
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

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VILLAGE OF HARRISON

Meeting Date: 4/28/2026

Title: Contract for Usage of Farmers Field Soccer Fields: River Surge FC, Inc.

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the contract with River Surge FC for the use of soccer fields at Farmers Field.

Background and Additional Information:

Village staff originally presented a draft contract to River Surge in October. No response was received for almost two months. Since that time, staff and River Surge has worked though many changes of the contract.

Highlights of the Contract:

1. This is a one-year contract with the option to renew. Staff feels strongly with the one-year contract should issues continue with the use of the fields.
2. Staff feels the Club should pay a usage fee of \$4,000 to cover the Villages expenses with maintaining the fields. The Club suggested they would pay for aerating, spot repair and lining and provide receipts and should at least \$2,000 in expenses be completed on the fields no usage would be charged (Language provided by the Club). The staff is not supportive of the clause as we are considered about documentation of receipts being used at Farmers Field or some other location.
3. With the new pavilion being constructed at Farmers Field, staff feel that River Surge be using the fields and the concession stand, they should pay the amount equivalent to someone renting the shelter as this is lost opportunity and revenue for the village. This language has been heavily discussed, but staff feels it needs to stay in the contract.
4. Another point is the usage days of the field. Staff feels there should be at least two days per week that the field can rest and/or be watered. Originally, staff suggested Thursday and Wednesdays and Sundays be available for this activity. After negotiations it was changed to Thursdays and Sundays. Staff can agree to this change.

This contract negotiation has been very challenging with the point person of the club changing three times and length it took to agree on terms, hence the reason we feel strongly with the one year contract and review of renewal terms each year.

Budget Impacts: None

Attachments: None