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**February 6, 2017
P+R Meeting Minutes**

Note from Park and Recreation meeting 2/6/2017:

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-7 pm meeting opened/started: Mike Proto and Mark Tracy present

-Notified Heather Beland stepping down from Park and Recreation board position

-No financial report given, Treasure unable to attend.

- Fee's received: Soccer (Spring and Fall 2016/ 3v3 port-a-potty) \$7385.00

Baseball (Spring 2016) \$2810.00

-Open for a vote: Donate \$2000.00 to Softball for help with third backstop at Linwood field. Mike and Mark both vote yes, vote passed.

-Open for a vote: Pay not more than \$3000.00 towards Baseball for Parks and Rec specific irrigation line and structures inside the snack shack at Rockdale/Legion field. Mike and Mark both vote yes, vote passed

-Open for a vote: To start phase "A" and Phase "B" on field one at Rockdale/Legion field. Mike and Mark both vote yes, vote passed.

- 3/18/2017 was the date decided to allow town leagues to begin field clean-up, **again weather permitting, subject to change**

-3/25/2017 was the date decide to allow town leagues use of the town fields and Port-a-Potties be placed, **again weather permitting, subject to change**

-Meeting now open for sport league reps to request field space for practices and games..

Baseball rep: Jim Federicci

Softball rep: Dan Drapeau

Soccer rep: Brian Conroy

Lacrosse rep: Jamie Gahan

All present.

-First order of business was a request proposed by the Park and Rec's board, that each town league nominate a member to join Parks and Rec to assist in field request, field improvements, and etc. The request was well received and information handed out as to the process required to become a standing member of Park and Rec's.

-Spring 2017 field requests: One issue presented was the closing of the large soccer field/baseball outfield at the high school for one year. The area closed would require soccer to look for field space for the oldest age groups.

Requests will be broken down by league:

Softball: Request to use **Linwood fields** for all their games and practices, April- August. **Riverdale** will not be required anymore, due to the addition of a third field at Linwood – Request approved

Baseball: **Legion/Rockdale field** –April-August – Approved

Plummer's Park –April-August –Approved

Vail/Balmer – **Large baseball field** -April-August – Approved with the understanding that Tuesday and Wednesday nights Lacrosse be allowed to practice in the outfield, days pending from the board, and lacrosse will be notified

Small baseball field- April-August – Approved.

Baseball asked if DPW could take dirt away from infield surfaces and lay new dirt down if baseball purchases it. We will ask DPW this.

Lacrosse: Upper high school field – April-July – Approved for games on Sundays and practice Mon-Friday 5:30-8 and Saturday Mornings 8 -1, High school has priority if game schedules change

Vail/Balmer: **Side field** (near parking lot) Mon-Friday 5-8

Large baseball field- Outfield Tuesday and Wednesday nights

Riverdale: Open Mon-Friday 5-8, Saturday and Sunday all day if needed

Soccer: Hump field (high school) -open for use Mon – Friday 5:30-8 and Saturdays for games (U-10 used in fall)

Softball outfield (high school) - open for use Mon-Friday 5:30-8 and Saturdays for games (U-12 used in fall)

Balmer back field- Mon-Friday 5:00 -8 and Saturdays for games (U-8 used in fall)

Middle school field – Mon-Friday 5:30-8, open Saturdays and Sundays pending school sports schedules, Soccer will work their schedule around these events. Note: Soccer requested assistance with moving proper size nets to field. We will check with DPW if they can help with this.

Knights of Columbus – used for U-6, fees will be paid to K of C not to park and rec's for this use.

-Note: Next year (2018) the closing of the Upper high school field for one year is scheduled.

-A request from a local church softball league was submitted for the use of Linwood fields on Monday night, request was denied as town softball is using it Monday nights. They will be contacted to see if possible to move to Sundays as softball will not be using that day.

End of meeting 8:45

