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**INTERLOCAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS &
HARTFORD COUNCIL FOR RECREATION**

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

7:00 PM

INDIAN PRIDE PARK

THE BOARD MEETS THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

AGENDA

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Approve minutes from August meeting; see attached documents**
3. **Financial, Budget and Audit Updates**
 - a. **Janell and Jerrod bring the board up to date with the Treasurer's report, with the current figures in the General Fund, Concession Fund, League of Miracles Fund and PayPal account. These are also available for review in paper form. REMINDER: The general account will show the amount of the 'football' fundraiser (total taken in minus the cashier's check the company required us to pay upon delivery). That money will be set aside, so the general fund total is currently the total in the account minus the fundraiser money. At our last meeting, the board decided to revisit individual accounts for each sport at the first of next year.**
 - b. **Update on the continued progress and status of the 2019 audit, to the extent of the current contact that we have had with Hungerford Nichols. We are obviously continuing to work through this process amicably, and are hoping to have a resolution as soon as possible, to get this audit completed so we can move on to future projects that need our attention in the near and long term.**
 - c. **Once we fully complete the process of the 2019 audit, the board, along with our municipal partners, will need to reconvene on future strategies on how we want to handle the auditing process, or something similar, moving forward. Our goal is to get back on track with fiscal years 2020 and 2021, but it is now September 2022, and we will soon have to worry about the 2022 financial year being completed. The Interlocal Agreement that lapsed earlier this year still covers 2020 and 2021, so we still should in effect 'honor' that agreement. Beyond that, whether an audit needs to be done or whether we hire an outside accountant or have the school business manager look at our finances on a monthly, quarterly or yearly basis might be worth it, so that we can show the community going forward that our organization remains on track and 'clean' in terms of fiscal responsibility.**
 - d. **Just a reminder that due to the current audit situation (the organization is short \$15,000.00 from the township from 2019 – 2021, which is held up due to the audit in progress), we should still continue to spend on just the absolute necessities that the facilities and grounds need right now. We must remain vigilant with our spending habits at this time. As we mentioned in our treasurer's report, the accounts are in decent shape, but we still need to pay monthly bills and pay our Park Director for fall labor (payment coming in October or November – after the football season ends). We will then have to spend on basketball related expenses beyond that.**
4. **HCR Updates**
 - a. **Baseball & Softball Updates**
 1. **At this time, no major discussion topics are warranted, as these sports are considered 'out-of-season'. We will revisit this sport in future meetings later in the fall to address sign-up fees, dates, etc.**
 - b. **Football & Cheerleading Updates**
 1. **Hartford hosted a successful scrimmage on Saturday, August 27th at the high school, which was attended by teams from Coloma, South Haven and Watervliet, and we are now three games into the regular season. For the most part, things have run well, with the exception of several incidents at the most recent home game, held on Saturday, September 17th. There is absolutely no reason for the events to have happened, and we expect more from all our coaches, parents and players, along with our fans, moving forward. Board members and our football director have had conversations since then with coaches, parents and players to discuss the responsibility of**

how to act and the chain of command of how to handle issues going forward should the need arise. Looking ahead, it is essential that at-least one board member be at the remaining games (both home and away) to ensure that everyone involved is behaving in a proper manner, and should an issue arise, handle it promptly to keep it from escalating further.

2. If our board members wish to come, we have two remaining home games on Saturday's; the first on October 8th versus Decatur and the other on October 22nd versus Watervliet, which will be a night game. The season is flying by, and our coaches and players are trying to keep practicing hard and prove it with their on-field performance.
3. Once the season is concluded on October 22nd, the only thing the board will need to worry about wrapping the season up is having a proper awards night, which would likely take place on a weekday in the auditorium prior to the holiday season. This is something the board can discuss in further detail at our October or November meeting.
4. **REMINDER: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, everything that we set with dates, locations, or times is subject to change, and should in no way be considered final in nature.**

c. Basketball Updates

1. We held in-person signups for basketball during the HPS 'Back to School Bash' in August, and for the past week or two, have opened 'Virtual Registrations' on our website. We are hoping to wrap-up the signup process (especially for the girls, who start in October) very soon, but we may need an additional in-person signup or two if we need to get our numbers up.
2. We are certain that there will be some sort of a league meeting soon that will have to be attended by a board member / director. Remember that all scheduling was done by the 'league' last year, and there were several hiccups along the way, with teams not showing up in the correct locations, etc. We hope that last year was a blip along the way and that this year will represent an improvement on the scheduling and game side. We believe right now that the girl's season will begin at the end of next month (October) and run through November, with the boys starting after the new year.

d. League of Miracles Updates

5. Old Business

- a. Despite the uncertainty in terms of a future Interlocal Agreement with the city and school (all of our three groups will get together soon, as there was a meeting earlier in the year that went good and opened up communication between the three entities), and potentially the township (we should still try our hardest to work together with everyone from the previous agreement), we should attempt to attend a regular board meeting for those municipalities in the future, and give them a formal update of what is going on within our organization, and describe our current and future goals with each respective board. We, as board members, should all make a valiant attempt to attend a meeting, and show our solid front in this effort.
- b. We should continue our recent discussions, from the previous couple meetings, regarding multiple topics, including fundraising ideas, restructuring of our logo (we need to change from the Indian head to something similar to the school per our discussion last month) and the potential renaming of our ballpark and fields, which we have attempted to do for a number of months / years.

6. New Business

7. Public Wishing to Address the Board

8. Open Discussion

9. Next Meeting Reminder:

- a. Wednesday, October 19th, 7:00 PM, to be announced (date, time and location is pending approval by the board). A meeting reminder will also be placed on our website, social media channels, at Hartford City Hall, at Central Office at Hartford Public Schools and at Hartford Township Hall.

10. Motion to adjourn