



To: Mayor and City Council  
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 Subject: Oelwein Youth Sports Association Recreation Agreement  
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The Oelwein Community Schools oversees the management of the Wellness Center, the city does not have staff for youth sports recreation. This was anticipated and discussed with the city council in previous work sessions. The proposed agreement would have the city pay for recreation services from Oelwein Youth Sports Association. This agreement is for three-years and will provide the following sports:

Recreation	League
Baseball	Baseball
Soccer	
Flag Football	Flag Football
Basketball	Basketball
Softball	Softball
Volleyball	Volleyball (2026)
Running Club	
Wrestling	Wrestling
T-Ball	

When the city ran recreation through the Wellness Center, the average loss was \$25,384. The chart below shows the loss for the last four years and the anticipated loss if the city continued to administer recreation for the community:

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Proposed
<b>Expense</b>	\$37,344	\$54,676	\$52,948	\$49,071	\$51,941	\$52,400
<b>Revenue</b>	\$13,275	\$29,661	\$28,249	\$22,266	\$22,028	\$30,600
<b>Loss</b>	-\$24,069	-\$25,016	-\$24,699	-\$26,805	-\$29,913	-\$21,800

The city of Oelwein will be providing \$30,000 each year for three-years to Oelwein Youth Sports Association. The Oelwein Youth Sports Association will have to meet the following:

- a. The Organization shall ensure all programs are conducted in a safe and inclusive manner.
- b. The Organization shall recruit, train, and manage all necessary staff and volunteers.
- c. The Organization shall communicate with the City the work which is needed on City facilities
- d. The Organization shall furnish all equipment needed for the recreation leagues
- e. The Organization shall obtain all necessary permits and licenses required for operation.
- f. The Organization shall provide an annual report to the City on program participation and outcomes.



- a. This report shall be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission annually in February

This will be a new adventure for the city of Oelwein and will require some patience in the first and second year. A lot of learning will occur for both parties to ensure expectations of community members are met. This agreement is for three-years to ensure it is properly evaluated after the three-years and community member's tax dollars are being spent in a way that is most advantageous for the user.

Should the city want to start their own recreation department, the city would need to hire a recreation director for \$65,000 and provide \$18,000 in benefits. The Oelwein Youth Sports Association option is best for the city and will use a group of dedicated volunteers and one professional staff member to ensure Oelwein has an outstanding youth sports program.