Board of Commissioners Meeting
Agenda Item Submittal

Item To Be Considered: **Field Use Agreements-Swansboro Soccer Association (SSA) & Swansboro Adult Soccer League (SASL)**

Board Meeting Date: **September 24, 2024**

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Overview: Swansboro Soccer Association (SSA) contract for use of the fields in Municipal park to practice is up for renewal this year. Swansboro Adult Soccer League (SASL) has requested to use the Municipal Park fields on Sundays for games.

Swansboro Soccer Association (SSA) utilizes the Municipal Park fields for soccer practice for approximately 11 weeks in the Fall and Spring. Practices are held Monday-Friday 5-8 pm. The last contract was a 3-year contract and fees increased slightly each year in an attempt to align with the current fee schedule. The contract ended with a fee of $45 per week, which equates to $3 per hour. The current fee schedule for field rentals is $20 per hour for residents. Field use agreements and fees were discussed at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on August 21, 2024. The advisory board recommended that negotiated rates increase to $10 an hour for the fall season and $20 an hour for the spring season. After discussion with the Town Manager, it was agreed that the increase may be too drastic and settled on $5 per hour for one year, with the intent of increasing fees for the next contract period. The field use agreement has been revised and is attached.

Swansboro Adult Soccer League (SASL) has requested to use the Municipal Park fields on Sundays, 11:30-5:30 PM to host their soccer games. The field use agreement would be the same as SSA's, with the details accommodating SASL specific needs. The fees would be the same, $5 per hour for a period of one year and with the intent of increasing fees for the contract period.

Background Attachment(s): Field Use Agreement

Recommended Action: Approve or deny the field rental fees for SSA and SASL of $5 per hour for one year and the field use agreement.

Action: