

**COMMUNITY CENTER AND PLAYGROUND
DISTRICT 4 WARD 1
SPECIAL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Connie Hoffpauir at 5:00pm.

Board Members in attendance: Connie Hoffpauir, Mister Edwards, Bill Willis, Bill Sommers, and Matt Trahan.

In attendance: Broc Corbello – MB Little League, Whitley Kober – MB Little League, Josh Buford – MB Little League, Madison Sommers – MB Little League, and Krystan Statum.

Prayer/Pledge: Prayer was led by Bill Sommers; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by board members.

New Business:

Discuss Temporary Lighting for Little League: Connie opened the floor for Board members to discuss questions or concerns regarding the temporary lighting for Little League.

Bill Sommers stated that during the January meeting, Little League presented participation growth of 32% in Wee Ball and 7% in T-Ball divisions. Based on that information, he believes the motion approved for temporary lighting is sufficient.

Bill Willis stated that after decisions are made, it is sometimes appropriate to reassess whether the right decision was reached. He noted receiving calls questioning why additional Park funds are being allocated to baseball/softball rather than other recreational sports. Bill Willis also stated that Little League has expressed interest in utilizing the former Field 6 area for additional fields. He expressed concern that historical participation numbers do not clearly reflect the need for additional fields and raised concerns regarding adequate parking. He emphasized the importance of maximizing the use of existing lighted fields. After reviewing the final league and team numbers provided, he stated that he now understands and recognizes the need.

Mister stated that the questions raised were intended to ensure the Board was making the right decision. He noted that if league growth continues, the Board will need to consider field options at additional locations. He stated the meeting was called to reinforce transparency and emphasized the importance of ongoing and open communication regarding league needs.

Matt stated that a request was made, discussed, and approved through a motion that passed without opposition. He further noted that a monetary cap was discussed, an amendment was made, and that amendment also passed without opposition. He stated that any concerns should have been addressed at that time and that the Board should now move forward with the decision. Matt added that if the league will continue to utilize the Jones Road Complex with temporary lines or bases, the Park should work toward making that facility more viable, which was part of the reason for adding additional temporary fields at Field 6.

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Broc Corbello stated that in the past, the Wee Ball division has been overlooked. He believes providing additional field opportunities will help establish a stronger foundation for younger players.

Josh Buford stated that the softball practice schedule is complete and that all fields and batting cages, including Saturdays, are fully utilized. He expressed appreciation for the facilities and confirmed that both the Main Complex and Jones Road Complex will be used. Josh explained that the increase in Wee Ball teams is due to the League limiting team rosters to no more than seven players to create a better learning environment, which has resulted in the need for additional fields.

Madison stated that the League is working to strengthen its relationship with the Board and the Park, noting that improved collaboration will support league growth. She reiterated that having fields located at one facility helps ease the burden on families with multiple children, while acknowledging that the use of additional facilities is necessary as the league grows. She stated the League is making every effort to utilize all available space and confirmed that fields and batting cages are being maximized when scheduling practices and games.

Connie stated that based on the information provided at the January meeting, she remains comfortable with the decisions made regarding the temporary fields and lighting. She noted that the purpose of the meeting was to address questions and concerns and to allow the Board an opportunity to make changes if necessary. While overall participation numbers do not reflect significant growth, she noted that growth is concentrated within specific divisions, with Wee Ball and T-Ball comprising approximately half the total of participants.

Mister recommended that Toni continue working with the League to explore ways to better serve the League's needs.

With no further questions or discussion, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner's Comments:

*Matt Trahan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mister Edwards.
Motion passed unanimously. 5:40PM*

Minutes recorded and reported by Krystan Statum.