

Deerfield Park District

Affiliate Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes of August 1, 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 Jewett Park Community Center. The following were in attendance:

Present: Park Board Liaison Debbie Serota, Mike Irvine, Dan Moons, Steven Hamilton, Dan Schwab, John Mann, Terry Leske

Absent: Brandon Bashkin, Fred Talisse, Mike Delaney, Keith Londo

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 2024 Spring Season

Recreation Director McCarty asked for feedback on the spring season. No major issues, for the most part the season went well. Clavey worked well for Lacrosse during the spring season.

(5) Fall 2024 Season Dates and Registration Number to Date

Recreation Director McCarty asked for fall 2024 season dates and registration numbers to date. Members estimated the following:

- 603 participants registered for AYSO, expecting approximately 775 by beginning of season
- just under 600 participants registered for Pegasus
- Lacrosse was unsure
- DYBSA had 800 last year, expecting close to the same for this year, 294 registered between house and travel softball, expecting close to 400
- Young Warriors Football has 4 teams, with 75 participants

Affiliates reported on season start and end dates. Start dates vary between August and September and end dates vary between end of October and early to mid-November

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) Fall Field Needs

Field space will be allocated as it normally is in the fall. Keith Londo sent out the field matrix list with allocation of fields at Brickyards, Clavey, Woodland, Jewett and DHS turf for soccer, lacrosse and football. Lacrosse will use the Jewett field on Mondays at 7pm and Wednesdays at 5pm. Parks Director Zahn asked AYSO to advise him of which fields they will need lined for the fall.

(7) DHS Turf Availability for the Fall

Recreation Director McCarty advised DHS turf usage allowance will continue to be Saturdays after 3pm and Sundays all day except for blackout dates which are Sunday, 9/8, turf isn't available until after 3pm and Saturday, 9/21, the turf isn't available at all.

(8) Park District and School Needs for Fall

Recreation Director McCarty distributed the Park District's internal field needs for fall 2024. She asked that members review and make themselves aware of dates for Park District activities and events. She also mentioned that Shepard and Caruso will be using space at Brickyards and Clavey for soccer games and cross country meets as they have in the past.

(9) Fall Light Codes

Recreation Director McCarty will email the affiliates this week with their individual fall light codes.

(10) Other Items

Jay Zahn provided an update on the construction timeline for the Jewett Park 2.0 project. Recreation Director Laura McCarty led a brief discussion about installing AED's at highly used parks/fields and affiliates willingness to fund. Affiliates agreed that this is an important initiative and are willing to support. Recreation Director Laura McCarty will gather some information through the Park District safety committee about how other Districts manage having AEDs at parks and will provide information at the November Affiliate Committee meeting.

(11) The next meeting of the Affiliate Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

There being no additional business, the meeting of the Affiliate Advisory Committee was adjourned at 6:58p.m.