



Issue: Nixa Public Schools MOU- Ballfield Usage

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Submitted By: Matt Crouse, Director of Parks and Recreation

Background

In 2021 the city entered into a MOU with Nixa Public Schools to define the shared use of the ballfields built on school property by the city/parks department. With the school system development of several competitive sports the school district desired an MOU to help organize and coordinate each parties use of those fields. We currently have city constructed fields at High Pointe and Century Elementary Schools. With the current MOU in place the parks department agreed to move from Century to Summitt Intermediate School where the school district constructed a field. This allowed the parks department to continue having two fields on school property that could be used for ball teams for the parks department organized recreational teams.

Analysis

The request to update the MOU came as the school district requested a slight update to the MOU in place since 2021. The update added the word "softball" as activities the parks department would also be conducting on site at High Pointe and Summitt Schools. This update ensures that all three recreational programs; baseball, softball, and T-ball are all listed as programs the parks department will be conducting on the ballfields located at High Pointe and Summitt Schools.

Recommendation

This update will replace the current MOU in place from May 10, 2021 and implement the MOU before you. This update will help to ensure we have practice space for the programs listed.

Thank you for your consideration and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

Matt Crouse
Director, Parks and Recreation

Memorandum of Understanding

Updated Memorandum of Understanding (Aug 2023)

Between

Nixa Public Schools

and

City of Nixa

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets the understanding between Nixa Public schools and City of Nixa regarding the shared use of baseball fields between the City of Nixa and Nixa Public Schools.

This MOU between Nixa Public Schools and the City of Nixa is to replace the current MOU in place executed on May 10, 2021.

Background

Over ten years ago, Nixa Parks invested funds and resources into the Century baseball field in order to, among other things, share the space for school use and Nixa Park's Recreational Baseball/T-ball/Softball. Since that time, Nixa Public Schools has developed several competitive sports programs including a youth baseball program. Due to scheduling conflicts between Nixa Schools Youth Baseball and Nixa Parks Recreational Baseball/T-ball/Softball it is the intent among the parties that this MOU assist in the organized coordination of each parties' use of the Century baseball field.

Purpose

This MOU is intended to establish clear lines of baseball field use for Nixa Public Schools and Nixa Parks.

The above goals will be accomplished by undertaking the following activities:

1. Assigning fields for specific use. Nixa Parks will use Summit and High Pointe fields for their baseball, softball and t-ball season outside of school hours.
2. Developing scheduling that meets the needs of both parties.
3. Communicating needs/concerns throughout the season.

Reporting

The Nixa Schools Assistant Superintendent for Operations and the Nixa Parks Director of Parks and Recreation will evaluate the effectiveness of the MOU and reconvene at the close of the baseball season to monitor and make any necessary adjustments.

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from Nixa Public Schools and City of Nixa. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials and will remain in effect until terminated by any one of the parties. Use will evaluate the effectiveness of the MOU and reconvene at the close of baseball season to monitor and make any necessary adjustments.

Funding

This MOU is not a commitment of funds.

Duration

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