



PARKS AND RECREATION

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Dan Baker, Director of Parks and Recreation

Through: Harlan Jefferson, Town Manager
Robyn Battle, Executive Director of Community Services

Re: Town Council Meeting – March 8, 2022

Agenda Item:

Consider an act upon an ordinance amending Field User Fees as contained in Section XIII of the Appendix to the Town Code of Ordinances.

Description of Agenda Item:

The Town of Prosper adopted the existing Field User Fee structure in 2018 per Ordinance No. 18-75 Section IV. This was prior to the Town having fields with synthetic turf in operation. The ordinance allows and sets the cost for rental of grass fields for residents and non-residents. It also sets the rental cost for synthetic fields used by residents but does not allow rental by teams with less than 80% Town residents. When the ordinance was adopted, Town Council expressed a desire to ensure the fields would be available to Town residents who have paid to build and operate them. This direction has been effective in restricting use, however, if applied strictly to tournaments, it limits the ability for our sports leagues to host larger tournaments and for others to host tournaments in which Prosper kids may play.

Tournament, camp, and clinic fees were set in 2015 per Ordinance No. 15-57 Section XIII. Although this ordinance does not specifically indicate that tournaments, camps and clinics must follow the 80% residency rule, Town staff has applied the restriction, following Council's direction in field rentals, yet showing lenience on the 80% rule when tournaments are co-sponsored and benefit the local sports organizations. The 80% rule is applied to games, practices, non-Town hosted camps and clinics. For the purposes of the ordinance, co-sponsored leagues are those that are members of the Prosper Youth Sports Commission. This includes Prosper Baseball Softball Association, Prosper Area Soccer Organization, and Prosper Youth Sports Association.

Staff is proposing to implement this modification to allow tournaments with less than 80% of Town residents to play on synthetic fields in a gradual measure. Staff will consider only those tournaments that do not negatively affect the youth sports leagues and do not hinder or significantly increase field maintenance. Preference will be given to the local leagues that are members of the Prosper Youth Sports Commission over others. Teams not co-sponsored, with less than 80% Town of Prosper residents, would not be able to rent the fields for games or practice

outside of a tournament setting. Staff is recommending updating fees associated with the “other fees” section of the Fee Ordinance. After reviewing tournament fees and benchmark cities, staff is not recommending increasing rates for the actual tournament fees.

Budget Impact:

There is no budgetary impact affiliated with this item.

Legal Obligations and Review:

Terrence Welch of Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P., has approved the ordinance as to form and legality.

Attached Documents:

1. Ordinance
2. Section IV Parks and Rec User Fees (redline changes)

Town Staff Recommendation:

Town staff is recommending approval of the ordinance amending Field User Fees as contained in Section XIII of the Appendix to the Town Code of Ordinances.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve an ordinance amending Field User Fees as contained in Section XIII of the Appendix to the Town Code of Ordinances.