



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 09/23/2025

REQUESTER: Karla Sitton, Administrative Tech IV

PRESENTER: Jason Olsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE LITTLE AXE YOUTH SPORTS ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

BACKGROUND:

Little Axe Youth Sports (LAYS) has been a part of the Little League organization for many years and offers baseball and softball programs for 6 to 12-year-olds. The Babe Ruth Organization sanctions LAYS and participates with the North Canadian Athletic Association (NCAA). LAYS offers both League and Tournament and offers teams throughout the region opportunities to grow, learn, and excel on the diamond. The Little Axe Baseball and Softball Complex is located at 1000 168th Avenue NE and is in close proximity to Lake Thunderbird, which offers the summer league and guest participants opportunities to cool off after a long day at the ballfields.

DISCUSSION:

The City is the owner of public property known as Little Axe ballfields located at the Little Axe Community Center grounds, 1000 168th Avenue NE. The City has Contract K-1920-117 with the Little Axe Youth Sports (LAYS) to provide youth baseball/softball programs at the Little Axe ballfields. LAYS gave its annual presentation to the Board of Park Commissioners on June 5, 2025. Their presentation included information about their events, programming, rentals, and 2023-2024 financials.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council accept the Little Axe Youth Sports (LAYS) annual report for the 2024 calendar year.