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TO: Township Board of Trustees

FROM: Deby Henneman, Township Coordinator

DATE: February 25, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TOPIC: Park Approval – Legacy Sports Complex/MI Alliance – GatorAde Invitational – August 21-23, 2026 – Manly Bennett Park West
Number of Supporting Documents: **1 Park Use Packet**

Requested Action

Approval of the Park Use application for the GatorAde Invitational Tournament, submitted 1/6/26, contingent on the following:

- That the use be limited to 4 playable fields per the updated park policy
- The Clerk Department be provided with all requested documents to their satisfaction
- That a Blackout be in effect for the balance of the fields in West Park during this event
- Applicant will pay for any additional sanitary services along with cleaning of Township units
- That the applicant be charged the Low Hazard-Non-Partner/Resident flat rate of \$750 per day
- That this allowed use be contingent on a positive public safety report from the Lifewater event being held on May 1-3, 2026

Background

With the changes in the park policy, this use will be limited to 4 playable fields, out of the 10 that are available in West Park. With the decreased number of participants/spectators, there will be no need to obtain a recommendation from Public Safety. However, they will be notified of the event via the Blackout list and through discussions with our Park liaison.

The Parks & Recreation Committee requested that the Park Rangers, who were present at the meeting, be prepared to make inspections throughout the weekend and report back any situations that occur. It was also suggested that the drone could be sent up, weather permitting, to obtain further data about the crowds, parking, and field play.

Parks & Recreation motion at 2/24/26 meeting:

Motion by Michniewicz, supported by Miller, to recommend approval of the Park Use application for the Legacy Center’s GatorAde Invitational Tournament, submitted 1/6/26, contingent that the use be limited to 4 playable fields, the Clerk Department be provided with all requested documents to their satisfaction, that all other soccer fields be blacked out from use during this event, that applicant pay for any additional sanitary services along with cleaning of Township units, that the applicant be charged the current Low Hazard-Non-Partner/Resident flat rate of \$750 per day and that this allowed

use be contingent on a positive public safety report from the Lifewater event being held on May 1-3, 2026, with the understanding that a negative report from that event could cancel field use for this and future events.

Motion Carried

Ayes - 3