

Deerfield Park District

Affiliate Organization Advisory Committee

Minutes of November 17, 2022

(1) Call to Order

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

Present: Jeff Nehila, Jay Zahn, Laura McCarty, Debbie Serota, John Mann, Mike Irvine and Keith Londo

Absent: Dan Schwab, Mike Delaney, Stuart Slutzky, Brandon Bashkin and Daniel Moons

(2) Matters from the Public

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

(3) Review of Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes of the August 4, 2022, Affiliate Advisory Committee meeting noting no changes.

(4) Review of 2022 Fall Season

Committee members reported they had a successful season overall with limited interruptions due to favorable weather conditions. As a result, they spent less money than budgeted on indoor make up sessions. This was also the largest fall program DYBSA has had since adding a fall program four years ago. There were 355 baseball participants and 152 softball participants. These are strong participation numbers and DYBSA is pleased with the program growth. They commended Park District staff on accommodating a much larger program than DYBSA had anticipated. With respect to football, two out of five youth football teams made playoffs. Football enrollment numbers for next season are estimated to increase to roughly 45-50 participants. Committee member John Mann expressed concern with overlaps in field time usage for practice and competing needs for parking. Staff advised they will look into potential solutions. Recreation Director McCarty read satisfactory comments sent via e-mail from absent Committee member Mike Delaney with respect to the fall soccer season.

(5) Field & Lighting Costs

Recreation Director McCarty advised that field maintenance bills were recently issued. Staff is experiencing a delay in pulling the light usage due to a system software update but expects that invoice to be sent prior to yearend.

(6) Upcoming Season Dates for Spring/Summer 2023

Recreation Director McCarty requested that Committee members provide their practice and game start dates for the upcoming spring and summer seasons so that she may begin work on a field usage schedule. She reminded members the field usage time period for the spring season is generally end of March and weather dependent.

(7) 2023 Special Events

Recreation Director McCarty requested that Committee members provide a list of any dates for tournaments or events they intend to host in spring or summer. The Park District will resume its adult softball league at Clavey on Tuesday and Wednesday nights beginning the second week of May. The District also intends to host three events on May 22nd at Maplewood Park, April 2nd at Jaycee Park and August 27th at Woodland Park. At the March Affiliate Organization Committee meeting, Recreation Director McCarty advised she will share the high school and middle school graduation dates. Executive Director Nehila added there will also be a community event. The Fine Arts Commissions is seeking to bring back their annual art show which may affect park usage. More details will be shared once this event is confirmed.

(8) DHS Turf Scheduling

Recreation Director McCarty asked that future requests for DHS turf usage be communicated through her for scheduling purposes.

(9) Other Items

Special Needs Inclusion for Affiliates

Recreation Director McCarty reminded members that the Park District is inclusive of all athletes regardless of special needs. If an Affiliate athlete is in need of a companion, the Park District partners with NSSRA and will help secure this resource.

Affiliate Reports to Board of Park Commissioners

As an additional reminder, annual Affiliate Organization reports must be provided to the Park Board at the beginning of 2023. Reports must include fees and dues paid by Affiliate participants, a list of Affiliate Board Members, goals and objectives of the organization, current revenue income and participation numbers categorized by resident and nonresident. The presentation dates are January 19th and February 16th.

(10) The next meeting of the Affiliate Organization Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

(11) There being no additional business, the meeting was of the Affiliate Organization Advisory Committee was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.