



Athletic Committee Meeting - MINUTES
Monday, November 15, 2021

1. Attendance:

Keith Blomberg – New Lenox Community Park District
Brad Burke – Oak Lawn Park District
Nick Mazzuca – Oak Lawn Park District
Charles Somerville – Alsip Park District
Jake Kaplan – Manhattan Park District
Nikki Gotsch – Lockport Township Park District

2. Topics of Discussion:

a. Athletic Events

We discussed some of the different Athletic Events that each agency programs. New Lenox talked about the Adult Flag Football Tournament that has been very successful in the past. New Lenox also talked about the unsuccessful Adult Athletic Events that they have tried to program in the past including a Cup in Hand Volleyball Tournament and a Wiffle Ball Tournament. Alsip discussed the successful Turkey Shootout they recently programed.

b. Volunteers for Youth Leagues

Each agency discussed various topics about volunteers for their youth leagues. This discussion ranged from how to recruit volunteers with incentives, training volunteers and evaluating them. A lot of agencies discussed that having a coach's packet provided and a coach meeting prior to the season has been very beneficial. A common issue we all had with volunteers is not having enough for the teams. Many times, the Supervisors are sending out desperate emails to recruit volunteers. Some situations have caused seasons to be delayed due to the lack of coaches.

c. Open Gym, Drop-in Programs

We discussed how each agency operate their drop-in programs. Oak Lawn is still conducting their facility for rim rentals and not open gym. We also discussed fees for renting out the facility and conflicts we are facing with a shortage of staffing and policing the mask mandate.

d. Open Discussion:

We briefly discussed the updated IDPH All Sport Policy that came out on Wednesday, Nov. 10.

e. Topic ideas for next meeting?

For the next meeting we will discuss our Youth Basketball Leagues, outside the box programming and how we advertise our athletic programs.

3. Next Meeting: Monday, December 20, 2021 @ 11AM