



Public Buildings & Parks Committee Agenda

January 25, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Public Buildings & Parks Committee

Keely Paul, Chair
Ben Hunt
Dara Wood

Staff Liason

Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager
Chris Fritsch, Zoning and Project
Administrator

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes: November 30, 2022

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. Background information on ballfield scheduling: Nate Bishop, Volunteer Scheduler of ballfields

ADJOURNMENT

Amberley Village Council

Public Buildings & Parks Committee -- Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2022 at 4:00PM



Attendance

Committee

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Staff Liaisons

Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager
Wes Brown, Zoning and Project
Administrator
Chris Fritsch, Zoning and Project
Administrator
Rich Wallace, Police Chief
Tim Schmidtgoessling, Sergeant

Guests

AV Council

✍ Tom Muething, Mayor
✍ Jay Schatz
✍ Rich Bardach
✍ Bob Rosen

Residents

✍ Bob Aumann
✍ Tam Peters
✍ Colin Driscoll
✍ Gary Grill
✍ Pete Duffy
✍ Dan Hoekzema

Prior Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting on November 7, 2022 were unanimously accepted without corrections.

Handouts

Agenda and past Meeting Minutes

AV Ordinance 2021-8 Establishing Leash Regulations for Amberley Green

AV Code 98.05 Village-Owned Tennis Courts

Amberley Green Leash Regulations

This is the one year review of the AG Leash Regulations. As previously, this is still a very charged issue. All of council was in attendance, plus the Chief, Sergeant, and 6 village residents.

The issue started with a growing increase in dog visitors to the park. There were dog bites, jumping up and knock downs, and leash entanglements (with people). The park didn't have any rules and therefore the police had little to no sway in the incidents.

2021 establishment of the leash regs, installation of the on-site kiosk, and education push by the police force dramatically reduced the number of reported issues, with none in the past 3 months. They have issued a few warnings on-site.

The Village has no recommendation for changes.

Each attendee was given a chance to speak. All of the residents and some council members spoke. The common agreement was that the limited off leash hours has been conducive to creating a friendly dog group, which was a welcome bonus to those that participate. Also, the only common change requested was to extend the evening hours. Not everyone present was in agreement.

Note: The original 2021 leash regulations were initially 2 hours pre-sunset, but were then pared down to 1 before being passed as an ordinance. Details on the change were unclear.

The Village Manager has the authority to change the hours. Council needs to advise him.

Keely made motion to extend the evening hours from 1 hour prior to sunset to 2 hours prior to sunset was passed, 2 to 1.

Additional Items Mentioned

- Need education around car parking decals
- Seems like midday usage is down
- Thank you for resolving the poison hemlock issue
- Concern regarding the jail time option penalty for uncontrolled dogs at the Green
- A trimmed grass path above the paved path “U” so that walkers don’t have to enter the Leash Zone
- Self-policing is working
- No prime dog off leash hours
- Mandatory leash area is pretty big
- Residents feel more empowered to report issues at the Green
- Designated walker only paths – not open to canines

Tennis Court Regulations

The WeTHRIVE! program, Pickup Pickleball, was a big success this summer, and is approved to continue in 2023. The existing Tennis Court code has to be updated to include pickleball.

AV Code 98.05 Village-Owned Tennis Courts was presented with tentative changes. Most of the changes involve replacing the word “Tennis” with “Tennis and Pickleball”. Group decided it might be best to remove most of the “Tennis and Pickleball Courts” with just “Courts”.

Dara made a motion to approve the changes as presented with a few additional changes from the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Park Fields (Greff Fields)

The process for scheduling the fields is being reviewed. A resident has requested that a league be added to the schedule. Currently the fields are scheduled by a volunteer, across Nativity, PRM, and the JCC. The scheduler has tried to work with the residents, but they want to add an additional league, and he wasn't able to accommodate them. There a lot of open questions and we need to meet with the scheduler to learn more.

