

## **Lakeview Playground Board Meeting -March12, 2025**

**Attendees:** Dale Goodrich, Damian Perrin, Leah Fischer, Max Gruenig, Kris Gould, Dave Tadlock, Emily Francingues, Beau Perez, Tony Defrates, Rebecca Velez

### **Quick Recap:**

The meeting covered season preparations, finances, and facility maintenance. The board discussed operational details such as umpire options, volunteer management, and event planning for the upcoming season. They also addressed changes to the league structure, uniform requirements, and plans for a day of service at the park.

### **Action Items from Feb meeting that were not discussed:**

- Board to investigate renting a Bobcat for moving rocks and digging trenches near the 5-6 field.
- Max to ask plumber to fix the broken connection for the fire hose.
- Dave to order pads for field backstops (ideally with logo)

### **Action Items for March Meeting**

- Dave to send out a reminder about the skills clinic to league directors.
- Max to send out parent code of conduct, fresh sponsor requests, and lightning rules reminders before the season starts.
- Max to create a new League Directors group chat for communication.
- League Directors to remind coaches about the skills clinic and tryout sign-ups.
- Leah to meet with Lauren this week or next to complete uniform mock-ups.
- Max to negotiate with Dave Fielding about umpire fees for 5-6 league playoffs and championship games.
- Kris to send Little League registration information to league directors for waiver processing.
- Kris to verify with Little League if patches or logos are required on uniforms and let Leah know.
- Max to send an email about the Day of Service (April 5-6) with a general list of tasks to be done.
- Leah to fix the mural after the building's exterior is pressure washed.
- Dale to inform James Kohler and Cash Starkey that their late registration fees will be waived (Max to waive it)
- Tony to approve Tree Trimming Bid and capture before/after pics (**Board Approved**)
- Emily to put Venmo and google sheet on the iPad for drawer reconciliation.
- Max contact picture company for scheduling

### **Upcoming Season Start and Rules**

Max led a meeting discussing the upcoming season's start date, grading, and draft rules. 920ish registered. The season is set to begin on April 28<sup>th</sup> week, with grading scheduled for March 17-20th.

The directors (Dale 5/6, Dave 7/8, Mat Grau 9/11, Max Cabbageball 5/7, Lauren Fisher? 11/14 CB) are running various leagues, and the draft is planned for March 26<sup>th</sup>. The meeting also touched on the skills clinic, which is scheduled March 22/23. The directors are also reminded to send out a reminder to parents about the clinic and the code of conduct. Max will email for sponsors and the need for graphics for previous sponsors. Leah updates the group on uniform preparations, stating she will finalize the orders after the rosters are completed, which Max aims to have done by April 4th. Leah also mentions she will provide a color chart for coaches to select team colors before the draft.

### **Finances and Maintenance Issues**

\$95,547 bank account at present, and \$12,000 in sponsorships, with \$5,000 sponsorship still pending. \$22,500 Moved to 12mo CD at 2.6%, \$12,500 into savings at 3.5% that we can withdraw but not add to. In maintenance, Max noted issues with only a handful of lights and fix needed to the roof of the T-ball field and cabbageball dugouts. The blacktop is now completed early – estimated invoice will be around \$30,000 if they charged what they originally quoted.

### **Tree Trimming and Field Watering Discussion**

Tony presented a quote of \$3,300 for tree trimming (TreeMasters) all low hanging trees using NORD approved contractor (**APPROVED**). They discuss the need for field watering and consider options for who could do it, including retired individuals or school teams. Tony mentions the need for a new fitting for the sprinkler system and suggests getting a quote to fix it. The group also discusses trash collection issues and the need to start line striking. They consider potential candidates for various tasks, including watering and line striking. Line strike 3/wk, \$25/ea. Emily will reach out on GroupMe.

### **Managing Sports League Operations**

Board members will be on duty during game nights, with each member covering shifts throughout the season- Max will create a sign up genius. The group can use walkie-talkie app for communication. Grill/fryer will not be in use – Hot dogs and popcorn will be “hot” foods. We will not need a shack manager. Erica or daughter to complete bathrooms prior to 4p daily.

The board discusses umpire options for the 5-6 age group, considering paid umpires, high school volunteers, and coach umpires. They agree to aim for two umpires per game, potentially using older kids to mentor younger ones. For playoffs, they plan to use paid/adult umpires. The board also discusses the need to address coach and parent conduct more strictly.

Dale brought up the issue of late fees for children removed from the waitlist, and Max agreed to waive the fees for those who registered early but were waitlisted.

### **Fair Weekend- May 17/18**

Regarding the opening weekend fundraiser, they decide to keep basket donations optional but emphasize its importance to coaches, aiming to raise around \$7,000 through baskets and food

sales. Think about other fundraising items – dunk tank, 50/50, facepainting? Team pictures that weekend

### **Little League Changes**

They also review changes to affiliation; Little League structure. NORD will affiliate with Little League. Kris explained the waiver process for players based on residency and age, and mentions that there will be some paperwork for parents to sign/log ins to create once. The board briefly touches on uniform requirements for Little League teams, but decides to confirm the details later. Affiliation is \$36 per team – Kris will send rosters once season begins. This will not impact the oldest leagues. District all star is the last week of June.

### **Park Day of Service Planning**

Upcoming day of service at the park, which includes pressure washing, cleaning, and fixing the mural. They debated whether to involve more people in the cleaning process and considered sending an email to board members and other interested parties. They also discussed the possibility of painting benches and tables, and the need to replace a bleacher. The board can all work on making a list of do-able items.