

**REGULAR MEETING
Board of Park Commissioners**

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Rec Center

2442 Sims Ave.

Meeting Room

6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the May 4, 2011 Minutes
3. Request to Reduce Rental Fee at Community Stadium (Portage Cty Youth Soccer)
4. Director's Report
5. Adjournment

Meeting Rider

Any person who has special needs while attending this meeting or needing agenda materials for this meeting should contact the City Clerk as soon as possible to ensure a reasonable accommodation can be made. The City Clerk can be reached by telephone at (715) 346-1569, TDD # 346-1556 or by mail at 1515 Strongs Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Copies of ordinances, resolutions, reports and minutes of the committee meetings are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection during normal business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00p.m.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Please take notice that a quorum of the City Council may attend this meeting.

Agenda Notes

3. Portage County Youth Soccer will be hosting a tournament on the weekend of June 24-26 at their facility. Because to the number of teams involved, they would like to use Community Stadium as a site. Our adopted rental fee for the use of the stadium is \$100/hr and they would like to have the fee reduced to \$50hr. Since the fees were adopted, we have not reduced this hourly rate to users (profit or non-profit) renting the facility. In adopting fees for use of Community Stadium in August 2008, the Commission looked at a number of factors before setting the fees. The main reason for establishing user fees, were to generate enough funds to cover the replacement cost of the turf in the future.

It was brought to my attention that this tournament will bring revenue into the community. The city is aware of how much money various tournaments can generate for community organizations and businesses, when hosted in Stevens Point. To that, the last Long Range Room Tax Planning Committee/Common Council allocated \$167,000 of Room Tax Funds towards the Soccer facility. In addition, when the fund raising drive for Community Stadium was taking place, their organization was approached to help fund the project similar to what Youth Football and YMCA offered in funding (\$2,000/yr for 10 years). They choose not to participate in helping to renovate the stadium/field.

As staff, I would recommend that we not reduce the rental fee. By reducing the fee for this group, I do not see how we would not have to reduce this fee for any other group using the facility. If they need an extra field, we could reserve the field behind the K.B. Willett Arena that weekend for them. In addition, they may want to check into the availability of Madison School Fields.

Below is our current adopted fee policy

- Goerke Stadium would continue to remain open to the public as long as no damage/vandalism occurs to the synthetic surface.
- The turf area may be reserved by official groups/organizations for use appropriate for the turf area. These groups/organizations have the appropriate insurance coverage as required by the city and pay the established fees and security deposit.
- No food and/or drinks are allowed on the turf area. To include but not limited to items such as sunflower seeds, chewing tobacco, gum, etc.
- Priority of scheduling the field in the Fall: first to varsity football games (including PJ 9th graders), second official groups and/or organizations that are making an annual contribution, third other users. Spring: first to SPASH & PJ track teams, second official groups and/or organizations that are making an annual contribution, third other users. Summer: First official groups and/or organizations that are making an annual contribution, second other users.
- Official groups and/or organizations can reserve the turf area for \$100/hr (additional costs for staff, equipment, lights, clean up if needed). Official groups/organizations making a minimum contribution of \$2,000/yr.* , school district (St. PT. Public/St. Pt. Parochial) and UWSP can reserve the turf area for \$20/hr (additional costs for staff, equipment, lights, clean up if needed). * Official groups and/or organizations that

are making an annual contribution can use the turf area without paying fee for up to 150 hours annually. Unused time cannot be carried over or transferred.

- Varsity High School and University football teams will receive two(2) hour per week of use of the turf area during the fall football season to be used for practice at no charge. Staff, equipment, lights and cleanup would require a fee.
- Security deposit for use of the area will be \$100.00.

From: Portage County Youth Soccer Association
c/o Mike Madigan
3335 Alder Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

To: Stevens Point Parks Commission

Mr. Schrader, On behalf of the Portage County Youth Soccer association I'm requesting that your committee consider reducing the hourly rate from \$100 to \$50 on June 25 & 26, 2011 (Saturday and Sunday)so that we can afford to play games at Goerke Field. These dates are during our Sentry Soccer Classic, in which we have 100 plus teams registered. The reason for playing approximately 12 to 15 games at Goerke (5% of the total games that weekend) is that we have outgrown our capacity to hold all of the necessary games at our Portage County Youth Soccer complex. The other reason we are requesting reduced rate is that we're a non-profit association and this is our major fundraiser each year. Thank you for considering our request at your meeting on June 1st, 2011. Mike Madigan