Fields are scheduled Mon-Sat from late March through Father's Day. Sundays are used for rainout catchup games. The upper field is officially Greff field, it is nicer and is used for the older kids. Lower field has no official name, it's for younger kids. They are do soccer along the west side of the area.

Old Business

Sign for North Site entrance

Foundation is in

AC for Municipal Building

Waiting for unit (it will be a while)

Prairie Funding

Search for funding grants like WeTHRIVE!, Clean Ohio and Duke Energy grants

Prairie Benches

Contact the Boy Scouts

Pickleball, more lined courts

Contractor made measurements

Tennis Court Signage

Needs to be updated

Follow Ups

Meet with Greff fields scheduler to learn more

Adjourned

5:43PM

Prepared by: Keely Paul, Committee Chair

From: Nate Bishop <nbishop@opusinc.com>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 1:22 PM
To: Lahrmer, Scot <slahrmer@amberleyvillage.org>
Cc: Chris Haas <haas022@yahoo.com>; Marissaalbright@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Baseball Fields

Scot –

Chris Haas is taking over as baseball coordinator for Nativity next spring. I have copied Chris and Marissa Albright, who is the baseball coordinator at PRM and who we have shared the two fields with over the years.

Attached are our field assignments last year for Nativity and PRM (the two schools coordinate together for our respective baseball organizations). As you can see, we use both of the Greff fields every weeknight for practices or games, and eight teams between the two schools used these two fields as their primary field. Both schools appreciate the ability to use the fields and count of them to get through our season. As long as the field is playable, there is usually a team on it between the last week of March to mid-June.

The JCC has also used the fields in past years, though lately Mike at the JCC has used the big field at Kennedy Heights for his older teams (11 years and older) and the field behind the JCC for younger kids. We coordinate with the JCC on their field needs at the start of each season.

My thoughts on the matter seem evident in past correspondence on this email thread so no reason to dive back into it.

If I can be of help to council, let me know. Chris is an Amberley resident as well. One path that council could consider would be to use Sunday as open day to all residents. We typically have not used the fields on Sunday except for make-up games for rainouts.

Thanks,
Nate Bishop
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FIELD	Field sized for teams	Soccer?	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT (games)	SUN (games)	Permit	Lining
Pleasant Ridge 1 (CRC)	B and lower	N	NAT - CSr	NAT - B Sr	NAT - CSr	NAT-B/C Makeup	NAT - B Sr	All B & C Ball		NAT	NAT
Pleasant Ridge 2 (CRC)	C and lower	N		PRM D JR	SOFTBALL	NAT - D Jr		D/CP/T		NAT	NAT
Greff (Lower) - AV	T-ball/Coach pitch	Outfield	PRM T-Ball	NAT-CP	PRM CP	NAT-Tball #1	NAT-Tball #2	Tball & Coach Pitch		Not needed	NAT/PRM
Greff (Upper) - AV	D and lower	N	NAT - D Sr	NAT - D Jr	PRM D JR	NAT - D Sr	NAT - D Makeup	D Ball		Not needed	NAT/PRM
Kennedy Heights (CRC)	B and lower	Outfield	JCC	OPEN	JCC	OPEN	OPEN	B/C/D		PRM	JCC
Lang (CRC)	DJr and lower	Outfield		NA- Softball							
Harmon - GM	C and lower	Outfield		NA - Reds		NA - Reds					

PRM	NAT	Notes - Practice/ Games	Standard Days for Game Scheduling	Preference
Tball-Milligan	T-ball #1- Haas	Greff Lower, one night/week; games at Greff lower		T/T
	T-Ball #2 - Robertshaw			
CP-Chamlee	CP - Dennenfelser	Greff Lower, one night/week; games at Greff lower		
DJr-Russell	DJr - Dempsey	Lang, games at PR #2 (smaller field)		
	DSr - Markle	Greff Upper; games at Greff Upper?	Sat, Tu, Th	
	CSr - Bishop	PR #2?	Sat, M, W	Not Tues
	BSr - Freudenberg	PR #1	Sat, M, W	Not Wed