

Youth Commission Meeting Minutes – May 20th

Attendance: Craig Kick - Youth Director, Dave Birtch, Jess Clement, Steve Hughes, Nicole Kariam, Matt Lisi, Nick Pappas, Michelle Petryszyn, Amy Ricci, Elizabeth Rounds, Chris Streno

I. Old Business

- Field at Coleman looks good, no issues but numbers are a little down
- Craig does not want to send 11 year-olds down and have them play against potential 6 year-olds combined with the embarrassment for the player
- ***Motion by Amy Ricci, 2nd by Chris Streno***

~ Craig will attend tryouts and after coaches make decisions on teams, Craig gets the right to review decisions and suggest a discussion with coaches on who gets sent down prior to a final decision being made. This applies to all leagues.

VOTE – Passed unanimously

II. New Business

A. Fields

- Coaches want to work on it, but have no access to tools
- Elizabeth asked Nick Pappas to come after a large amount of public criticism about the fields not being ready
- The group asked the following questions and received the following answers from Nick:
 - *What were the expectations of the Youth Commission and coaches to help?*
~ Rake in home plate and remove the mounds from the elements by putting them in dugouts
 - *Can we get a group of parents to help?*
~ No real answer was given
 - *Can we use the Rain-Out Mix?*
~ It is extremely expensive compared to the dry mix we currently use
 - *Is tarping an option?*
~ No real answer was given
 - *Are there possible grants we can get?*
~ No real answer was given
- Craig was going to ask Fran about what Conklin uses that works well
- It was brought up that a few years ago, a group of parents were willing to install drainage with the help of local business owners in the town but were denied due to possible union issue (?)

- Need to confirm with SV athletic director what the situation is concerning using the new football field in the fall due to the fact that best time to do work on the fields at Jackson Park is in the fall
- Need a goal post with the possibility of the town making our own
- May want to look into 3 x 6 new advertising for next year at Jackson Park

B. Baseball/Softball

- All-Stars tryouts in Conklin
- Todd Kariam, Dave Petryszyn and Jason Hopf will be coaching the Little League All-Star teams
- The town will pay for one tournament per All-Star team at all levels
- Booster Club will pay for one 12A and one 10A for Little League, Minor League, and Girls Softball
- All-Stars will be “SV Teams” with Conklin
- Amy will reach out to All-Star coaches for softball and commented that Conklin paid for one softball tournament last year

C. Football

- One team at each level
- Still need a commissioner
- Still have to figure out coaches, which will get figured out once sign-ups are done
- First practice July 30th with first game being August 26th

D. Miscellaneous

- All background checks done
- The town can buy proposed bins