

Deerfield Park District

Affiliate Organization Advisory Committee

Minutes of March 2, 2023

**(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: Jay Zahn, Laura McCarty, Debbie Serota, Jeff Nehila, Mike Irvine, Keith Londo, Dan Schwab, Stuart Slutzky, Fred Talisse

Absent: Mike Delaney, Brandon Bashkin, Daniel Moons, Terry Leske and John Mann

**(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 November 17, 2022, Affiliate Advisory Committee meeting noting one addition to the attendance list.

**(4) Review of Upcoming Season Dates for Spring/Summer 2023**

Recreation Director McCarty reviewed season start and end dates. Members confirmed the following:

- AYSO to hold their first practice April 3<sup>rd</sup>, their first game April 16<sup>th</sup> and last game June 11<sup>th</sup>
- Pegasus to hold their first practice April 3<sup>rd</sup> and games April through June 11<sup>th</sup>
- DYBSA to hold their first practice April 3<sup>rd</sup>, games April 10<sup>th</sup> through June 10<sup>th</sup> for the spring house league, games April 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup> for the travel league and games June 26<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> for the summer league
- Deerfield Youth Lacrosse to begin their season March 5<sup>th</sup> and end June 11<sup>th</sup>
- Men's Adult Soccer to begin their season May 12<sup>th</sup> and end October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Young Warriors Football to begin their season early August

**(5) Spring Registration Numbers & Field Needs**

Recreation Director McCarty reviewed spring registration numbers. Members estimated the following:

- 834 participants registered for AYSO, registration still open
- 500 participants registered for Pegasus
- 718 participants registered for DYBSA
- Between 25-30 participants registered for Men's Adult Soccer

Representatives from Deerfield Youth Lacrosse and Young Warriors Football to provide their current enrollment numbers to Recreation Director McCarty at a later date.

The Committee commended Mr. Londo for the field usage matrix he created. Recreation Director McCarty requested members provide her detailed schedules for DHS turf scheduling needs, specifically to include the opposing team names as well.

**(6) Update on 2023 Special Event Dates**

Recreation Director McCarty provided Committee members dates for Park District programs and events to take place at different parks throughout the year for their information. Organizations that will be affected as a result of any special events have been contacted separately. There was a brief conversation regarding an event to take place at Woodland Park that may potentially affect Deerfield Youth Lacrosse as well as a field change requested by DYBSA.

**(7) DHS Turf Use for Spring/Summer 2023**

Recreation Director McCarty advised the only DHS turf dates that are not available are April 8<sup>th</sup> until after 4PM and May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise, the turf is available Saturday after 3PM and all-day Sunday. She reminded the Committee to please communicate DHS field needs directly to her for scheduling purposes. Emergency requests such as locked equipment can be communicated directly to appropriate School District staff.

**(8) Spring Light Codes and Usage Reminder**

Recreation Director McCarty advised all Committee members were sent their individual light codes for the season via e-mail. She requested members remain diligent about their usage as to keep lighting costs in line. Parks Director Zahn added that the District is in the process of procuring new LED field lights for Clavey, Brickyards and Jewett Park. He assured Committee members that the new light installation will not interfere with operations.

**(9) Weather Policy**

Recreation Director McCarty reviewed the District's Weather Policy. She advised that the District reserves the right to close a field in the event the field is deemed unplayable. District staff look forward to working with each Affiliate again this upcoming season and thanked members for their continued cooperation.

**(10) The next meeting of the Affiliate Organization Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

**There being no additional business, the meeting was of the Affiliate Organization Advisory Committee was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.**