

Fayette County Recreation Commission Meeting
December 10, 2013

Meeting called to order 6:30pm

Present:

Charles McCollum (presided)
Shane Jones
Darryl Hicks
Mike Saul
Anita Godbee, Fayette County Recreation
Jeremy Kent – Youth Softball Association
Shawn Summers – Youth Softball Association
Fred Faulkner – Youth Football Association
Melissa Betsill – Youth Baseball Association
Shane Dorrity – Youth Baseball Association
Geoff Fulton – Youth Soccer Association

Absent:

Joe Kuebler

Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge lead by Charles Mccollum

Minutes: Approval of Meeting minutes were tabled until the January meeting

Public Comment: No public comment

Old Business: None

New Business:

New State Law Regarding Concussions:

Handouts were distributed and discussed regarding the new state concussion law.

Review of Mandatory Report Law:

Handouts were distributed and reminders were given regarding the requirements of the Mandatory Reporter Law.

Social Media Policy:

A discussion was held regarding the need for associations to consider setting up a social media policy for their association. The Youth Baseball Association Media Policy was distributed and discussed as to why they set up the policy.

Pay Station Discussion:

A discussion was held regarding the possibilities of providing pay stations at each of the Fayette County Parks. Various pros and cons were discussed.

Review of Background Check Requirements:

The current background check form was distributed and a review was given regarding the requirements needed to successfully complete the process.

Review of Financial Guideline Requirements:

A financial guide handout was distributed and a reminder was given regarding the requirements.

New Park Policies:

The group was informed that county facilities including all the parks will now be non-smoking and tobacco free environments.

The group was informed an initiative would begin this spring requiring youth associations to handout trash bags to the team moms/dads and require them to remove their team's trash from the field and place it in the park dumpsters.

The group was asked to offer more healthy choices in their concession stand in order to help fight the obesity issue in Fayette County.

Youth Association Program Review:

Youth Softball Association reported the Fall Middle School Program that was administered by the youth softball associations was successful. They reported their overall participation numbers for spring and fall was down due to travel ball. They also reported on some of the painting they undertook at the softball complex.

Youth Football Association reported their participation numbers had leveled out over the years. They had a good year with not a lot of complaints. They requested a set of 10 row bleachers for the lower field be placed in the FY2015 budget request. They are willing to help with some of the funding.

Youth Soccer Association reported their participation numbers for both spring and fall were stable. Some of the initiatives they undertook this past year included hosting 3 ½ tournaments, offering a trainer to help with the recreation coaches, and providing a board member of the day for each game day to help with questions or problems. Their budget request included leveling fields 2 and 3, adding another field at south soccer, and more lighting upgrades. They are also looking into their options regarding the south soccer concession stand.

Youth Baseball Association reported their numbers increased some in the lower divisions. The upper divisions had more travel ball. Some of their teams won state and higher level of play tournaments. They did experience some disgruntled parents this past season therefore they developed a survey asking parents and coaches on possible ways to improve. Next season they are looking at reinstating Friday night game nights and more community events. Budget request included upgrading the batting cages.

Staff Reports: None

Board Reports: None

No further business was discussed.

Meeting over at 8:30PM