



DIAMOND SPORTS FACILITIES TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**TAC MEETING 2 | NOTES**

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Michael Schroeder (MPRB Assistant Superintendent for Planning Services) introduced Jack Bartsh (MPRB Athletic Programs Manager) and Tim Grate (MPRB Athletics Program Manager). As the focus of this meeting of the TAC will be use and programming, the background offered by Bartsh and Grate will be critical to the charge of the TAC.

Bartsh reviewed the priorities established for annual and seasonal field use, noting priority is directed to MPRB programs, followed by Minneapolis Public Schools use, entities repeating field use from the subsequent year, and new requests for field use. Bartsh indicated that there are timelines associated with receipt of applications from each and that timely submission is critical. Years of coordination of field scheduling has provided Bartsh with a solid understanding of the basic needs of various groups; still, having applications for field use submitted by the stated deadlines aids his work tremendously.

Bartsh described the process for arranging field use based on in-season requests, noting that he will likely be able to find some field, but it might not be convenient to the requester. A process of tracking field use through a three-ring binder was described, which resulted in a discussion about updating that process using public-facing online technology that tracks use and availability, showing available fields and times. MPRB staff described other efforts that make information more directly available to the public and suggested this might become a priority initiative for the TAC to recommend, particularly because it would save Bartsh and his team time as well as the time of those requesting field use.

Bartsh was asked about the timing of field use, particularly start times and limits placed on games. As this was a recent concern for girls softball, the issue was prominent in TAC members' minds. Bartsh noted that only rarely did instances of conflict arise. Having staff present at each field during use periods is the best method of preventing (or adjudicating) conflict, but there are limited staff.

Time being short prior to adjournment, this discussion was somewhat curtailed, but it can be reinitiated later. Comments from the public and the TAC were requested.

The meeting ended at approximately 6:30 pm.