

Deerfield Park District  
Affiliate Organization Advisory Committee

Minutes of August 4, 2022

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

Present: Stuart Slutzky, Mike Delaney, John Mann, Keith Londo, Rob Allen, Debbie Serota, Jay Zahn, Laura McCarty, Jeff Nehila

Absent: Brandon Bashkin, Daniel Moons, Dan Schwab, Mike Irvine, Terry Leske, Rich Goldman

**Matters from the Public**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

**Review of Minutes**

The committee reviewed the minutes of the March 3, 2022, Affiliate Advisory Committee meeting noting no changes.

**Review of 2022 Spring Season**

Committee members commented that they had a great spring season and complimented the field conditions. Lacrosse asked if next spring there would be time available for them to use the DHS turf on Sundays. With all the rain and unavailability of refs on Saturdays it was challenging to get games in. Committee members thought that something could be coordinated amongst the groups.

**Fall Program Registration Numbers**

AYSO registration is still open. At this time, the younger age has higher numbers while the older age groups have lower numbers. Pegasus currently has 410 participants registered with the expectation to get another 30-40 more this fall/winter and 30-40 more in the spring. Young Warriors has 125 participants registered which is an increase of 40-50 over last season. As of today, DYBA has 135 baseball players and 64 softball players registered with registration ongoing. Adult Soccer has lowered the age to 45 to try to get more players. Lacrosse currently has 30 players registered but anticipates a total of 90 by Labor Day.

**Fall Season Start Dates**

AYSO practices begin August 28 with games running September 11-November 6. Pegasus practices start on August 15 with games beginning September 10 through mid-November. Young Warriors Football practices began on August 2. Lacrosse fall season will start September 10 and run through November 6. Adult Soccer starts the second week of September.

**Fall Field Needs**

Field allocations will be the usual locations for each organization. AYSO and Lacrosse will be sharing Jewett Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Shepard Park Update**

The Shepard Park Renovation project has started. We will be building 6 pickleball courts, flip-flopping the two ballfields and adding parking and a path. The project is anticipated to take 6 weeks dependent upon weather and product availability.

**DHS Turf Availability for Fall**

The DHS turf will be available Saturdays after 3:00pm and all day on Sundays. Affiliates are working together to coordinate the turf use.

**Park District and School Needs for Fall**

The Park District and School Field Needs for Fall 2022 listing was distributed to each organization.

**Fall Light Codes**

Fall 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 as possible to avoid usage during peak times when ComEd rates increase.

**Other Items**

**Adult Soccer Recruitment**

Mike mentioned that Adult Soccer needs more players and asked if the park district had recommendations for recruitment. Pegasus commented that they would be happy to promote the program if Mike would send them the information.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 6:00pm.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.