

**Lexington Park District
Lexington, Illinois
Regular Board Meeting
August 10th, 2020, 7:00 pm**

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Roll Call – Roll was called to find the following members present: Becky Martin, Erin Weber, Pam Pulliam, Brad Fraher, Jeremy Meints and Kecia Holiday. Absent was Stephanie Stover.
3. Minutes from previous meeting July 27, 2020 – **Erin Weber moved to accept the minutes as presented. Pam Pulliam seconded. Motion carried.**
4. Introductions and Recognitions – None.
5. Public Participation – Present for public participation were Isaac Steidinger, Jim Collins, Amy Hardman, Jamie Farrell, Andrea McBurney, Ryne Brewer and Cody Ketelsen.

Ryne Brewer/Cody Ketelsen – Ryne was present to inquire about our field rate increase. He does not think it's justified and provided examples of other towns that charge less. Jeremy produced a spreadsheet breaking down all costs involved in maintaining the fields. This included equipment/material costs, manual labor and yearly maintenance to all fields. Becky also had prices from surrounding towns that match what we are charging.

Amy Hardman – States that Chris Olson's 11U travel baseball team has 9 Lexington kids on it.

Isaac Steidinger – Presented junior high softball and baseball schedules. States that they will need fields 2, 3, 4 and occasionally Kemp's. Rainouts on Mondays are moved to Wednesdays and rainouts on Thursdays are moved to Saturdays. He will keep us updated as needed. Also discussed volleyball and basketball seasons. No games are scheduled yet. He has committed us to the Eastview league. Games and practices can't be scheduled until the high school schedule is released. School currently only has one gym available for use.

Jim Collins – Was present to discuss forming a potential partnership with the Park District. He passed out a handout explaining what his organization is about, information about their teams and connections his organization has to Lexington. He is the current high school baseball coach, his JV/assistant coach is G7's 16U head baseball coach. Lexington residents, Shane Little and Kevin Payne, are G7's 14U softball coaches and several of G7's players are from Lexington. They currently use two fields at Eastview, but their organization has outgrown them. They also lease a 16,000 square foot building in Towanda. It has five batting cages that pull back to allow for infield practice. Currently every G7 team can use one night a week. It is not open to the public. He states that he is not trying to take over the fields, he is just looking for a place to hold practices and games.

Jamie Farrell/Andrea McBurney – They encourage open communication between the park and the school. They state that we are both about the kids and that's what matters. They invite us to attend their meetings as well.

6. President's Report – Stephanie Stover – Absent, no report.

7. Secretary's Report – Becky Martin – No report.
8. Liaison's Reports –
 - a. Youth Activities
 - i. JFL – Becky Martin – Refunds have all been issued via TeamSnap. One person wrote a check which Brad just issued. Helmets are done and in shed. Per Dustin, this year will not count towards reconditioning since helmets were not used.
 - ii. Soccer – Erin Weber – Season has been canceled and refunds issued.
 - iii. 1-4th Volleyball – Uncertain if we can have a season. It is still not clear if we will be able to get any gym space at the school. Pam will reach out to the Lexington Community Church to see if it's possible to use their space.
 - iv. Baseball/Softball Rentals – Becky Martin – All teams have paid. G7 overpaid by \$100. Becky will reach out to see how they want to handle that. Two teams so far have reached out interested in using the fields for their fall baseball games.
 - v. Other/Activities – Bags tournament is postponed.
 - b. Pool – Jeremy Meints – No report.
 - c. Park – Jeremy Meints – No report.
9. Treasurer's Report – Brad Fraher
 - a. Monthly/Other bills and payments – We have \$14,485 in bills and \$352.37 in deposits. Current balance is \$99,251.64. Brad states we will still be receiving \$67,400.39 from the county. **Kecia Holiday moved to approve bills in the amount of \$14,485 and checks as written/electronic withdrawals. Kecia Holiday seconded. Motion carried.**
 - b. June Financial Reports – **Becky Martin moved to accept June Financial Reports as presented (via email). Kecia holiday seconded. Motion carried.**
10. Unfinished Business
 - a. Projects around park/pool – Jeremy states that the privacy fence for the football shed is not in yet. Etcheson's started today on the chemical feed system. Concrete repair will be done next week. Next will be installation of the pool heater. Wm. Master's will install. It was questioned if the cement will be able to hold the new slide we were considering. Jeremy stated that new dugouts at field 2 would cost approximately \$20,000. They would be concrete block. Price includes removing the current ones. The home dugout would include a small storage area. It was suggested that we possibly reach out to the Booster Club and the Jaycees since that field is shared with the school.
 - b. Travel Baseball/Softball Partnership(s) – The potential partnership with G7 was discussed. It was agreed that they are more than welcome to request field usage the same way that other teams to do, but at this time we will not partner with them. Ryne Brewer and Cody Ketelsen were present representing their 10U Lexington travel baseball team. They would like to play under the park

districts umbrella. They plan on playing 20-25 games, 10 of those home, and hosting one tournament. They would start games in April and would like to host a tournament in May. They would attend at least one out of state tournament. Team philosophy would be focused on learning and not just winning. Chris Olson had previously proposed that his 11U travel baseball team, Midwest Militia, also play under the park umbrella. Becky suggested to Ryne and Cody that they reach out to Chris. They could potentially work together on uniforms, tournament entries etc. Discussion was held regarding the Park District forming a travel baseball/softball option. It was suggested that any team, baseball or softball, joining play under the name "Midwest Militia." Coaches would run all aspects of their teams; game schedules, collecting money, uniforms etc. The park will provide insurance and field availability/usage. The park will remain members of the SEMCL and still provide that as an option. **Brad Fraher moved that, pending insurance verification, we create the "Midwest Militia" baseball and softball travel organization. Pam Pulliam seconded. Motion carried.**

c. Other – None.

11. New Business

- a. Park District guidelines for sports categorized for COVID Pandemic – Agreed to follow.
- b. Other – None.

12. Scholarship Requests – None.

13. Closed Session – Moved into closed session at 9:05 pm. Exited at 9:10 pm.

14. **Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.**