

Deerfield Park District
Affiliate Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 7, 2024

(1) Call to Order

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

Present: Debbie Serota, Mike Irvine, Keith Londo, Dan Schwab, Dan Moons, John Mann, Terry Leske, Mike Delaney

Absent: Brandon Bashkin, Fred Talisse

Staff: Director of Recreation, Laura McCarty, Director of Parks, Jay Zahn

(2) Matters from the Public

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

(3) Review of Minutes

A review of the March 7, 2024 minutes revealed no changes. The minutes were approved as circulated.

(4) Review of Upcoming Season Dates for Spring/Summer 2024

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

- AYSO season will begin on April 7 and run through June 9. A training camp will be held June 10 through June 14 and August 5 through August 9
- Pegasus season will begin on April 1 and run through June 16
- DYBSA will begin their spring house season on April 8 and end on June 9; spring travel season will begin on April 1 and end on June 9; summer house season will begin on June 17 and end on August 3; summer travel season to begin on June 17 and end on July 14.
- Deerfield Youth Lacrosse to begin their season April 2 and end on June 2
- Men's Adult Soccer to begin their season April 19 and end on September 20
- Young Warriors Football to begin their season early August and end October 31

(5) Spring Registration Numbers & Field Needs

Recreation Director McCarty asked for spring registration numbers to date. Members estimated the following:

- 839 participants registered for AYSO
- 560 participants registered for Pegasus
- Between 1,100-1,200 participants registered for DYBSA
- 40 participants registered for Men's Adult Soccer

Keith Londo completed the field allocation sheet as he has in the past. New this year DYLC will be utilizing Clavey. A lacrosse field will be placed in between the baseball fields.

Recreation Director McCarty requested members provide detailed schedules for DHS turf scheduling needs so she can send to the high school.

(6) Update on 2024 Special Event Dates

Recreation Director McCarty provided Committee members dates for Park District programs and events to take place at different parks throughout the fall season and asked everyone to review.

(7) DHS Turf Use for Spring/Summer 2024

Recreation Director McCarty advised DHS turf usage allowance will continue to be Saturdays after 3pm and Sundays all day except for blackout dates listed on the field needs sheet. It was also mentioned that on Saturdays if DHS has a makeup game due to a weather cancelation, the affiliates will need to move to the back 40. In addition, the turf will be replaced in July and will be unavailable for use throughout the entire month.

(8) Spring Light Codes and Usage Reminder

Recreation Director McCarty advised all Committee members will be sent their individual light codes for the season via e-mail on the day following the meeting. She requested members remain diligent about their usage to keep lighting costs in line.

(9) Other Items

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.

Moveable Soccer Goal Policy

Recreation Director McCarty reviewed the District's Moveable Soccer Goal Policy and the importance of securing movable soccer goals for safety reasons. She also advised that coaches should check to make sure goals are secure each time before using. If the goals aren't secure and the proper equipment isn't available to secure, coaches should place in a nonuse position by laying the goal forward onto its front bars and cross bar and then notify park district staff of the goal location.

Balance Sheets/Income Statements

Recreation Director McCarty reminded affiliates to submit their annual income statements from 2023 so the Park Board can review.

Update on Jewett Park 2.0 Project

Jay Zahn provided an update on the construction timeline for the Jewett Park 2.0 project and explained that the pavilion and the north end of the park will be unavailable until the end of the summer/early fall.

(10) The next meeting of the Affiliate Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no additional business, the meeting of the Affiliate Advisory Committee was adjourned at 6:28p.m.