



Mayor Robert E. Simison

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October 24th, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Robert Simison and City Council

FROM: Garrett White, Recreation Superintendent

RE: Meridian Youth Baseball / Softball Partnership Agreement

Background

In 2006 the Meridian Youth Baseball and Softball League (MYB/S) partnered with the City to develop the Trace Layton Baseball Complex in Settlers Park. The original agreement is set to expire on March 1st of 2029. Now that the agreement is close to expiration, MYB/S and the staff felt that a new partnership to help fund a much-needed parking lot would be a great opportunity to extend the MYB/S field use agreement. The parking lot is planned to be constructed with the Settlers Park expansion project beginning in the spring of 2027.

This proposed new partnership agreement is structured similar to the partnership agreement established with the Meridian Police Activities League (PAL) and the new parking lot addition to Heroes Park a few years ago. MYB/S will contribute \$500K over 20 years which is approximately half the projected costs of the new parking lot.

Here are some key points of the new partnership agreement with MYB/S.

- The term of this agreement shall be from the effective date written in the agreement through December 31, 2032. The agreement term shall be renewed automatically for three additional five-year periods (from January 1, 2033 through December 31, 2037; from January 1, 2038 through December 31, 2042; and from January 1, 2043 through December 31, 2047), unless earlier terminated by either party in the manner provided in this agreement.
- Beginning in the spring of 2028, MYB/S will contribute \$25K a year for the following 20 years.
- Identifies a schedule for MYB/S, City Leagues, and Public use on the ballfields within the complex that will be reviewed annually.
- Requires quarterly meetings between the City and MYB/S to discuss maintenance projects, scheduling, and future needs.

- Establishes who is responsible for specific maintenance duties.
- Does not allow for sub-leasing the fields to outside users.
- MYB/S tournaments have grown and continue to grow, this agreement establishes tournament requirements to lower the impacts on City maintenance crews and neighbors.
- Establishes what MYB/S is responsible for in regard to parking notifications to tournament participants and league participants.

Objective

To have Council approve the proposed partnership agreement between the City and Meridian Youth Baseball/Softball.