



STAFF REPORT
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Submitted By: Andrew Binz, Parks and Community Services Director

**Parks & Recreation
Commission Meeting
Date:** November 6, 2023

Agenda Item Wording: Presentation by Michelle Ciaccio, President of DSYSA, on the conditions of the athletic fields at Founders Park and Sports & Recreation Park.

Agenda Item Requestor: Andrew Binz, Parks and Community Services Director

Summary/Background: Michelle Ciaccio, President of DSYSA, will update the Parks and Recreation Commission on the conditions of the athletic fields at Founders Parks and Sports & Recreation Park.

The past two summers have seen unprecedented draught conditions and this has had an impact on the athletic fields at Founders Memorial Park and Sports & Recreation Park. This fall, many of the athletic fields developed cracks in the ground making the fields unplayable. DSYSA needed to find alternative field space for games and practices, which caused a disruption in what would be a typical DSYSA fall season of sports.

Michelle Ciaccio and City staff, including Public Works, have worked with the Dripping Springs Water Supply Corporation on applying for variances as water restrictions have been put in place. We have also discussed ways to try and prevent being in this situation again including installing water tanks at the parks, spraying the athletic fields using water trucks, and installing artificial turf.

Staff No recommendation at this time.

Recommendations:

Attachments: N/A

Next Steps/Schedule: N/A

