

Farragut Parks and Athletics Council

Tuesday January 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Present – Ron Pinchok, Loretta Bradley, Russell Barber, Maria Danker, Joseph Flynn, Nadia Kogeler, Pat Sloan, Jay Smelser, Ashley Lanham

1. Minutes of November meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. Turf Field Update – Jay reported that Barge Wagner has been retained to survey the field and help prepare the bid package for the field upgrade. Jay and others visited Dalton Georgia to watch manufacture of artificial turf. The town is still waiting for a contract from the state. They expect to issue final contract in late May to mid June with start of construction in late August to mid September. Construction should take about 60 days with the field completed by mid November.
3. Field Use – Jay reported that there has been some drop off in the demand for field use – especially for soccer. Proposed field use was reviewed. Conflicts are being worked out by those who are requesting use of the fields. It was noted that there is a high demand for use of the Anchor Park field. A motion was made and approved to recommend that the BOA install lighting at Anchor Park so the fields can be used at night. Jay reported that he is considering removing the turf from the infield of the west baseball field at Mayor Bob Leonard Park which may increase its use.
4. Other
 - a) Jay showed the committee the sign that will be placed at all playground areas to discourage smoking in those areas.
 - b) The committee will be asked to meet in late March to discuss the fee structure for field use.
 - c) Jay reported on the success of the “Let’s Move” initiative when the Town participated with the ice rink.
 - d) The next meeting will be June 4 at 6 pm.
5. The committee adjourned to the main room where the proposed field use as revised by the Organizations Representatives was reviewed.
 - a) Jay introduced Ashley Lanham, his assistant, who will act for him when his baby is born.
 - b) The committee approved use of the fields for the Cheetah Lacrosse and the FC Alliance tournaments.
 - c) The revised proposed allocation for the Spring 2013 Field use was reviewed and approved.
 - d) Jay updated the organizations on the plan for conversion of MBLP #2 to artificial turf and the possibility of skinning the infield of the west baseball field at MBLP.