

January 21, 2021

MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to approve a park amenity improvement at Heartwell Park baseball field #2 and to issue all documents necessary for a right-of-entry permit to Lakewood Village Little League from February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2023 and may be extended for (2) additional three (3)-year renewals at the discretion of the Director (District 5).

DISCUSSION

On November 19, 2020 the Parks Recreation Commission approved the Field and Court Improvements Toolkit (Toolkit), a comprehensive overview of steps, roles and responsibilities, and an inventory of available sites for ongoing needed improvements. Long Beach has 102 fields and 55 sports courts, to keep these valuable amenities playable and modern, Parks, Recreation and Marine (Department) partners with the community for periodic and seasonal improvements. The development of the Toolkit included documenting the Department's existing process and was presented to youth and adult sport groups for their feedback.

The requesting partner, Lakewood Village Little League (Village Baseball) has brought the game of baseball for the last sixty-five (65) years to the site. Each year Village Baseball brings 300 players to swing bats, throw and catch balls, make new friends, and to enjoy one of our nation's favorite pastimes. Chartered under the Little League Inc. of Williamsport, P.A. the league is subject to all rules and regulations contained in their official rule book. Village Baseball proposes to add storage facilities to Heartwell Park baseball field #2. The storage facilities will utilize two (2) shipping containers placed side by side. Concrete pad will be placed below the containers to assure they are level and function properly, details of the containers and location can be found in Attachment A. In preparation for this improvement, Village Baseball conducted a presentation to its general membership board, covering the site location, need, and the positive impact the improvement will have. Twenty-six (26) members voted yes and zero opposed the proposed improvement. The proposed site location (Attachment A) of the storage containers will not negatively impact any other user group or community members access to the park.

The right-of-entry permit is limited to minor improvements and upgrades that do not require environmental studies, design or major constructions. Village Baseball reached-out to collaborators that include park users, sports groups, neighbors, neighboring businesses, sports

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organizations, friends-of-parks groups, or parks staff to ensure proposed improvement does not negatively impact other park users. It is requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the proposed improvement and authorize the right-of-entry permit to Village Baseball (Lakewood Village Little League) with the following terms:

- Authorize Use: Use of City-owned property at 5801 E Parkcrest St. for the improvement at Heartwell Park baseball field #2. The storage facilities will have a concrete pad base placed below. Anything brought on site such as: recycled materials, structures, storage unit, building materials, etc., will be the responsibility of Village Baseball and will be removed upon the completion of the improvement and/or at the termination of the agreement.
- Term: Three (3) year term, February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2023.
- Options for Renewal: Two (2), three-year renewals.
- Hours of Operations: Village Baseball shall operate during Park hours, Monday-Sunday from dawn to dusk, or after the last permitted activity has ended. Should Village Baseball hold an event past normal Parks hours, depending on the scope of the event, Baseball Village shall pull a separate permit through the Department Reservation's Office or the City's Special Events and Filming Office, with a request that the fees be waived.
- Improvement (Attachment A): The storage facilities will utilize two (2) 20'L 8'W shipping containers placed side by side for a total footprint of 20'L 16'W. Specific location is in line with the third based side bullpen cage.
- Funding: All demolition, site preparation, and improvements shall be provided by Village Baseball. Any additional funding needed for the completion of the improvements shall be secured by Village Baseball. The Department shall not provide any funding, supplies or staff support, other than review of the proposed site work, and a liaison for communication purposes, unless approved in advance and in writing by the Department Director.
- Programming:
 - Coach Pitch T-Ball focuses on providing an experience that is grounded in fun and fitness. The goal is to help grow a child's love for the game by providing a positive introduction to the fundamentals of baseball. It is focused on the importance of team-building and gaining confidence.
 - Farm Machine Pitch focuses on teaching ballplayers the fundamentals of baseball. It is designed to build a solid foundation for becoming a successful ballplayer.

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- Youth Pitch for Minors focuses on teaching ballplayers the next level of baseball skills. It is designed to teach players how to pitch and bat against an opponent.
 - Youth Pitch for Majors and Juniors focuses on teaching ballplayers the next level of baseball skills. It is designed to teach advanced pitching and batting techniques.
- Non-Exclusive Use: Any person or group proposing sport field or sports court improvements does so for public benefit. Proposal of improvements does not imply, nor does approval provide any exclusive use of the improved sports field or court.
- Insurance: Village Baseball must maintain a policy of liability insurance, with the City and its respective elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and representatives named as additional insureds, in an amount specified by the City that will protect the City from any potential claims which may arise. Certain projects may require that the applicant also obtain policies of automobile and worker's compensation insurance in amount specified by the City.
- Live Scan: Prior to providing volunteer or other services on the Premises, Village Baseball will Live Scan fingerprint all employees, volunteers, and contractors who provide services, maintain the skate park, and lead program who may encounter youth. One-day special event volunteers are excluded from this requirement.
- Operations of Maintenance, Supplies, and Security: All improvements shall be kept in a neat, safe, and sanitary condition and maintained. If improvements are damaged or vandalized, maintenance will be dependent on Village Baseball. Permittee will provide at its sole cost, all necessary funding to provide for the operation, ongoing maintenance, needed supplies, and security of the storage facilities. Village Baseball shall be responsible for any and all repairs associated with the storage facilities. The Department shall have no maintenance obligations with respect to the improvements on the premises. Village Baseball shall keep the premises in a neat, safe and sanitary condition and maintain the storage facilities to the Department's satisfaction.
- ADA Compliance: Village Baseball may not discriminate against people with disabilities and may not deny full and equal enjoyment of good and services they offer. Village Baseball shall comply with all Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.
- Laws and Other Permits: Village Baseball shall apply, pay for, and follow all applicable local, regional, state and federal laws, codes, regulations, requirements, and health orders.
- Liaisons and Communication: Village Baseball will designate a Department liaison through which Village Baseball will communicate.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve the recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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