

Deerfield Park District

Affiliate Organization Advisory Committee

Minutes of August 3, 2023

(I) Call to Order

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

Present: Director of Parks Jay Zahn, Superintendent of Recreation Tony Korzyniewski, Park Board Liaison Debbie Serota, Committee Members John Mann, Terry Leske, Keith Londo, Dan Schwab, Brandon Bashkin and Fred Talisse

Absent: Deputy Executive Director Laura McCarty and Committee Members Mike Delaney, Mike Irvine, Stuart Slutzky and Daniel Moons

(II) Matters from the Public

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

(III) Review of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the March 2, 2023, Affiliate Advisory Committee meeting noting no changes. The minutes were approved as presented.

(IV) Review of 2023 Spring Season

Committee members shared their feedback on the spring season as it relates to their affiliate. Deerfield Youth Lacrosse had a successful season with increasing enrollment numbers and positive feedback from participants. Results on the field were a mixed bag but interest remains high. Introduction to lacrosse camps in partnership with the District were well received. Pegasus soccer was able to add more youth teams during its spring season due to high enrollment numbers. Additionally, they have fourteen (14) full-time coaches on staff. They have been utilizing the artificial turf dome in Northbrook heavily for training purposes. Overall, their teams have been highly successful, particularly at the high school level. Young Warriors Football is expecting 5-6 teams for their upcoming season. They have been utilizing the artificial turf dome in Highland Park to practice during the winter/spring as space in Deerfield is limited and weather permitting. Currently, YWF has five (5) head coaches and eighteen (18) associate coaches. Notably, there are two girls enrolled in YWF and there has been an influx in children ages 8-9. Deerfield AYSO also had a successful spring season with around 850 players and is grateful for the mild weather. The biggest challenge AYSO faced this year was due to scheduling conflicts related to girls traveling volleyball. DYBSA reported that they were able to get the majority of their games in and their numbers were up for the spring season to roughly 700 participants between baseball and softball. DYBSA, in partnership with the District, utilized an outside contractor this year to groom the fields before games and it has been a beneficial relationship DYBSA hopes to continue. There are also offering new in-house clinics to help grow the program. AYSO expressed an interest in utilizing the contractor for soccer games and Parks Director Zahn advised he will reach out to the contractor for more information.

(V) Fall 2023 Season Dates and Registration Numbers

Superintendent of Recreation Korzyniewski reviewed practice and game start/end times with each affiliate. Members reported the following:

- Pegasus will start practice on August 7th. Games begin September 10th and end November 12th.
- AYSO will start practice on August 27th. Games begin September 10th and end November 5th.
- Deerfield Youth Lacrosse is scheduled to begin practice on September 4th. Their season will last tentatively through October 31st.
- DYBSA will start practice on August 26th. Their season will last through October 28th.
- YWF will start practice on August 7th. The first game is August 27th and their season will last through October 22nd.
- Representatives for Adult Soccer were not present.

Superintendent of Recreation Korzyniewski requested fall registration numbers to date. Members estimated the following:

- Pegasus reported they are currently at 515 participants. This does not include HS boys (+30).
- AYSO reported they are at 780 participants to date.
- Deerfield Youth Lacrosse reported they are at 165 participants to date.
- DYBSA reported they are at 200 participants to date and expect their fall season to end at around 500 participants.
- YWF has 110 participants to date.
- Representatives for Adult Soccer were not present.

Representatives from Adult Soccer to provide their current enrollment numbers to Deputy Executive Director McCarty at a later date.

(VI) Fall Field Needs

Parks Director Zahn advised field space will be allocated as it normally is in the fall. Representatives from Pegasus soccer shared the current matrix that shows the allocation of field space at Brickyards, Jaycee, Clavey, Floral, Wilmot, Woodland and Jewett Park. There was a brief discussion regarding Deerfield Youth Lacrosse and AYSO shared use of Jewett Park on several occasions during the fall. The Committee also discussed the feasibility of artificial turf with current cost estimates upwards of \$3 million for one field.

(VII) DHS Turf Availability for the Fall

Superintendent of Recreation Korzyniewski advised turf is available Saturday after 3PM and all-day Sunday. The only date turf will not be available is Sunday, August 27th. He reminded the Committee to please communicate DHS field needs directly to Deputy Executive Director McCarty for scheduling purposes. YWF and Pegasus divided up Sunday DHS turf time as follows: September 3, September 10, October 1 and October 8 for YWF and September 17, September 24, October 15, and October 22 for Pegasus. Should a date not be utilized, the members must advise each other as soon as possible so that the field can continue to be shared fairly.

(VIII) Park District and School Needs for Fall

Superintendent of Recreation Korzyniewski distributed the Park District's internal field needs for fall of 2023. He asked that members make themselves aware of dates for Park District activities, special events

and dates. Notably, Shepard and Caruso will be using space for soccer and cross country. Additionally, on Saturday, August 20th from 9:30AM to Noon, Cub Scout Troop #50 will be hosting a rocket launch on the Jewett Park field.

(IX) Fall Light Codes

Deputy Executive Director McCarty will e-mail the affiliates sometime next week with their individual fall light codes. Superintendent of Recreation Korzyniewski requested members remain diligent about their usage as to keep lighting costs in line.

Other Matters

Prior to adjournment, Superintendent of Recreation Korzyniewski advised that construction of the lower level of the Jewett Park Community Center is tentatively scheduled for October and is expected to last through spring. He requested that the affiliates let staff know their meeting dates as soon as possible so that staff can determine how best to accommodate.

(X) The next meeting of the Affiliate Organization Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

There being no additional business, the meeting was of the Affiliate Organization Advisory Committee was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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