April 3 through June 5. Pegasus season starts in late March and runs through early summer. DYBSA spring baseball/softball house league season runs March 28 through June 11 and spring/summer baseball/softball travel league runs March 28 through July 17. Summer baseball/softball house league runs June 20 through August 6. Lacrosse season start March 28 and runs through June 12. Summer dates are forthcoming. Men's Soccer seasons runs April 15 through October 14. Football practices start the first week in August.

Spring Registration Numbers & Field Needs

AYSO has over 800 participants currently registered, and registration is still open. Pegasus has 450 registered to date. Registration numbers to date for DYBSA: baseball house league 515, travel baseball 115, house league softball 215 and travel softball 30 for spring & summer. Lacrosse has 150 participants registered. Men's Soccer has about 30 players but may have a few more since the starting age has been lowered to 45. Football registration is just starting but the anticipated number of participants is about 100.

Laura distributed the park district's field needs for 2022 for spring and summer.

As part of an exchange program for use of North Park for Wooden Bat overflow, if needed, Lincolnshire will use one of the fields one weekend in June, but the park district will not need to prep the field. DYBSA will inform the district of the specific date.

Update on 2022 Special Event Dates

DYBSA Wooden Bat Tournament will be held June 17-19 and Warriors Classic Softball Tournament is June 24-26. AYSO Soccer Camp will be held August 1-5.

Deerfield Farmers Market will be held on Saturdays from June 11 – October 15.

DHS Turf Use for Spring/Summer 2022

The DHS turf will be available Saturdays after 3:00pm and all day on Sundays except on Saturday, April 12 between 2:00-5:00pm and Sunday, May 22 nothing can be scheduled after 5:30pm due to high school events taking place. Lacrosse is utilizing most Saturdays after 3:00pm. And Pegasus uses the turf on Sundays. Lacrosse will let the other affiliates know if there are any Saturday dates they will not need, and Pegasus will do the same for Sundays. AYSO would like one Sunday afternoon.

Spring Light Codes and Usage Reminder

Spring light codes will be emailed to each affiliate. Affiliates were reminded to be diligent and only turn lights on at the time they are using them and remember to turn them off when done. John mentioned that at Clavey there are times that the lights are on when no one is using the fields and the lights go off automatically at 11:00pm.

Other Items

Weather Policy

Staff reviewed the Weather Policy with guidelines to assist affiliates in making a decision on whether to use a field or not. Staff asked that affiliates use good judgment as well when making a decision. Staff also asked that affiliates report any field issues such as holes, broken glass etc. to the park district.

Park District Capital Projects Update

Director Nehila reported that the park district is looking to put pickleball courts at Shepard Park this summer. The district has attended one Plan Commission meeting with favorable feedback. The next steps include a Plan Commission meeting on March 10 followed by Village Board meetings on April 4 and April 18. Contingent on the bid results, the park district would like to start the project after the DYBSA Warrior Softball Tournament. A new fully accessible paved path will be added to the park as well as additional parking. The scope of work will not impact the soccer fields.

Keith asked if anything came of the idea to turn the tennis courts at SRC into indoor turf. Director Nehila responded that the board will be doing SRC visioning at the March workshop meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 6:00pm.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28pm.