

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Youth Sports Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Unapproved
Spring Avenue Recreation Center
Wednesday, June 26, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Mike Jackert – House Soccer
Mary Beth Bletsas – Field Hockey
Pat Glascott – Glen Ellyn Bulldogs Lacrosse
Kurt Mika – Rugby
Dave Larrance – Golden Eagles Football
Andy Humble – Glen Ellyn Baseball
Jon Ciero – Glen Ellyn Girls Softball
Rob Weber – Park Board President and committee liaison
Paul Bischoff – Park Board Commissioner and committee liaison

Committee Members Absent:

Pete Danielewicz – Travel Soccer
Judi Cipollari – Golden Eagles Cheerleading
Ben Stortz - Park Board Commissioner and committee liaison

Staff Present:

Dave Harris – Executive Director
Kathleen Esposito – Superintendent of Recreation
Clint Babicz – Assistant Superintendent of Athletics
Brad Thomas – Recreation Supervisor

Staff Absent:

Christine Hartnett – Recreation Supervisor

Committee members and staff provided brief introductions

Committee members reviewed minutes from 7/23/18 meeting

Ackerman Park Improvements Update

Executive Director Harris thanked everyone for attending and reviewed the Ackerman Park Improvement Project. He noted that the project started June 3rd and grading work on the synthetic turf soccer field and grass soccer fields have been largely completed. Irrigation work and seed is to follow, along with installation of the synthetic turf in August. Work on the

Softball Hub will begin July 15th after completion of the DeMarini Invitation Tournament.

Old Business – Updates

Recognition Display Case at ASFC

Assistant Superintendent Babicz reminded everyone that the display case was completed and installed at the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center and asked committee members to drop off any trophies that programs receive to their program supervisor so that they may be rotated through.

Weather Detection Options

Recreation Supervisor Thomas presented an overview of different weather detection options including use of phone apps, lightning prediction/detection systems, and meteorology services. After much discussion, it was agreed that there is no one-size fits all solution and that it will be an on-going effort to continue to train staff, volunteers, parents and players regarding what to do in case of inclement weather and lightning. Staff and the committee will also continue to research new technology and/or products that may be able to better assist with the decision making process and for alerting park patrons of potential dangerous weather conditions.

Outdoor AED's

Staff reviewed different choices and challenges regarding the installation of AED's in Ackerman, Newton and Village Green Parks. It was agreed that making AED's available at the parks would be beneficial for all outdoor programs. Executive Director Harris indicated that some funding for the project may be available as part of the 2020 budget process. Staff indicated a goal of having in place for the spring season.

Website Design Upgrades/Communications

Assistant Superintendent Babicz shared that he has put together a project scope with a list of goals including three components: main page, subsites for each sport, and a volunteer coaches portal/intranet. Development will include some custom programming, especially as it relates to the volunteer coaches portal which will be set up to provide coaching information and resources, electronic submission of volunteer forms and information, and a database to help tracking volunteer activities. Completion of the project is expected by Spring of 2020.

Background Checks

Assistant Superintendent Babicz reported that concerns from the last Youth Sports Advisory Committee Meeting about providing social security numbers on paper forms and the possibility of identity theft were shared with Finance staff and forms were changed so that they no longer include them. Background checks are currently run through the Illinois State Police and are a name check only so social security numbers are not needed at this time. At some point, should the district decide to require checks to include federal databases, submission of background checks would potentially be done online and may require social security numbers to be provided by the volunteer to the service used.

Items for Discussion

Assistant Superintendent Babicz provided a summary of athletics highlights from the 2018

Annual Report including:

- 15,000+ athletics registrations
- 6,000+ games and practices
- 3,000+ participants in Glenbard West, Glenbard South and Spartan summer camps
- 17 tournaments and special events
- Hundreds of volunteers serving as head coaches, assistant coaches, committee members and program/event staff.
- Over \$50,000 in fundraising generated for the programs
- Thirty-nine (39) 1st Place Trophies/Championships won

Staff also reviewed spring field conditions and thanked everyone for their patience as it was the most trying season in recent memory. Games and practices were oftentimes held in less than ideal conditions and staff thanked those in attendance for their assistance rescheduling games and practices and for providing manpower to help make fields playable. Staff also recognized the parks department for their efforts as well.

Staff briefly mentioned the Monday Miles program and encouraged all of the programs to come out on July 15th to run around Newton Park and enjoy some ice cream. Programs were encouraged to have participants wear their uniform or program shirt.

Comments

There were no additional comments from the committee.

Staff concluded with thanking everyone for their participation and expressed appreciation for their time and efforts.

Staff will contact the committee with the next meeting date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.