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Mr. Camp:

The following report details Maumee Recreation and Youth Softball usage at Rolf Park for the months of March 2015 through October 2015.

YEAR 2015 IN REVIEW

Rolf Park is home to Maumee High School, Gateway Middle School, and Maumee Elementary 4th and 5th grade spring softball. Maumee has a varsity and a Junior Varsity team. In the summer we are the home of Maumee Youth Girls Novice Softball, Maumee Recreation Department Adult softball, Suburban Girls Fastpitch Softball, Maumee Thunder Travel Fast pitch Softball, Challenger Little League, Maumee Little League 13U baseball team, and FAST Fall softball. This past year,. In addition to these regular leagues, our facility hosted up to 15 weekend events or tournaments.

SOFTBALL EVENTS HOSTED BY ROLF PARK THIS YEAR:

O.H.S.A.A. DIVISION TWO - SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT  
We have hosted high school sectional tournaments since 1995

NORTHWEST OHIO JR. HIGH CHAMPIONSHIPS  
We have hosted this tournament since 2004

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIC  
This was the first year for this event. 12 Catholic private schools from the state of Ohio competed in a one day event. They chose our facility over the C.Y.O. fields.

O.H.S.A.A. DIVISION ONE - DISTRICT TOURNAMENT  
We have hosted this high school tournament since 1995

O.H.S.A.A. DIVISION THREE - DISTRICT TOURNAMENT  
We have hosted this high school tournament for two years

A.S.A. Rising Starz 10U and 12U Regional tournament  
We have hosted this tournament since 2007
Pre Season A.S.A. Classic – National Qualifier
We have hosted this tournament since 2009

S.G.S. “Toledo Tune Up” - World Tournament Qualifier
We have hosted this tournament since 2002

U.S.S.S.A. OF OHIO FASTPITCH - “State Tournament”
(NATIONAL QUALIFIER) Ages 10U to 23U
We have hosted this tournament since 1998

A.S.A. Independence Classic – National Qualifier
We have hosted this event since 2008.

S.G.S. League Tournaments
We have hosted the Northwest Ohio League tournaments since 2008

S.G.S. and A.S.A. “SHOOTOUT” - World Tournament Qualifier
We have hosted this event since 2001

U.S.S.S.A. Eastern National World Series
This was the fourth time we have hosted this 5 day event held in Maumee

A.S.A. “Fastpitch Classic”
We have hosted this event since 1995.

F.A.S.T. Wizard Wind Down A.S.A. tournament
We have hosted this event since 2006

Little League Challenger Division State Tournament
This is the 3rd time Rolf Park has hosted this tournament.
32 teams from the state met for fellowship and fun at our park.

Fall League

F.A.S.T. High School Fall fast pitch softball league. We have hosted this league since 1998.
ECONOMIC IMPACT

The tournaments held at Rolf Park bring many out of town teams to the City of Maumee. The commerce generated at local motels, restaurants, entertainment establishments, and stores is worthy of mention. The tournaments would not be successful without the continued assistance of the City of Maumee.

DAILY OPERATIONS

This past year was my 28th season working at Rolf Park for the City of Maumee. I have been the Rolf Park manager for 23 years. Our program has been fortunate to have the continued support of the Department of Public Service and Maumee City Council.

The seasonal recreation staff for 2015 was; Tyler Iwinski, Cal Reese, Alex Cintron, Tim Wilhelm, Zach Graven, Mike Reese, Connor Friend, Logan Ankney, Austin Callahan, Justin Simms, Taylor Downey, and Tara Kline. The facility operates 7 days a week from dawn to dusk for up to 14 weekends in the spring and summer. The fall Sunday fastpitch league finishes up at the end of October.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

I would appreciate the office of Public Service recommending the following items to City Council.

SECURITY CONCERNS – PERIMETER FENCING / SURVEILLANCE

Again this year, I will recommend that a perimeter chain link fence that is 10 to 12 feet high be erected on the park’s west and south boundary as soon as possible. Access to the park from the Middlesborough condominiums and through the Cornerstone parking lot has to be controlled. The park closes at dark, but people are entering the park after dark from southwest areas.

I am also recommending a system of surveillance cameras to monitor criminal activity around our buildings and the parking lot.
We had more vehicle break-ins in our parking lot over the summer during daylight hours. It is unfortunate that the criminals are doing this to our visitors, but they are brazen and work quickly using smash and grab tactics. Surveillance would help us to deter this type of crime and apprehend the criminals. This was the worst year for vandalism and trespassing at the park than I have ever experienced. To protect the facility, I recommend chain link fencing on the entire west and south border. Lockable gates will be necessary at the Sportsmall, but I do not believe that a gate on the south border by the condominiums is a good idea. If one is installed it should be a locking pedestrian gate located by the employee parking lot behind softball field B. Surveillance cameras need to be located on the south building showing people entering from the condominiums and also toward the playground and the pavilion / shelter. They should be located in front of the pool entrance and provide a view of the pool itself. They need to be installed in locations around the parking lot. They can be located on the north building showing activity around our storage barn as well.

I have tried, using these reports, to share my concerns about this for several years. I was called out to the park by the police in the middle of the night several times this past year to view the damage and make sure the park was secure. Please consider improvements to security at the park.

**DUGOUTS FOR SOFTBALL FIELD “B”**

I believe this is a project worthy of consideration, and would be even better if you could do more than one. If you feel this is something council would support, I would recommend dugouts on the south diamonds, Fields B, C, and D.

**NEW BLEACHERS FOR FIELD “A”**

Please consider purchasing bleachers for this field that are larger than the current bleachers at the park. They should seat about 120 spectators on each side. These additional bleachers would be located next to the dugouts along the foul lines of the field. We continue to host several championship events that have from 200 to 500 spectators and BCSN cable sports at the games. Many of our current bleachers are in need of replacement. They take a beating every fall when they are moved to Maumee High School for use on the football fields for band seating. The transport is breaking them apart. A needs assessment should be done on all of the bleachers at the park. An inspection of the bleachers around the softball fields is overdue.
FLAG VIEWING AREA

The park has one flagpole located next to the north building. Because of tree growth, it cannot be seen on several of the South fields. I recommend the placement (or replacement) of a flagpole in a location that allows viewing from the North and the South softball fields. Since this will need exterior lighting, a location behind the pool would allow power to be pulled from the pool area. If this is possible, I also recommend that power outlets be included near the flagpole for auxiliary use by the park staff. It would provide power access to the pavilion area. This flag viewing area would be behind softball field “A” and would be next to the shelter and playground area.

PRESSBOX RENOVATION

The north pressbox / building was built in 1983. The metal roof is leaking and needs to be replaced. Consider renovation of the infrastructure of this building as well. Update the electrical and plumbing. Attempt to match exterior renovations of this building with the new building between the south fields with lake stone and overhangs.

Joe, I would like to thank you for your help, and for all you do to support “quality of life” enhancement projects at Rolf Park and here in our city. I would also like to thank the members of council who have supported the programs and improvements to the facility during their tenure. It has been my pleasure to see how this park has grown and continues to be a shining star in Maumee. My hope is that the park will be cared for and continue to be a recreational facility that we are proud to have in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

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xc:  Mayor Carr, Members of Council, John Jezak