



## LEE'S SUMMIT PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI

DATE:	January 8, 2020	TIME:	6:00 PM	PLACE:	Lee’s Summit Parks and Recreation Conference Room		
Board Members Present:		Board Members Absent:		Staff Present:		Other Guests:	
Casey Crawford				Joe Snook			
Jim Huser				Jackie McCormick Heanue			
				Brooke Chestnut			
AGENDA ITEM		DISCUSSION (Findings/Conclusions)				RECOMMENDATIONS/ ACTIONS	
Review and Consideration of 2020 Lee’s Summit Baseball Association and Lee’s Summit Girls Softball Association Youth Sports Agreements		<p>Mr. Snook provided an overview to the Committee of the changes made to the Youth Sports Association Agreements from previous years, noting there were a few “substantial” changes to the content from previous years, including language added requiring the Associations to enforce the rules and regulations of LSPR and additional provisions related to LSPR’s expectations with respect to trash removal. Mr. Snook explained there are no fee increases in the Agreement for the upcoming year, and explained tournament fees are “pass through.”</p> <p>Mr. Crawford asked whether subjective language in the Agreements has ever been an issue with the Associations in the past. Mr. Snook explained the issue was not with the language in the agreements as much as performance issues, such as restroom cleaning, the frequency of trash collection, and the grooming of infields, all requirements the Associations must adhere to.</p> <p>Mr. Crawford asked if the LSBA was raising any of their rates for participation in the upcoming year. Mr. Snook responded LSPR is not responsible for regulating the rates of the Association and he was not aware of any rate increases. He noted LSPR relies upon the groups to price the activities appropriately, and advised he would follow up with LSBA to confirm rates for the upcoming year to find out when the last price increase occurred. He noted he was aware the increase in rates for the softball program appear to be excessive, but there may be other factors to explain the increase, including increased costs for trash, electricity, field grooming, and staff.</p> <p>Mr. Crawford asked whether costs are passed on to the Association for areas where LSPR must undertake repairs. Mr. Snook explained material costs are split equally between LSPR and the Association, but labor costs are not passed on to the Association.</p> <p>Mr. Snook noted the new language in Section 23 of the Agreement related to liability and indemnification. Mr. Crawford suggested the Associations should make their insurance carriers aware of the new clauses. Mr. Snook explained the Associations each have the opportunity for their attorneys and insurance agents to review the agreements prior to finalization.</p> <p>Mr. Crawford asked if LSPR invites the Youth Sports Association representatives to the Park Board meetings when the Agreements are being considered for approval. Mr. Snook explained the process, which includes discussion of the subject at the Youth Sports Association Quarterly Dinner, including the schedule for approval, and representatives are always welcome to attend. He also explained a reminder would be sent out the week before the Park Board meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Snook also highlighted the additional language in Section 29 related to pulling up bases during field grooming. Mr. Crawford asked how often the fields get drug. Ms. Chestnut explained it was periodic, and did not occur after every single game. Mr. Crawford asked whether LSPR staff knows who the Youth Sports Associations use as contractors for this service. Mr. Snook replied staff is aware of the service provider and also noted staff is in the process of compiling a list of additional service providers for the Associations to consider in the future. Mr. Crawford</p>					



	<p>asked whether LSPR has inquired if the service provider is increasing their costs to pull up the bases while grooming, in compliance with this new provision. Mr. Snook explained the relationship is between the Associations and the vendors, and LSPR is not a party to the transaction or the fees associated with the services. Ms. Chestnut also added it was standard practice during a field grooming process to remove the bases.</p> <p>Mr. Snook pointed out the new language in Section 36 related to the lightning detection system. He explained this service was driven by the Girls Softball Association, and the City provided funds to install the system on behalf of the youth sports associations. He explained now that the system is being installed, it was important to establish consistent standards among the user groups for its operation and use. The Associations came together and established a comprehensive policy and this provision will hold the groups accountable.</p> <p>Ms. Chestnut explained additional language was included in the maintenance section to clarify expectations with regard to growth of grass, noting there had been confusion in the past, and the wording was cleaned up to make it easier for all parties to understand. Mr. Huser commented he agreed the growth height was a better approach than frequency.</p> <p>Mr. Snook summarized the work done on the agreements, explaining they have served us well in the past, and small clean ups will help interpretation and enforcement in the future. He also commented there will eventually need to be a review of the per participant rate, but it is not critical at this time because LSPR has committed to investing in the facilities and minimizing expenses.</p> <p>Mr. Crawford noted the many tournaments which are held at the facilities are not generally geared towards Lee's Summit residents, and stated he felt the highest focus of effort should always be towards the taxpayers, as parks and recreation is supposed to be so everyone has a place to play. Mr. Snook noted the Parks Department occasionally benefits from tournaments as well, and Mr. Crawford explained he believes in providing the infrastructure, but wants to make sure we aren't in the red. Mr. Snook explained the Park Board made the affirmative decision to assist in this way many years ago, and further noted no Youth Sports Association should subsidize any park 100%, that these agreements are partnerships with the Associations.</p> <p>Mr. Huser noted holding competitive tournaments at the facilities are different from having competitive leagues utilizing them, and cited the additional revenue and exposure to the community as positives to offset the limited reduction in availability for taxpayers during the tournaments.</p> <p>Mr. Huser asked about the requirement for financial information to be shared with LSPR by the Associations and asked if LSPR ever audited them. Mr. Snook replied they have been audited in the past but it had been a couple of years since it last occurred.</p> <p>With no further comments or discussion regarding the Agreements, Mr. Snook explained to the Committee they would be presented to the full Park Board at the January 2020 meeting.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned.</p>	
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