

## **Item 3 - Correspondence**

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Hi,

I am writing you in reference to the Board Hearing on 12/9, and specifically regarding the increase in Athletic field fees. Our organization, Angels Baseball, has been permitting fields for the past few years, and we fully support the fee increase. Raising the fees based on what I have seen will NOT cause any disruption to our program and will not require that we increase our fees to our participants.

The individuals and department responsible for overseeing field rentals has been nothing short of extraordinary ever since we started permitting fields. And it's not just one individual. Every person that I have come across within the department has been fantastic, and an absolute pleasure to work with; which is also why I support the increase in fees. We are willing to pay more for the quality of service we are receiving.

Please do reach out with any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my opinion.

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Haviz and Casey,

I'm the President of the Catholic Youth Organization and we are a long time historical and large user of Montgomery County Park facilities. I just wanted to comment and provide some feedback on the proposed fee increases.

I think overall the fee increases are very reasonable and appreciate the proposed lead time. I know a lot of work and concern about financial impacts were considered both for the organizations as well as the M-NCPPC and your ability to continue to offer the same level of services and field quality.

From an organizations stand point (and using simple math) a \$5.00 per hour increase over a 100 hour time frame would be an increase of \$500.00 which does impact a small organization struggling to simply cover expenses. I'm not asking directly for my organization, but I would recommend that an organization in this position have an avenue to find some assistance.

For the Historical \$50.00 per permit processing fee, our organization can manage that, but it does become a financial impact very quickly. I'm not understanding why this would be charged. The historical processing is certainly a substantial convenience for organizations to have stability when trying to manage multiple schedules, but I would believe that this is an equal benefit to MNCPPC's scheduling and maintenance planning stability.

I don't know what could be an amenable compromise. I think a better solution may be a reasonable flat rate charged annually, quarterly or seasonally. With that suggestion, it would also make sense to have a 2 or possibly 3 tiered system based on the number of fields permitted. This way an organization with 1 or 2 fields wouldn't end up being charged with higher fees than the current proposal.

My final comment on the permitting beyond the fees is that our organization and also comments from others would be to see an option to schedule a permit in a shorter time than 7 days out. Organizations often run into weather and unexpected team conflicts where we may need an extra permit much quicker than expected. Even if there were an expedited permit fee for a 2-3 day turn around, that would be very beneficial to organizations. All the organizations fully know the potential MNCPPC's scheduling challenge for a "last minute" permit, but it quickly becomes frustrating and confusing why we can't secure some extra time at a field a few days out knowing that the field is open, knowing that many times there's no need for staff to unlock gates or turn on lights and also knowing that the

organization may already have a permit, but just needs an extra hour or two added for a make-up or conflict resolution.

Thank you for taking my comments. We have always had a very positive experience with all the staff that we've encountered. I hope that our teams and parents have been considered good guest of your facilities. We look forward to a long continued working relationship. I very much welcome and questions or conversation you seek for more clarification or insight to my comments.

Thank you again.



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